

**DECEMBER 1, 2013
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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, November 30, 2013

9:00AM Joseph Patrick O'Donnell
4:00PM Dora and Edward DiAntonio and
Lucy and Mildred Gesualdi
5:30PM Netta Scimecca

Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:00AM Anna and John Murphy
9:15AM Deceased Members of Ennis and Healy Fms.
10:30AM Rev. Robert Macchietto
12 Noon Clorinda and Arthur Genovese
1:15PM Antoinette and Patrick Vulpi
7:00PM Andres and Olga Rosado

Monday

9:00AM Arthur Edwards

Tuesday

9:00AM Louise Labita

Wednesday

9:00AM Reverend Robert Poveromo

Thursday

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Friday

9:00AM Karen and Lee Leyton, Chalie Kohm, Jr.,
Charles Kohm and Charles Palisay

Saturday, December 7, 2013

9:00AM George Perretti
4:00PM Deceased Members of Civello Fm.
5:30PM Patricia Balestrieri

Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:00AM Richard and Rita Filitor
9:15AM Catherine Artesi Stiehler
10:30AM Nicholas Marinaccio
12 Noon Deceased Members of McSorley and
Reynolds Fms.
1:15PM Florence and Russ Nicholson and
Russ Nicholson, Jr.
7:00PM Mary Helal



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Condolences to the family of: *Theresa Michelangelo, Edna Gorman, Carlene Jannone and Matilde Cennamo*

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Dec. 29, 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.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
DECEMBER 1, 2013
IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY PEPE
FROM PEPE AND GOODMAN FAMILIES**

Lectors – Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

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

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

4:00PM S. Roberto, M. Sicari, C. Argano, L. Barbato,
R. Taranto, A. McCoy, V. Caruso
5:30PM A. Maffeo, J. Uhlman, J. Cimino, J. Amitrano,
JM Graziano, M. Graziano, ME Carey

Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013

8:00AM M. Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM MA Higgins, T. O'Connell
10:30AM L. Bauer, J. Ladley
12 Noon A. Deliso, C. Messina
1:15PM F. Monte
7:00PM B. Volpicello

Eucharistic Ministers – Dec. 8, 2013

8:00AM P. Zoltowski, J. Coscia, C. Barone, T. Daluise,
J. Stanzione, J. Gatto, A. Sparandera
9:15AM L. Capobianco, D. Avena, B. Higgins, M. Vierno,
R. Scarpati, M. & S. Hitchcock
10:30AM G. Balestrino, T. Strange, M. Randazzo, R. Bauer,
C. Ordy, R. LaMonica, M. Recanatini
12 Noon E. & G. Riozzi, G. Donohue, C. & J. Gerace,
C. Belvedere
1:15PM B. Weir, M. Sprague, C. Houle, J. Tolento,
M. Randazzo, B. Nicholson, S. Catalano
7:00PM E. Bellina, D. McCumisky, J. Limeri,
C. DiDomenico, C. Barone, C. Pontecorvo,
G. LaGrua

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

4:00 P.M. D. & D. Battaglia, J. & K. Martino
5:30 P.M. C. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani, N. Rotundi

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013

8:00 A.M. A. Discenza, S. Marashaj, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M. J. Bell, E. Buccini, M. Coelho, D. Smerina
10:30A.M. E. Carey, R. Ruskowski, G. Pelucco, B. Walsh
12 Noon N. D'Angelo, G. Monreale, V. Palazzo, C. Sikorjak
1:15 P.M. D. Dunn, D. Russo, K. Tobin, C. Trang
7:00 P.M. G. Artz, L. Caiazza, G. & V. Sicari

MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – Nov. 30, 2013

4:00PM Msgr. Peter Smith
5:30PM Msgr. Peter Smith

Sat. – Dec. 7, 2013

4:00PM Fr. Adalbert
5:30PM Fr. Adalbert

Sunday – Dec. 1, 2013

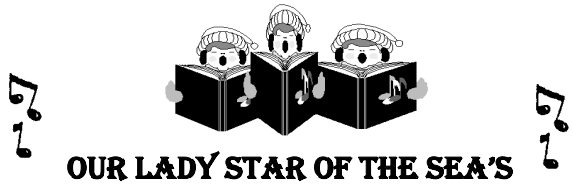
8:00AM Fr. Adalbert
9:15AM Msgr. Jeff Conway
10:30AM Msgr. V. Bartley
12 Noon Msgr. V. Bartley
1:15PM Msgr. J. Conway
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

Sun. – Dec. 8, 2013

8:00AM Msgr. Jeff Conway
9:15AM Msgr. V. Bartley
10:30AM Msgr. V. Bartley
12 Noon Msgr. Peter Smith
1:15PM Msgr. Peter Smith
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Next weekend, we will take up the annual archdiocesan collection for those sisters and brothers who are now in their senior years. This special collection affords us an opportunity to offer them, in return for all they have done for us, our love and support by helping to provide for their needs. Thank you for your generosity.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA'S

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our annual tradition " *A Festival of ADVENT Lessons and Carols*" will be held on Friday, December 13th at 8:00PM in the Church. Please join us for an uplifting evening of special scripture and song to prepare our mind and hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Music will be presented by the OLSS Singers and Choirs. There will be traditional holiday refreshments and a cookie swap following the service in the school so please bring in your favorite cookies and copies of the recipe with your name so that they can be shared. Cookies and recipe's should be brought over to the K1 in the school before the service. We look forward to a wonderful evening filled with the spirit of the season shared with good friends.

SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Next weekend, Dec. 7/8, representatives from the Seton Foundaton for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults ages 3 to 21 years, will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 savings bond at the doors of the church. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Please support this very worthy program.

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: There will be no Healing Service in December or January.

THE NEXT HEALING MASSES WILL BE ON DEC. 17TH AT 8PM AND ON JAN. 7TH AT 8PM.

Please Note:

We are in need of a "catcher" for the 3:30PM Healing Services monthly (usually 1st Tuesday of the month) please call Msgr. Jeff at the Rectory (718) 984-0593.



SANCTUARY LAMP 2014

There are no announced Masses available for 2014. However, unannounced Masses are available at any time. If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for the year 2014, in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is now open. The donation is \$35. Thank you

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Ellen Aluotto, Denise Amore, Joseph Arena, Manuel Arenas, Marie Aufiero, Marie C. Basile, Pat Basirico, Taylor Bauerlein, Lyn Burkley, Catherine Biondolillo, Barbara Boscia, Roseann and Mike Canavan, Nicoletta Caputo, Serafina Carlone, Mary Ann Casale, Ethel Cohen, Nanette Colon, Theresa Conlon, Marion Concadora, Kenneth Cleckly, Gina Corio, Edith Corredor, Tom Cottingham, Jaime Cucuzza, Russell Cunningham, Joseph Curreri, Gen Decio, Gemma Deliso, Ida DeMarco, John Emigholz, Sr., Glynnis Enciso, Joe Ennis, Michelle Farrell, Donna Ferrara, Antoinette Forte, Elizabeth Franco, Juliette Gerbino, Joseph E. Graziano, Lorraine Hamer, Ernest Kaufmann, James Ledger, William Magrino, Jr., Domenico Mallozzi, Madeline O'Hara, Adelina Pelle, Lucy Peters, Thomas and Maria Mayas, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Anna Milham, Jacqueline Morris, Eric Pineiro, Joanne Paramonte, John Petrizzo, Josephine Petrosino, Camille Polly, Carmen and John Ragona, Ann Marie Rovegno, Denise Santanella, Celeste Setty, Harry Schueschner, Lorraine Skelly, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Jennifer Spinelli, Susan Tawes, John Tralongo, Larry Wilson, Carol Wright.

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.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.olssparish.org> .

RCIA CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR TEEN PROGRAM

We are actively looking for RCIA catechists preferably young adults who will assist with facilitation of our RCIA program for Teens. Programs are held each Sunday through May. If you are interested in sharing your faith and making a real difference in someone's life, kindly email Joe Limeri at jlimeri@aol.com or call 347-541-9757.

GIVING BASKET

As in the past, this Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island by responding to our local organizations serving their various needs. Next weekend and the following weekend, our Giving Baskets will be in the rear of the Church. Please select one or more tags, purchase the items and wrap them. If you pick a tag and find you cannot purchase that gift, please return the tag. All gifts must be new. Original tag must be taped on the package, face up, when returning it. If you have a new item that you would like to donate, just make your own tag, noting the contents of the gift. For example, "Boys Large Sweat Shirt" and tape it to the gift.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS WEEKENDS OF AND DEC. 7/8 AND DEC. 14/15 NO LATER!! – SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

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.

First Sunday of Advent (The habit of prayer)

Reading I	Jeremiah 33:14-16 (restoration of Jerusalem)
Reading II	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 (plea for growth in holiness)
Gospel	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (coming of the Son of Man)
Key Passage:	Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)
Adult:	<i>What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?</i>
Child:	<i>What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?</i>

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

Dec. 8th and Dec. 22nd
Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Dec. 8th and Dec. 22nd
Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 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.

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 have been scheduled 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
January 8 and 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 November 21 and 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.**

COATS, COATS, AND MORE COATS



Recently, Our Lady Star of the Sea School students in conjunction with 7th grade Confirmation students from the parish Religious Education program, collected over 1100 coats for the needy on Staten Island. The coats were donated for distribution to Camp St. Edward's Food Pantry at Mount Loretto, St. Peter and St. Paul School, and the Amazing Grace Kids Connection. The coat drive has been a tradition since 1990 at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Over 25,000 coats have been distributed to the needy throughout the years. It is very comforting to the students in knowing that even one coat makes a difference in a person's life.

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

GOODFELLA'S WOULD LIKE TO GIVE BACK!!

