

**DECEMBER 14, 2014  
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, December 13, 2014**

**9:00AM** Barbara Bisignano  
**4:00PM** Berta and John Matzele  
**5:30PM** Josephine and Edward Klinkosz  
and Leon Olszewski

**Sunday, December 14, 2014**

**8:00AM** Peter Rudden  
**9:15AM** Ann Alfonso  
**10:30AM** Amelia Newborn  
**12 Noon** Emily DeLuca  
**1:15PM** Mary and Dominick Biscardi  
**7:00PM** Giuseppe and Giuseppina Brullo

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Joann Muscarella-Megala

**Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Domenico Grieco

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Rosemarie Lanzarone

**Thursday**

**9:00AM** Rosemarie Lanzarone

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Theresa Scaramuzzo

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**

**9:00AM** Anthony Mineo  
**4:00PM** Tony Fiumefreddo  
**5:30PM** Msgr. Leo Bierster

**Sunday, December 21, 2014**

**8:00AM** Andre Graziano  
**9:15AM** Robert Westrich  
**10:30AM** Angelina and Vincent Sanfilippo  
**12 Noon** Deceased Members of the Reynolds and  
McSorley Fms.  
**1:15PM** Lenny Galati  
**7:00PM** Lucy Ferrigno

**St. Daniel the Stylite, Priest – Dec. 11**

Daniel was born in Syria in 409 and became a monk near the upper Euphrates. At age 42, he decided he wanted to live like St. Simeon Stylites on top of a pillar. Therefore, Emperor Leo 1 built a series of pillars with a platform on the top and Daniel was ordained there by St. Gennadus. St. Daniel celebrated mass on his pillar, preached sermons, dispensed spiritual advice and cured the sick who were brought up to him. He counseled Emperors Leo and Zeno and the Patriarch of Constantinople. While he lived pillar spirituality, he came down from his perch only once in 33 years – to turn Emperor Baliscus away from backing the heresy of Monophysitism. St. Daniel died in 493. (JM)

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 14, 2014  
IN MEMORY OF OLGA MEROLA  
FROM HER LOVING SISTER, MARIE**

**Lectors – Dec. 20, 2014**

**4:00PM** F. Barone  
**5:30PM** A. Pompei  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**4:00PM** V. Caruso, L. Barbato, A. Petrocelli, C. Losi,  
C. Harris  
**5:30PM** C. Houle, A. Pompei, A. Dazio, M. Lappin,  
ME Carey

**Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014**

**8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi, M. Truckenbrodt  
**9:15AM** Mike Higgins  
**10:30AM** M. Pinto  
**12 Noon** Mike Newell  
**1:15PM** F. Monte  
**7:00PM** J. Limeri  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**8:00AM** T. Daluise, J. Stanzione, A. Sprandera,  
L. & R. Bauer  
**9:15AM** L. Appel, J. Gatto, T. Rizzotti, L. Capobianco,  
R. Corbett  
**10:30AM** G. & E. Riozzi, C. Ordy, B. & MA Higgins  
**12 Noon** R. Marino, MA Russo, R. Gamba, J. Tolento,  
R. LaMonica  
**1:15PM** V. Acri, P. & L. DeCarlo, C. Messina, F. Palazzo  
**7:00PM** S. Caiazzo, G. Scotto, J. Prato, G. LaGrua, B. Weir

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS ASSIGNMENTS. PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO  
THE SCHEDULE ON CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU.**

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**

**4:00 P.M.:** J. & K. Martino, D. & L. Cavicchio  
**5:30 P.M.:** M. Esposito, M. Losi, C. & R. Nicholaou

**Sunday, December 21, 2014**

**8:00 A.M.:** N. & J. Tucci, J. & N. Mele  
**9:15 A.M.:** J. Bell, A. Discenza, F. Scarmato, S. Scalzo  
**10:30 A.M.:** A. Auriti, G. Gulotta, G. Monreale, B. Bosques  
**12:00 Noon:** C. Carr, J. Esposito, N. Rotondi, B. Stackhouse  
**1:15 P.M.:** K. Betsais, C., F. & T. Nieves  
**7:00 P.M.:** J. Petillo, G. & V. Sicari, E. Tedesco



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

The parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our sincere condolences to the families of the deceased:

*Coletta Guastella, Lucretia Tinervia, Joseph Ennis,  
Eileen Setteducato, Dorothea Esposito, Josephine Gentile, Anthony  
Puya, Joseph Viviani and Michael Poli*

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

**The new lector workbooks are in the Sacristy. Please pick one up after mass on the weekend. Please check your name off the list when you sign your book out. Thank you.**

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED FOR LUNCH**

The Rectory Office is closed for one hour, during lunchtime, from 1PM to 2PM, from Monday to Friday. Please refrain from telephoning or visiting during these hours unless it is an emergency. We thank you for your cooperation.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we prepare for Jesus coming in History, Mystery and Majesty this Advent season, we make time for prayer, reading of Advent scriptures and asking Jesus to come to us, deeper still. This Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> confessions will be available from 4PM to 8PM in our parish church. Please make room in the inn of your heart this time.

