

February 21, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
 Second Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

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 Garofano
 1:15PM Josephine Bamundo
 7:00PM James Meehan

Monday, February 22

9:00AM Patricia Buttle

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 AM Donald Bennett

Wednesday, February 24

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

Thursday, February 25

9:00AM Pat & Frances Riozzi

Friday, February 26

9:00AM Catherine Manetta

Saturday, February 27

9:00AM John Cali
 4:00PM Dominick & Anthony Ferraioli
 5:30PM George Strahm

Sunday, February 28

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Griffin Family
 9:15AM Esperanza Rodriguez
 10:30AM John Orfano
 12 Noon Anthony Sellitti
 1:15PM Joseph Manfredi
 7:00PM Pat & Frances Riozzi

St. Margaret of Cortona – February 22

Margaret was a beautiful and also a spoiled child, but this changed when her mother died and her father remarried. Margaret and the stepmother hated each other, every day was a battle of wills. Soon Arsenio, the 16 year old son of a baron, invited 13 year old Margaret to live with him as his mistress – she accepted, and went to live in his castle. She was a peasant girl living with a nobleman – he would never marry her despite giving birth to his son. When Arsenio was murdered, Margaret decided to amend her sinful life, she went to the Franciscans of Cortona and undertook numerous penances, e.g. sleeping on the floor, starvation diet, and whipping herself to curb her sexual desires. 3 years later, she became a nun, founding a hospital for the poor. When speaking of confession she would say, "You must unwrap the wound in order to heal it." Her penances were so extreme, once Our Lord appeared to her and said, "Margaret, enough!" (JM)

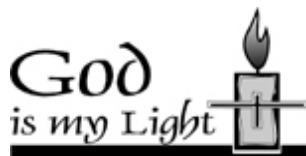


Banns of Marriage

Third Time: Peter Otterbeck & Amber Abruzese

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.)



The Sanctuary Lamp For The
 Week of February 21-27
 Given In Memory Of

Lisa Schmidt

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Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 27

4:00PM C Harris
 5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, February 27

4:00PM J Coscia, A Petrocelli, E Vitiello, C Biondillo, V Caruso
 5:30PM C Losi, B Weir, F Monte, M Andreola, A Pompei

Lectors – Sunday, February 28

8:00AM L Bauer
 9:15AM J Zinsley
 10:30AM B Paccione
 12 Noon M Newell
 1:15PM R LaMonica
 7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, February 28

8:00AM M Ennis, P Zoltowski, R Bauer, C Rosato, J Stanzione
 9:15AM J Gatto, L Capobianco, D Avena, M Sprague, J Zinsley
 10:30AM C Ordy, E&G Riozzi, MA Higgins, G Balestrino, & T Strange
 12 Noon A Maffeo, J Prato, L Appel, S Catalano, C Belvedere
 1:15PM G Decker, F&R Marino, A McCoy, C Messina
 7:00PM C Barone, G LaGrúa, S Caiazzo, E Bellina, A Zuffante

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM E Harris, V Pavlick
 5:30 PM C, C, F & T Nieves

Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM N&J Mele, Matthew Esposito
 9:15 AM G&F Scarmato, M Coelho
 10:30 AM M Mattioli, G Monreale, G Gulotta
 12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse
 1:15 PM C Trang, G Marino, J Jacoby
 7:00 PM J LoPiccolo, J Magnotti, J Rubin

THE RITE OF SENDING THE CANDIDATES is celebrated today on the 2nd Sunday of Lent. The Rite of Sending will be celebrated with the candidates (those already baptized in the Catholic Faith or those entering the Catholic Church from other forms of Christianity). For all who have been baptized, the reality of being chosen and claimed by Christ took place at their Baptism. These candidates are "called to continuing conversion," and thus their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist is recognized. This Rite also takes place before the bishop, as part of the same liturgical event as the Rite of Election that took place last week at St. Patrick's Cathedral for those who are unbaptized.

In the afternoon, all of our candidates together with all candidates from our neighboring parishes in Staten Island will gather at Our Lady of Pity Church at 3 PM with their sponsors standing in support of them, to be presented to Bishop O'Hara. The candidates are addressed by the bishop: "Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant." (RCIA 454) Together with the elect, the candidates are thereby moved by this Rite into a period of intense spiritual preparation.

