

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- FEBRUARY 22, 2026





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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

8:30am Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, (Wednesdays if previously announced on the Prior Tuesday), Friday

**Weekend: Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am**

Holy Days: As Announced

BAPTISMS: Celebrated on Saturdays or Sundays.
To schedule a Baptism, call 781-894-3481 x7

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements six months-one year in advance by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS-(OCIA)
Anyone interested in journeying in faith to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:
Confessions - Saturday's from 2:45-3:15pm & by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

For more information on the Catholic Faith
visit www.usccb.org

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St. Mary Queen of Peace Syro Malankara

Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada -

Mass for the Boston Mission celebrated on the third Sunday of each month here at Our Lady's.

HOMILIES ONLINE

The homilies are posted on our parish website at www.olca.org. Go to the home page and on the right side you will see Homilies, just click on that and choose the homily you would like to hear again.

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 21, 2026

4:00 pm– Cesare Pietrangelo

Sunday February 22, 2026

9:00 am - Rosalie Frassica

11:00 am - John Brazil

Monday February 23 at 8:30 am

Olivia Arena and Paul Nowacki

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday February 24 at 8:30 am

John O'Hara

Friday February 27 at 8:30 am

Richard J. Fairbrother

Saturday February 28, 2026

4:00 pm Deceased members Terrizzi & Polito Families

Sunday March 1, 2026

9:00 am – Delgado Flor Family

11:00 am - Assuntina Reitano

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Richard J. Fairbrother** at the request of his family.

Catholic Appeal Information:

February 28 - March 1 Announcement Weekend

March 7-8 Commitment Weekend

March 14-15 Follow Up Weekend

Catholic_Appeal @rcab.org

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR Feb. 14-15 in next week's bulletin.

Confessions-Saturdays 2:45-3:15pm
& upon request.

Saturday Rosary 1st. Sat. of the month at
3 p.m. in the Church - led by parishioners.

Conferences and Adoration - with students from Our Lady's Academy and our Religious Education Program with Father DiPerri and Father Olejnik resumed on Sept. 8, 2025 for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Upcoming ones will take place on March 16, 17, 22, 24, 30

LENTEN GUIDELINES

FASTING - Is observed by all 18 years of age or older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

ABSTINENCE - Is observed by all 14 years of age and older on Good Friday and Fridays during Lent. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fasting and abstinence, consult your parish priest.

FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER - are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or the renewal of baptism at Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS, AND SOUPS. WEDNESDAYS Feb.25 - April 1

SOUPS 5:15—5:45 PM

CONFESSIONS 5:30—6:15 PM

STATIONS START AT 6:00 PM

Inclement Weather -DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS (MON. - FRI.)

For everyone's safety, please remember that if Waltham Public Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, there will be NO 8:30am daily morning Mass. If Our Lady's Academy is closed, all events scheduled on all property, that day and evening will be cancelled. This will allow for the sidewalks and driveways to be cleared and prepared for the next day. **If Our Lady's Academy is on vacation—please check the Parish Website or Office phone for daily Mass celebration.**

Please Note:

The 4pm Saturday and the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses will be celebrated. They will not be cancelled due to inclement weather.



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Catechism Corner -**HOPE**

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity. Through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint." Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...that enters...where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf." Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation." Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

To find more information see: [Catechism of the Catholic Church—Official Teaching](#)

To view online visit: www.usccb.org/Catechism



"Wildcats" Basketball Team news.

From Stan and Andrea Sadkowski ,who manage the day-to-day operation of the program: We have 125 players spread across 6 teams. Our Elementary School teams are co-ed and include teams for grades 1 & 2 and Grades 3 &4. Our Middle School teams are comprised of Grades 5&6 Girls, 5 & 6, Boys, Grades 7 & 8, Girls and Grades 7 & 8 Boys. Both Middle School Girls Teams are undefeated this year in League Play!

The program would not function without the dedication and love from our coaches, parents and volunteers.

