



February 14, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
 First Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 13

- 9:00AM Sadie Festa
- 4:00PM Edith Ponzi
- 5:30PM Alice Pedersen

Sunday, February 14

- 8:00AM Pasquale Fuda
- 9:15AM Rosa Salvatore & Michael Pallante
- 10:30AM Stefano & Giacomina DiMaggio
- 12 Noon Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano
- 1:15PM Deceased Members of the Competello, DeFazio & Bauer Families
- 7:00PM Stephen & Lucy Ferrigno

Monday, February 15

- 9:00AM Dorothy Cruser

Tuesday, February 16

- 9:00 AM Gary Carter

Wednesday, February 17

- 9:00AM John Galletta

Thursday, February 18

- 9:00AM John Galletta

Friday, February 19

- 9:00AM Anthony Sellitti

Saturday, February 20

- 9:00AM Giuseppa Palazzolo
- 4:00PM Anna Marie Tobin
- 5:30PM Fortuna Ambrosio

Sunday, February 21

- 8:00AM Kathleen Rossiter
- 9:15AM Stephen LoCastro
- 10:30AM John C. Orfano
- 12 Noon Luigi Garafano
- 1:15PM Josephine Bamundo
- 7:00PM James Meehan

St. Finbar of Cloneenagh Abbott - February 17

Legend has it that Finbar's mother, before her birth, received an angelic apparition predicting his holiness. In childhood, Finbar had the gift of prophecy and knowledge of distant events. He was trained by St. Columba. Eventually Finbar settled in Cloneenagh leading an austere life of a hermit. He gathered disciples and built a monastery where the monks ate nothing but herbs and drank only water. Finbar, though severe with himself, was gentle and compassionate with others. Some testify that when he went off by himself to pray, he was surrounded by light. He died in 603. (JM)



Banns of Marriage

Second Time: Peter Otterbeck & Amber Abruzese

Black History Month Mass

The Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary are celebrating Black History Month next Sunday, **February 21** at the **12 NOON Mass**. Bishop John O'Hara will be the celebrant. All are invited to come celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy! A reception sponsored by the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary will immediately follow in O'Mara Hall.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
 Week of February 14-20
 In Memory Of
Elvira Venuto

Given with love from your devoted son,
Danny

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 20

- 4:00PM E Vitiello
- 5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, February 20

- 4:00PM B Nicholson, A Petrocelli, J Uhlman, L Barbato, C Bondolillo, & V Caruso
- 5:30PM J Cimino, M Lappin, A Dazio, F Barone, C Losi

Lectors – Sunday, February 21

- 8:00AM M Higgins
- 9:15AM MA Higgins
- 10:30AM M Pinto
- 12 Noon B Weir
- 1:15PM C Messina
- 7:00PM T Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers, February 21

- 8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, A Sparandera, C Rosato, & J Stanzione
- 9:15AM W Higgins, J Zinsley, L Capobianco, M Sprague, & J Gatto
- 10:30AM C Ordy, B Barone, J&C Gerace, E&G Riozzi
- 12 Noon S Catalano, L Appel, C Belvedere, C Bottiglia, J Tolento, & Sr. Rosemary
- 1:15PM R Lamonica, B Peters, N Villani, MA Russo, & M Recanatini
- 7:00PM C Barone, K Melka, A Zuffante, E Bellina, S Caiazza

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 20

- 4:00 PM K Marchisella, V Pavlick
- 5:30 PM M&E Losi, R&C Nicholaou

Sunday, February 21

- 8:00 AM J Bell, M Esposito
- 9:15 AM S Marashaj, M Coelho, B Bosques
- 10:30 AM A Castelle, R Ruzskowski, G Monreale
- 12:00 Noon N Salerno, A Romani
- 1:15 PM C, C, F & T Nieves
- 7:00 PM L&PJ Caiazza, E Tedesco, R Faljean



Sincere Condolences

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

Vito Marando, Sally Ling, Patricia Viscardi, Teresa Santo, Elizabeth Herman & Annmarie Riley

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, Feb. 16 @ 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome to attend. (*The next Healing Mass will be March 1 at 7:30 pm*)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Valentine's Day and more importantly, welcome to the Holy Season of Lent during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Lent, in old English, meant "springtime". We are invited to enter into this special time of grace, to intensify our personal relationship with Jesus, to forgive and to be forgiven and most especially, to perform works of charity and almsgiving and sacrifice. The mortification and fasting of the senses provide us with the carving out of our egos so that Christ can fill us with his grace and mercy.

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Nor is there eating between meals. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able. Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. This is for all those who have reached the age of 14 and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both Fast and Abstinence Days as are all Fridays in Lent.

Here are some examples of penance during Lent that help us grow closer to the Lord. Mass is offered every day at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church at 9AM. There can be no better gift we can give ourselves than drawing closer to Christ and receiving Him in Holy Communion every day if possible. Also Confessions will be heard from 3:30PM on Saturday and again at 5PM on Saturday. If possible, also in between Mass times on Sunday, depending upon the availability of the priests. A creative practice of penance is not going on Facebook during the 40 days of Lent. Another is giving up whining. I once heard of a glass jar where people put in extra change when they heard themselves speak nasty, curse or gossip and that money was given to the poor box to unite themselves with helping the poor.