We ask that you keep our Candidates and Catechumen in your daily prayers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

I want to welcome Bishop John O'Hara for Black History Month, who will preside over the 12 Noon Mass today as we welcome people of color from Staten Island to our celebration. Sister Rosemary FHM from St. Edward's Food Pantry organized this event and my thanks goes out to her.

May I remind you if you haven't made a contribution to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal to make a sacrificial offering during this season of Lent. Thank you so much.

Walk through the Door of Mercy. All throughout this holy season of Lent we are invited by Pope Francis to experience the abundant graces of Christ the Redeemer by becoming free from sin, going to confession and walking through the door of mercy. The one most convenient for us is the corner of 51st Street and 5th Avenue entrance to Saint Patrick's Cathedral. In fact yesterday I will have lead several parishioners on an "on foot pilgrimage" after the Saturday 9am Mass to the train, then the Ferry and take the A Train to 50th Street and 7th Avenue walk past Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center and into Saint Patrick's Cathedral. There was a wonderful seminarian several years ago working his summers at Saint Rita's Parish on Bradley Avenue, Esteban Sanchez, and now he's been a priest for the last four years and most recently he's been assigned to serve as a parochial vicar at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. He's a joyful, spirt-filled young priest. He set me right the first time I arrived at the Cathedral to walk through the Holy Doors. The main door of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick was open and so proudly I marched through and later meeting with Father Sanchez, he said, that wasn't the Holy Door. Sure enough, so close and yet so far had I not met him I wouldn't have received the graces. And graces did I receive.

I want to thank all of you for your participation of Ash Wednesday. Not only was the attendance wonderful, but many availed themselves of the Sacrament of Confession and were set free. I know that Father David, aka, the prisoner of the confessional, as Saint John Vianney was once called, heard untold hours. He as well as Basil and myself have a particular love for setting people free from their sins and leading them to a merciful life of living in God's graces.

After Ash Wednesday around 5pm I left for JFK airport and spent 6 days with lots of cousins in Ireland for a family wedding. The weather was fluctuating. You could literally have all four seasons of weather in one day. Bit by bit, I heard an update on all the family. There was the joy of grandbabies, and the heartbreak of divorce, there was the sadness of people in my family giving up on their faith and not going to church and then there was the surprise of those in my family who went to Medjugorje and became deeply renewed in their faith. Several cousins are battling cancer and sadly one is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's Disease and of course we are all getting older. I particularly enjoyed the after dinner speeches that were offered during the wedding reception. People were honored and loved and esteemed for gathering and traveling so far. Some of my clan came from South Africa and Australia and it was a joy to facetime on the phone with their newest babies. All in all, I now see why Pope Francis asked us to participate in this Extraordinary Year of Mercy. When I see the circle of life and the try to respond to the question about the meaning of life, it all boils down to love, forgiveness and being merciful. Wealth, jobs, careers come and go, but what a gift it is to have belonged to a loving family.

So forgive one another, visit the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, set captives free and give God all the glory and thanksgiving for being merciful. Go to confession and a fruitful and blessed Lent.

God Bless You,

Father Tom Devery

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* serves many diverse communities across our 10 counties. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to **share our gifts** with our brothers and sisters. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.



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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Suggested Total Pledge	5 Monthly Payments of	Daily Sacrifice of
\$500	\$100	\$3
\$250	\$50	\$2
\$150	\$30	\$1
\$100	\$20	\$.66

TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT, VISIT
www.cardinalsappeal.org

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WHAT CAN YOU GIVE?	YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:
\$2 = a granola bar	90,000 RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS
\$3 = a latte	16,583 CONFIRMATIONS
\$30 = movie tickets for two	3,509 MARRIAGES
\$50 = a new pair of shoes	194 RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS
\$100 = a night out for two	97 SEMINARIANS
	12 OFFICES AND MINISTRIES

LENT 2016

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.

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 Mon., April 17th through Thurs., April 21st. The Mission will begin at 7:30 PM each evening in the church.


