

Saturday	January 28	
4:00 p.m.	Angela Baxter	4 th Anniversary
	Parishioners of Our Lady's	
Sunday	January 29	
9:00 a.m.	Jack Donovan	Birthday Memorial
11:00 a.m.	Helene Tirone	Memorial
Monday	January 30	
8:00 a.m.	Edward L. Gallagher-Birthday Memorial	
Wednesday	February 1	
8:00 a.m.	Ed Kelly	Memorial
Friday	February 3	
9:00 a.m.	Janet Handrahan	Memorial
Saturday	February 4	
4:00 p.m.	Brian Pazzano	5 th Anniversary
Sunday	February 5	
9:00 a.m.	Gerald M. Curtin	6 th Anniversary
	Parishioners of Our Lady's	
11:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Chiara and Caramazza Families	

PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS ON FRIDAY, FEB. 3 IS AT 9AM.

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated this week in loving memory Julia Hoban at the request of Joan and Jerry Parker.

The *Bread and Wine* is offered this week in loving memory of Helene Tirone at the request of the MacKenzie Family.

MEMORIAL GUILD

John Brazil has been enrolled in Our Lady's Memorial Guild at the request of Joanne Hanley.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
 Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collection for January 21/22: \$4,833 (snow)

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Jan. 28/29 – Regular and Church in Latin America
 February 4/5 – Regular
 February 11/12 – Regular and Monthly
 February 18/19 – Regular
 February 22 – Ash Wednesday
 February 25/26 - Regular

GRAND ANNUAL

Thank you to those who have already responded generously. Our Grand Annual collection wraps up this weekend. Grand Annual envelopes are still available on the tables around the church for those of you who would still like to contribute. If you would like to make your Grand Annual donation via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), those forms are on the tables as well. Please fill out the EFT form and return it to the parish office either by mail or you can simply put your Grand Annual envelope or EFT form in the collection baskets in an envelope marked to the parish office, attention Sharon. To date we have collected \$116,564.



2012 SAVE THE DATES

January 31 – Our Lady's Academy Open House
 February 11 – Our Lady's Middle School Dance
 February 18 – Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner
 February 23 – Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
 March 3 – Activities Club Pot Luck Dinner
 March 17 – Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner
 March 25 – Our Lady's Academy Open House
 March 31 – Ham-a-Rama
 April 28 – Indoor Yard Sale

ARE YOU REGISTERED...?

Many people feel that because they live in our parish area and attend Our Lady's Church regularly, that they are a registered parishioner. That is not the case. If you have not filled out a parish census form, then you are not "registered". The forms can be found on the tables at all the entrances of the church. It is very important for these forms to be filled out as this is the only way we have to get an accurate number of our parishioners. If you can't remember if you filled one out or not, you can either call Sharon in the parish office or simply fill it out just to be sure.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The food collection is the second weekend each month and some suggested items are: cereal, children's snacks, peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise, small canned hams, cans of stew, spaghetti sauce, coffee, hot chocolate, bars of soap and toilet tissue. Thank you for continue to assist this pantry initiated by Dick Casey and continued with the help of St. Vincent dePaul.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CONGRATULATIONS: All of the members of our Knights of Columbus wish to congratulate the following Knights for advancing to the Third Degree: Joseph Devane, Richard Gullotti, John Ikrian, Henry Bellanca and John McKenna.

WELCOME: We would also like to congratulate and welcome our two new members: John Barry and Joseph Rando.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership is open to all men over the age of 18 years. As men of faith, Knights strive to make a difference by being part of the difference. So far over seventy men have joined our council. Each year we have sponsored five or more blood drives helping to meet the ever increasing need for blood for the Red Cross blood banks. We have installed an FM Radio system in the church, allowing the hard of hearing to hear the Mass. We hold several fundraisers each year with the profits being split evenly between the Knights of Columbus treasury and the Parish. Each year we give a scholarship to a seminarian to help him with his education. We help St. Vincent dePaul with their projects and are available to work with other groups in the parish and most of all we are here to help Fr. DiPerri in any way needed. If you are interested in making a difference by joining our council, please contact any Knight after Masses in the main lobby of the church or call 781-209-0842.

DIFFICULTY HEARING: Bring any small FM portable radio with earphones to Mass, set your radio to 87.7 FM and you will hear every word said from the altar over your radio through your earphones! If you have any problem using this system, please ask any Knight to help you.

MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

When the Waltham Public Schools are announced as closed **OR** delayed, it is presumed the 8am weekday Mass has been canceled, due to the uncertainty of the conditions of the parish property. While great effort is made to clear parish property, the timing of the storm and its intensity makes it prudent to take these precautions for the safety of those considering attending Mass. During school vacation week, if a Mass is canceled due to weather, it will be put on our answering machine and on WBZ-TV.

OUR LADY'S CHOIR AND CANTORS

Do you have singing experience in your high school or college choir? Please consider joining the OLCA adult choir, as now is a wonderful time to start preparing for Easter and to bring in people that can amplify our base of cantors. The cantors come from among the adult choir and this is an extremely valuable service that you could lend to the parish and that is much appreciated. Please don't hesitate to talk to Kevin or one of our choir members if you have any questions. We understand that everyone has busy schedules and may not be able to make every Sunday or Wednesday evening rehearsal. Our Wednesday rehearsals will be starting Feb. 1 at 7pm.

**MEMORIAL CANDLE STANDS**

There are still candles available on the candle stands in the alcove of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the front entrance of the church. If you would like to purchase a candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please fill out the brochures on the tables around the church or contact Sharon in the parish office.

1000 CLUB NEWS

The next drawing is Sunday, February 12 and the cost is \$55/year or \$5 per month.

We have completed our third year of Our Lady's 1000 Club; we want to thank you for your continued support. The renewal letters have been sent out for our February renewals. If you would kindly send them back with your payment as soon as possible as this is our biggest renewal month and I want to make sure everyone is all set and ready to go when we have our February drawing. If you do not have a 1000 Club number, consider purchasing one this year and if you already have a membership, thank you and please remember to renew.

ROSARY

Please remember that the Rosary is prayed the first Saturday of each month beginning at 3:15. All are welcome.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

Artwork created by Our Lady's Academy students is on view through the month of January at the Waltham Public Library. Paintings, drawings, sculpture and printmaking can be seen in the display cases located outside the Children's Room. This is an opportunity to see first-hand what is happening in the art room!

Throughout the academic year, the students learn about a variety of media used in creating art. In various grades, the students learn to work with watercolors, chalk painting, weaving, charcoal etc. Additionally, our grade eight students make a tile that depicts something about them. These colorful tiles are glazed and secured permanently to the wall in the foyer of the academy allowing each graduate to leave something about them behind. This is especially valuable when our graduates come back to visit the school and always look for their tile.

I invite you to visit our yearly art fair to be held on March 27 at 6:00 P.M.

FR. DIPERRI'S CONFERENCES AND CONFESSIONS WITH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

- February 5 – Confessions for grades 5-6
- February 5 – Conference with grades 9-10
- February 12 – Conference with grades 1-8
- March 11 – Confessions for grades 7-8
- March 25 – Conference with grades 9-10
- April 29 – Confessions for grades 3-4



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Before we know it, **HAM-A-RAMA** will be here. Join us on Saturday, March 31 at 5pm in our parish hall. Donations are

needed. The parish mailing will be going out next week with the tickets stubs, please keep an eye out in your mail and return the stubs to the parish office.

A LETTER FROM FR. DIPERRI

Dear Parishioners:

A committee of lay people and some priests has been appointed by Cardinal O'Malley to make recommendations on how best to utilize the priests, staff, and financial resources of the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston in the upcoming years. This committee has been entrusted to begin concrete discussion for the implementation of a plan to cluster most parishes into small groups in their hope to better address the shortage of priests, and to better coordinate joint financial concerns. Yesterday afternoon a proposal offered by the archdiocese was given to the priests of our region of the archdiocese regarding proposed clustering of parishes. The model for the number of parishes clustered together was mainly based upon parish Mass attendance and Sunday Offertory collection.

It is proposed that Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish and Saint Mary Parish remain open and linked together under one pastor and supportive staff. This overall plan for the parishes of the Archdiocese is proposed to be completed within the next 3 to 5 years.

Like any proposal there are merits as well as needs for adjustment in order to ensure what is best for each local parish community.

The Archdiocese of Boston has provided a website: www.planning2012.com then click on 2012 Consultation. Please keep in mind that some issues listed on this website are being reviewed and possibly revised based upon consultation they are receiving from the various priests and parishioners.

I will address this issue at all the upcoming weekend Masses regarding what limited information that has been made available to me. I have been in conversation with our parish pastoral council as to the general overview of the planning committee. I will work with the various parish consultative committees as this proposal is furthered outlined in the upcoming months.

Please know of my prayers for you and your family as we journey together in faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. James M. DiPerri

Pastor

