

FEBRUARY 26, 2012
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK OF
 FEBRUARY 26, 2012
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
 JAMES A. MC GOWAN
 FROM THE MC SORLEY FAMILY

"MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FILL YOUR HEARTS ALWAYS."

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012

9:00AM Louis DeMartino
4:00PM Deceased of Serrantonio and Puglisi Fms.
5:30PM Ermelinda Troise

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

8:00AM Kathleen Pierce and Helen O'Gara
9:15AM Christopher Amoroso
10:30AM Lorenzo Taglienti and Jean Lullen
12 Noon Ellen Brennan and Mark Doyle
1:15PM Anita Piazza and Benjamin Frisone
7:00PM Larry Savino

Monday

9:00AM Pasquale Zanfardino

Tuesday

9:00AM Tess Caputo and Jeffrey Capretta

Wednesday

9:00AM Douglas LaLima

Thursday

9:00AM Fred Peruggia

Friday

9:00AM Mary Jane Pincotto

Saturday, March 3, 2012

9:00AM Angelo and Mary Gazzola and Theresa Fallacaro
4:00PM Helen and William Timmermans
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 4, 2012

8:00AM Charlene Crimmins
9:15AM Andre Graziano
10:30AM Anna, Louis and Therese Friscia
12 Noon Philip Tanella
1:15PM Mary Rafferty
7:00PM Lucy Ferrigno

Lectors – March 3, 2012

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM F. Monte, C. Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – March 3, 2012

4:00PM J. & D. Coscia, C. Baggot, G. Decio, R. Podvesker, K. Sciarrino, R. Taranto
5:30PM A. Maffeo, J. Amitrano, J. Uhlman, J. Cimino, M. Andreola, M. Graziano, M.E. Carey

Lectors – March 4, 2012

8:00AM M. J. Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM M. Higgins
10:30AM J. Zinsley
12 Noon A. Deliso
1:15PM J. Saulo
7:00PM G. LaGrua, B. Volpicello

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 4, 2012

8:00AM K. Bradley, E. Viola, L. & R. Bauer, J. Stanzione, A. Sparandera, M. Ennis
9:15AM R. Corbett, M. Vierno, A. Guber, J. Gatto, A. Brady, C. Scalzo, L. Capobianco
10:30AM F. Ruggiero, R. DeMaio, J. Tolento, L. Puleo, A. Stensland, P. & L. DeCarlo
12 Noon N. Fallacaro, G. Deliso, P. Basirico, C. & J. Gerace, E. Viola, S. Catalano
1:15PM A. McCoy, H. Angelina, R. LaMonica, C. Houle, V. Acri, F. & A. Saulo
7:00PM D. McCumisky, R. Taranto, A. Zuffante, G. Scotto, C. Barone, G. Donohue, MA Russo

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 3, 2012

4:00PM C. D. & J. Struthers, L. Torre
5:30PM J. Albanese, C. Nicholaou, A. & H. Romani

Sunday, March 4, 2012

8:00AM N. D'Angelo, A. Discenza, C. Luisi, N. Mele
9:15AM J. Cafiero, M. Gambino, F. & G. Scarmato
10:30AM E. & R. Carey, M. Matrangolo, K. Tobin
12 Noon C. Gallo, C. Sikorjak, B. & T. Wren
1:15PM D. Dunn, F. & T. Nieves, C. Trang
7:00PM F. Galante, P. Scarpa, V. Sicari, N. Turturro



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND TIME: Daniel DeAnda and Allison Wissel
 Anthony Pucciarelli and Rose Falotico
THIRD TIME: Glenn Ward and Gina DiBartolomeo
 Michael Dellaccio and Nicole SanGiorgio

HERO/SAINT OF THE WEEK
ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Born in 1838, his name was originally Francis. He was very popular with his fellow students and friends. Gabriel was very fond of literature and the theater. After being miraculously cured from two bouts of illness, he decided to leave the world and enter the Passionist Order. At the age of 24, Gabriel died of tuberculosis. During his short life, he reached an heroic degree of sanctity by his self-denials and great devotion to Our Lord's Passion. Many miracles occurred at his tomb at Isola di Gran Sasso, Italy. (JM)