2017 Mass Times Survey

In evaluating parishes as part of the Archdiocese of New York's "Making All Things New Initiative", the Cardinal is asking all parishes to evaluate their Mass schedule and, if feasible, to reduce the schedule by at least 1 weekend Mass. With this in mind, we will be asking for your help and input. Next weekend, February 27 & 28, a survey will be handed to each family to mark their preference in the change in Mass times. When the responses have been gathered and a decision has been made, we will then be able to open the 2017 Mass book. Thank you for your participation!

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 **Friday, 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.

Sick List

 Carmella Beirne, Marguerite Bogda, Noma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Ethel Cohen, Jay Coller, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marian Concodora, Gen Decio, Saverio DeFelice, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Thomas Eagers, Zeina Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Herbert Gruberger, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Peter J. Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Robert Petersen, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Carmen & John Ragona, Eva Ragona, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Edward Simas, Donna Slavine, Dora Valiente, 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.**

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER REGISTRATION

 Open Soccer Registration will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from **6:30 to 7:30PM on Monday, Feb. 22** for all players which include Pee Wee, 3 year olds, and SIYLS players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. Visit 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 **Thursday Feb. 25** 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.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parents' Association
proudly announces
the 2016 Fashion Show



Love You to the Moon and Back

Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7 pm

The Hilton Garden Inn

Tickets

\$65 per person, please contact Christine at 201-452-5998


Table Sponsors

Table sponsorship is \$50. Please make checks payable to OLSS and submit through the school. Any questions, please contact Laure Giudice at 917-582-5044 or Lauren Rugg at 347-273-0780.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Good Luck to our **8th grade Robotics Team!** They are competing in their first official competition at St. Joseph-by-the-Sea High School on Wednesday, Feb. 24.
- Supernovas will meet this **Wednesday, Feb. 24th**. The 5th & 6th grade members are working on a project involving physics!
- OLSS Registration for grades Pre-K3 through 8 is ongoing. Call the school office at 984-5750 to set up an appointment.

OLSS Dolphin Summer Day Camp

 The OLSS Dolphin Summer Day Camp will run weekdays from July 5 through August 19, 2016 from 9 am – 3:30 pm with extended hours available at an additional rate. Early Bird Registration will be held on **Sunday, March 6 from 10 am – 2 pm** in the OLSS Gym Lobby. The Early Bird Pricing Special will run from March 6-April 3 (must be paid in full by April 18 to qualify). Activities include arts & crafts, dance, computers, soccer, organized games and more! Bring your own lunch and snack. Campers must be entering PreK4 through 8th Grade as of September 2016. For more information, email Ms. Linda Fusillo, Camp Director at linsop@aol.com.

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.

Bereavement Group – The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be on **Wed., February 24 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. The book selection is *My Sisters the Saints* by Colleen Carroll Campbell. 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 **Feb. 24th 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.

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

Adult Faith Formation -Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? 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? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Certified Catechist Needed - 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.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Baptisms in June, July & August will take place EVERY Sunday at 1:15 pm.

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

Sign Language Classes Available

Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language is offering American Sign Language classes for the Spring 2016 semester. Classes are 5 college credits each. Call 718-984-8200 for tuition and other information.



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.

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.

Visit Senator Andrew Lanza's Office to Receive Assistance with Heat & Energy Bills

Staten Island residents may qualify to receive assistance with their heat & energy bills this winter through the HEAP program.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that issues heating benefits to supplement a household's annual energy costs. HEAP also offers an emergency benefit for households in a heat-related energy emergency. Senator Lanza's district office, which is located in Eltingville at 3845 Richmond Avenue, Suite 2A, will serve as an intake office for the HEAP program. A representative will be available to assist you in the completion and processing of your application. There will be a representative from HEAP in the office every Thursday from 9am - 3pm until the program ceases.

The Neighborhood Heating Fund (Heartshare) was developed to help low-income families and individuals with elevated heating bills meet their monthly payments. Eligible recipients can receive up to \$200 depending on the amount of their bill. Once funding is depleted the program will cease for the season.

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.



Cluster Corner

Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 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

Cluster Events

St. John Neumann – Thursday evenings – 6 pm – AA Mtg in rectory basement, 7:30 pm – Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet – Rectory Chapel, 8:00 pm – Prayer Group – Bible readings & discussion