

February 7, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 6

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono
4:00PM Pasquale Fuda
5:30PM John C. Orfano

Sunday, February 7

8:00AM Caroline & Philip Tanella
9:15AM Rosario Succoso
10:30AM Teddy Klinkosz
12 Noon Joseph O'Connor
1:15PM Carmen Carcia
7:00PM Rosario Succoso

Monday, February 8

9:00AM Theresa Holichork

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 AM Francisco Cruz

Wednesday, February 10 – Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Gemma Deliso
9:00AM Kitty Manetta
12 NOON Sr. Jude Watson
8:00 PM John Orfano

Thursday, February 11

9:00AM Richard Rauch

Friday, February 12

9:00AM Anthony Castellano

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

St. Miguel Cordero – February 9

Born Francisco Febres Cordero Munoz in Ecuador. He was not able to stand until age 5 after a vision of the Blessed Mother. At age 8, he was miraculously preserved from a wild bull. As he grew older, he was impressed with the Christian Brothers and joined that congregation. He remained 33 years as a teacher in his first assignment in Quito, Ecuador. Brother Miguel was a prolific writer, publishing his first textbook at age seventeen. He was elected to the National Academy of Littero and also published odes, hymns and plays. He also wrote manuals of piety, gave religious instruction and conducted retreats. He also became director of novices for three years. In 1908, due to ill health, Miguel was sent to the Christian Brothers School in Barcelona, Spain. He died on February 9, 1910. His body was returned to Ecuador with great public ceremony. On the century of his birth, the Ecuadorian government issued postage stamps and erected a monument in his honor. He was canonized in 1984 by Pope John Paul II. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of February 7-13
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Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 13

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, February 13

4:00PM J Coscia, B Nicholson, A Petrocelli, C Bondolillo,
C Harris & L Barbato
5:30PM J Cimino, C Houle, Sr. Rosemary, M Andreola,
& M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, February 14

8:00AM L Bauer
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM M Coppolo
12 Noon M Newell
1:15PM R LaMonica
7:00PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers, February 14

8:00AM J Stanzione, P Zoltowski, R Bauer, C Rosato,
& M Ennis
9:15AM J Gatto, L Capobianco, D Avena, W&MA Higgins
10:30AM C Ordy, G Balestrino, N Fallicaro, M Sprague,
B Paccione, & T Strange
12 Noon A Maffeo, J Prato, C Belvedere, B Weir, C Bottiglia
1:15PM G Decker, F&R Marino, A McCoy, C Houle
7:00PM C Barone, T Palmieri, S Caiazza, A Zuffante,
& E Bellina

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM M Esposito
9:15 AM G Scarmato, B Bosques
10:30 AM F&A Auriti
12:00 Noon G Vassalo, C Carr, N Salerno
1:15 PM C Trang, J Jacoby, G Marino
7:00 PM E Tedesco, J Rubin, J Magnotti



Sincere Condolences

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

Saveria Criscuolo, Afaf Farr, Paul Montanaro

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Once again I want to herald the good news of the Theology of the Body that has been enunciated throughout Saint John Paul II's papal audiences and now taught by Christopher West in his daily blog's. This one is entitled "Sex is meant to proclaim the Gospel of Life."

In a recent video I was quoting from the First Letter of Saint John, 'God revealed His love for us by sending His only begotten Son, that we might have life through him.' When we understand the spousal image of the Church, as Christ as the Bridegroom, and we are the bride, we come to see the whole goal of the Christian life is to be married to Christ. Christ wants to marry us and fill us His bride with eternal life. Our sexuality as male and female reveals this truth. Specifically our fertility reveals, as Pope John Paul II calls, the Gospel of Life. But we have put condoms on our brains, so to speak. We no longer understand the proclamation of life that our bodies proclaim. When we fail to recognize that human sexuality is a proclamation of life, the enemy comes in there and twists up that truth and then what does it become? Not that sex is all about life, but it declares that life is all about sex. Do you see how the enemy gets in there and twists the truth? That's all he can do, he can't create his own world. The devil doesn't have his own clay. All the devil can do is take God's clay and twist it up.

The truth is that sex is a proclamation of life, not just temporal life, but eternal life. But when we fail to recognize that that sex is all about life, then look at the world, the world thinks that life is all about sex. And if life is all about sex, we turn inward, by this we mean: sexual pleasure and personal indulgence. And then the world is not about loving others but using others, and doesn't lead to life. It leads to death. That's the culture we live in today, the culture of death. Here's the good news: death is not the final word. Yes, the culture of death ends in death, but we believe in the Resurrection. Life wins. Amen. Be open to it. Live it. Share it. That is living from the core.

