

FEBRUARY 22, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES

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

Monday

9:00AM John Cali

Tuesday

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

Wednesday

9:00AM Pat and Frances Riozzi

Thursday

9:00AM Louis Andruzzi

Friday

9:00AM Blanche and Chester Matuszewski

Saturday, February 28, 2015

9:00AM Tess Caputo
4:00PM Nicholas Chieco
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 1, 2015

8:00AM Dec. of the Griffin Family
9:15AM Christopher Amoroso
10:30AM Thomas Vallone
12 Noon Rose Antonucci
1:15PM Stephen LoCastro
7:00PM Adam Hunt



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: John Aiello and Dana Parenti
 Andrew Clark and Melissa Ciaravino
SECOND BANNS: Anthony Luciano and Margo Riskosz
 Joseph Catalano and Kara M. Hannula

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

This 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.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
 FEBRUARY 22, 2015
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELVIRA VENUTO
 FROM HER DEVOTED SON, DANNY

Lectors – Feb. 28, 2015

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

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM A. Manetti, J. Coscia, M. Recanatini,
 E. Vitiello, V. Caruso
5:30PM J. Cimino, R. Gamba, A. Dazio, J. Amitrano,
 J. Uhlman

Lectors – Sunday, March 1, 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi, L. Bauer
9:15AM T. O'Connell, F. Monte
10:30AM M. Higgins
12 Noon C. McNally, M. Newell
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM J. Stanzone, 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. Caiazzo,
 S. Scotto

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 28, 2015

4:00 P.M.: D. & L. Cavicchio, G. & V. Sicari
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, K. & J. Martino, G. Vassallo

Sunday, March 1, 2015

8:00 A.M.: N. & J. Mele, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M.: J. Bell, A. Discenza, M. Mattioli, F. Scarmato
10:30 A.M.: G. Monreale, C. & J. Rubin, R. Ruskowski
12:00 Noon: J. Jacoby, N. Rotondi, B. & M. Stackhouse,
1:15 P.M.: C., C., F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M.: C. & S. Campitiello, A. Meola, J. Magnotti



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Bruce A. Russo and Anthony Sellitti

SICK LIST

Please pray for the sick: Chuck Melka, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Ella Milo, Carmen Ragona. *Please call the Rectory to have a name placed on the sick list.*

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,

Welcome to the wonderful season of Lent. Last Wednesday we accepted ashes on our foreheads to remind ourselves that we are sinners in need of redemption and that through the prayer, fasting and giving alms, (or charitable contributions), we purge our souls of the effects of sin and prepare ourselves to renew our lives according to our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. God is offering us new life in the Spirit this Easter. In a very real sense Lent is our Spring Training.

I am so grateful to so many of you who came to confession on Ash Wednesday to begin on the right foot, this holy journey into Easter. We also remember in a special way our candidates for the Easter Sacraments, and our catechumens preparing for Baptism at our Easter Vigil in April. So many people will discuss among themselves, what are you giving up for Lent? Is it bread, wine or beer, trips to Atlantic City, chocolates, desserts, broccoli, or spinach? Some of the more recent penitential practices has been people fasting from Facebook, or their favorite TV shows, or the amount of time they spend texting or the internet in general. I wonder if a more positive approach to fasting might be not what am I giving up, but what am I giving over to the Lord in total surrender. Doing random acts of kindness such as snow-blowing or shoveling walkways for neighbors, calling to check on the elderly by phone to see if they need anything in this bitter cold season; these sorts of things tremendously pleases the Lord.

I brought a long list of intentions with me to France as I entered the 8 day pilgrimage with my brother priests and Cardinal Dolan. It was an awesome and holy experience. We left Feb 4 and returned Feb 12th. The first stop we made was to the home of Saint Therese of Lisieux, where she grew up in Alencon, about a three hour ride north of Paris. Her parents were business people, her dad, Louis was a clock and watch maker, and her mom Zelig, was skilled with making silk embroidery. The Little Flower entered the convent at 15 years of age and we met the Carmelite nuns who now pray in Lisieux. Of the 16 sisters living there now, two lived St. Therese' blood sisters. The basilica dedicated to her and her family is magnificent and we offered Mass there.

The ride to Normandy Beach was another hour and a half. When we got off the bus in Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, Point de Hoc, we were literally blown over. We were met with 80 mph gale force winds from the English Channel. Etienne, our guide, led us into German bunkers, the American National Cemetery, the museum's movie was particularly moving as the testimonies of eyewitnesses were startling. When I realized the bloody cost of freedom from our troops, I was deeply humbled. Even Theodore Roosevelt IV was buried there. Despite the wind we saw and imagined the ravages of D Day 1944. The next day we saw the old city of Rouen, where Saint Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, and onto Paris. We visited Chartres Cathedral built in the 1400's.

Cardinal Dolan offered Mass at Rue De Bac, the home of the Daughters of Charity and in glass coffins we prayed at the incorruptible remains of Saint Louise De Marillac, Saint Catherine Laboure, and a few blocks away, Saint Vincent De Paul. The Miraculous Medal Novena came from this spot. Cardinal Dolan spoke of a miracle he witnessed in 1975 just before he was ordained. After that visit we celebrated his 65th birthday. On Sunday Morning from 8-12 we toured Paris. What a beautiful city, and I was impressed with the monuments to George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson there. After seeing the beautiful chapel of Saint Louis IX of France, San Chappel we offered Mass at the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral and that rose window was breathtaking. We then went to Sacre Coeur Basilica in Mountmartre section. There the Blessed Sacrament has been in perpetual adoration for over 130 years. The following morning we gathered at the glass coffin of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, the founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and offered Mass before boarding a plane for Pau –Pyrennes Airport and our hour bus ride to Lourdes. We had two full days in Lourdes and were treated to a healing service in the underground basilica which holds 25,000 people. After visiting the grotto where Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette, we joined in the recitation of the rosary and the candle light procession. Of all the people there 20,000 people came from all over Italy. The next morning at the International Mass offered by the Bishop of Lourdes, over 1000 priests concelebrated. It was a very moving experience. I remembered each of you and came home with many graces and thankful to God (and St. Anthony) that after 4 days my luggage finally arrived home.

Getting back to Lent, how does this affect me? Well I am aware of the mercy of Jesus, the healing of Jesus, the generosity of people who are filled with faith and the power of prayer. I am grateful to Cardinal Dolan choosing to spend time with us and be one of us and it was good for him to spend time with us before heading to Rome for the Consistory where Pope Francis made 20 more Cardinals.

Although we've been dealing with extremely cold and snowy weather, the mid-winter break for our school children, President's Day and Ash Wednesday this past week, the Lord is at work deep within preparing our hearts for even greater blessings.

May God bless you all throughout this upcoming Lent.
Fr. Tom Devery

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 Ordly at *82-917-536-8576.

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 MASS

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.



LENT 2015

Fast and Abstinence: Good Friday, April 3rd, is a day 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.

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.

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart - Reflections on Following Jesus* by Pope Francis. **The next meeting is on Thurs., March 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., March 4th, 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.

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.

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.

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

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 (March 22 not available)
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.

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS BASEBALL REGISTRATION 2015

PLACE: OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

DATES:

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

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.

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.

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. 27th.
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

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.

Honor Students

We are pleased to announce that 96 students from grades 3 through 8 have met the criteria for the Second Quarter Principals' List for the 2014– 2015 school year. Congratulations to all! Please visit our school website olss-si.org for a complete list of names.

Criteria:

- 90 and above in all academic subjects including total quarterly average
- At least a B in all other areas
- No more than 1 lateness