We, at Goodfella's, are giving back 15% of all orders made by anyone who mentions **Our Lady Star of the Sea** at the time of purchase. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to be used on funding student's necessities and activities. Please help spread the word and stop by our Great Kills location at 4018 Hylan Boulevard. **Don't forget to mention Our Lady Star of the Sea so your school receives the 15% benefit.**

SPORTS NEWS

CYO Track and Field/Cross Country Team: If your child is in grades Pre-K 4 through 8th grade and would like to run for the Track Team, please contact Mia Marinaccio at miam133@aol.com or Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net

Intramural Basketball Registration: Registration for the winter session of Intramural Basketball for Boys and Girls in grades k-8 will take place on the following dates:

Mondays, Dec 2 and Dec 9 from 7-9 pm in the front lobby of the athletic center. Fee is \$95. Forms can be downloaded from the web site at olssbasketball.com. All questions can be directed to the "contact us" on the web site as well.

CHOIR NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Rehearsals- Mondays at 3:45PM in the Church. Children who are in the 1st through 6th grade are eligible. If you would like to join, please come to rehearsal. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:15AM Mass on Sundays.

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: The Traditional Choir is looking for members 18 years or older. **Rehearsals Mondays at 7PM in the Church.** If you would like to join come to rehearsal. The Choir sings at the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays.

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be **Thursday, 12/12/13 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory. Our next book is **Women of the Old Testament** by Pia Septien. New members are always welcome. 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 two meetings are on Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16th (no meeting on 12/30). 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 Dec. 4.**

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 Dec. 13th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Monday, December 9th, at 6PM in the Rectory Basement.** Please call the Rectory to confirm your attendance (718) 984-0593. If you cannot attend, please send a representative or a report. Thank you.

ST. EDWARD'S FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is low on many items such as pasta, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, tomato sauce, etc. If you can help, please drop your donations off after mass on Saturday or Sunday in the vestibule of the church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution of food at St. Edward's Food Pantry at Mount Loretto. Just about three hours of your time would be needed once every other month on a Wednesday or Saturday. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary Ann Russo at (718) 356-8834.

GIVING BASKET

Once again, we will be helping our brothers and sisters on Staten Island by responding to the needs of local organizations. If you have volunteered to help with this project in the past or if you would like to join our volunteers this year, please call Donna Ferreri, the organization's coordinator, (646) 932-3030, and leave your name and number.

HOLIDAY HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you know of a needy family who could use some help for Thanksgiving or during the Christmas season, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number. All calls will be kept confidential. Thank you for your kindness. If you would like to donate a turnkey, a ham or a supermarket gift certificate, you can bring them to the Rectory any time. Thank you.

SOLAR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR OLSS PARISHIONERS

Share the benefits of solar energy with your congregation AND raise funds for your organization!

- Every member of your organization that takes an appointment with a Trinity Solar consultant to discuss solar for their home will earn \$25 just for sitting down with us.
- For every member of your congregation that meets with us, Trinity Solar will donate \$25 back to your organization.
- For each congregant that has a Trinity Solar system installed on their home, Trinity will donate \$500 toward any fundraising activity you designate.

Your organization could raise thousands of dollars just by sharing the benefits of solar energy with your community!

Contact Trinity today at (800-FREE SOLAR) and www.Trinity-Solar.com. to learn more about what the Solar Stewardship Program can do for you. It's a no-cost, no-obligation appointment, so you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

St. Cassian – Martyr, Dec. 3

Cassian was the court stenographer at the trial of St. Marcellus the Centurian, under Emperor Diocletian. When Marcellus was unjustly sentenced to death for refusing to deny his Faith, Cassian denounced the injustice being done. He threw down his writing instrument and declared himself a Christian. Cassian was arrested, imprisoned and a few weeks later, put to death. (JM)

MSGR. BARTLEY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Please join Msgr. Bartley and his friends to celebrate his 80th birthday. It will be a Brunch/Fundraiser. At Msgr.'s request, funds after expenses will go to the SMA Fathers (Society of African Missions). As you know, Msgr. Bartley was first a Missionary! It will be on Sun., Dec. 8th, at 12 Noon, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, also the Anniversary of the founding of the SMA Order, at the Old Bermuda Inn, 2512 Arthur Kill Rd. Cost: \$50. Please mail to: **Msgr. Bartley 80, c/o Dr. Craig J. Campbell, DPM, 827 Forest Ave., Sl, NY 10310.** If you are unable to join us and would like to email a sentiment which we will give him as part of a memory book, email: rsvpsanam@aol.com. For more information, call Mary McVey at (917) 885-0770.

ADVANCE TICKET SALE FOR MARY OF NAZARETH

Private screening of a feature film: Mary of Nazareth, Thurs., Dec. 12th. The film captures Mary of Nazareth's profound faith and trust in God amid the great mysteries that she lived with as Mother of Jesus. Location: United Artist Stadium Theater, 2474 Forest Ave., Sl, at 6PM. Tickets can be purchased on-line for \$23.59 at <http://stpaulevents.showclix.com>. Tickets can also be purchased for \$20 at St. Pauls Alba House Book Center, 2187 Victory Blvd., Sl. Tickets cannot be purchased at the Theater.

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	1-800-996-4106

PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, 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 Dec. 5th.**