

**FEBRUARY 15, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 15, 2015
IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY RIZZOTTI
WITH LOVE FROM ANGIE & SCOTT**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, February 14, 2015

9:00AM Anthony Pepe
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, February 15, 2015

8:00AM Angelo Ricciardi
9:15AM Rosa and Salvatore Pallante
10:30AM Alfred Austin
12 Noon Marco Fusillo and Eugene Sparano
1:15PM Lena, Ciro and Jerry D'Agostino
7:00PM Lucy Ferigno

Monday

9:00AM Gary E. Carter

Tuesday

9:00AM Marie Lepere

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015

7:00AM Ralph Monaco, Werdot and Dave Shukri
9:00AM Ann Twomey
12 Noon Valerie and Tom Lavin
8:00PM Charles Milazzo

Thursday

9:00AM Giuseppe Conenna

Friday

9:00AM Rev. Joseph M. McKenna

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015

9:00AM Stephen J. LoCastro
4:00PM Anna Marie Tobin
5:30PM George Strahm

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015

8:00AM Andrea Falotico
9:15AM Eva Torres
10:30AM Carmela and James Voulo
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Riozzi Family
1:15PM Frank Paternoster
7:00PM Luigi Garofano



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Margo Riskosz and Anthony Luciano
Joseph Catalano and Kara M. Hannula

St. Juliana, Virgin & Martyr, Feb. 16

Juliana was born in the 3rd Century during the persecution of Emperor Maximian. Her father, Africanus, scourged her because of her close Christian attachment. Later, when she refused to marry the prefect, she was tortured by her father and thrown into prison. While in prison, according to legend, she wrestled with the devil who appeared in the form of an angel. St. Juliana refused to give up her faith – evil spirits could not move her. Juliana was thrown into a fiery furnace and later into boiling oil. She remained unharmed and, as a result, she was beheaded. Her relics are kept in Cumal near Naples.

Lectors – Feb. 21, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM A. Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM C. Baggott, M. Sicari, B. Peters, A. Petrocelli, V. Caruso
5:30PM C. Houle, J. Cimino, J. Uhlman, A. Manetti, A. Spoto

Lectors – Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM J. Zinsley, T. O'Connell
10:30AM B. Paccione, E. Newborn
12 Noon M. Higgins, F. Monte
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM T. Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM J. Stanzione, M. Andreola, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM E. & G. Riozzi, B. & MA Higgins, C. Rosato
10:30AM J. Tolento, C. & J. Gerace, G. Balestrino, C. Ordy
12 Noon N. Fallacaro, S. Catalano, M. Randazzo, M. Recanatini, C. Messina
1:15PM MA Russo, B. Higgins, M. Sprague, F. Palazzo, M. Sprague
7:00PM E. Bellina, R. Scarpati, T. Palmieri, S. Caiazza, S. Scotto

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 21, 2015

4:00 P.M.: K. Marchisella, J. & K. Martino, V. Pavlick
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, N. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani

Sunday, February 22, 2015

8:00 A.M.: J. Bell, S. Marashaj, N. & J. Mele
9:15 A.M.: A. Discenza, K. Lee, F. Scarmato, M. Coelho
10:30 A.M.: A. & V. Castelle, C. Trang, E. Tedesco
12:00 Noon: N. Rotondi, D. Russo, C. Sikorkjak, B. Walsh
1:15 P.M.: P. Arellano, R. Faljean, G. Artz, G. Marino
7:00 P.M.: L. & PJ Caizzo, J. Magnotti, C. & J. Rubin



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*John Orfano,, Mary Curran, Vironica Gibbons,
Margaret Devlin, Catherine Magee and Edith Ponzi*

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.

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.

HEALING SERVICE

The next Healing Service will be on **Tues., Feb. 17th**, at **3:30PM**.

During our March Lenten retreat, we will have Anointing of the Sick, during Mass on March 5th at 7:30PM. There will be no Healing Service in March. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

Sunday, Feb. 22nd 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: April 26th at 8:15PM**.

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.

FDNY NEW PROGRAM TO KEEP SENIORS SAFER

Through a grant, secured by US Senators Charles Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand, who last July urged the FEMA Administration to approve funding, members of the FDNY Foundation-funded Fire Safety Education Unit will install free smoke alarms in the homes of seniors, as well as in the home of members of the deaf and hard of hearing community and people with disabilities who are homebound. The alarms have a ten-year battery life. They will also conduct a home safety review for residents. To schedule a free, in home fire safety review and installation of a smoke alarm in your home, call (718) 281-3872.

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.

OLSS FIFTY PLUS CLUB TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Where: Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, When: Tues., Feb. 17th, Price: \$61 per person (includes bus, Valentine Show starring Chris Pinella, transportation and \$25 back in slot play). For more information and reservations, **call Theresa at (718) 317-1801**.

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.

