

FEBRUARY 8, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015

9:00AM Francesca Blangiardo
4:00PM John Matzele
5:30PM Anthony Delfino

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015

8:00AM Caroline and Philip Tanella
9:15AM Deceased Members of Morrissey and Sellitti Fms.
10:30AM Michael Pallante
12 Noon Giacoma and Stefano DiMaggio
1:15PM Joseph O'Connor
7:00PM Marianna and Giovanni Gallina

Monday

9:00AM James and Rita O'Byrne

Tuesday

9:00AM James Rula

Wednesday

9:00AM Richard Rauch

Thursday

9:00AM Joseph and Theresa Fallacaro

Friday

9:00AM Mildred Paturzo

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 Sparandera
1:15PM Lena, Ciro and Jerry D'Agostino
7:00PM Lucy Ferigno

St. Caldmon, Poet, Feb. 9

Caldmon was the first poet of record in the English language. He was born a simple cow herdsman, who had no training in reading, writing verses or music. At feasts, when his fellows would play the harp and take turns singing, he would be so embarrassed that he would leave and stay among the cows. Once, while dreaming, a man appeared and bid him to sing a song about the "creation of all things" – upon awaking, he remembered the lines and continued the singing. This new-found elegance astonished all. He resigned from being a herdsman and became a monk. He began to write verses and sign about Genesis, the Incarnation, Passion, Resurrection and the Ascension. Since he was deeply religious, he resisted all who tried to do evil. He died peacefully in his monastery bed surrounded by his buddies. (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
 FEBRUARY 8, 2015
 IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY RIZZOTTI
 FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY

Lectors – Feb. 14, 2015

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

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM C. Barone, A. McCoy, M. Sicari, R. Corbett, L. Barbato
5:30PM R. Gamba, M. Lappin, J. Prato, N. Villani, A. Dazio, F. Barone

Lectors – Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM M. Higgins, T. O'Connell
10:30AM M. Pinto, M. Coppolo
12 Noon F. Monte
1:15PM MA Higgins
7:00PM T. Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM J. Stanzione, M. Andreola, R. LaMonica, 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 14, 2015

4:00 P.M.: D. & D. Battaglia, E. Harris, M. Rivera
5:30 P.M.: J. Martino, K. Martino, G. & V. Sicari

Sunday, February 15, 2015

8:00 A.M.: N. & J. Mele, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M.: J. Bell, G. Gulotta, K. Lee, S. Scalzo
10:30 A.M.: A. & F. Auriti, G. Monreale, G. Pelucco
12:00 Noon: P. Arellano, G. Artz, G. Gulotta, R. Ruskowski
1:15 P.M.: H. Caruso, C., F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M.: J. Petillo, C. & S. Campitiello, E. Tedesco



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD BANNS: Carl Giordano and Lisa Sabella

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.

THANK YOU GIFTS

If you were unable to attend the Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please call the Rectory and leave your name so that one can be left for you either at the Rectory or at the Church Sacristy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we brave the snowier side of winter, I want to pass on some timeless wisdom from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, you might want to call them "Sayings to Live By".

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. FORGIVE THEN ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives, BE KIND ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win some faithful friends and some genuine enemies, SUCCEED ANYWAY.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. CREATE ANYWAY.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY

Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely, right where you are – in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools. You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, uncared for, just rejected by society—completely forgotten – completely left alone.

Joy is the net of love by which you can catch many souls Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997)

The other day I received this translation of the Lord's Prayer. This is the Our Father directly translated from the ancient Aramaic into English (instead of the most familiar translation from Aramaic to Greek to Latin to English) O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration

Soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us where your Presence can abide.

Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.

Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.

Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish.

Untie the tangled threads of destiny which bind us, as we release others from the entanglements of past mistakes.

Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.

For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power and fulfillment as all is gathered and made whole again.--Original Version of the Lord's Prayer, Syriac Version Dialect of Aramaic

Be assured of prayers for you in Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre Ceour Basilica, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and the tombs of Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Catherine Laboure, Saint Louise de Marillac and Saint Vincent de Paul and most especially on it's feast day, Our Lady of Lourdes. I will be with Cardinal Dolan and a busload of priests for our France Pilgrimage. There's lots to pray for these days.

Blessings,
Fr. Tom Devery



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*Rose Ferreira, Verera Hagis, Rosario Succoso and
Sr. Jude Watson, SC*

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.

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**. The next Healing Mass will be on March 3rd, at 7:30PM.

Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

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.

✓ 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., March 4th at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., Feb. 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. 13th at 1PM.** (Following meeting: Feb. 13th) 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.

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

The meeting scheduled for last Monday for parents of the 2nd Grade Communion Class (both OLSS School and Religious Education) was cancelled due to bad weather. The meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2nd at 7:30PM in O'Mara Hall.

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.

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.

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



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

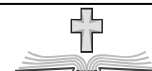
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SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

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.

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.



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.)



IN MEMORIAM

SR. JUDE WATSON, SC.

MARCH 31, 1915 – FEB. 3, 2015

SR. MARY JUDE WATSON, S.C., DIED ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD AT MARY THE QUEEN CONVENT IN YONKERS, NEW YORK. THERE WILL THERE BE A VIEWING ON WED., FEB. 11TH IN OUR CHURCH FROM 10AM TO 10:45AM, MASS TO FOLLOW AT 11AM. SR. JUDE RECENTLY CELEBRATED HER 80TH ANNIVERSARY AS A SISTER OF CHARITY. SHE TAUGHT IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOR 67 YEARS AND WAS AN EDUCATOR AT OLSS FOR 36 YEARS FROM 1967 TO 2003. WE WILL REMEMBER HER LOVING PRESENCE AND THE JOY SHE BROUGHT TO OUR SCHOOL. HER UPLIFTING INFLUENCE STILL RESONATES TODAY THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Own Spell Check

Spelling is not a forgotten subject at OLSS. We have our own spell check system – the students. Recently, students in grades 5 to 8 represented their class in the OLSS Spelling Bee. There were difficult words but all the contestants held their own. We congratulate our contestants:

Grade 5	Gianna Cipolla	Erin Losi
	Alexandra Gavioli	Anthony Loscalzo
Grade 6	Lorenzo Colongelo	Giuliana Fiorentino
	Sarah Eskew	Cassie O’Friel
Grade 7	Alexandra Scarcella	Alec Tirado
	Robert Nebel	Christian Adragna**
Grade 8	Caitlin Carr*	Joseph Turco
	Julia Beale	Danielle Paquette

*School Winner ** First Runner Up

A special congratulations to our winners Caitlin Carr (school winner) and Christian Adragna (first runner-up) who represented OLSS at the Catholic School District-wide Spelling Bee.

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.

SICK LIST

In an effort to update our list, we have removed all names. If you would like to have someone put on our Sick List, please call the rectory and leave their name.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL-ST. BENEDICTA REUNION

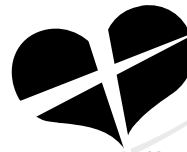
Annual Reunion for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta Alumni Graduating classes 1964-1990, Saturday March 14th-4pm to 11pm \$50 per person, includes: Hot Buffet, Dessert Station, DJ, Photobooth, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and some hidden surprises for all . This is a BYOB event - asst'd soda and water will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

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.

Adult Faith Formation - Ignatian Spirituality: The next session of “Ignatian Spirituality” will be on Saturday February 7th in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Ave) at St Clare’s parish. We will meet right after the Saturday 9am mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10am. We look forward to this time with you.



Jesus heals
the broken hearted

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:

There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Feb.13th.

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