



TURKEY RAMA

**Our Lady's Parish Fundraiser
Saturday, November 23rd @ 5pm**



Our Lady's Academy families are invited to join the 2019 Turkey Rama held at the Parish Hall and the OLA auditorium. Enjoy a night out with family and friends while supporting this fundraiser. Raffle tickets will be sold during the event for a chance to win some wonderful prizes. Don't miss out!

Donations are greatly appreciated for this fundraiser. They can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Please call 781-894-3481, x2 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Breakfast with Santa

Our Breakfast with Santa event is the largest fundraiser for OLA. Funds raised from this event are used for Field Day, Catholic Schools week activities and other enrichment programs at OLA.

This event is a great way to kick off the holiday season while supporting the OLA community.

**CRAFTS • FACE PAINTING • RAFFLES • GAMES
Bring a camera for a picture with Santa!**



Request for raffle/auction donations:

If you own a business and would like to get exposure to hundreds of local families, think about making a donation of goods or services to the silent auction! All proceeds go to enrichment programs for OLA students and families. To arrange a donation for raffle or auctions items (gift cards, toys, tickets to local events, etc.) please email Andrea Larranaga, ajdl0911@gmail.com. We are grateful for donations of any size!

Request for volunteers:

It takes many hands to make light work at the PTO's largest event of the year! There are a lot of great opportunities for you to volunteer for this fun event. Email olabreakfastwithsanta@gmail.com if you have questions.

\$12 PER PERSON

Children under the age of 2 are free.

The flier to reserve tickets will be going home soon. Tickets are limited, and the event is open to the public. Be sure to reserve yours as soon as possible. They will not be sold at the door.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

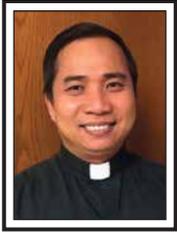


Sunday • December 8th, 9am -12pm

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 11/1** 1st Friday Mass, 9:00am
All Saints Assembly, 1:00pm
- 11/5** NO SCHOOL - Professionals Day
- 11/6** Early Dismissal, 11:30am
- 11/11** NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
- 11/13** Open House, 6:00pm
PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11/15** PTO Tag Day (Free Dress)
- 11/27-11/29** NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/30** Ordination of Deacon Francis

Welcome Deacon Francis Pham to Our Lady's Community!



As Deacon Francis approaches his Ordination to the priesthood on November 30th, the PTO interviewed our newest seminarian to learn more about what path led him to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish and Academy.

Deacon Francis was raised in Vietnam with two brothers and sisters, in a devout Catholic family. After attending daily mass with his grandparents and serving as an alter boy, Deacon Francis began thinking about his service to God. Deacon Francis was granted acceptance at age 18 to a Cistercian Monastery and spent 8 years in communal life and prayer but still felt the Lord calling him to serve as a diocesan priest.

In 2006, Deacon Francis came to the United States and lived for 2 years in the St. Joseph Trappist Abbey in Spencer, MA. Spending the next 6 years in Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, Deacon Francis decided to respond to the Lord's call to serve as a diocesan priest in the United States, which required that his monastery in Vietnam release him from his vows. A process which took 3 years! During this time, he had been assigned to Lynnfield Catholic Collaborative and Holy Name in West Roxbury. He also spent the year prior to arriving at OLCA, at St. Marguerite in Nova Scotia.

Deacon Francis is happy to be serving now at OLCA and OLA so that he can be part of the community. From a young age, Deacon Francis has felt called to help others through their struggles, to serve God and to be a good priest, bringing the people of the Church closer to God. He has enjoyed learning various aspects of the pastoral ministries such as visiting the sick and homebound, weekly vigils and wake services, school masses and conferences and baptismal preparation and Baptism celebrations from Father DiPerri. During his visits to the OLA classes, he has been able to share his journey in faith and the story of his vocation. These visits and the immersion into a parish community has reaffirmed his calling to priesthood.

When you see him be sure to stop and say hello and welcome to Deacon Francis! ☩



Mr. Fallon and the students are hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas Show, *Sounds of the Season*. Family and friends are invited to watch the OLA students perform. There will be two shows on separate days. The first includes students in grades 1 - 8. The second includes students in PreK - K. Dates and times are noted under the December Events.

Please consider volunteering to help with the choral risers. Some of the students stand on them during the performances. The risers will need to be set up and broken down. Strength in numbers will help with this heavy task. Emails with more details will be sent as we get closer to the performance dates.



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone involved in making this year's Trunk or Treat a success. The organizers, volunteers and creative trunk designs made it possible. A special recognition to Allison Doane, Mary Abraham and Anna Kronewitter for their hard work in organizing the event!

Thank you to Mrs. G for collecting all of the orders!

Thank you to Kate O'Brien for helping the talented 8th Graders create the spooky Haunted House!

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to set up, work the event and clean up!



PTO Meeting November 13th @ 7:00pm Conference Room

(across from the main office)

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www.ourladyacademy.org/parents/pto/

JOIN THE



PTO

The school year is in full swing and the PTO has been busy planning upcoming events. Please join us at the next meeting. We look forward to seeing new faces

and hearing how we can collectively improve the OLA community.

Please email with any questions:
ptoboard@ourladyacademy.org

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 12/4** Early Dismissal, 11:30am
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12/6** 1st Friday Mass, 9:00am
- 12/7** Class Basket Collection & Set up
- 12/8** Breakfast with Santa, 9am - 12pm
- 12/11** PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- 12/16** Christmas Concert
Grades 1-8, 6:00pm
- 12/17** Christmas Concert
PreK-K, 9:15am
- 12/20** PTO Tag Day (Free Dress)
- 12/20** Christmas Assembly
- 12/23-1/1** NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break