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Feb. 26th at 8:15PM IN THE CHURCH, (next workshop April 29th) 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.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Feb. 25/Feb. 26

4:00PM Fr. Jim Hauver
5:30PM Fr. Jim Hauver
8:00AM Fr. Panimayakumar
9:15AM Msgr. Jeff Conway
10:30AM Fr. Robert Poveromo
12 Noon Fr. Robert Poveromo
1:15PM Msgr. Jeff Conway
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

March 3/March 4

Fr. Robert Poveromo
Fr. Robert Poveromo
Msgr. Jeff Conway
Fr. Panimayakumar
Msgr. Jeff Conway
Fr. Jim Hauver
Fr. Jim Hauver
Msgr. Jeff Conway



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to offer our sincere condolences to the family of the recently deceased:

***Michelina Coppeto, Michael Fenimore, Netta Scimecca,
Sister M. Selina Malone, IHM, Lucy Ferranto
and Maria Iorio***

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.

The next Healing Service will be on Tues., March 6th at 3:30PM in the Church. The next Healing Mass will be on Tues., March 20th at 8:00PM in the Church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Denise Amore, Maggie Anglemeyer, Jeanne Ardine, Betty Barrasso, Barbara Boscia, Dustin Cabeza, Ethel Cohen, David and Nanette Colon, Connie Bonanno, Carole Borelli, Dustin Cabereza, Frances Carbone, Philip Civello, Kelly Clark, Frances Codispodo, David and Ethel Cohen, Marion Condadora, Jaime Cucuzza, Virginia Cutrone, Tony Daluise, Vincent DeMarco, Debra DiDomenico, Joan DiFiore, Carol Federic, John Foder, Anthony Galante, Nancy and Antoinette Gallo, Carol Gawron, Joan Gordon, Andrew Hardin, Marcella Lawless, Alice Lombardo, William Magrino, Jr., Michael Maniscalco, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Eileen Narbut, Dave O'Hanlon, Joseph Pagano, Lucy Peters, Joseph Pineiro, Nina Polio, Camille Polly, Rachelle Puglisi, Denise Santanella, Carlos Santiago, Celeste Setty, Lorraine Skelly, Barbara Sodora, Steve Speranzo, Larry Sullivan, Maryann Taranuk, Cynthia and Stephanie Tonback, Olga Walchok, Robert Wideman, Carol Wright, Mary Yacovacci.

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS TRACK AND FIELD REGISTRATION:

Registration for the 2012 Track and Field season will take place on the following dates: Tuesday February 28th and Wednesday March 7th from 7:30-9:00 in the lobby of the Athletic Center. Track and Field is open to boys and girls in grades k-8. Fee is \$75. For more info, email Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net.

OLSS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE:

Registration for the OLSS Women's Basketball League will take place on Tuesday February 28th and Wednesday Match 7th from 7:30-8:30 in the lobby of the OLSS Athletic Center. Team entries will be accepted. Please contact Mia Marinaccio at miam133@aol.com for all information.

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, proof of Confirmation for sponsors (the sponsor 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**

March 11th and March 25th
April 22nd
May 13th and May 27th
June 10th and June 24th
July 8th and July 22nd

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

March 11th and March 25th
April 22nd
* May 13th and May 27th
*Baptisms during 1:15PM Mass in May
June 10th and June 24th
July 8th and July 22nd

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.

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

**Next meeting – March 9th, 1PM, in OLSS Athletic Center.
Wed., April 18th, Bus trip to Renault Winery, with lunch, wine tasting and a stop at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City.
Reservations Call Terry (718) 317-1801.**

ATTENTION LECTORS

If you did not get your 2012 Lector Workbook, you can pick them up at the rectory at any time. Just check your name off on the sheet provided. Thank you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR?

