

JANUARY 12, 2014
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

"May the Lord bless you and grant you and your loved ones His lasting Peace and Joy."

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, January 11, 2014

9:00AM Martina Triolo
4:00PM Vincent Maiorana
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:00AM Sophie and Joe Iorio and
 John and Jane Graziano
9:15AM Maria Mandara
10:30AM Andrew Baran
12 Noon Frances Carbone
1:15PM Giovanni Iacono
7:00PM Giuseppe and Giuseppina Brullo .

Monday

9:00AM Joseph Battaglia

Tuesday

9:00AM Emily DeLuca

Wednesday

9:00AM Ann Migino

Thursday

9:00AM Joseph Reale

Friday

9:00AM Mary Canteruccio and Margaret Varriale

Saturday, January 18, 2014

9:00AM Ralph Monaco, Werdot and Dave Shukri
4:00PM Thomas DeFelice
5:30PM Isabella Imbornone

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:00AM Vincent Perrone
9:15AM Kathleen Rossiter
10:30AM Nicholas and Paul Barbaro
12 Noon David Pomrinse
1:15PM Rosemarie Alfieri and
 Deceased Member of the Weeks Family
7:00PM Frank Saulo



OPENING OF 2015 MASS BOOK

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: There are no announced Masses or Sanctuary Lamps remaining for the year 2014. However, unannounced Masses are always available. ***We will open the Mass Book for 2015 on Tues., Feb. 11th, at 9AM.*** Thank you.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD BANNS: Nicholas Secchini and Michelle Tarangelo

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
JANUARY 12, 2014
IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL PALLANTE
WITH LOVE FROM HIS LOVING PARENTS

Lectors – Saturday, January 18, 2014

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM M. Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, January 18, 2014

4:00PM MJ Russo, M. Russo, C. Baggot, M. Sicari,
 R. Taranto, V. Caruso, A. Lazzara
5:30PM J. Amitrano, ME Carey, C. Bottiglia, J. Cimino,
 C. Barone, S. Dazio, S. Roberto

Lectors – Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM R. LaMonica
10:30AM F. Monte, M. Pinto
12 Noon C. Messina
1:15PM G. LaGrua
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – January 19, 2014

8:00AM T. Daluise, P. Zoltowski, L & R. Bauer,
 J. Stanzione, M. Molinini, MJ Truckenbrodt
9:15AM S. & M. Hitchcock, J. Gatto, M. Vierno,
 T. Strange, D. Avena
10:30AM F. Ruggiero, R. DeMaio, G. Balestrino, C. Ordy,
 B. Paccione, C. & J. Gerace
12 Noon M. Sprague, S. Catalano, R. DeMaio, B. &
 MA Higgins, B. Peters, D. Zaiano
1:15PM A. McCoy, J. Tolento, B. Nicholson, V. Acri,
 P. & L. DeCarlo, C. Barone
7:00PM C. Belvedere, R. Scarpati, J. Prato, D. McCumisky,
 M. Recanatini, C. Houle, C. DiDomenico

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

4:00 P.M. D. & D. Battaglia, L. Cavicchio, M. Esposito
5:30 P.M. M. Coelho, S. Imbro, M. Losi, A. Romani

Sunday, Jan 19, 2014

8:00 A.M. J. Bell, S. Marashaj, J. & N. Mele
9:15 A.M. A. Discenza, F. & G. Scarmato, D. Smerina
10:30A.M. A. & F. Auriti, E. Carey, G. Pelucco
12 Noon G. Artz, C. Carr, A. Castelle, G. Monreale
1:15 P.M. K. Betsais, V. Palazzo, G. Steinmetz, C. Trang
7:00 P.M. L. Caiazzo, C. & J. Rubin, G. Tulino

Blessed Yvette of Huy Widow – Jan. 13

Yvette had extraordinary charisma, born into a wealthy family in Liege in 1158. At a very young age, her parents married her off; by the age of 18, she was widowed with three children. Due to her great beauty, she had many suitors, however, she dedicated herself for 11 years to caring for lepers out of surpassing love for God. For the last 36 years of her life, she lived as a hermit and had many mystical experiences. Her prayers and miracles made her famous and she aided countless people who came to consult with her. (JM)



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to the families of those who have died:

Anthony Calabro, Vito Colella and Christopher Strucker



MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – Jan. 11, 2014

4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway
5:30PM Fr. Adalbert

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8:00AM Msgr. V. Bartley
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10:30AM Msgr. Peter Smith
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts..." Find peace for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or upcoming dates go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME: Ext. 3.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, February 23, 2013 at 8:15PM, we will have our Music Workshop in the Church after the 7PM Mass. At this time, you will be able to select the liturgical music for your wedding and ask any questions you may have.

PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 8PM in the Damato Meeting Room in our Athletic Center for prayers of praise, singing, centering and intercessory prayer. New members are welcome. Everyone has the opportunity to be prayed over.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE NEXT HEALING SERVICE WILL BE ON TUES., FEB. 4TH AT 3:30PM.

THE NEXT HEALING MASS WILL BE ON TUES., FEB. 18TH AT 8PM.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK .

Denise Armore, P.O. Thomas Choi, Ethel Cohen, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, John Emigholz, Sr.. Irene Makowski, Jim Mauro, Carmen and John Ragona, Celeste Setty, Adrienne Sienicki, Lorriane Skelly and Donna Slavin.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Stolzenhaller Council, 100 Kreischner Street, SI, NY, will hold a "Night at the Races" on **Sat., Jan. 25th, at 7:30PM.** Cost: \$20 per person, includes beer, wine, soda, food, salads and snacks. For reservations call Frank Corvino, PGK, (347) 987-1675. All net proceeds to benefit local charities.

THANK YOU GIFTS

If you were unable to attend the Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please call the Rectory and leave your name so that one can be left for you either at the Rectory or at the Church Sacristy.

LIVE LOVE LAUGH – ANNUAL OLSS FASHION SHOW

Our Annual Fashion Show will be on March 27, 2014 @ The Hilton Garden Inn. If you would like to donate or ask any questions, please contact: Fashion Show Chairladies: Lisa Adragna 347-281-0976/Laura Giudice 917-582-5044/Lisa Kindya 917-453-4491.

BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

All Parish Families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the Parish Baptismal Preparation Program. The program is held mostly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month at 12 Noon in the Athletic Center (Damato Meeting Room). We invite you to bring along your baby's Godparents to hear this special presentation. Please call the rectory for a Registration Packet before attending the Sunday Meeting. A copy of the child's birth certificate is needed. The sponsor must have proof of Confirmation, a sponsor certificate (see sponsor certificate information below) and must be at least 14 years of age. The Baptismal donation of \$100 and the yellow registration form must be brought to the Parish Office (Mon.-Fri. 9 to 4PM), prior to the Baptism Meeting. You may then bring the completed registration form to the meeting of your choice.

BAPTISMAL CLASS

**12 Noon – 2nd and 4th Sundays
OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER**



Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd
April 27th
May 11th and May 25th
June 15th and June 29th
(Note different dates in June)

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd
April 27th
May 11th and May 25th
June 15th and June 29th
(Note different dates in June)

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Certificates attesting to the fact that a parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may be obtained only **AFTER** the Masses on Saturday evening or **AFTER** any of the other Sunday Masses. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** and request one.



BLOOD DRIVE AT OLSS ON JAN. 26TH

Please give blood at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Blood Drive on Sunday, January 26, 2014. We will be taking donors from 9:00AM to 3:00PM in O'Mara Hall. Donors must be between the ages of 16 and 75 and weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good general health. Most medications, including those that treat high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes, will not stop you from donating blood. For any other questions regarding medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900. Please eat a healthy meal before donating and bring a form of ID. We would like to especially reach out to type's o+, O-, A- and B-. Help save a life in 2014. Thank you.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Adult Faith Formation and RCIA sites within our parish website have undergone a complete transformation, making it easier to navigate and providing a new virtual experience. While most content has been migrated, new content has been added in order to better serve our community of faith. We are still not done and we welcome any suggestions you might have to make our sites even better. Please take a moment and visit us at our **NEW WEBSITE**: <http://aff.olssparrish.org> .

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – CALLING NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in making a difference? Our Core Team is currently looking for individuals who can work collaboratively with our group to help set direction for upcoming Adult Faith Formation initiatives and events within our parish. If you are interested. Kindly email Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

INQUIRY: Did you ever think of becoming a Catholic? Have you been coming to church with a family member or a friend for a number of years and maybe considered Baptism and full Initiation into the Catholic Church? Are you baptized in another faith, but now desire to become Catholic? If interested or would like more information call the rectory: (718) 984-0593.