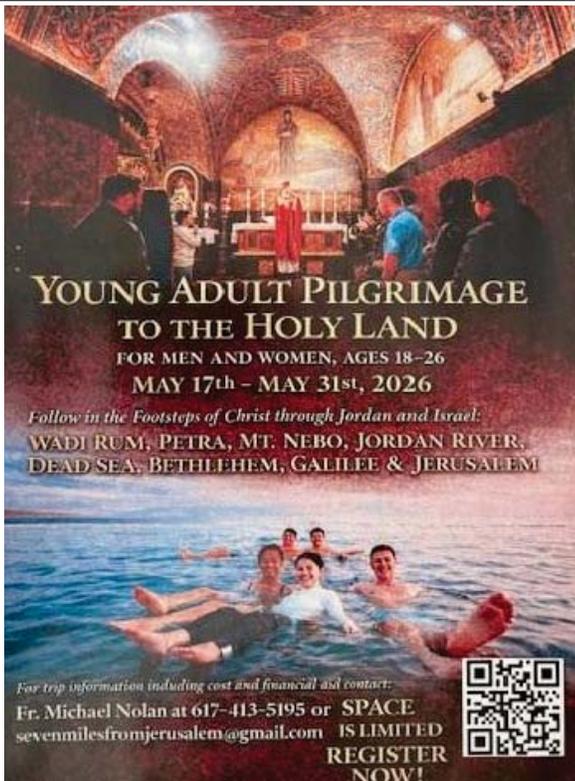
Grades 1&2 coaches are: Dan Bedrossian, Frank Landino, Lauren Tarallo, Rob Centore, Tim McGinness, & Rayon Ward.

Grades 3&4 coaches are: Frank Landino, Rayon Ward, Gary Hodges, and Christina O'Connor.

Grades 5&6 Boys' coaches are: Rayon Ward, Chris Hodges, and Christina O'Connor.

Grades 5 & 6 Girls coaches: are Chris Hodges, & Andy Cerat.
7 &8 Grades Girls and Boys coach is Stan Sadkowski.

Go Wildcats!



OUR LADY'S ACADEMY PTO'S ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION IS COMING THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH! These funds help us provide our students with enrichment activities. Many businesses have donated gift cards, game tickets, camp weeks and other amazing items! Looking to get your business out there ? Have items you don't use anymore? Please consider donating to our silent auction by reaching out to ptboard@ourladysacademy.org by February 26th! Donations are subject for tax exemption.



POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL
 Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Fr. Michael Nolan, St. Mary Parish, Waltham, through Seven Miles from Jerusalem, will be hosting a pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel for young people ages 18-26 in May 17 th-31st, 2026. To sign up or receive more information contact: Mary McCarthy, Business Manager, St. Mary Parish 133 School St. Waltham, MA 02451 or call : 781-891-1730 email: office@stmarywaltham.org

Reminder of Scam—Please stay aware of any fraudulent texts, emails, or letters claiming to be from any of the parish Priests, staff or general requests from the parish which urge you to contact an unknown phone number (texts or emails). These deceitful requests will most likely ask you to contact them or ask for gift cards or money orders to be sent electronically to these false people, presenting themselves as someone from Our Lady's Parish. **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY SUCH REQUESTS.**
 Any gift cards or donations made to the Parish for given Parish events are always asked to be delivered to the Parish Office or placed in a donation box at the Church. On-line donations to the Parish continue to be a safe way to contribute as our system was not compromised.

Welcome to our Retired Men's Club, Arlington, Join our 200 members, from all local cities and towns, for a social experience of fellowship and activities. Consider us as "friends you have yet to meet." We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month in St. Camillus lower church hall, in Arlington, off Route 2, Exit 132, Dow Ave. Doors open at 9:30 am for companionship with free coffee and donuts. Our meetings begin at 10:00am. Approximately 50 + of our members enjoy a keynote speaker followed by club business. Meetings end at approximately 11:00am. Please visit our website www.rmcarlington.org to find out about our other many activities or to learn more about the RMCA. We are a non-profit organization and social club also registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more information contact: Pete Galluzzo at pjgtaxes@yahoo.com

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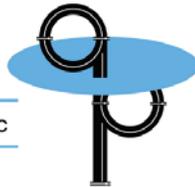


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