

APRIL 12, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, April 11, 2015

9:00AM Gloria Russo
4:00PM Deceased Members of the
 Serrantonio and Puglisi Fms.
5:30PM Deceased Members of the
 Prisco and Scaramuzzo Fms.

Sunday, April 12, 2015

8:00AM Michael Porzio and Dec. of Porzio Family
9:15AM Tillie, Stephen and Steve Healy
10:30AM Joseph Casso
12 Noon Frances Mulligan
1:15PM John and Catherine Deasy and
 Joseph Noto
7:00PM Vito LoDuca

Monday

9:00AM Antonio, Rosa and Rosalie Zolfo

Tuesday

9:00AM Vincent Aspromonti

Wednesday

9:00AM Grace Linderman

Thursday

9:00AM Michael and Shiela Deasy

Friday

9:00AM Edna Gorman and John Emigholz, Sr.

Saturday, April 18, 2015

9:00AM John Cardelo
4:00PM Agnes and Anthony King
5:30PM Corinne O'Brien

Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:00AM Peter Rudden
9:15AM Grace Lenderman
10:30AM Anna, Louis and Terese Friscia
12 Noon Edith Sirigano
1:15PM Elizabeth Cruz
7:00PM Salvatore, Sylvia and Lucy Ferigno

St. Lydwina, Virgin – April 14

Lydwina was born in 1380 in Holland and became an invalid for the remainder of her life. She accepted the pain in reparation for the sins of others. She often meditated on Christ's passion and had great devotion to the Eucharist. Around 1407, she began to experience ecstasies and visions participating in the Christ's Passion. She saw Purgatory and Heaven and visited with the Saints. During the last 17 years of her life, her only food was the Holy Communion and for the last 7 years, she was almost completely blind. Her cult was formally confirmed by Pope Leo XIII in 1890. (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE
WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2015
IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDNA GORMAN AND
JOHN EMIGHOLZ, SR.
WITH LOVE FROM YOUR FAMILY

Lectors – Saturday, April 18, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM C. Losi

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM A. Lazzara, J. Coscia, E. Vitiello, J. Prato,
 F. Barone
5:30PM A. Spoto, A. Dazio, C. Bottiglia, J. Uhlman,
 J. Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM MA Higgins
10:30AM M. Pinto, A. Pompei
12 Noon L. Bauer, J. Zinsley
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM M. Andreola, J. Stanzione, C. Rosato, K. Brady,
 A. Sprarandera
9:15AM B. Higgins, R. Corbett, M. & S. Hithcock, J. Gatto
10:30AM R. Scarpati, G. Balestrino, R. DeMaio,
 C. Ordy, B. Paccione
12 Noon R. Marino, A. Maffeo, C. & J. Gerace, R. Bauer
1:15PM M. Sprague, V. Acri, MA Russo, A. McCoy,
 B. Peters
7:00PM M. Recanatini, C. Rosato, A. Zuffante,
 T. Palmieri, J. Limeri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, April 18, 2015

4:00 P.M.: D. & D. Battaglia, D. & L. Cavicchio
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, V. Pavlick, A. Romani, G. Vassallo

Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:00 A.M.: J. Bell, S. Marashaj, J. & N. Mele
9:15 A.M.: B. Bosques, M. Coelho, A. Discenza, M. Mattioli
10:30 A.M.: G. Monreale, G. Ppelucco, C. Trang, B. Walsh
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, J. Jacoby, R. Ruskowski, C. Sikorjak
1:15 P.M.: G. Artz, R. Faljean, G. Marino, G. Gulotta
7:00 P.M.: J. Petillo, D. Russo, G. & V. Sicari



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Basil Aragona and Christina DiMartino
 Gregg Sbarra and Jacqueline Neglia
 Peter Berlinger and Lauren Maiorini
SECOND BANNS: Allen Terletsy and Daniella Cavitollo
 John Cangialosi and Lucille Consolo
THIRD BANNS: Matthew Lubrino and Christina Boland
 Michael Lassen and Maria Anderson
 Anthony Cafro and Amie Lanigan

A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

Dear Parish Family,

Let us continue to celebrate the 50 day season of Easter, Happy Easter. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day filled with special graces and so from 3-6PM I will be gathered with other priests at Holy Child Church to participate in Divine Mercy Day. It was on this day 14 years ago that the Perpetual Adoration Chapel of Divine Mercy began. Ten years ago Pope St. John Paul the Great died on the vigil of this feast which he promoted and in which Pope Francis is taking up all next year as we celebrate, 2016, the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the merciful, they shall see God."

