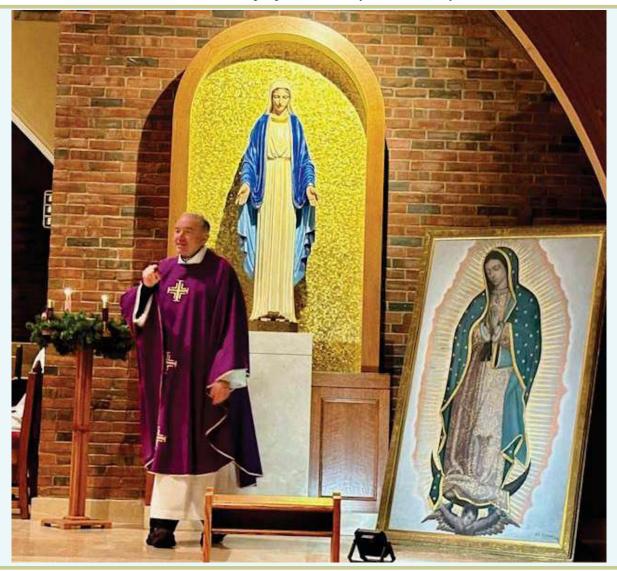
Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

Last weekend Father DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik spoke about Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and the symbolism of Her (tilma) cloak. She appeared in 1531 to now St. Juan Diego in Mexico. This image of Her was instrumental in the conversion of 10 million Aztec people within ten years. Feast Day December 12th.



On Sunday Dec.14, 2025, 56 of this year's Confirmation candidates had a Conference and Penance Service with Father DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik. After the service the students enjoyed a nice lunch before leaving.







OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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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 monthsone 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

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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 homou would like to hear again.

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 20, 2025

4:00 pm - Christina Giordano Pulsellli

Sunday December 21, 2025

9:00 am - Cesare Pietrangelo

11:00 am - Mary Jane and Jack O'Malley

Monday December 22 at 8:30 am

Deceased members of the DeSilva Family

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday December 23 at 8:30 am

Henry Bousquet

Friday December 26 at 8:30 am

Natividad Alapag

Saturday December 27, 2025

4:00 pm Ruth George Vanderwater

Sunday December 28, 2025

9:00 am – Deceased members of the McBreen Family
11:00 am - Deceased members of the Sullivan &
McIsaac Families

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated for the week in memory of **James Monahan** at the request of his wife and family.

The Blessed Mother Statue will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Anthony DeStefano** at the request of his family.

The Garden statue of the Blessed Mother will be illuminated for the week for Anna Corsi at the request of her family.

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR December 13 –14 \$6,480

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

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 January 4, 5, 9, 11, 16, 25 and 30.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Mass: 10:00 a.m.

December 31 - New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary Mother of God) Mass 4:00 p.m.

January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day Mass:
10:00 a.m.

NOTE: Collection baskets will be used at all the Christmas Masses.



A very nice statue of Saint Carlo Acutis was anonymously donated to Our Lady's recently. We plan to place it at Our Lady's Academy where the students will enjoy seeing and praying to him. As soon as we have a solid base constructed for the statue and it is placed in its special space we will post another picture.



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.



The Religious Education 7th grade students, with their teacher Samanthi Perera, made these special tote bags to bring their books to class.



The "Christmas Giving Tree" donations successfully concluded this past Sunday. The Knights of Columbus helped the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, who ran the "Giving Tree," to bring bags of Christmas food donations to the school gym, where they will be distribute to needy families in our community, along with the gifts from the "Giving Tree."

Congratulations to Gladstone St. Marie on receiving his First Holy Communion. He will be receiving the Sacrament Of Confirmation next year.













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Wishing you and your families many Christmas Blessings.
May you days be filled with peace and joy as we celebrate the miracle of Jesus Christ's birth.

Fr. DiPerri, Fr. Olejnik, and Deacon Rice



Beautiful Christmas ornaments made of olive wood in Bethlehem and other items will be on sale at the end of all the Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office during the week.

Christmas Flower Offerings in Memory of Loved Ones.

We have a box placed near the Tabernacle for the names written on the Offertory Collection. Your loved ones will be prayed for in a special way. Thank you for your donations for our beautiful Christmas flowers.

Holy Family Prayer Service - St. Mary Parish

133 School St. Waltham. On Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, 5-7 p.m.- the Feast of the Holy Family, St. Mary Parish Waltham and the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston invite you to Prayer Service to pray for families and children. We welcome you to come and pray for the encouragement and protection of our families and family life. Jesus, Mary, Joseph pray for us.

Scam Reminder: As you may recall our Parish Office was subject to a scam on April 3, 2025. 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 form Our Lady's Parish. Please Do Not respond to any such requests to be sent electronically in any form or fashion. 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.

Upcoming Adult Religious Education Classes

What is it?

A two-month program will be offered for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.

Where will it be?

It will take place at the school conference room, the first room to the right as you enter the main entrance of the school.

When will it take place?

The classes will be after the 11 am Mass on the Sundays of January 11, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 22, March 1, and March 8. They will begin around 12:15 pm and end in about an hour.

How will it be accomplished?

Because of the short time frame available, we'll use the yellow-colored *YOUCAT* book which is a summary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. You can either obtain a personal copy of the *YOUCAT* or purchase one from the parish office.

Why go?

The purpose of the program is to help adults embrace the Catholic faith and receive the sacraments, giving them the tools they need to spend eternity with God in Heaven.

Blessings, Fr. Olejnik



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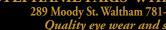
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