Baptism of the Lord (All are welcome)

Reading I	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (the servant of the Lord)
Reading II	Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's discourse)
Gospel	Mark 1:7-11 (baptism of Jesus)
Key Passage:	Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)
Adult:	<i>To whom have you been guilty of showing partiality? What can you do to correct that?</i>
Child:	<i>How can you help others feel part of your class's or group's games and activities?</i>



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 7th, at 8PM for your loved ones who have died during the past year (January 2013 through the present). Please call the rectory (718) 984-0593 to confirm your attendance, leaving your name and the name of the deceased. If you have a loved one that you want included (whether or not the funeral Mass took place at OLSS) call the parish office to give us their name as well as approximately how many of your family and friends will be attending. When names are read at the beginning of Mass, a member of the family will be invited to bring a lighted candle to the sanctuary. (Candles will be provided; simply check with a member of the Bereavement Team as you arrive in Church.) It is important that the family representative who will bring up the candle arrive by 7:45PM. A social time will be provided after Mass.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION AT MASS

The method for receiving Holy Communion in the hand is to extend the hand in a cupped position and immediately place the sacred host in the mouth. This is the most reverent way to receive Holy Communion. PLEASE, do not walk away with the host still in the hand. Thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS

Pre K 3, 4 and K Open House and Information Sessions

Interested in becoming part of the Our Lady Star of the Sea School family? We will be holding Open Houses and Information sessions for prospective Pre School and Kindergarten aged students for parents interested in enrolling their child at OLSS for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Pre K 4 and Kindergarten Open Houses from 9AM -10AM on March 14

Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM

January 16, March 6

Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten Information Sessions are from 7PM to 8PM on January 15. Attendance at an Information Session will provide an opportunity for you to meet the school's administrators.

Please consult the church bulletin or contact the school office. The school's telephone number is 718-984-5750. We look forward to meeting you at one of the scheduled Open Houses or Information Sessions. ***OF COURSE, THE SCHOOL IS OPEN ANY TIME FOR WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS.**

OPEN REGISTRATION

Pre K 3 Registration – Tues., Jan. 21, 9-11 AM in O'Mara Hall.

Pre K 4, Kindergarten – Grade 8 Registrations – Wed., Jan. 22, from 9-11 AM in O'Mara Hall.

Kindergarten – 8th Grade – Kindergarten students must be five years of age by Dec. 31, 2014. You must be a registered parishioner (register at the Parish Office) to apply.

PRE-K THREE YEAR OLDS – The three year-old sessions will be offered two days (Tues. – Thurs) AM(8:30 - 11:00) and PM(12:00 - 2:30) Sessions available. Students must be three years of age by Dec. 31, 2014 and potty trained.

PRE-K FOUR YEAR OLDS – The four year-old sessions will be offered three full days 8:30 - 2:30 (Mon., Wed., and Fri.) or three half day AM(8:30 - 11:00) sessions (Mon., Wed., Fri.) Students must be four years of age by Dec. 31, 2014 and potty trained.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE (718) 984-5750

The following items should be presented all registrations:

1. *Child must be present.*
2. *Birth certificate. (Copy or original)*
3. *Baptismal certificate (required for Kdgt. to 8th Gr. only). (Not mandatory for non-Christians.) Sunday collection envelope number (not required for PreK or for non-Christians).*
4. *Sunday collection envelope number (not required for PreK).*
5. *Non-refundable \$175 application fee, per child, and \$200 fair share fee per family (Gr. K-8 only).*
6. *Report cards and standardized tests scores from the last 2 years (where applicable).*
7. *IESP or IEP where applicable.*

TOURING TUESDAY: If you are interested in learning more about Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre-K through 8, register to visit OLSS (718) 984-5750, on **Touring Tuesday, Jan. 14th, from 9 to 11AM or by appointments.**

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA'S CHRISTMAS TREE
GIVING BASKETS**

Many thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parish community, who donated over 1,000 gifts for our Giving Tree Giving Baskets, as well as over \$1,500 in gift cards which were all distributed to families in need. We helped 10 organizations with gifts and 14 individual families with over 280 food and gift cards. The gifts were distributed to: Amethyst House, Eden II, Franciscan Handmaids of Mary/St. Edward Food Pantry, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Project Hospitality, St. Mary of the Assumption, Seaman's Society for Children and Families, Cross Road Foundation and St. Mary of the Assumption, who wrote to us extending their deepest thanks. *"The many gifts that OLSS parishioners provided helped many families have a more enjoyable Christmas celebration. We are indebted to your parishioners for their thoughtfulness!" signed by Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J. Pastor.*

Thank you to Donna Ferreri and her Committee, namely: Nancy Fallacaro, Carol Ordy, Marianne Russo, Marcia Varacalli, Diane Parenti and Jeanne Casanovas, who reach out to the various organizations each year and to Debbie Emigholz, who worked with the families and the individuals in need.