Last week, Monsignor John Mc Carthy told me that after consultation, prayer and discernment he has made the decision to accept an invitation to move to the Cardinal O' Connor Residence at 5655 Arlington Avenue, Riverdale –Bronx, New York 10471 within the next few weeks. This residence is for retired priests and has a full staff to help with assisted living. He is most grateful for the love, welcome and friendliness of our parishioners since he arrived in July. However, health issues have determined for him that this would be a better place at this time. We wish him every best wish and God's speed.

Having Msgr. Mc Carthy in mind, I happily came across a poem composed by Msgr. James S. Conlan, the founder of the Parish Mission Team of the Archdiocese of New York. Through the kindness of Jaime Rickert, this came in an email to me this past week. You need to prayerfully reflect on this. It's deep, profound and so appropriate.

### An Advent Poem by Father James Scanlon Conlan.

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He leads me with His voice, but will not go before.  
The upsteep way catches my breath; the winding turns surprise me.  
Over the rocks, into the holes I stumble and rise to face a fork in the way,  
That chills me. Which way to go?  
He leads with His voice, but the voice comes from behind me.  
He will not go before.  
The sun is gone, the darkness covers me. The demons... Am I dreaming?... Terrify me.  
The crutches of my life give way. Multiplied around an empty, echoing earth  
The moanings of the near dead fills my ears.  
He leads me with His voice, the voice is behind me.  
He will not go before.  
I hear you Lord, but see You not. How much better if you'd walk in front. Better for me.  
Never to fall, never to doubt, never to scream in the darkness.  
If you care at all, walk before me.  
The Voice caresses me, "It is I who am coming, not you.  
Prepare the way before Me. Each step is for Me, not you. Walk on; you cannot fail.  
You stride in love when you walk in faith.  
Rising from your bloody fall, you stand in victory.  
When you shake with fear, but you move on, the demon dies.  
I am coming. Prepare a way for Me. I love you.  
With joyful bounding run before me.  
His voice leads from behind.  
He will not go before me.  
Of course.

Want to thank and honor our Readers and Cantors and musicians that made our Advent Lessons and Carols on Friday evening such a special program of faith and worship. Our Lady of Pity Church has their "Lessons and Carols" with the interfaith group called "Voices for Christmas" at 3PM Sunday at 1616 Richmond Avenue. All are welcome.

May the "Voice lead from behind"! A blessed Advent,

Fr. Tom Devery



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Nicoletta Caputo, Ethel Cohen, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Dominick Crea, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Joseph Ennis, Barbara Foresti, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambone, Lorraine Hamer, Jennifer Hoban, Thomas Lamantia, Michael Maniscalco, Andrew Martingano, Joe Mauro, Kelly McCarthy, Chuck Melka, Raymond Nelson, Susan Nemer, Joanne Paramonte, Camille Polly, Joe Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona, , Len Schiffman, Celeste Setty, Amir Shirazi, William St. Laurent, Dora Valente, Lisa Vasquez, Cele Van Winkle and MaryLou Yacovacci.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**FIRST TIME:** Fred Palmer and Lauren D'Aversa  
**SECOND TIME:** Michael Maravintoni and CaraAnn Gargiullo  
Robert Scarimbola and Gina DeLuca

### HOMEBOUNDED PARISHIONERS

If you have a family member, who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the rectory to arrange to have a priest visit. Thank you.

### MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

**Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 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. **Next workshop: Feb. 28<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15PM.**

### 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.**

### HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Healing Mass will be on **Tues., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30PM. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>



### BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
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### 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.

### ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015, from 7:30PM to 11PM for all:**

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Altar Adult Care Committee
Ushers and Sacristans	Adult Choir
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School & Religious
Bereavement Core Team	OLSS Education Faculty
Div. & Separated Core Team	RCIA Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team (AFF)	Parents Assoc. Board
Eucharistic Adorers	50 Plus Group Officers

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call #984-0593 and leave your name and number.**

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY – DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Cardinal Dolan has designated Monday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, as "Advent Reconciliation Monday." All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, including Our Lady Star of the Sea, will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8PM on this day. Please take advantage of this opportunity. As usual, here at OLSS, confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:30 to 4PM and 5 to 5:30PM.



