

FEBRUARY 9, 2014
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

"May the Lord bless you and grant you and your loved ones His lasting Peace and Joy."

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Feb. 8, 2014

9:00AM Irene Trimboli
4:00PM Dec. Members of Fiori and Manfredonia Fms.
 and Jack Milano
5:30PM Ginger Farry

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014

8:00AM Ilda Fernandes
9:15AM Dec. Members of Morrissey & Sellitti Fms.
10:30AM Dec. Members of Mineo Family
12 Noon Caroline and Philip Tanella
1:15PM Anne Guiney and Mario Gugliaro
7:00PM Theresa Baptist

Monday

9:00AM Richard Russo

Tuesday

9:00AM Angelo and Mary Gazzola,
 Joseph and Theresa Fallacaro and
 Richard Rauch

Wednesday

9:00AM Dominick Landolfi

Thursday

9:00AM Jean Juliano

Friday

9:00AM Amelia Newborn

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014

9:00AM Anthony Galante
4:00PM Anthony Pepe
5:30PM George Strahm

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014

8:00AM Christopher Amoroso
9:15AM John Matzele
10:30AM Gary E. Carter
12 Noon Marco Fusillo and Eugene Sparano
1:15PM Felicia and Gal Grippo
7:00PM Paul Testaverde



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND BANNS: Eric Einstman and Kim Macchio
 Steven Metcalfe and Jennifer Respoli

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, February 23, 2013 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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
FEB. 9, 2014
IN MEMORY OF DECEASED OF THE DI FIORE
AND THOMPSON FAMILIES
WITH LOVE FROM THE THOMPSON AND
CAHILL FAMILIES

Lectors – Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014

4:00PM C. Harris

5:30PM C. Losi

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014

4:00PM P. & L. DeCarlo, A. Manetti, J. Coscia,
 M. Recanatini, E. Vitiello, V. Caruso

5:30PM J. Cimino, r. Gamba, A. Dazio, C. Bottiglia,
 J. Uhlman, M. Andreola, J. Amitrano

Lectors – Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014

8:00AM MJ Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi

9:15AM V. Gilsenan, J. Ladley

10:30AM M. Higgins, M. Coppolo

12 Noon M. Higgins

1:15PM A. Deliso

7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers – Feb. 16, 2014

8:00AM R. & L. Bauer, T. Daluise, R. Bauer, J. Stanzione,
 M. Ennis

9:15AM A. Brady, M. Vierno, ME Carey, T. Strange,
 K. Ladley, R. Corbett, A. Spoto

10:30AM E. & G. Riozzi, C. & J. Gerace, R. Gamba,
 G. Balestrino, C. Ordy

12 Noon B. Higgins, c. Gravagna, R. DeMaio, D. Zaino,
 N. Fallacaro, c. Belvedere, B. Peters

1:15PM M. Sprague, V. Acri, R. LaMonica, N. Villani,
 M. Graziano, JM Graziano, C. Houle

7:00PM C. Pontecorvo, C. DiDomenico, C. Rosato,
 K. Melka, G. Scotto, c. Barone, R. Scarpati

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 15, 2014

4:00 P.M.: Daniella Battaglia, Dominick Battaglia,
 Emily Harris, Marisa Rivera

5:30 P.M.: Joseph Esposito, Matthew Esposito, Salvatore
 Imbro, Michael Losi

Sunday, February 16, 2014:

8:00 A.M.: Joseph Bell, Anthony Discenza, Gino Tucci,
 Nicholas Tucci

9:15 A.M.: Bryan Bosques, Maria Coelho, Robert Ruskowski,
 Samantha Scalzo

10:30 A.M.: Angela Auriti, Francesca Auriti, Eugenio Buccini,
 Anthony Castelle

12:00 Noon: Caitlyn Carr, Gavin Monreale, Nick Rotondi,
 Brianna Stackhouse

1:15 P.M.: Gabrielle Artz, Daniel Dunn, Genevieve Steinmetz,
 Chloe Trang

7:00 P.M.: Charles Campitiello, Stephanie Campitiello,
 Julianna LoPiccolo, Joseph Petillo



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our sincere condolences to the families of the deceased:

Louis Franchini and Thomas Lavin



MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – Feb. 8, 2014

4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

5:30PM Fr. Adalbert

Sunday – Feb. 9, 2014

8:00AM Msgr. V. Bartley

9:15AM Msgr. V. Bartley

10:30AM Msgr. Jeff Conway

12 Noon Msgr. Peter Smith

1:15PM Msgr. Peter Smith

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts..." Find peace for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or upcoming dates go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME: Ext. 3.

PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 8PM in the Damato Meeting Room in our Athletic Center for prayers of praise, singing, centering and intercessory prayer. New members are welcome. Everyone has the opportunity to be prayed over.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE NEXT HEALING MASS WILL BE ON TUES., FEB. 18TH AT 8PM.

THE NEXT HEALING SERVICE WILL BE ON TUES., MARCH 4TH AT 3:30PM.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Denise Armore, Betty Barton, Barbara Boscia, Jillian Cannon, Nicoletta Caputo P.O. Thomas Choi, Josie Cino, Ethel Cohen, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Jaime Cucuzza, Gemma Deliso, John Emigholz, Sr., Juliette Gerbino, Thomas Hoban, Kim Kuchler, Thomas Lamantia, Jim Mauro, Ed Miller, Concetta Palmieri, Lucy Peters, Camille Polly, Carmen and John Ragona, Denise Santanella, Celeste Setty, Adrienne Sienicki, Lorriane Skelly, Donna Slavin, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Joan Squillante and Adriane Toscano.

VESTMENTS FOR MEMORIALIZATION

We have available vestments which can be memorialized in memory of a loved one. If you are interested, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number or see John Manetta, the Sacristan, after Mass.



OPENING OF 2015 MASS BOOK

The 2015 Mass Book will officially open on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, at 9AM, (no earlier) in the basement of the Rectory. In order to accommodate our large parish, we ask that no more than four masses be taken from any one person or family at this time. Thank you for your cooperation. Please remember to consult a 2015 calendar when choosing your masses. (The donation for Sat./Sun. Masses and holy days is \$15; weekday mass donation: \$10.)



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. 23rd

March 9th and March 23rd

April 27th

May 11th and May 25th

June 15th and June 29th

(Note different dates in June)

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Feb. 23rd

March 9th and March 23rd

April 27th

May 11th and May 25th

June 15th and June 29th

(Note different dates in June)

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.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION AT MASS

The method for receiving Holy Communion in the hand is to extend the hand in a cupped position and immediately place the sacred host in the mouth. This is the most reverent way to receive Holy Communion. **PLEASE**, do not walk away with the host still in the hand. Thank you.

PARISH BUS TRIP TO SEE

MOSES AT THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER

The "Moses" show in Lancaster, Pa. will be on Sat., April 5th, leaving at 1PM and returning at approximately 11:30PM. Cost: \$115 includes show, dinner and bus. If interested, call Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081 or Gail Decker at (917) 916-2308 for more information.

A LETTER FROM MSGR. JEFF CONWAY

Dear Parishioners,

Cardinal Dolan has decided to remove all pastors, who have served 12 years or more from their current assignments on July 1, 2014. Therefore, after almost 21 years, I will be leaving Our Lady Star of the Sea to take another assignment. While it would not have been my choice to leave this parish and I had hoped to retire from here, I am grateful that I was allowed to spend so many years building up this parish and serving all of you. I will have served from November 27, 1993 to July 1, 2014, making me the longest serving pastor in OLSS's 98 year history.

I thank you for all your cooperation and support. Together we have built a parish that can function and flourish long after I am gone. I am praying that the Cardinal will pick a new pastor, who will enable us to have a seamless transition and continue to be a great and growing parish.

Thanks for everything. God bless you.

Msgr. Jeff

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Adult Faith Formation and RCIA sites within our parish website have undergone a complete transformation, making it easier to navigate and providing a new virtual experience. While most content has been migrated, new content has been added in order to better serve our community of faith. We are still not done and we welcome any suggestions you might have to make our sites even better. Please take a moment and visit us at our **NEW WEBSITE**: <http://aff.olssparish.org>.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CORE TEAM MEETING

A Core Team Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. New members are welcome. Kindly contact Joe Limeri if you are unable to attend.

RCIA LECTURE

A lecture on Prayer is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. This is the first of 3 presentations that will be provided to the RCIA Catechumen and Candidates before their initiation. Sponsor attendance is optional. Please contact Joe Limeri if you are not able to attend.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU FROM AMETHYST HOUSE, INC.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the women of Amethyst House, I write to thank you again for your yearly generous donation of gifts. We are very grateful for your donation and we are equally grateful to you for believing in our program. Our service helps to save lives and build strong independent women. Amethyst House makes a difference...one woman at a time. May your generosity come back to you one hundred fold.

