

**FEBRUARY 17, 2013
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

"I pray for God's peace and blessings, health and happiness in the New Year for all the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea."

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013

9:00AM Richard Carroll
4:00PM John Matzele
5:30PM G. E. Carter

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013

8:00AM Basil Khoury
9:15AM Christina Hoermann
10:30AM George and Constance Allen
12 Noon Helen and Stanislaus Umowski
1:15PM Netta Scimecca
7:00PM John Cali

Monday

9:00AM Ann Twomey

Tuesday

9:00AM Ralph Monaco, Werdot Shukri and Dave Shukri

Wednesday

9:00AM Philip Albanese

Thursday

9:00AM Maria Iorio

Friday

9:00AM Carmela and Vincent Moltisante

Saturday, February 23, 2013

9:00AM Dario Bollettino
4:00PM Antonia Young and Madeline Picone
5:30PM Patricia and Margaret Griffen, Helen O'Gara and Kathleen Pierce

Sunday, February 24, 2013

8:00AM Anthony Mazzella and Ermalinda Troise
9:15AM Nicky Chieco
10:30AM Rosario Campo
12 Noon Giovanni Iacono
1:15PM Anita Piazza
7:00PM Palma Ferrelli and John Milo



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND BANNS: John Monahan and Jessica Fracchiolla

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Feb. 24th at 8:15PM we will have our Music Workshop, at which time you will be able to select the liturgical music for your wedding and ask any questions.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP—WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 17, 2013
IN MEMORY OF THEODORE GALLO
FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY**

Lectors –Feb. 23, 2013

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Feb. 24, 2013

4:00PM P. & L. DeCarlo, A. Manetti, V. Caruso, M. Recanatini, E. Vitiello, R. Podvesker
5:30PM J. Cimino, R. Gamba, A. Dazio, F. Barone, J. Uhlman, G. Decker, J. Prato

Lectors – Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

8:00AM MJ Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM M. Higgins, J. Ladley
10:30AM A. Deliso
12 Noon MA Higgins
1:15PM C. McNally
7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

8:00AM P. DeLuca, P. Zoltowski, T. Daluise, L. & R. Bauer, J. Stanzione, M. Ennis
9:15AM A. Brady, M. Vierno, ME Carey, T. Strange, K. Ladley, R. Corbett, A. Spoto
10:30AM F. Ruggiero, E. & G. Riozzi, C. & J. Gerace, G. Balestrino, G. Deliso
12 Noon B. Higgins, C. Gravagna, R. DeMaio, E. Viola, P. Basirico, N. Fallacaro, L. Barbato
1:15PM M. Sprague, V. Acri, R. LaMonica, M. Graziano, JM Graziano, C. Houle, C. Ordy
7:00PM C. Pontecorvo, J. Limeri, A. Zuffante, K. Melka, G. Scotto, C. Barone, R. Scarpati

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

4:00 P.M. J. Albanese, E. Buccini, J. & K. Martino
5:30 P.M. T. Banks, S. Imbro, C. & R. Nicholaou

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

8:00 A.M. J. Bell, A. Discenza, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M. B. Bosques, D. Smerina, G. & F. Scarmato
10:30 A.M. R. Graziano, R. Ruskowski, B. & T. Walsh
12 Noon A. Castelle, G. Monreale, C. & J. Nardulli
1:15 P.M. N. Campanella, F. & T. Nieves, V. Palazzo
7:00 P.M. L. Caiazza, M. Matrangolo, G. & V. Sicari

Blessed Conrad of Peacenza, Feb. 19

Born into a noble family in 1290, and married young. While hunting, he set the brush on fire to flush quarry resulting in the destruction of an entire grain field and forest. An innocent peasant was accused, tortured and condemned to death. Conrad, upon seeing the condemned man being led to execution, was horrified and publicly confessed his responsibility for the disaster. He and his wife sacrificed their wealth to make restitution. They were both inspired to enter religious life. Conrad, at 25, joined the Franciscan hermits, his wife joined the Poor Clares. Conrad retired to a hermitage in Sicily where, for 36 years, he lived a life of prayer and sincere penance, and a great part of his time, caring for the sick in a nearby hospital. (JM)

PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group usually 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.

The Healing Service for March will be on Tuesday, March 5th, at 3:30PM. The Healing Mass will be on March 19th at 8PM.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday – Feb. 16

4:00PM Padre Pio Mandato

5:30PM Fr. Robert Inman

Sunday – Feb. 17

8:00AM Fr. Robert Inman

9:15AM Msgr. Jeff Conway

10:30AM Padre Pio Mandato

12 Noon Msgr. Peter Smith

1:15PM Msgr. Peter Smith

7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PLEASE NOTE; NO ADORATION ON FEB. 18/19.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph Arena, Nicoletta Caputo, Serafina Carlone, Daniel Catalano, Natalie Cavicchio, Sr., Gina Corio, Jaime Cucuzza, Gen Decio, Gemma Deliso, Joan DiFiore, John Emigholz, Sr., Joe Ennis, Patty G., Marjorie Gogarty, Edna Gorman, Gae Grande, Lorraine Hamer, Camille Polly, Richard Kempton, William Magrino, Jr., Domenico Mallozzi, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Anna Milham, John Petrizzo, Josephine Petrosino, Mary Rizzuti, Denise Santanella, Carlos Santiago, Sr. Maureen, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Stevie Speranzo, Susan Tawes, Dominick Zizzamia.