— Christopher West

Well Parish Family, we have sacrificed between Christmas and Lent, Blood, Sweat and Tears. Blood = January 31st New York City Blood Drive was a success and thank you most sincerely for participating. All the energy, (Sweat) in digging out after a monster blizzard, two weeks ago, and tears, (Well, really Sacrifice—I spoke last week at all the Masses concerning the Cardinal's Appeal for 2016 and our parish goal of \$191,000. I am confident in the goodness and generosity of all of you. Please be assured that whatever you give, whether its blood, sweat or tears (sacrifices), it will be greatly blessed by our all-knowing and all-seeing Lord.

This weekend we welcome the second grade class from Religious Education for their First Reconciliation. I want to honor the catechists and especially the family members that strive to take fear and shame out their little hearts. Kids are honest and loving and as the Scriptures tell us, "they constantly behold the face of the Father".

This weekend we have the snow date performance for the Class of Life. Also simultaneously I am hosting our seminarians Anthony Gorgia and Carmine Caruso and about ten more of their classmates for a Saturday evening meal. I remember how February was always a low energy time in the seminary and so we want to boost and encourage their spirits.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and prepare you this Ash Wednesday for an intensely rich Lent. Don't forget this Lent to go to confession and if you can make it to Manhattan, walk through The Doors of Mercy at either the Basilica of Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral or Saint Patrick's Cathedral or the Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in Washington Heights. The graces are enormous.

Blessings and peace,

Father Tom Devery



Banns of Marriage

FIRST 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.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Volunteers Needed!

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:

Mondays 12-1 PM

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.

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, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, Nanette Colon, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Thomas Eagers, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Robert Petersen, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Michelle Scalzo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Edward Simas, Dora Valiente. **Please Note: If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

LENT 2016

Ash Wednesday: Masses on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th, will be at 7AM, 9AM, 12 NOON & 8PM. Ashes will be distributed **ONLY** at Masses and at **Services at 3:30 PM & 4:30 PM**. 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 & Services on Ash Wednesday.*

Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th and Good Friday, March 25th, are days 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. *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, 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. **On the weekend of February 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 Sunday, April 17th through Thurs., April 21st. The Mission will begin at 7:30 PM each evening in the church.

U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking

February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese girl who was enslaved at the age of 7 and named Bakhita, or "Fortunate One", by her captor. She experienced the physical, emotional and moral humiliations of slavery. St. Bakhita, canonized in 2000, is considered the patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children, especially those who are exploited for sex or labor. *Ending Slavery is Everyone's Work!*

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.



Help Wanted!

Certified 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.

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER REGISTRATION



Open Soccer Registration will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from **6:30 to 7:30PM** on **Mondays 2/8 & 2/22** for all players which include Pee Wee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds 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

Baseball registrations for the spring 2016 season are **Wed. Feb. 10, Thurs. Feb. 18 & Thurs. Feb. 25 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM** at the OLSS Athletic Center. Fees are: PreK-K - \$125, 1st & 2nd Grades - \$135, 3rd-8th Grades - \$175. For more info contact Dennis Dellavalle 718-757-1630 or visit the website at www.olssbaseball.com.



SCHOOL NEWS

Report Cards will be distributed to the children on **Tuesday, Feb. 9.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 10** from 12:45-2:30. Children will be dismissed at 12:05.



A special thank you to the children, Parents' Association, teachers and staff that made our Catholic Schools Week celebrations so memorable. With scavenger hunts, movie day, cranial crunch, music recitals, bingo and our school Mass, we showed that faith, knowledge and service are truly present in our school community!

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. 12**. 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 10 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? 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.

**Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Giving Tree Thanks**

Dear OLSS,

Thank you for thinking of the children and their families at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and for your generous donation of gift cards this holiday season. Your consideration & thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Department of Pediatrics, I extend our gratitude and wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy & healthy New Year.

Warm Regards,
Jill Ackerman, Administrative Manager
Department of Pediatrics

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

Day of Prayer and Healing

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available and the pain & sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime. "Days of Prayer & Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The next "Day of Prayer & Healing" is **Sat. Feb. 13**. For location and confidential registration, call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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

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.

Cluster Corner

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



Cluster Events

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

•**Science Discovery** sponsored by SJN KidzKlub and Girl Scout Troop 5256. **Sun., Feb. 21st from 3-5pm**, Rectory Basement - \$8 per child (Grades K-5). Please email sinkidz@gmail.com for RSVP.

Eighth Annual Lent Series at St. Rita's

Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 PM (281 Bradley Ave) – Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick) with Eucharistic Exposition, Praying of the Rosary in various languages, celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Benediction, Veneration of a relic of St. Bernadette & Candlelight Procession (weather permitting) to a grotto on Westwood Ave.

Jane B. Thompson Pro-Life Essay Contest

Open to 7th Grade through 12 Grade, with first prize of \$100 in 3 age groups: 7th-8th Grades, 9th & 10th Grades, and 11th & 12th Grades. Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. Mail original essay and keep a copy on or before March 1 to: Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc., P.O. Box 60520, SINY, 10306. For more information call 646-662-3914.

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.