I want to thank all the sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, choir members, cantors, organists, R.C.I.A. team and candidates, ministers of Tenebrae, Mothers and Sons for the Stations of the Cross, and especially all the people of our parish for making this one of the most beautiful and memorable Holy Week's ever.

In the Church's Office of Readings this ancient homily was printed for Holy Saturday. It was read at Tenebrae and I have had several people ask for copies of it.

This is entitled, "The Lord's descent into hell"

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and has raised up all who have slept since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles in fear.

He has gone to search for our first parents, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in the darkness and the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won them the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out, "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him, "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I receive in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling place is prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

During the Easter Season, we will be inviting you to join in the campaign for the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal. This is our opportunity to help support our Church's outreach to vital ministries and agencies that help provide for the care and growth of our Church. If you haven't made a pledge, please pray about your sacrificial offering. Our parish goal as we have announced is \$196,500. Thank you in advance for your generosity and loving kindness.

The Lord is Risen, Indeed He is Risen!

Fr. Tom Devery



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CONCERT

WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2015 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Our Lady Star of the Sea – O'Mara Hall –
5411 Amboy Road, SI, NY.

Proceeds to benefit immigrant workers of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church. The concert will feature:

Daniel Rodriquez and Marla Kavanaugh

TICKETS: \$25 (\$30 at the door) (fully tax deductible)

CALL: For ticket information call (718) 442-3137

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is held from 12 noon to 5pm, Monday to Thursday. We are in need of Adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament every hour. If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please call Carol Ordy at *82-917-536-8576.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the largest Catholic men's organizations, whose efforts follow the Pope's call to help the poor and needy, call Stolzenhaller Grand Knight Karl Emigholz at (718) 967-2315.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION OF STATEN ISLAND INAUGURAL GALA

Join us in honoring His Eminence, Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Nicotra's Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information: catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com or contact Diana Gatto @ Diana.Gatto@archny.org

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: We are reading "Angels All Around Us" by Anthony DeStefano. **The next meeting is on Thurs., April 16th, at 7:30PM** at the Rectory. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., April 15th, at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., April 15th. The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

50 PLUS CLUB: **The next meeting will be on Fri., April 24th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information. **Next Meeting: Fri., May 1st at 11:30AM.**

PRAYER GROUP: Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Damato Rm. in the Athletic Center.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: There will be a meeting of the Holy Name Society on Thursday, April 23rd, at 7:30PM, in the Damato Meeting Room. For information, call Robert Cermelli at (917) 783-6494.



SICK LIST

Serafina Carlone, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Saveria Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Maria Fazio, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Thomas Lamantia, Paul Manos, Chuck Melka, Camille Polly, Racquel Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona Celeste Setty, and Lisa Vasquez



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our sincere condolences to the family of:

*Jean Lagani, Grace Sader, Philip Devlin
And Mike Haliskoe*

PARENTS PRAYING TOGETHER

OLSS parents are invited to join together and pray the Rosary. Parents will pray together each week from 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm in the church chapel.

DINE OUT AGAINST HUNGER

Dine out on Thurs., April 23, with your family and friends for breakfast, lunch or dinner at any of the 120 participating restaurants and 20\$ of your food bill will support Project Hospitality. Please visit www.dineoutstatenisland.com for the list of participating restaurants.

PARISH BUS TRIP TO SEE

JOSEPH AT THE SIGHT & SOUND THEATER

The "Joseph" show in Lancaster, Pa. will be on Sat., June 13 leaving at 9:30AM and returning at approx. 7:30PM Cost \$123.00 includes lunch at Good'N'Plenty, show & bus. If interested call Gail Decker at (917) 916-2308. Check payable to OLSS/ \$ due by 5/18/15.

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS SCHOOL ROLLING REGISTRATION

Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8th grade
PREK 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, 2015 and potty trained.

PREK FOUR YEAR OLDS – The four year-old sessions will be offered three full days 8:30 – 2:30 (Mon., Wed., and Fri.) Students must be four years of age by Dec. 31, 2015 and potty trained.

KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE – Kindergarten students must be five year of age by Dec. 31, 2015. You must be a registered parishioner (register at the Parish Office) to apply

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

The following items should be present at all registrations

- Birth certificate (Copy and Original)
- Baptismal certificate (if not Catholic Ok, if Baptized at OLSS just need date)
- Nonrefundable \$200 application fee made out to OLSS per child
- \$200 Fair Share fee per family (Gr. K – 8 only)
- Sunday collection envelope number (Gr. K – 8 must be a registered at parish)
- Academic records including standardized test results and report cards for 2 years (Gr. 1 – 8)
- If child has an IEP or IESP a copy must be brought in.

Please call the School Office for an appointment if you would like to register (718) 984-5750.

Patriotic Contest Winner

Congratulations to OLSS sixth grade student James Gomez who is a winner in the "What The Constitution Means To Me" Essay contest sponsored by the Beauvais Hudson American Legion Post No.126. James will be presented with an award and \$100 at a Beauvais Hudson dinner on April 19, 2015. We are proud of James and his accomplishment.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

St. Joseph by-the-Sea H.S. proudly presents it's Spring Musical Beauty and the Beast in the Gaffney Auditorium.

Show Dates:

Friday April 17th @ 7:30, Saturday April 18th @ 7:30, and Sunday April 19th @ 3:00. Thursday April 23rd @ 7:30, Friday April 24th @ 7:30 and Saturday April 25th @ 7:30

Ticket Prices: Adults \$15.00 and Children \$10.00

All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2015, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **April 20th from 5:30 to 7PM in the School building.** You must be a registered parishioner in order for your child to attend Religious Education at OLSS. For further information, call the Religious Education office at (718) 984-1885.

With Heartfelt Thanks

RCIA THANKS

Many special thanks to our RCIA coordinator, Joe Limeri and the Catechists (Carol Ordy, Steve Goodman, Geri LaGrua, Vincent DeSantis, and Angela Collola) who devote their time, love and support to all those who journey through our RCIA program. May God shower you with His many blessings.

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

April 26th
 May 10th and May 24th
 June 14 and June 28
 July 12th and July 26th
 August 9th and August 23rd



BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH
2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

April 26th
 May 10th and May 24th
 June 14 and June 28
 July 12th and July 26th
 August 9th and August 23rd

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.

SIMPLE WAYS TO PASS A MORAL CODE ON TO YOUR CHILDREN

How can parents pass down the wisdom we have received and now want to give to our own children? Moral lessons must first be taught at home, such as providing opportunities for children to serve others, and teaching them to protect the innocent. Sue DiSisto, Education for Parenting Program Coordinator of the Archdiocese of NY, will be the presenter. Supervised play for the children will be available. Please register at (646) 794-2191 or susan.disisto@archny.org. Tell us your name, phone, number of children who will accompany you. Feel free to invite others. Friday, April 17th, from 10:30 – noon, Church of St. Clare's, 110 Nelson Ave., SI, in the Murphy Center (chapel basement), the white building in the parking lot.



OLSS DOLPHINS SUMMER CAMP

Monday July 6th through August 14th, 9 to 3:30PM. Camp is held on the OLSS campus, 5411 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY. Activities include arts and crafts, dance, theater, computers, soccer, organized games and more. **QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION: EMAIL: Linda Fusillo at: linsoap@aol.com**



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, on Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st at 2PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19th 2015. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

25th AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT OLSS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries, during 2015 will be honored here at OLSS on Sunday, June 7th at the 1:15 Mass, celebrated by Reverend Thomas Devery in the Cardinal's name, followed by a reception in O'Mara Hall. All eligible couples who are registered parishioners and who have been registered for at least a year should call the Rectory by May 22nd between the hours of 9 and 4PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.



THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal
 1011 First Ave.
 14th Floor Donor Database Center
 New York, New York 10022-4112
 (212) 371-1011 Ext. 3300

Suggested total pledge	5 Monthly Payments of:
\$5,000	\$1,000
\$2,500	\$500
\$1,000	\$200
\$500	\$100
\$250	\$50

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parish _____

E-Mail _____

Total Gift _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Balance _____

Choose your payment method: Personal check payable to:

The Cardinal's Appeal. Credit Card (complete below)

Charge: American Express – Visa – Master Card

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Amt. \$ _____

Please charge:

One Time \$ _____ each month for _____ months.

Signature: _____