If you are a high school senior or an adult, who would like to serve your parish in this important ministry, we are in need of Lectors for our weekend masses. Training will be provided for anyone interested in serving. Please call Sr. Linda at (718) 984-0593 for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please try to find time in your day to partake in our weekday Adoration. If interested Please call **Carol at *82 (917) 536-8576.**



LENT – 2012

- **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, April 6th, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM.
- **Reconciliation Monday** – April 2nd, confessions will be heard continuously from 3 to 9PM.
- **Stations of the Cross** are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, April 6th, 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.
- **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, call the Rectory and leave your name and number. Sessions will be on Mondays on 8PM in the Rectory on Feb. 27th, March 5th, March 12 and the last class will meet in the church on March 19th to go over procedures. Please consider this important Ministry. You are welcome to attend Msgr. Jeff's class even if you do not wish to become a Minister. ***If interested, please call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.***
- **Healing Services:** March 6th and April 3rd at 3:30PM. **Healing Masses:** March 20th at 8PM.
- **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, naked and in prison. Each one of us can make a difference! This weekend, **Feb. 25/26, 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 24/25.***

CHALICES AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION

If you would like to purchase a chalice in memory of a deceased loved one, call John Manetta, Sacristan, at the Rectory, for more information (718) 984-0593.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A charitable gift annuity allows you to make a significant gift to Our Lady Star of the Sea while receiving payments for life in return. Gift annuity rates range from 4.7% to 9.0%. To learn more, please call the Office of Gift Planning at (646) 794-3317 or email gift.planning@archny.org.

58th NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Join Fr. Joe McLafferty, our former parochial vicar and Pastor of St. Christopher's Church, Staten Island, on the 58th U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France from June 27th to July 8th. For complete details, call St. Christopher's Church at (718) 351-2452.

First Sunday of Lent A change of heart

Reading I Genesis 9:8-15 (covenant with Noah)

Reading II 1 Peter 3:18-22 (the purpose of Christ's suffering)

Gospel Mark 1:12-15 (Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion)

Key Passage: For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

Adult: *When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?*

Child: *What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?*

Questions taken from Heritage of Faith, (Jo McClure Rotunno, and CTL)

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Our support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one meets on **Thursdays, 7:30 to 9PM in the Rectory. The next meeting is Thurs., March 15th.** If you or someone you know has questions regarding this group, please **call Sr. Linda at (718) 984-0593.**

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The next meeting for those who are going through a separation or divorce is on **Monday, Feb. 27th, 7:30 to 9PM in the Rectory.** If you or someone you know has questions regarding this group, please **call Sr. Linda at (718) 984-0593.**

BOOK GROUP MEETING: Our next meeting is **Thurs., March 8th, in the Rectory at 8:00PM.** The new book is Crossing the Threshold of Hope by Blessed John Paul II. We will cover the first 60 pages.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY: REALITY: Join us as we search what it takes to be a 'True Disciple' in our generation. Meetings are Thursdays at 7pm at O'Mara Hall, welcoming all teens, 8th grade through high school that are looking to have some fun while deepening their faith. All teens are also welcome to join our Bible Breakdown - Sundays at 3pm in the Rectory Living Room. Follow our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/OLSSYMReality

YOUTH MIN. CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED – If you are 18 years or older and would like to help bring our youth to a relationship with Christ, please contact our Youth Minister Danny D'Onofrio at (718) 974-9900 or email – dannydono@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH SHARING GROUP: This group is for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's looking to Share their faith with other individuals of similar interests. If you are interested please contact Young Adults Faith Sharing: olssyoungadults@yahoo.com or friend us on Facebook@OLSS Young Adults Faith Sharing Group for the latest information on meeting times, places and events. ****If you are interested in assisting the coordinator with planning, etc., please contact Danny D'Onofrio at olssyoungadults@yahoo.com***

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

"The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day."