Lent is a time of doing works of mercy, visiting the sick, burying the dead, feeding the hungry, serving in soup kitchens, clothing the naked, emptying out your closet and donating your unused clothes for the poor.

Lent is a time to decide how much to offer the Cardinal's Appeal Program of Sharing God's Gifts. Your financial sacrifice helps our Church in the work of charity, education and evangelization and its mission to spread the Gospel.

During this season of Lent it's good to read Sacred Scripture and go online for good spiritual books, take a trip to the Alba House and spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. In Alba House and Holy Child Church, there is 24/7 perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in silence and it's quite refreshing. You are also encouraged to join us here in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church every Monday through Thursday from 12 noon to 5pm in our weekday chapel for Eucharistic Adoration.

Perhaps what would be more appropriate for this season is to go and make a pilgrimage to walk through the Door of Mercy and any of the five designated Shrines of the Archdiocese of New York. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral, it's the Door of Mercy located on the 51st Street and 5th Avenue entrance. There is also the Basilica of Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Mott Street in lower Manhattan, the Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in Washington Heights, the Marian Shrine of Don Bosco in Haverstraw, New York which is located in Rockland County, and finally there is the National Shrine for Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Middletown, which is in Orange County.

May the determined faith of these great days reap a hundredfold of graces and blessings in each of your lives.

A blessed and holy Lent,

Father Tom Devery

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, Feb. 28**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (*Next workshop: April 24.*)



Sick List

Carmella Beirne, Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Ethel Cohen, Jay Coller, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marian Concadora, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Thomas Eagers, Zeina Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Marie Graziano, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Robert Petersen, Susanne Petronella, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Carmen & John Ragona, Eva Ragona, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Michelle Scalzo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Edward Simas, Donna Slavine, Dora Valiente, Billy Van Velson, Lisa Vasquez. **Please Note: If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

THE RITE OF SENDING CATECHUMEN is celebrated today on the **First Sunday of Lent**. The Rite of Sending will be celebrated first with the catechumen (the unbaptized) **Afshin Shirazi**, who has been preparing for many months to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This rite offers the local parish the opportunity to express our approval and to send them forth to the Cardinal for the Rite of Election with the assurance of the parish's care and support.

In the afternoon, Afshin, together with all catechumen from around the Diocese, will gather at St. Patrick's Cathedral with their godparents to be chosen, accepted, and elected by the Cardinal to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. After this ritual they are no longer known as catechumen, but "the Elect." The Church community plays an important role in giving good example to the elect as we prepare to celebrate the Easter solemnities that has the focus the Sacrament of Baptism.

LENT 2016

Fast & Abstinence: Good Friday, March 25th, is a day of fast & abstinence. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

Confessions: Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:30 to 4PM and from 5 to 5:30 PM in the Church. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, March 25th from 12 NOON to 2:30 PM.

Stations of the Cross: are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, March 25th, we will hold Meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ in word and song through the Eyes of His Mother Mary at 8PM in the Church.

Lenten Love Offering: Jesus challenges us each Lent to show our love for one another by reaching out to help those in need. In Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks about those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, and those in prison. Each one of us can make a difference. **This weekend, Feb. 13 & 14, we invite you to pick up an offering box when you come to Church.** The children in the OLSS Religious Education Program and School and their families are participating also. Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. **Please return your love offering boxes to the Church on the weekend of March 12 & 13, the weekend before Palm Sunday.**

Easter Mission at Our Lady Star of the Sea: Father Jude Siciliano, O.P. and Sister Patricia Bruno, O.P. will conduct a Parish Mission from Sun., April 17th through Thurs., April 21st. The Mission will begin at 7:30 PM each evening in the church.

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER REGISTRATION



Open Soccer Registration will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center on **Monday, Feb. 22** from **6:30 to 7:30PM** for all players which include 3 year olds (Clinic), Pee Wee (4 & 5 yr. olds), & SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL

players and \$150 for 3 yr. olds, Pee Wee and siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall you do NOT need to register again in the spring. Tentative season opening weekend April 2.

SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

OLSS will be holding its 2016 Spring Baseball Registration on **Thursdays, Feb. 18th & 25th** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at the OLSS Athletic Center. Fees are: PreK & K - \$125, 1st & 2nd Grades - \$135, 3rd-8th Grades - \$175.

For more info, visit the website at www.olssbaseball.com or call Dennis DellaValle 718-757-1630.



OLSS 50+ Club Trip to Sands Casino

The 50+ Club of OLSS will be taking a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Fri., March 18**. The bus will be leaving the parking lot at 9am. The cost is \$42 per person, and each person will receive back \$25 in play and \$5 for food. Please contact Terry at 718-317-1801.