### IN MEMORIAM

### SR. AUDREY BOYLAN, SC

**On Monday, January 5, 2015, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Sr. Audrey in our Church at 7PM. All are invited to attend. (Teachers, Principal of OLSS from 1965-1984)**

### 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.

**Please note that Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church, not the chapel, on Reconciliation Monday - December 15th - from 12pm-8pm.**

### SANCTUARY LAMP 2015

There are no announced masses available for 2015. However, unannounced Masses are available at any time. If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for the year 2015, in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is now open. The donation is \$35. Thank you.

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to clean the Altar Server albs. They would need to be cleaned once a month. If you can help, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number for our Sacristan. Thank you.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. EDWARD FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to work at the Food Pantry and volunteers to help with fundraising. The Pantry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 1PM. If you are interested in putting in a few hours once a month, please contact OLSS volunteer coordinator, Maryann Russo at (718) 984-1625 or by email at [stedwardfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**The pantry is located at 6581 Hylan Blvd. and is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 10AM and 1PM. If you are in need, go to the pantry. If you would like to donate food, they could always use cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, pasta, etc. Thank you.**

### ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### GROUP MEETINGS

**BOOK GROUP:** Check the bulletin for our next meeting. We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart* - Reflections on Following Jesus by Pope Francis. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** The Group will meet on **Wed., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30PM in the rectory. (The following meeting will be Wed., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. 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., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.** (Following meeting: Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>) Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Damato Rm. in the Athletic Center. The next meeting will be on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

PreK3 thru Grade 8

Start your child off on the right path! Become a part of the Catholic school tradition at Our Lady Star of the Sea School

<p><b>OPEN HOUSES</b></p> <p>Pre-K3 Jan 15 • 9-10am          Pre-K4 Jan 7 • 9-10am          Pre-K3-Gr 8 Jan 27 • 9-10am</p> <p><b>INFORMATION SESSION</b></p> <p>Jan 13 • 7-8pm • Pre-K Center</p>	<p><b>REGISTRATION</b></p> <p>Pre-K3 Jan 20 • 9-11am          Pre-K4 &amp; K-7 Grade Jan 21 • 9-11am          O'Mara Hall</p>
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**To Register Call 718-984-5750 Irma Cummings, Principal  
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### ATTENTION OLSS SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

Would you like to help support our Community and School while saving 50% to 90% off of local Staten Island community based places to eat, activities, and places to go? It takes only a minute, and a click of your time. Please visit: [www.LivingSI.com](http://www.LivingSI.com) and become a member. It's that easy!! Once a day, you will receive an e-mail from [www.LivingSI.com](http://www.LivingSI.com) with an offer from a local business that you know and trust. It may be from a restaurant, health and beauty shops, entertainment choices, cultural activities, educational options, sports lessons and camps, and more. If the offer is of interest to you, Purchase, and use it! LivingSI will donate \$1 to Our Lady Star of the Sea School when you select our school in the dropdown menu at the checkout. Thank you very much – every dollar helps. Please spread the word, tell your friends and family!

### 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.

### 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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com)

**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.

### GIVING BASKET

**THE GIFTS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS! THANK YOU!**

### SPORTS NEWS

**CROSS COUNTRY TRACK AND FIELD:** Registration for Cross Country Track and Field is taking place now. Please email Erin Ryan at [tmm4e@verizon.net](mailto:tmm4e@verizon.net) or contact Mia Marinaccio at 718-966-8860 ext. 501. Cross Country is open to boys and girls in grades pre-k through 8. This is a great way to get in shape for other sports or just have fun. All levels are welcome! Fee is \$85 for the season. You can email Erin or call Mia with questions.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPT.

With the holiday season upon us, most people are preoccupied with the details of holiday plans and shopping. Unfortunately, our normal safety precautions are sometimes forgotten, or the excitement of the season causes us to let down our guard. The Police Department reminds us to be alert and aware of our surroundings at all times; travel on populated, well-lit streets and if possible travel with a friend; drive with doors locked, windows closed and a full tank of gas; know how to get to your destination by the most direct and safest route; a green light at a subway entrance means you can enter the subway at that location – a red light means you can't enter; plan your purchases in advance and carry only the amount of cash necessary to make the purchase and remember to record the numbers for each of the credit cards you own. This will facilitate reporting the theft or loss of the card.

<b>12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT</b>	
<b>ACOA</b>	Sun., 5:30PM
<b>AA</b>	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM & 9PM
<b>PILLS ANON.</b>	Tues., 6:30PM
	Fri., 6:30PM
<b>GAMBLERS ANON.</b>	Tues., 8:00PM
<b>AL ANON</b>	Thurs., 7:15PM
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>	
There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Dec. 19th.	
<b>STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104</b>	
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> 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 Jan. 2, 2015	