

# *Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted*

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

On Friday January 30, 2026 Fr. DiPerri celebrated a Mass for the students of Our Lady's Academy to conclude the events of Catholic Schools Week. Fr. Olejnik con-celebrated the Mass and Deacon Rice read the Gospel. The School choir sang beautifully, and the students who read and served at the Mass did a wonderful job.



On Sunday February 1, 2026 Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik had Conference and Adoration for the Religious Education students in grades 1-8.




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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.

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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](http://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 7, 2026

4:00 pm– Frances O'Donnell

### Sunday February 8, 2026

9:00 am - Mary Giles

11:00 am - Paul Tracey

### Monday February 9 at 8:30 am

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Members of the Memorial Guild

### Tuesday February 10 at 8:30 am

Thomas and Anthony Arico

### Friday February 13 at 8:30 am

Robert Stocki

### Saturday February 14, 2026

4:00 pm Robert Butler

### Sunday February 15, 2026

9:00 am – Elaine MacKenzie

11:00 am - Joseph Burgoyne

**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 February 1, 3, 8, 9,**

Our present Adult Religious Education Class with Fr. Olejnik.



**The Blessed Mother Statue** will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Maureen Corey** and **Dot Doherty** at the request of the Corey and Doherty Families.

### 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

**Jan. 31-Feb. 1 \$7,222**

**Online giving for the month of January \$13,349.**

**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.

### Tuesday February 3, 2026 - Memorial Feast of St.

**Blaise.** Blessing of the throats will take place after the 8:30 am Mass on Tuesday and at the weekend Masses.

### Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026

**8:30 am Mass, 12 noon service, and 5:30 pm Mass.**

### 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.

On Saturday January 31, 2026 - Members of our Advisory Parish and Finance Councils attended "The Nature and Role of Parish Councils" meeting led by Archbishop Henning. He explained his vision for the future of our Archdiocese and the Catholic Church. More than 500 were in attendance.



Weekend Masses





**Catechism Corner - The Beatitudes Continued**

The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it. The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: Eternal happiness with Him in Heaven. God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve Him, and so to come to paradise. The Beatitude of eternal life is a gratuitous gift of God. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement—however beneficial it may be—such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love. The Decalogue, The Sermon on the Mount, and the Apostolic Catechesis describe for us the paths that lead to the Kingdom of heaven. Sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we tread them step by step, by everyday acts. By the working of the Word of Christ, we slowly bear fruit in the Church to the glory of God. [To find more information see: Catechism of the Catholic Church \(official Teaching\)](#) To view online visit: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

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(Please clip this out & place in the collection box or email our Parish at):

Parish@OLCA.ORG

Sue Casey, Activities Committee, was able to get Our Lady's a time to volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank this year. They only allow 15 volunteers per group. The date for us to go is Saturday September 12, 2026. Start time is 9:00 am until noon. The group would leave Our Lady's at 8:00am. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sue Casey or the Parish Office.

**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.

**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.

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