

DECEMBER 7, 2014
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 6, 2014

- 9:00AM** Lee and Karen Leyton,
Charles Kohm and Charles Palisay
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Thayer
and Matzelle Fms.
5:30PM Patricia Balestrieri

Sunday, December 7, 2014

- 8:00AM** Carrie Ann Chevront and Italia Porretta
9:15AM Deceased Members of the Ennis and Healy Fms.
10:30AM Clementina Rispoli
12 Noon Olga and Andres Rosado
1:15PM Antoinette and Patrick Vulpi
7:00PM Robert, Rachel and Philip Puglise

Monday, December 8th, The Immaculate Conception

- 7:00AM** Anna Mae Petito
9:00AM Ralph Brasco
12 Noon Louis Grezzo
8:00PM Basil Khoury

Tuesday

- 9:00AM** Michael Gurge

Wednesday

- 9:00AM** Violet Cozzetto

Thursday

- 9:00AM** Joseph DeCandia

Friday

- 9:00AM** Beatrice DiDomenico

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 DelDuca
1:15PM Mary and Dominick Biscardi
7:00PM Giuseppe and Giuseppina Brullo

St. Eligius Bishop – Dec. 1

Eligius was born 590 in Limoges, France. He was a very skilled metalsmith and was appointed master of the mint. He was close friends with the king and with his fame came great fortune. He was very generous to the poor, ransomed many slaves and built churches and monasteries. Later on, he became a priest and was made Bishop of Noyan and Tourmai. He preached in Flanders, Antwerp, Ghent and Courtaim, where he made many converts. Eligius died Dec. 1st around 660 and is the Patron of Metalworkers. (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
DECEMBER 7, 2014
IN MEMORY OF STEPHANIE VIERNO
FROM THE O'CONNOR FAMILY

Lectors – Dec. 13, 2014

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

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014

- 8:00AM** MJ Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM MA Higgins
10:30AM F. Monte, M. Coppolo
12 Noon A. Saulo
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM K. Melka, J. Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 13, 2014

- 4:00 P.M.:** D. & D. Battaglia, D. & L. Cavicchio
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, M. Coelho, S. Imbro, A. Romani

Sunday, December 14, 2014

- 8:00 A.M.:** C. Luisi, S. Marashaj, J. & N. Mele
9:15 A.M.: B. Bosques, A. Discenza, E. Carey, K. Lee
10:30 A.M.: A. Auriti, G. Monreale, G. Pelucco, C. Trang
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, R. Ruskowski, C. Sikorjak, B. Walsh
1:15 P.M.: G. Artz, P. Arellano, H. Caruso, G. Gulotta
7:00 P.M.: J. Petillo, D. Russo, G. & V. Sicari, T. Palmieri

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Healing Service will be on Tues., Dec. 9th, at 3:30PM.
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.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*Sr. Audrey Boylan, Joyce Pizzimenti, Rose Priano,
Joseph Owen Ennis and Stanley Lenick*

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,

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says the Lord". What beautiful words from the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed for us during this second week in Advent. There is a felt need for a Savior. Like the song, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, Jesus comes to us as our Redeemer. A redeemer is one who literally buys back or pays the ransom for someone held kidnapped. A kidnapped victim can only wait and hope someone comes through. Such are we in our crazy world. We are kidnapped by our weak wills thinking we can handle all things. Our culture reinforces the exact opposite message. Our secular culture has deleted us of Jesus and Christmas. We kill ourselves shopping, and yet the gift isn't totally satisfying. We can't cope with the stresses of life and we so we drink, we binge eat, we shop, we turn to internet for adult entertainment and whenever we try to stop our weak wills from doing this, we loose big time and it's as if we were in quicksand and all our fretting just helps us sink faster. Why does AA and all the 12 step programs work because when we finally 'hit bottom" we turn over our wills to the ONE who is greater than ourselves. For us believers we have a true felt need for a Savior. That is why Advent is so important, Jesus comes to us to rescue us from ourselves. This is the comfort we need, to turn our wills, our lives and our sins over to the ONE WHO SAVES, that's what the translation and meaning of the name JESUS. He is still the reason for the season.

To concretely invite you into a new life in Christ, on Monday, December 15, 2014, every parish church in the Archdiocese of New York has been directed by Cardinal Dolan to open it's doors, have their priests cease what they are doing and be present for confessions. We call this ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY. This will occur from 4PM to 8PM. We will be available in our parish church to meet you with God's mercy.

When I was on the Parish Mission Team we had come up with an examination of conscience and so I will have these reproduced to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. Please don't sweat the small details such as, "I don't know the prayers for opening lines for confession, or the act of Contrition", we priests just want to welcome you to the comfort that only Jesus can bring. We can help you get deep inner peace.

I want to thank Bishop John O' Hara for ministering to our Confirmation Class this past Monday. I want to especially thank the teachers and catechists who have done an excellent job in preparing our young people for this precious gift of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, as a parish community, we have experienced a tremendous loss of unexpected young people dying. It is most difficult when an older person dies, but when a young man or woman goes to God in an untimely fashion, this can wreck our faith and leave us cold especially around the holiday time. But as I said in the beginning, I have been pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of love and comfort you have given to these grief stricken families. Please continue to remember them in your prayers and if there's a ton of food left over from your celebrations don't forget that just a simple call and dropping off a meal, can mean the world to someone long after a funeral.