Rest in Peace

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Condolences to the family of: *Josephine Chmitarski, Domenica Picciallo, Anthony Lehmon and Robert Mastromarino*

save the date OLSS ANNUAL FASHION SHOW "A BROADWAY SPECTACULAR"

Please save the date: OLSS Fashion Show 2013 presents A "Broadway Spectacular" April 11, 2013, 7:00 pm @ The Excelsior Grand. If you would like to purchase tickets, chance books or make a donation please call the chairladies: Elvira Tarulli (917)843-8093 or Natalie Carannante (917)763-9647. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your support to be successful!

AUDITIONS FOR OLSS SPRING SHOW

The OLSS Players is proud to announce its Spring Show, "Selections from THE SOUND OF MUSIC." Auditions will be held on **Thurs. Feb. 21st, from 7 to 9PM, in O'Mara Hall.** Please come prepared to sing 16 bars of your favorite Broadway tune. Show dates are April 19th and 20th. We hope to see you at the auditions.



BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

All Parish Families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the Parish Baptismal Preparation Program. The program is held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday 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. 24th
March 10th
April 14th and April 28th
May 5th and May 19th
June 9th and June 23rd
July 14th and July 28th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Feb. 24th
March 10th
April 14th and April 28th
May 5th and May 19th
June 9th and June 23rd
July 14th and July 28th

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.



HEALING MASS AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1515 Henrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY, will host a Healing Mass sponsored by the Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Brooklyn on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at 7:30PM. Msgr. Jeff Conway will be the main celebrant. For further information, call Robert Riggiero at *718) 253-4404.

Mark's Gospel LIVE!

Wednesday, 3/6/13 at 7:30PM in Holy Child Church, experience the entire Gospel of St. Mark in two amazing hours of awesome storytelling by visiting priest and actor, Rev. Joseph Morris. Father Morris is currently assistant pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta, Georgia. Not a reading or a talk but a dynamic memorized proclamation of the Gospel of Mark. The performance has been acclaimed as "mesmerizing" and "powerful". Free-Will Offering accepted at Intermission.

LENT 2013

Fast and Abstinence: Good Friday, March 29th, is a day of fast and abstinence. The Fridays in Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. 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.

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, March 29th from 12 Noon to 2:30PM.

Stations of the Cross: are held every Friday at 7:30PM during Lent. On Good Friday, March 29th, 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: conducted by Padre Pio Mandato - Beginning on Monday, Feb. 18 to Feb. 20th.

Healing Services: Feb. 19, during Mission at 8PM and March 6th at 3:30PM. **Healing Mass:** March 19th at 8PM.

MSGR. JEFF'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING CLASS
If you are a Catholic, 18 years or older, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to join this important ministry, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number.

(Monday evenings: Feb. 25 at 8PM, March 4 at 7:30PM, March 11 at 7:30PM, and March 18th at 7:30PM (last meeting in the Church – all others in the Rectory.)

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. Next weekend, Feb. 16/17 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 3/16-17 (week before Palm Sunday).

RCIA – Rite of Election

There will be a Rite of Sending for our catechumen **Blayne Basman** and **Michael Rolnick** on Sunday, February 17th during the 10:30 a.m. mass. This Rite is typically celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent. The Rite of Sending is celebrated with the catechumen (the unbaptized) who have been preparing for many months to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This rite offers local parish the opportunity to express our approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the Bishop for the Rite of Election with the assurance of the parish's care and support. These catechumen along with their Godparents will be sent to Saint Patrick's Cathedral at 2:00PM later that day together with other catechumen in the New York Archdiocese to meet with his Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan and to enroll their names in the Book of the Elect. After this ritual they are no longer known as catechumens, but "the Elect." The Church community plays an important role in giving good example to the elect as we prepare to celebrate the Easter solemnities focusing in on the Sacrament of Baptism. We ask that you congratulate them and most importantly that you pray for them as they continue on their journey to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Salvation through faith)

Reading 1 Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness)

Reading II Romans 10:8-13 (the faith of the Christian)

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 (temptation in the desert)

Key Passage: For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Adult: *How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?*

Child: *Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?*

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The group usually meets on Mondays at 7:30PM. Sessions will begin shortly. If you are interested in attending, you must call the rectory prior to the meeting and leave your name and number.

BOOK GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the book club has been changed to **Thursday February 21** at 7:30PM in the rectory.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our Group Please call the Rectory to register at (718) 984-0593.