SCHOOL NEWS OLSS Pre K and Kindergarten

Open House and Information Session

We invite you to attend our open houses and information sessions in our PRE K 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 Houses from 9AM -10AM on March 7
Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM on March 8

SEED

Success through Early Exploration and Discovery
Our Lady Star of the Sea Preschool has an exciting SEED program. In a developmentally age appropriate and print rich environment, our preschoolers move from learning center to learning center, exploring and discovering the world of Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Incorporating Art, Music and Movement, and Computer technology helps to strengthen our preschoolers to become highly active and eager learners! Our 3 year olds initially focus on the social and readiness skills. As the year progresses, there is more in depth focus on the children's literacy program *The Letter People*. Our 4 year olds are immersed in the new innovative *Happily Ever After*, a readiness program with children's literature at the heart! This program teaches a rich curriculum of early literacy skills such as story structure and appreciation, print and book awareness, letter recognition and naming, auditory discrimination, phonological and phonemic awareness, listening and direction following, oral language development, and emergent writing through children's dictation. The SPARKS program, which focuses on physical activity and healthy nutrition, is also used. Our full day 4 year olds also have the opportunity to spend time each week using the computers in our state of the art computer lab! It is exciting to be a preschooler at Our Lady Star of the Sea School!

OLSS CONTEST WINNER

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

OPENING OF THE 2013 MASS BOOK

The 2013 Mass Book will officially open on **Tuesday, March 6th, at 9AM** (no earlier) in the basement of the Parish House. In order to accommodate our large parish, we ask that no more than four masses (including one holy day or holiday be taken from any one person or family at this time.) Thank you for your cooperation. Please remember to **consult a 2013 calendar** when choosing your masses. Thank you.

Masses on Holy Days and Weekends	\$15
Mass during the week	\$10
Additional \$5 for large folder Mass card.	

MOM AND TOTS PLAY GROUP

Our Wednesday morning Mom and Tots Play Group meets from **10:30AM to 12:30PM** in the Rectory Basement. No registration necessary.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, Feb. 27th, at 6PM, in the Rectory Basement**. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Rectory (984-0593). Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR ANNUAL FASHION SHOW "A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS"

Be our guest for an exciting evening filled with prizes, fabulous food and fashions. Fashions presented by "Diane & Company". Join us at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Avenue, Staten Island, New York at 7PM on Wed., March 28th
Tickets: \$65 per person - Contact: Theresa at (917) 538-4376 or Virginia at (917) 796-4877. Table Sponsor: \$50, contact Lauri Ann Santigate at (917) 674-4537. If you would like to donate to our raffle table or take an ad out in our journal on behalf of your family or company, call our chairladies: Ann Scopellito at (917) 667-3480 or Elizabeth Bruno at (917) 620-1026.

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

Our Lady Star of the Sea School can earn cash through Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program. Register your Stop & Shop card online at www.stopandshop.com/aplus or call 1 877-275-2758 or register in the store. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School by using ID # **15043** This program runs until **March 29, 2012**. The money earned will be used for many of our school's educational needs.

STATEN ISLAND RIGHT TO LIFE LEAGUE ORATORY CONTEST – 12 NOON – APRIL 7TH

AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HALL – 130 MIDLAND AVE., SI, NY
Contest open to all Juniors and Seniors in high school. Student must develop a 5 to 7 minute long speech on a Right to Life issue (abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, etc.). Mail speech to **Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc., 241 Cuba Ave., SI, NY 10306** by **Wed., 3/30/12**. Winner will receive a Series E \$500 savings bond and will be eligible to compete in the State Contest in Albany.
An essay contest is also available to 7th and 8th grade students and Freshman and Sophomores. Present an essay on the same theme, three hundred and fifty words or more. Mail it in on or before March 24th to the address listed above. Winner will receive \$250 Series E savings bond. Please submit with the essay student's name, address, and phone number. For information, call (718) 979-7291 or email: sirighttolife@yahoo.com.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA (new meeting)	SUN: 6:00PM
(ACOA – ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS)	
AA MEETINGS:	SUN: 8:15PM
	MON: 10AM
	THURS: 4PM
	SAT: 7:30PM and 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS:	TUES: 6:30PM and
	FRI: 7:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:	TUES: 8:00PM
AL ANON:	THURS: 7:15PM
(Support program for Families of alcoholics and addicts.)	

INTERVENTION HAS BEEN MOVED FROM OLSS BASEMENT TO CHRIST LUTHERAN, LOCATED ON CLEVELAND AVE. IN GREAT KILLS, ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30PM. CALL JOE BRAT AT (718) 290-7012