A woman who came to the Rectory said she is overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of her parish and all the parishioners. Just when she was beginning to feel alone, her parish made her feel loved and she saw the goodness of God.

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS CYO BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND INSTRUCTIONAL T-BALL REGISTRATIONS: Registration for the CYO baseball/softball season for boys and girls in grades 3-8: Thurs., Jan 23rd, Jan 30th and Feb 6th from 6:30-7:30, Lobby of the Athletic Center. Fee: \$175 for the CYO season. CYO Rookie League for boys and girls in grades 1 & 2- Fee: \$135. OLSS Instructional T-Ball League: Boys and Girls in Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten. Fee: \$100. For information, call Dennis DellaValle at (718) -757-1630

Valentines' Day Dance: OLSS Sports is having their annual Valentine's Day Dance Fundraiser on Saturday Feb 1, 2014 from 7-12am. \$30 per person includes buffet from Portobello Cafe, DJ, raffles and door prizes. Join us for a wonderful evening. To reserve your table, please contact Kris Zieris at 917-499-3942 or go to olssbasketball.com for more information.

OLSS Sports Golf Outing: Annual Golf Outing - Thurs., June 19, Grand Oaks Country Club. Get your foursome together and come out to support your parish sports teams! For more info or to put your foursome in, contact Mia Marinaccio (718) -966-8860 or email to miam133@aol.com (Information available on the olssbasketball.com website) There will be prizes awarded and includes taking a swing for a hole in one to win a new car!

Spring Soccer Registration: will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from 6 to 7PM on Wed, Jan 22, For all players which include Pee Wee, 3 year olds, and SIYLS players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. See our website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. (If you played this prior fall you do NOT need to register again).

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting of the book club has been changed to January 16. Our selection is The Lamb's Supper - The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The group meets every other Monday at 7:30PM. The next meeting is on Jan. 13th. If you are interested in attending, please call the rectory and leave your name and number.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our group, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 to register. **They meet on Wednesdays at 7:30PM; next meeting, Jan. 15th.**

BIBLE FAITH SHARING GROUPS: The OLSS Faith Sharing/Bible Study series will continue with The Acts of the Apostles. New groups are now being formed. If you are interested in joining an existing group, or starting one of your own, please call the rectory at **718-984-0593**.

50 PLUS CLUB: The group meets in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM. **The next meeting on Jan. 24th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

DRUG - AWARENESS SUPPORT GROUP: The group will meet in O'Mara Hall on **Thursday, Jan. 16th, at 7:30PM.** Please note that D.A, Dan Donovan will be present to tackle any issue you may wish to bring up. Speakers from SIUH and police detectives will be available to discuss drug issues and answer questions. Call Alicia Reddy at (646) 404-0637, group coordinator if you have any questions.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Interested patients, caregivers, family members and friends are encouraged to join this group, which meets on the second Wednesday Time: 7 to 9PM. at the Jewish Communion Center, 1466 Manor Road, SI, NY. For information: call Laura Mooney: (718) 524-6970 or SImyeloma@gmail.com. Group website: www.statenisland.myeloma.org.

POOR BOXES

We would like to thank our parishioners for their "Poor Box" donations, proceeds of which help families in need and many local Staten Island Charities such as the St. Edward's Food Pantry. The Poor Boxes are located by the inner doors of the Church. Your contributions are most appreciated and are certainly put to good use. God Bless you for your generosity.

DANIEL OBERREUTER LIVE IN CONCERT

Daniel Oberreuter, the lead singer of "The Thirsting" a Christian Inspirational Music Group will be performing at Our Lady Help of Christians on Sun., Jan. 12th at 7:30PM. All welcome. Free will offering accepted.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT	
ACOA	Sun., 5:30PM
AA	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues., 6:30PM
	Fri., 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues., 8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs., 7:15PM
STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS	1-800-996-4104
PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7:15PM and a Healing Mass at 8:30PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on Feb. 6 th.	