LENT 2015

Ash Wednesday: Masses on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th, will be at 7AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 8PM. Ashes will be distributed only at Mass and at Services at 3:30PM and 4:30PM. They will only be distributed to those who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Grade or above). Small children will be given a special blessing. *There will be confessions available during the Masses and Services on Ash Wednesday.*

Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th, and Good Friday, April 3rd, are days of fast and 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 5:30PM in the Church. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, April 3rd, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM. *There will be confessions available during the Masses and Services on Ash Wednesday.*

Stations of the Cross: are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, April 3rd, 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.

Mission at Our Lady Star of the Sea: Our pastor, Fr. Thomas Devery, along with a mission team, will conduct our Parish Mission from Monday, March 2nd, and will end with a Mass of Anointing of the Sick on March 5th, at 7:30PM in the church. The Mission begins at 7:30PM each evening.

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. **On the weekend of Feb. 21/22, 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 21/22, the weekend before Palm Sunday.**

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS BASEBALL REGISTRATION 2015

PLACE: OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

DATES:

THURSDAY – 2/19/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

THURSDAY – 3/5/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

***FEES: PRE-K 4-K - \$125.00

GRADES 1-2 - \$135.00

GRADES 3-8 - \$175.00

*****COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FOR GRADES 1-8*****

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT DENNIS

DELLAVALLE @ 718-757-1630

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD

REGISTRATION FORMS AT OLSSBASEBALL.COM

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart* - Reflections on Following Jesus by Pope Francis. **The next meeting is on Thurs., Feb. 19th, at 7:30PM** at the Rectory. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., Feb. 18th at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., March 4th. 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., Feb. 27th at 11:30PM, at which time they will be having a Yoga class.** 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 2016 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The 2016 Mass book is now open. Due to the fact that we have a large parish and that in 2016, we will no longer have a 1:15PM Mass on Sunday, at this time, you may take up to **THREE** Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.)

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED

Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language is offering American Sign Language classes for the Spring 2015 semester. Classes are 5 college credits each. Call 718-984-8200 for tuition and other information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

There is a mandatory meeting on **Monday, Feb. 23rd, at 7:30PM**, in O'Mara Hall, for parents of the 2nd Grade Communion Class (both OLSS School and Religious Education).

OLSS HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEN'S CLUB

The first meeting of the new OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will meet on March 3rd at 7:30PM in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information call chairmen Robert Cermeli at 718-317-7314 or Pete Capellino at 718-356-3433. Topics to be discussed: Christmas Tree Fundraiser and Parish Picnic.

WRESTLING SHOW TO BENEFIT OLSS SCHOOL

Come join us in O'Mara Hall on Saturday March 21st. Doors open at 7pm, show begins at 8pm. \$20 per ticket. For tickets and more information call 917-903-1347 or visit www.WarriorsOfWrestling.com. This event is sponsored by the Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL-ST. BENEDICTA REUNION

Annual Reunion for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta Alumni Graduating classes 1964-1990, Saturday March 14th-4pm to 11pm \$50 per person, includes: Hot Buffet, Dessert Station, DJ, Photobooth, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and some hidden surprises for all. This is a BYOB event - asst'd soda and water will be provided.

For information call (718) 447-9079.

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

Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th
June 14 and June 28
July 12th and July 26th
August 9th and August 23rd



BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th
June 14 and June 28
July 12th and July 26th
August 9th and August 23rd

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2015, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **March 23rd and April 20th from 5:30 to 7PM in the School building.** You must be a registered parishioner in order for your child to attend Religious Education at OLSS. For further information, call the Religious Education office at (718) 984-1885.



SICK LIST

Please pray for the sick:

Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Ella Milo, Carmen Ragona.
Please call the Rectory to have a name placed on the sick list.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS
OLSS SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION
FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8th grade will be Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in O'Mara Hall 9:00 – 10:00

PREK THREE YEAR OLDS – The three year-old sessions will be offered two days (Tues. – Thurs.) AM (8:30 – 11:00) and PM (12:00 – 2:30) Sessions available. Students must be three years of age by Dec. 31, 2015 and potty trained.

PREK FOUR YEAR OLDS – The four year-old sessions will be offered three full days 8:30 – 2:30 (Mon., Wed., and Fri.) Students must be four years of age by Dec. 31, 2015 and potty trained.

KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE – Kindergarten students must be five year of age by Dec. 31, 2015. You must be a registered parishioner (register at the Parish Office) to apply

.IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE (718) 984-5750.

The following items should be present at all registrations

- Birth certificate (Copy and Original)
- Baptismal certificate (if not Catholic Ok, if Baptized at OLSS just need date)
- Nonrefundable \$200 application fee made out to OLSS per child
- \$200 Fair Share fee per family (Gr. K – 8 only)
- Sunday collection envelope number (Gr. K – 8 must be a registered at parish)
- Academic records including standardized test results and report cards for 2 years (Gr. 1 – 8)
- If child has an IEP or IESP a copy must be brought in.

*****If you are unable to attend registration, please contact the school office to set up an appointment (718) 984-5750.

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.

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, Feb. 20th.
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 March 5, 2015



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