

February 28, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Third Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

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

Monday, February 29

9:00AM Patricia Conti

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 AM Irene O'Byrne

Wednesday, March 2

9:00AM Nereida Casanova

Thursday, March 3

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Friday, March 4

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Saturday, March 5

9:00AM Jaime Cucuzza
4:00PM Angela & Joseph Matzelle
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 6

8:00AM Andre Graziano
9:15AM Virginia & Harold Ennis
10:30AM Joseph Ancona
12 Noon Jaime Cucuzza
1:15PM Thomas Saverese
7:00PM Frank Criscuolo

Blessed Angela of the Cross Guerrero - March 2

Born in Seville, Spain, she had from her early years a great devotion to Christ crucified, which she fostered in the community she founded, "The Congregation of the Cross." The congregation was devoted to the poor, most rejected and the disenfranchised. The order was to live with and be like the poor, it was to exist solely on free-will donations. When the sisters gave money, housing, clothing or medicine, it was to be given in love. Blessed Angela was beatified in 1982 by Pope John Paul II. (JM)



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Frank Porzio & Jaime Lyn Torres

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 28-March 5
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Anita Piazza

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Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors - Saturday, March 5

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

Eucharistic Ministers, March 5

4:00PM J Coscia, J Uhlman, L Barbato, C Biondolillo, E Vitiello,
& V Caruso

5:30PM M Lappin, A Pompei, A Dazio, J Cimino, F Ruggiero

Lectors - Sunday, March 6

8:00AM L Bauer
9:15AM MA Higgins
10:30AM M Coppolo
12 Noon C Messina
1:15PM G LaGrua
7:00PM T Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers, March 6

8:00AM M Molinini, C Rosato, A Sparandera, R Bauer,
& J Stanzione

9:15AM Sr. Rosemary, J Gatto, L Capobianco, M Sprague,
& W Higgins

10:30AM C Ordy, B Barone, J&C Gerace, E&G Riozzi,

12 Noon C Bottiglia, MA Russo, B Nicholson, J Tolento,
& A Maffeo

1:15PM B Peters, N Villani, C Houle, M Recanatini, A McCoy

7:00PM K Melka, J Limeri, E Bellina, S Caiazzo, A Zuffante

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 5

4:00 PM K Marchisella, D Cavicchio, E Harris
5:30 PM R&C Nicholaou

Sunday, March 6

8:00 AM G&N Tucci, J Bell
9:15 AM S Marashaj, G Artz, B Bosques
10:30 AM M Mattioli, F&A Auriti
12:00 Noon C Carr, G Vassallo, N Salerno
1:15 PM C, C, F & T Nieves
7:00 PM L&PJ Caiazzo, E Tedesco, R Faljean

Rite of Scrutiny This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Afshin Shirazi) will celebrate the 1st of 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 10:30 am mass. These Rites are intended to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. These Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then to heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the Elects hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. These Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. We ask you to always keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank Bishop John O'Hara for joining us last Sunday and for offering the 12 Noon Mass in honor of Black History Month. During the celebration, we honored the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary for the 100th anniversary of their founding, by Father Lester, who was a member of the Society of African Missions. This is the same order that Monsignor Vincent Bartley belonged to when he was serving in Nigeria as a young priest. The Franciscan Sisters moved to Staten Island 70 years ago and operated Camp Saint Edward and Saint Edward's Food Pantry. In addition to teaching religious education and visiting the homebound in various parishes on Staten Island, they also made and distributed altar breads. Sister Rosemary, FHM teaches in our religious education program and also visits some of our homebound parishioners.

At the very beginning of the celebration, we were treated to liturgical dancers from Harlem who, at the very beginning of Mass, entered the Church with banners and symbols of the Crucifixion and Crown of Victory as a cantor sang "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to thee!" It was done with complete reverence—in silence—and it was spectacular. Also, after Holy Communion, the moving Negro spiritual hymn, "Give Me Jesus," was sung to liturgical movement. *"In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus, give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world, give me Jesus."*

