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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
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. Gennadius. 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. Rizioz, 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. Nicholas

Sunday, December 21, 2014
8:00 A.M.: N. & J. Tucci, J. & N. Mele
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, J. Esposito, N. Rotondi, B. Stackhouse
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.

Rest In Peace
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 15th, 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,
12/12/ 84

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.
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 “Voyces 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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
FIRST TIME: Fred Palmer and Lauren D’Aversa
SECOND TIME: Michael Maravinioni and CaraAnn Gargiullo
Robert Scarimbola and Gina DeLuca

HOMEBOUND 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. 28th 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. 28th 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. 16th, 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 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. 28th
Jan. 14th and Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH
2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays
Dec. 28th
Jan. 14th and Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th

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. 2nd, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call #984-0593 and leave your name and number.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY – DECEMBER 15TH
Cardinal Dolan has designated Monday, Dec. 15th, as “Advent Reconciliation Monday.” All parishioners in the Archdiocese of New York, including Our Lady Star of the Sea, will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on the 15th 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 BOYLIN, 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.
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. 17th, at 7:30PM in the rectory. (The following meeting will be Wed., Jan. 7th.) 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. 19th at 1PM. (Following meeting: Jan. 9th) Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

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. The next meeting will be on Dec. 23rd.
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 and become a member. It’s that easy!!

Once a day, you will receive an e-mail from 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

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!