

**DECEMBER 28, 2014
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
THE HOLY FAMILY**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 27, 2014

9:00AM Patrick Muscaro
4:00PM Emily DeLuca
5:30PM Pasquale Garzillo

Sunday, December 28, 2014

8:00AM Louis Catuogno
9:15AM Albert and Helen Giardino and
Stephanie and George Vierno
10:30AM Ann Fettinger
12 Noon Caroline Tanella
1:15PM Daniel Catalano
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
and Persichilli Fms.

Monday

9:00AM Rudolf Postiglione

Tuesday

9:00AM Joyce Negrete and Emilio Stuccio

Wednesday

9:00AM Jared Dane Scotto

New Year's Eve Mass, Dec. 31, 2014

4:00PM Edwin, Josephine and Thomas Schuster

Thursday, New Years Day, Jan. 1, 2015

9:00AM Mary D'Andrea and Mary Monaco

12 Noon Frank Lazzaro

Friday

9:00AM John Knudson

Saturday, January 3, 2015

9:00AM Edith Sirigano
4:00PM Sophie and Joe Iorio and
John and Jane Graziano
5:30PM Deceased of the Antonini Family

Sunday, January 4, 2015

8:00AM John Tobin
9:15AM Tom and Valerie Lavin
10:30AM Giovanni Iacono
12 Noon Alfred Autin
1:15PM Florence Generosa
7:00PM Vincenzo Graziano LoDuca



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Damian McCaig and Joanna Tepedino

THIRD TIME: Fred Palmer and Lauren D'Aversa

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.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
DECEMBER 28, 2014
IN MEMORY OF PASQUALE AND ROSE DI FIORE
FROM THE THOMSON AND CAHILL FAMILIES**

Lectors – Jan. 3, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM F. Barone

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM V. Caruso, J. Coscia, C. Baggot, A. Maffeo,
A. Petrocelli
5:30PM M. Lappin, C. Losi, F. & A. Saulo, M. Sicari

Lectors – Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015

8:00AM L. Bauer, M. Truckenbrodt
9:15AM M. Higgins, T. O'Connell
10:30AM M. Pinto, E. Newborn
12 Noon F. Monte, S. Catalano
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM P. Zoltowski, R. Bauer, M. Molinini, M. Andreola,
J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM J. Gatto, D. Avena, J. Prato, A. Spoto, R. Corbett
10:30AM C. Ordy, F. Ruggiero, C. & J. Gerace, T. Strange
12 Noon R. Gamba, D. Zaiano, E. & G. Riozzi, C. Belvedere
1:15PM B. Peters, F. Palazzo, M. Randazzo, L. Appel
7:00PM S. Caiazza, M. Recanatini, M. Sprague, A. Manetti,
T. Palmieri

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 3, 2015

4:00 P.M.: D. & D. Battaglia, E. Harris, M. Rivera
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, M. Losi, C. & R. Nicholaou

Sunday, January 4, 2015

8:00 A.M.: C. Luisi, S. Marashaj, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M.: B. Bosquez, A. Discenza, F. & G. Scaramato
10:30 A.M.: G. Artz, A. Auriti, G. Monreale, G. Pelucci
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, A. & R. Ruszkowski, B. Stackhouse
1:15 P.M.: P. Arellano, C., F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M.: L. & PJ Caiazza, J. Petillo, E. Tedesco

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new lector workbooks are in the Sacristy. Please pick one up after mass on the weekend. Please check you 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 NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This Sunday falls smack dab in between this week of family gift giving and welcoming in a New Year 2015. As we say good bye to 2014, we thank God for all blessings and graces He has given to us to get through some tough challenges and to simply be in awe of His mercy and power as we welcome the many innumerable blessings God gives to us each day.

As the ball drops for me on 2014, I'll remember this as a year of transition. As I behold Christ on Christmas day, in my hands at the altar, I remember with grateful affection, all our loved ones who now sleep in the Lord and quietly ask for their intercession. And from my vantage point of looking out at the congregation each day and especially on Sunday, I marvel at the miracle of new life as we welcome our most precious babies through the baptismal font into the life of faith in Christ Jesus. I am delighted to see so much new life in the parish. Merry 1st Christmas to all our newly baptized.

I see the miracle of conversion and transformation each week in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in our beloved Bereavement group, our Adorers each day before the Blessed Sacrament, and the anonymous guests of our rectory basement who daily attend AA, ACOA, OA, GA and Pills Anonymous. All these wonderful graces that come from living sober, renewed from sin, and healed in spirit is clear cut evidence of Christ being the center of our parish and quite alive and active here.

I am uplifted and caught up in Christmas excitement as I behold our children and their teachers and catechists. How blessed am I with such a tremendous cadre of principals, Directors of Religious Education, teachers, aids, catechists and volunteers. All the Christmas pageants, shows and breakfasts with Santa help me marvel watching Christmas unfold through the eyes and talents of our most precious gifts, the children of OLSS. I am equally inspired by the energy, dedication of our coaches, Director of Athletics, all the team players and their rooting parents. Also all involved with Scouting, boys and girl scouts, cubs, brownies, and their parents and leaders: you edify us. We are also so grateful for our food pantry volunteers, who each week quietly deliver the food you so generously donate for those less fortunate.