Solicitations on Church Property

Last week it was brought to our attention that there was an individual standing outside after all of the Masses soliciting donations from parishioners. Please know that anyone who is in need of assistance can come to the Parish Office, and we will help them. More often than not, these solicitations are not genuine, and the donations are not going to a person in real need. If you'd like to make a donation, please utilize the Poor Boxes in the Church, or you may contact the Rectory. Your donations to the poor are used to help families in need.

Religious Education News

A very special **THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Castaldo** and her **2nd grade** evening students in **Class 2-E04** for the beautiful quilt you made for the Religious Education Office. It makes us smile every time we look at it, and it shows how much love you have in your hearts. God bless you and your families!

SCHOOL NEWS

- **OLSS Registration** for grades Pre-K3 – 8th is ongoing. Call the school office to set up an appointment at 984-5750.
- The spring session of **Bricks for Kids** begins this Friday, February 19th. There is still time to register your OLSS student in grades K-4 for this exciting program.
- **Congratulations** to the Our Lady Star of the Sea Varsity Cheerleaders who competed in the UCA National Competition in Disney World. We are so proud of you!



Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on **Feb. 26**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at **7:30p.m.** in the Rectory.

Bereavement Group – The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be on **Wed., February 17 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join or would like more information, please call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thurs., March 3 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society - The next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **February 17th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information please call Chairmen Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Adult Faith Formation-Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you now? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.





Cluster Corner

The New York Archdiocese initiative "Making All Things New" seeks to address how the archdiocese can best meet the religious, spiritual, and pastoral needs of the people of God now and in the future.

This section is devoted to informing OLSS parishioners of various events that are being held at other Cluster Parishes.

Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. Eve. 4:30 PM Family Mass; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM Family Mass, 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 4 PM (Spanish) & 6:30 PM Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 6123 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 10 AM (Italian), 11 AM, 1 PM, & 6 PM Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri. 7 & 8 AM, Sat. 8 AM

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy

Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the Baptism Preparation Policy. All parish families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the OLSS Baptismal Class. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Fri 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.



Baptismal Class & Ceremony Dates

February 14 & 28
March 13, April 10 & 24
May 8 & 22

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 Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

Are you or someone you know experiencing the pain of divorce or separation from a spouse? The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics with the help of counselors, theologians, and priests. Go from pain and loneliness to hope and healing.

Tuesdays 7pm-9pm from February 23 – May 10 at St. Ann's Rectory (101 Cromwell Ave).

Cost: \$25 per person (includes book & refreshments)

Register at divorced.nyfamilylife.org or call 646-794-3185

Jaime's LILAC Foundation

Annual Dinner & Awards Gala

Saturday, March 5, 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm

The Historic Old Bermuda Inn (301 Veterans Road West)

\$100 per person (includes open bar)

RSVP by February 27th at www.jaimeslilac.org

Join us in commemorating Jaime's 40th birthday as we raise money to help support patients who are fighting cancer with a night of dinner and dancing – including an awards ceremony, auction, and raffles. Jaime's LILAC Foundation was founded in 2014 in loving memory of Jaime Moltisanti Cucuzza, who died of lung cancer at age 38. Jaime's LILAC is a 501(c)3 organization whose goals are to provide care packages to patients fighting cancer and funding to hospitals leading the way in cancer research. For more information, visit jaimeslilac.org.

Ignatian Spirituality Session

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on **Saturday, March 5th** in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Rd.) at St Clare's parish. They meet right after the Sat. 9am Mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10am.

Help Wanted - Catechist - Adult RCIA Program

The RCIA Program at OLSS has expanded so that it can meet the needs of our parish community. We are in need of an additional catechist who can lend a hand and assist our core team with the program. If you are an experienced certified catechist and would like to be considered for this wonderful ministry, please contact Joe Limeri at 347-541-9757.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not spend one hour with me?



OLSS Weekly Adoration Mon-Thurs

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each week, **Monday-Thursday** in the **OLSS Chapel** from **12 Noon-5pm**. Volunteers, or Adorers, sign up for one hour shifts to sit with our Lord during this time. We welcome you to sign up for any one hour that would suit your needs, however, we are in urgent need of Adorers to sit for the following times:

Tuesdays 1-2 PM

Thursdays 2-3 PM

If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration, please call Carol Ordy at 917-536-8576.

Holy Child Perpetual Adoration 24/7

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Holy Child Church holds adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are in urgent need of adorers for the following one hour timeslots:

Sundays 1 AM & 9 PM

Mondays 6 PM

Tuesdays 2 AM

Wednesdays 1 PM

If you'd like to volunteer, please call Sal Lavanco at 718-948-6048.

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:

Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating, binge eating and other eating disorders using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA*. (*Adaption granted by AA World Services) **Friday Night Meeting "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM** Face-to-Face Meeting in our Basement Rectory Phone Meeting (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212 Access Code: 950-897# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone) For Additional Meetings and More Information Visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393

STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

*PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, 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 March 3.