Finally a word of tremendous appreciation for all who took from our Giving Tree and have the courage to face the crowded malls to make someone unknown to you more appreciative this Christmas. Believe me, small acts of kindness in a busy time doesn't go unnoticed by the Savior. You extend His love and comfort all throughout this season and when He comes into your heart, there's a gift of peace that no money can buy.

This Monday, December 8th, since she's the patroness of the United States of America, is a holyday of obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Looking forward to seeing you at the Lord's Table, 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, Joseph Ennis, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambrone, Lorraine Hamer, Thomas Lamantia, Michael Maniscalco, Andrew Martingano, Kelly McCarthy, Chuck Melka, Joanne Paramonte, Camille Polly, Joe Puglisi, Len Schiffman, Celeste Setty, Amir Shirazi, William St. Laurent, Carmen Vera, Cele Van Winkle and MaryLou Yacovacci.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Michael Maravintoni and CaraAnn Gargiullo
Robert Scarimbola and Gina DeLuca
THIRD TIME: Vincent Racioppi and Dina Catalano
Salvatore Zaccariello and Jolene Michilli
Erik Pica and Marisa Palmieri
Frank Jordan and Elaine Baumann

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. 28nd at 8:15PM.**

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.

VISIT OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Archdiocesan Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting the Archdiocese of New York and Immaculate Conception Church at 128 Targee Street has been appointed as Pilgrimage site for all Staten Island. You are invited to join them to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the image on Wednesday, December 10th at 7PM. The image will be exposed for veneration until midnight.

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.

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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DEC. 8TH

THE MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY WILL
BE AT 7AM, 9AM, 12 NOON AND 8PM.



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. 28st
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

Dec. 28th
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.

NATIONAL VIGIL FOR LIFE

The National Vigil for Life, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will take place on December 8th, from 9PM to 1AM, at St. Clare's Parish, Our Lady Chapel, 110 Nelson Ave., Great Kills, to pray for an end to abortion.

MAKE-UP RECONCILIATION PARENTS MEETING

On Monday, Dec. 8th, at 11AM, in the Damato Meeting Rm, in the Athletic Center, there will be a meeting for those Parents who missed the Nov. 10th Reconciliation Meeting. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Quaglia at the Rel. Education Office (718) 984-1885.



IN MEMORIAM

SR. AUDREY BOYLAN, SC

Sr. Audrey Boylan, who was born on Nov. 24, 1929, in New York City, died on Dec. 2, 2014, at the Convent of Mary the Queen, Yonkers, New York. Sr. Audrey entered the Sisters of Charity of New York on February 2, 1950 and received the religious name Sister Thomas Miriam. However, we knew her as "Sr. Audrey." Sister Audrey received a BA in History from the College of Mount Saint Vincent, an MA in Education from Seton Hall and an MA in Administration from Richmond College, Staten Island. Her ministry of education spanned many levels, from elementary through university. She was missioned to Our Lady Star of the Sea in 1965, where she taught for six years before being appointed principal where she served until 1984. In September 1981, Sister Audrey was unanimously named "Today's Catholic Teacher Principal of the Month" by her students and staff and at the 1982 annual National Catholic Education Association Convention in Chicago, Sister Audrey received the Principal of the Year Award. A teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea once said that Sister Audrey had the right combination of virtues, "I find her exceptionally warm and compassionate, and yet a strong and very demanding principal. She is always there when we need her and her door is always open for the faculty and children."

May she rest in peace.

On Monday, January 5, 2015, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Sr. Audrey in our Church at 7PM. All are invited to attend.

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, Dec. 12th, at 8PM in the Church. Please join us for an uplifting evening of scripture and song. Refreshments to follow. We look forward to a wonderful evening filled with the spirit of the season shared with good friends.

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. Our new selection is *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. 12th at 1PM**. (Following meeting: Dec. 19th) 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. 9th.

ANTI-BULLYING SUPPORT GROUP: **Tues., Dec. 9 from 6:30 - 8pm**, Play It Forward NY: Anti-Bully support Group meeting at Rossville AME Zion Church basement 584 Bloomingdale Road, SI NY. Free meeting, free refreshments.

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!

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. This weekend, the 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. 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, (656) 932-3030, and leave your name and number. We will also have tags for gift cards for families in need in our parish. For information about families in need, call Debbie Emigholz, the Parish Manager at (718) 984-0593.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS ON DEC. 13/14 NO LATER!! – SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

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.

SPORTS NEWS

INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION: Final registrations for the Winter Intramural League will be held on Monday, December 1st and Monday, December 8th, from 7:30PM at the Athletic Center. The season runs from January through early April for both girls and boys kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have any questions, call Joe Mazzella at (917) 748-3928.

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.

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.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACO A	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, Dec. 12th.

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