I am keenly aware of my rectory staff who answers literally hundreds of doorbells, telephone calls and, in the case of our teenage rectory workers, texts, tweets, and all things geek-like, they give joyful service and deflect any negativity that comes their way. Debbie, Madalena, Eileen, Margie, John, Elvie, and Anne Marie, daily you help me give thanks to God for your invaluable support. Santa's elves can't match your skill.

I don't know any parish, and I've been to over 250, when I was on the Parish Mission team, that has so many sacristans, ministers of music, ushers, altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, who not only are present on our weekend Eucharistic Liturgies, but are present for each wedding, funeral and baptism and healing Masses and healing services. Such dedication gives me evidence of the Christ Child's joy drawing us all to gather and adore. I want to give a shout out to our Deaf Community who faithfully attend the 7PM Mass and classes for sign interpreters. God bless you all.

The people we don't see but are ever faithful, Karl Emigholz and his staff, Rick Don and Javiar, our cooks, housekeepers, members of the Freedom Cleaners team, and all the behind the scenes folks who give glory to God like the lowly shepherds. Our Church is spotless and our plant is tidy and our school, gyms, rest rooms and parish home is immaculate and germ free thanks to their vigilance.

I don't know if the three Wise Men had such gifts as I when it comes to the wisdom, wit and deep prayer and faithful witness of Monsignor John Mc Carthy, Monsignor Vincent Bartley (now with family in Ireland), Father Joseph Roesch, MIC, Father David Rider (our newly ordained priest now is Rome), and fresh from Nigeria, Father Basil Akut. Recently Father Stephen Challman, from Saint Rita's has assisted us and so has Father Ambu from the Society of Missionaries of Africa, and our dear friend now back in Glasgow, Monsignor Peter Smith. All my brother priests have been outstanding in the generosity and a pure gift of joy and the wind beneath my wings.

Finally, last but not least, you who are reading this letter now, I give thanks to God and ask that the peace and love of the Holy Family may richly bless you and your loved ones with peace. And may Christ's peace transform not only our hearts, our homes, our parish, our Archdiocese, our country but the whole world. Jesus is born, the Savior of the World. Thanks be to God for you. Wishing you God's choicest blessings in 2015.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Father Tom Devery



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Angela Bifulco,,, Nicoletta Caputo, Grace Cataudella, Ethel Cohen, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Dominick Crea, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambrone, 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.

Rest in Peace 

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Officer Rafael Ramos and Officer Wenjian Liu



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)

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Healing Mass will be on **Tues., Jan. 6th at 7:30PM.**
The Healing Service will be on **Tues., Jan. 20th at 3:30PM.**
Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

MASS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE DECEMBER 31, 2014

4:00PM

MASSES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1, 2015 9:00AM AND 12 NOON



Christmas Flower Offering

During the Christmas Season, our church is adorned with lovely Christmas flowers. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flower fund, please use the envelope found in your packet of Sunday envelopes noting the loved one you would like remembered on the line provided.

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.

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.

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
Food Pantry Volunteers	

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.

St. Mary DiRosa

Paula Frances Mary DiRosa was born Nov. 16, 1813 in Brescia, Italy. Educated by the Visitadine, she left school at age 17 to manage her widowed father's household. Mary did not wish to marry – she was attracted to the convent. She took care of the spiritual needs of the girls working for her father, and she also volunteered to work in the hospital during a cholera epidemic. Later, she founded a home for girls and the hearing impaired. In 1840, she became superior of a religious order who cared for the sick – she took the name Maria Crucifixa. Her Order, the Handmaids of Charity, received papal approval in 1850. Mary died in Brescia in 1855 and was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in 1954.

A LETTER TO FR. TOM FROM THE DELAPI FAMILY

Dear Father Devery,

As you know, Oct. 25th, was one of the hardest days for my daughters, Samantha and Francesca, as well as me. My wife Wendy was suddenly called home to the Lord. As reality sank in, the deeper my fears became, but something wonderful happened. You came to visit with us and then all of Our Lady Star of the Sea pulled together to help. From the Parish, to the School and even the fine people of Villa Monte, we have been shown such great acts of kindness. I've heard it said, "Every cloud has a silver lining," and I believe that silver lining is you as well as all who have helped. So many of the moms have consoled and cooked for my family and helped guide me while feeling lost. Villa Monte has supplied some delicious meals too. Through tears, we can still smile knowing, in our hearts, that although we lost Wendy, and she can never be replaced, we're not left alone. The Lord has put you all in my path and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Thank you so much and may the Lord Bless you all.

Peter, Samantha and Francesca Delapi

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., Jan. 7th**, at **7:30PM in the rectory**. (The following meeting will be Wed., Jan. 21st. 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., Jan. 9th at 1PM**. (Following meeting: Jan. 23rd) 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.

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.

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.

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. 11th 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

Jan. 11th 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

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!

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 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.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Jan. 2nd.

STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

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 Jan. 2, 2015

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

OPEN HOUSES

Pre-K3 Jan 15 9-10am
Pre-K4 Jan 7 9-10am
Pre-K3-Gr 8 Jan 27 9-10am
INFORMATION SESSION
Jan 13 7-8pm Pre-K Center

REGISTRATION

Pre-K3 Jan 20 9-11am
Pre-K4 & K-7 Grade
Jan 21 9-11am
O Mara Hall

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To Register Call 718-984-5750 Irma Cummings, Principal
or 718-984-0593 Debbie Emigholz, Parish Manager
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