Sincerely,

Gigi Silberberg, Exec. Director

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Comfort for the sorrowful)

Reading I Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (Job's first reply)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (Paul's recompense)

Gospel Mark 1:29-39 (cure of Peter's mother-in-law and other miracles)

Key Passage: That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. *Mark 1:32-34a)

Adult: When have you felt the sadness of Job?

When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus? the most assurance?

Child: What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Schools - Special In a Multitude of Ways

Catholic Schools have a *unique* identity. At OLSS School, we like our identity; we embrace our Catholic Identity. We are far from perfect, and recognize that few, if any, situations in life are truly perfect. What we DO is a reflection of who we are. At OLSS we are like a family. Through the best of times and the worst of times the OLSS School Community cares for every member, from the heart. We have come to the close of another Catholic Schools' Week Celebration. We laughed, we played, we dressed up (and down), we learned, and of course we prayed. We celebrate the students and families we faithfully serve; God has blessed us with being a part of your lives. Every teacher, staff member, and administrator of OLSS would like to extend a resounding "Thank you" to our families and their Parents' Association Board who planned and executed a beautiful luncheon on Teacher Appreciation Day. You made all of us feel very special, and we thank you from our hearts. Together, WE ARE OLSS!

TOURING TUESDAY

On Tues., Feb. 11th, you will be able to tour our school between the hours of 9 and 11AM. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child, please visit and see what our School has to offer. You can call for an appointment to register at any time at (718) 984-5750.

**COMMUNION MEETING
FOR ALL PARENTS OF 2ND GRADE STUDENTS**

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Religious Education and OLSS parents of the 2nd Grade Communion Class on **Monday, Feb. 10th, at 7:30PM in O'Mara Hall.**

LIVE LOVE LAUGH – ANNUAL OLSS FASHION SHOW

Our Annual Fashion Show will be on March 27, 2014 @ The Hilton Garden Inn. If you would like to donate or ask any questions, please contact: Fashion Show Chairladies: Lisa Adragna 347-281-0976/Laura Giudice 917-582-5044/Lisa Kindya 917-453-4491.

GOODFELLA'S WOULD LIKE TO GIVE BACK!!

We, at Goodfella's, are giving back 15% of all orders made by anyone who mentions **Our Lady Star of the Sea** at the time of purchase. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to be used on funding student's necessities and activities. Please help spread the word and stop by our Great Kills location at:4018 Hylan Boulevard. **Don't forget to mention Our Lady Star of the Sea so your school receives the 15% benefit.**

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: Our selection is The Lamb's Supper - The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn. The next meeting is on **Feb. 13th at 7:30PM.** For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY – The group will resume in the Fall.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our group, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 to register. **They meet on Wednesdays at 7:30PM; next meeting, Feb. 12th .**

BIBLE FAITH SHARING GROUPS: The OLSS Faith Sharing/Bible Study series will continue with The Acts of the Apostles. New groups are now being formed. If you are interested in joining an existing group, or starting one of your own, please call the rectory at **718-984-0593.**

50 PLUS CLUB

e group meets in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM. **The next meeting on Feb. 14th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

The 50 Plus Club will be going to see "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, Pa. on Fri., April 25th. Price of \$129 includes admission, lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord, Transportation, tax and tips. For departure time and reservations, call Terry at the above number.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Interested patients, caregivers, family members and friends are encouraged to join this group, which meets on the second Wednesday Time: 7 to 9PM. at the Jewish Communion Center, 1466 Manor Road, SI, NY. For information: call Laura Mooney: (718) 524-6970 or Slmyeloma@gmail.com. Group website: www.statenisland.myeloma.org.

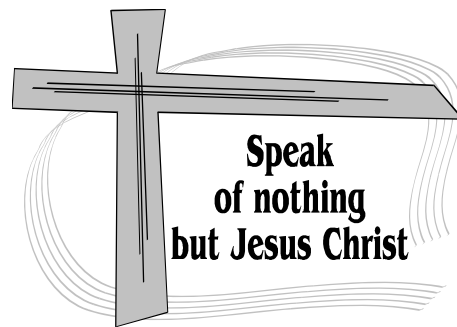
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.



OLSS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Annual Golf Outing - Thurs., June 19, Grand Oaks Country Club. Get your foursome together and come out to support your parish sports teams! For more info or to put your foursome in, contact Mia Marinaccio (718) -966-8860 or email to miam133@aol.com (Information available on the olssbasketball.com website) There will be prizes awarded and includes taking a swing for a hole in one to win a new car!



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
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 Feb. 6 th.