

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 1, 2026



After the 2026 Blizzard, following their February vacation, students were greeted back to School by Mrs. Minor and Mrs. Stewart. They enjoyed seeing the new Carlo Acutis Statue in the School entry way. The statue was donated anonymously to the Our Lady's Academy.





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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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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 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

Monday March 2 at 8:30 am

Gerald and Anna Ryan Schulze

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday March 3 at 8:30 am

Bill and Joan Vrettas

Friday March 6 at 8:30 am

Kathleen Campbell

Saturday March 7, 2026

4:00 pm Shirley Newfell

Sunday March 8, 2026

9:00 am – Maddy Navin

11:00 am - Paulette Harvey

Catholic Appeal Information:

February 28 - March 1 Announcement Weekend

MARCH 7 & 8—Commitment Weekend - Parishioners asked to support the Catholic Appeal

March 14-15 Follow Up Weekend

Catholic_Appeal@rcab.org

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR

Feb. 21– 22 \$6,124

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 ones 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

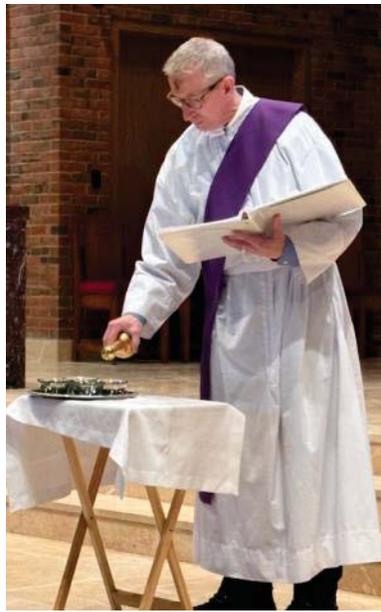
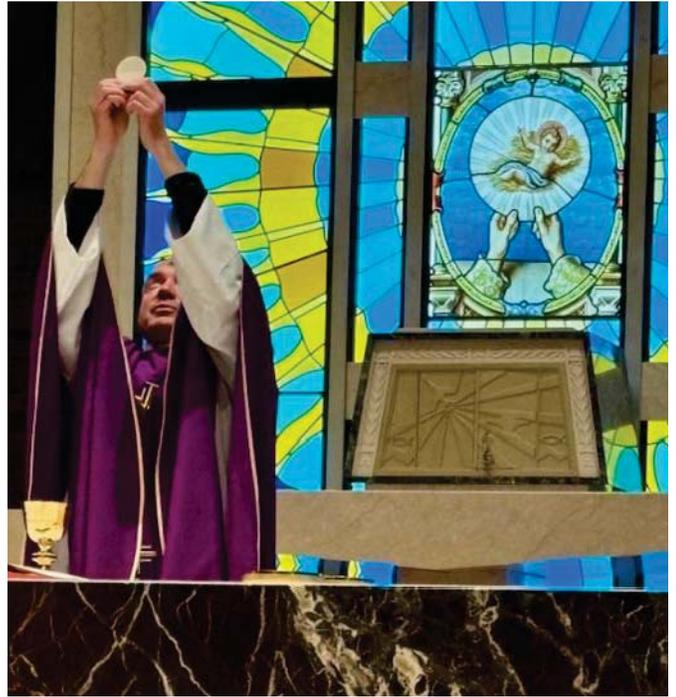
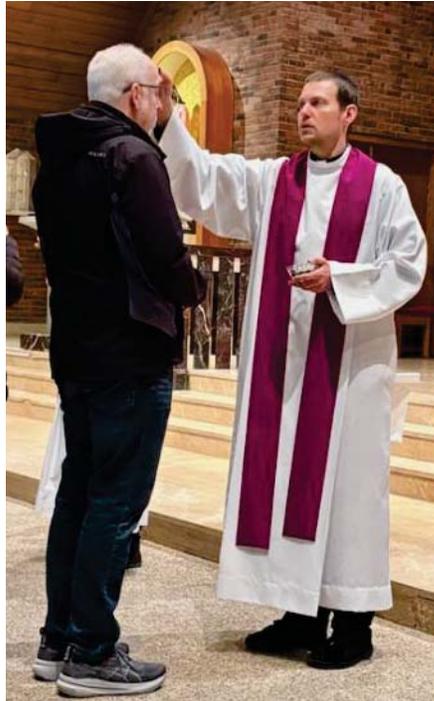
Inclement Weather -DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS (MON. - FRI.)

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.

February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday.



Second Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2026

Catechism Corner -**CHARITY**

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own “to the end,” he makes manifest the father’s love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Christ died out of love for us. The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our enemies, to make ourselves the neighbor of those, farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself. The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which “binds everything together in perfect harmony.” Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.

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

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

On Sunday February 22, 2026 - At the 11:00 am Mass Fr. Olejnik blessed four catechumens who will be receiving Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil this year. After the Mass, they went to the Rite of Election Ceremony at the Holy Cross Cathedral, where they officially made the commitment to receive these Sacraments, and were blessed by Archbishop Henning.



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.

CORI FORM DEADLINE
 If you are a member of one of our ministries and received a CORI form in the mail please note that all forms must be returned to the Parish Office by **NO LATER** than Friday, March 6th. If you are a member of a ministry and have not received a CORI form in the mail please contact Brenda in the Parish Office at 781-894-3481 x 2 as soon as possible. Thank you



Get ready for your partnership to begin, **ST. VINCENT de PAUL OLCA!** As a nonprofit partner in the Star Market Give Back Where It Counts Reusable Bag Program. Your organization will receive a \$1 donation for every \$3.00 Give Back Where It Counts Reusable Bag sold during March 2026 at: Star Market, 1070 Lexington St. Waltham MA

Altar Server Training - Attention all fourth graders and above. The parish is recruiting new altar servers. Come join a great group of young people who serve at the altar. Training days are being held on the four Saturdays in March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 9:00—10:00 am Choose one date to attend. More details are available through the Parish Office. Paul

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.



ANNUAL HOLY WATER and BLESSED SALT BOTTLE BRIGADE

Monday, March 9th at 5:30 pm
Our Lady's Cafeteria

Service Project for Confirmation Program Students
 Families and Parishioners Welcome

Join us as we will fill, cap and label small bottles of water and salt to be blessed and distributed at our Easter Masses

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Questions: Elizabeth Pettine
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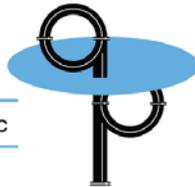
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