FEBRUARY 18th TO 20th

OLSS PARISH MISSION

CONDUCTED BY PADRE PIO MANDATO

"THE GIFT OF FAITH: JESUS IS THE DOOR OF FAITH, IN ENTERING WE ARE KEPT SAFE. JN 10:9"

Monday, Feb. 18th, 9AM Mass with a homily on the Gift of Faith.

Anointing of the sick will be provided after mass.

7:30PM – Evening service with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Conference on "Fear is useless what is needed is trust" Luke 8:50 Confession will be available, closing with Benediction.

Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 9AM Mass with homily on the "Gift of Hope." After Mass, the Sacrament of penance will be available and a talk by Sr. Theresa on "The dignity of women" the teaching of John Paul II.

7:30PM – Meditative music half hour before the service by the Sisters. Healing Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Conference on "Faith is the door into mystery and vision of God's Kingdom," Individual healing and lovely meditative music of praise and adoration closing with Benediction.

Wednesday, Feb. 20th, 9AM Mass with homily on the "Gift of Love". After Mass, the Sacrament of Penance will be available.

7:30PM – Meditative Music half hour before the Mass. Homily on "Faith in the Son of Man" – Marian procession around the Church and dedication of the Parish to Our Lady Star of the Sea in this year of faith. Light refreshments will be served after the Mission in O'Mara Hall.

THE 2014 MASS BOOK

The 2014 Mass Book is now open. 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 consideration. Please remember to consult a 2014 calendar when choosing your masses. (The donation for Sat./Sun. Masses and holy days is \$15; weekday mass donation: \$10.)

NEW LECTOR TRAINING

We will be conducting training for new Lectors. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please call the parish office at 718.984.0593 or email at olssp@si.rr.com.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, Feb. 25th, at 6PM**, in the Rectory Basement. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Rectory (984-0593). If you cannot attend, please send one representative from your organization or send your report to the Rectory by 4PM. Thank you.

FIRST RESPONDERS ALLIANCE

The First Responders Alliance addresses the urgent needs of the Sept. 11th responders and their families through innovative programs and services including family engagement, life management and wellness. The Alliance also sponsors "Tuesday's Children", which is a nonprofit family service organization committed to every individual impacted by the events of Sept. 11th and those who have been impacted by terrorist incidents worldwide. For information, call (516) 721-9001.

50 PLUS CLUB

The next meeting is **Feb. 22nd in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM**. For information, call Terry at (718) 317-1801.

APARTMENT NEEDED

Retired priest wants to rent a two-bedroom apartment. Please call the Rectory (718) 984-0593, if you have an apartment you would like to rent. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS SOCCER REGISTRATION

OLSS Soccer registration is open for new players for the 2013 spring semester and there will be an open registration session on Thursday, Feb. 21st from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at the OLSS Athletic Center. Registrations will be accepted for SIYSL players (Age 6 – 14), Pee Wee (4 & 5 year olds), and for the 3 year old clinic. Fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for siblings, Pee Wees, and 3 year olds. To register, players must have the registration form, copy of birth certificate (new player only), and a check for the fee made out to OLSS. Please visit our website for more information at www.olsssoccer.com or email us at olsssoccer@gmail.com with questions. If you are unable to attend, registrations may be dropped at the OLSS rectory.

OLSS Baseball and Softball Registration

Final registration for the CYO Baseball and Softball teams and the OLSS T-Ball program will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 2/28, 3/7 and 3/14. Please look on web site olssbasketball.com for forms and fees. These are the final registrations. Please make every effort to attend.

For more info, please contact Dennis DellaValle, Baseball Director at 718-757-1630.

SCHOOL NEWS

Open House and Information Session

We invite you to attend our open houses and information sessions in our Pre School Building so you can learn more about us. We know we can be the perfect fit for your child! Please mark these dates on your calendar:

Pre K 4 and Kindergarten Open House from 9AM -10AM

March 1

Pre K 3 Open House from 9AM -10AM March 7



OLSS CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations OLSS fourth grader Alana Di Stefano. Alana recently won second place in the Beginner's Division of the CYO annual Christmas Card Contest. We are proud of Alana and her artistic accomplishment!

2013-2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for children entering First Grade in September 2013 will take place in the Rel. Education Office in the school on April 9th and April 16th from 5:30 to 6:30PM. You must be a registered parishioner in order to register for Religious Education. For more information, call (718) 984-1885.



ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2013 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 23rd, at 2PM. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Rectory for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tues., June 4th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

12 STEP MEETINGS – RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun., 5:30PM
AA	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
New AA Meeting	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM and 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues., 6:30PM and
	Fri., 7:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues., 8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs., 7:15PM

For INTERVENTIONS call Joe Bratt (718) 290-7012

PLEASE NOTE:

Every first Thursday, at 6PM, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7PM and a Healing Mass at 8PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on 2/28/13.