During the homily that was based on the Transfiguration, Bishop O'Hara preached about a young 12-year-old boy, Sean Callaghan, from Mahopac, NY. He was born with cancer, and was the oldest of six children. He had chemotherapy all throughout his life and he suffered greatly. Eventually Cardinal Dolan learned about him and offered to come to Mahopac and confirm him by himself. Sean said no, he wanted to be confirmed with his class and indeed he was the last one and ironically, it was Bishop John O'Hara who was the presiding bishop. That very day, Bishop O'Hara had Cardinal Terence Cooke's crosier. Since Cardinal Cooke had secretly been treated for nine years with leukemia, it was significant that Sean grab hold of it. As Sean approached him, Bishop O'Hara asked him to hold onto that crosier and Sean beamed. He was literally transfigured and that became the photo on his memory card after he died. In the midst of all his suffering, he brought the parish together and people were moved and inspired by the courageous life and humility of that 12-year-old boy. His parents, Dan and Jeanine Callaghan subsequently thanked Bishop O'Hara for his encouragement.

Although the Mass ran long—it was nearly 1:35 before the 1:15 PM began—I was deeply moved by the prayerfulness and the powerful grace of that 12 noon liturgy last Sunday. A wonderful lunch followed in O' Mara Hall.

On March 6, 2016 at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Queens, New York, the pre-theologians and college seminarians are holding a Lenten Concert at the seminary. If you are free, it begins at 3PM. You can surprise Anthony Gorgia and Carmine Caruso with your presence.

Cardinal Dolan, on Wednesday, February 24th gave a Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York. In his two conferences he spoke about his relationship to Jesus and how for his holy hour everyday he meditates and converses with Jesus using the quotes from Saint Peter:

Lord, it is good for us to be here.

Lord if it is you, bid me come to walk on the water,

Lord, are you not concerned that we are all going to drown,

Depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man,

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,

Lord, then wash not only my hands and feet, but all of me,

Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of everlasting life

Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you.

(Not from Peter but Cardinal Dolan) *I don't know squat, but I know that you love me.*

What an interesting way to begin a quiet conversation with Jesus as your best friend.

A Blessed Lent,

Father Tom Devery

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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. **As stated in last week's bulletin and announcements, a survey was to be taken this weekend in order to evaluate the 2017 Mass schedule. Since the weekend coincided with the Cardinal's Appeal weekend, the survey has been rescheduled for the weekend of March 5 & 6.** 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!



Sincere Condolences

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

Carol Cabane, Rosaleen Koenig, Rosalie Signa

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, 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.**

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.

LAST CHANCE

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

- **Last fall** *Science World Magazine*, in conjunction with legendary astronaut Buzz Aldrin, sponsored a nationwide essay contest challenging students to research the similarities and differences between the environments of Earth and Mars. This information was then incorporated into an essay proposing what colonization on Mars would entail. It is with great pride that we announce **Joseph Biondolillo, of Class 7-1**, as one of the five selected winners of the *Mars Writing Contest!* Joseph will be featured in an upcoming *Science World Magazine* and he will receive a personally autographed copy of *Welcome to Mars*, Buzz Aldrin's latest book, from Buzz himself. Kudos to Joseph for a job well done!
- **Girls** from Our Lady Star of the Sea got to spend an evening with their favorite guy at the annual Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Thanks to the Parents' Association for putting together such a wonderful evening!
- Our **Fashion Show** will take place this Thursday, March 3, at 7pm, in the Hilton Garden Inn. Eighth grade students **only** will be dismissed at noon on Thursday.
- The **4th grade** is preparing our First Friday Mass on March 4th. Parents are welcome to attend.



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 linsoap@aol.com.

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.

Memorial Vigil Lights Available

Memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. The name of the deceased is placed on the vigil light. Envelopes are located in the book racks. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory. There are 28 candles available each month, requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

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 **March 11**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be on **Wed., March 2 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 **March 9th 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.

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.

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 – Parish Mission, prayerfully led by Fr. Daniel Houde from Miami, Florida starting Sunday, Feb. 28 through Tuesday, March 1. Each day will have a Mass, Holy Hour, and reflection on *The Father who cares, the Father who heals, the Father who forgives*. Please call the SJN Rectory office at 718-984-8535 for daily times and more information.

✓ 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.



Goretti Group Event

Friday, March 4th 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SINY 10314)
Parents - Are you looking for a way to open dialogue with your teen? Join us as two young adults share their separate testimonies of being teen parents. Brandon, father of Christian (7) and Lisa, mother of Jaz (4), will be discussing the importance of making the right choices for God at a young age. Talks begin at 7:30 PM. (Please note that due to Lent there is optional Stations of the Cross at 7 PM - there will be no Mass).

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.