

JANUARY 25, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, January 24, 2015

9:00AM Nicola Candido and Esterina Logozzo
4:00PM Dora and Edward DiAntonio
5:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.

Sunday, January 25, 2015

8:00AM Arthur Barlotta
9:15AM Maryann Sloane
10:30AM Douglas Myers and Joann Nespoli
12 Noon Keith M. McConville
1:15PM Antoinette and Patrick Vulpi
7:00PM Elizabeth Cruz and Palmira Crispino

Monday

9:00AM Biagio and Frankie Pallatta

Tuesday

9:00AM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.

Wednesday

9:00AM Martin Brullo, Betty Bressi
 and Rose D'Angelo

Thursday

9:00AM Thomas and Valerie Lavin

Friday

9:00AM Armondo and Adolorata Goglia

Saturday, January 31, 2015

9:00AM Andrea DeLuca
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Serrantonio
 and Puglisi Fms.
5:30PM Dr. John P. Curran

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:00AM Tom and Valerie Lavin and
 Joseph Annunziato
9:15AM Teddy Klinkosz
10:30AM Deceased Members of the Mineo Family
12 Noon Bernie and Grace Weiss
1:15PM Deceased Members of the Saccheri
 and Mule Fms.
7:00PM Nicole Donlon

HEALING SERVICE

The next Healing Mass will be on **Tues., Feb. 3rd**, at **7:30PM**.
 During the Healing Mass, since it is the Feast of St. Blaise, we
 will also include the blessing of the throats. The Healing
 Service will be on Feb. 17th, at 3:30PM.
 Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need
 of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
 JANUARY 25, 2015
 IN MEMORY OF JOAN DE LUCA
 FROM HIS FRIENDS AT THE
 PIONEER BUS COMPANY

Lectors – Jan. 31, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM M. Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM C. Baggot, M. Sicari, V. Caruso, A. Petrocelli,
 B. Barone
5:30PM J. Amitrano, ME Carey, J. Cimino, C. Barone,
 A. Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015

8:00AM L. Bauer, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM T. O'Connell, M. Higgins
10:30AM F. Monte, M. Pinto
12 Noon C. Messina
1:15PM G. LaGrua
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM P. Zoltowski, R. Bauer, J. Stanzione
9:15AM S. & M. Hitchcock, J. Gatto, D. Avena,
 L. Capobianco
10:30AM F. Ruggiero, C. Ordy, B. Paccione,
 C.. & J. Gerace
12 Noon S. Catalano, B. & MA Higgins, B. Peters
1:15PM A. McCoy, P. & L. DeCarlo, M. Sprague, V. Acri
7:00PM C. Belvedere, R. Scarpati, S. Caiazzo,
 D. McCumisky, M. Recanatini

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 31, 2015

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

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:00 A.M.: J. Bell, C. Luisi, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M.: F. & G. Scarmato, K. Lee, B. Walsh
10:30 A.M.: B. Bosques, G. Pelucco, C. Sikorjak, C. Trang
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, G. Artz, N. Rotondi, B. Stackhouse
1:15 P.M.: C. F. & T. Nieves, P. Arellano
7:00 P.M.: J. LoPiccolo, J. Petillo, D. Russo, E. Tedesco



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*Judith Verton, Thomas Callow, Robert Duane, Emma
 Jemma and Salvatore Talamo*



OPENING OF THE 2016 MASS BOOK

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The 2016 Mass book will open on
 Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, at 9AM. Because of our large parish and the fact
 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
 holiday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory
 since Masses cannot be taken prior to the opening of the book, or
 over the phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This weekly letter is more like bits and pieces of Irish stew. So I'm going to outline some items that I have meaning to share with you.

Our Parish Mission-Save the Dates: March 2,3,4 & 5: Monday – Thursday : 7:30 -9 PM. There will be a Parish Mission Team giving this retreat. I will be joined by Sister Maureen Colleary, FSP, Sister Jean Wagner, PBVM, Frank De Martino, Paul Zammit, Grace Volpe, and Marie Ferro. The themes of the Parish Mission are: God's Love for Us, Our Response to God's Love, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Unity and Healing. Each night of the mission will include prayer in words and music, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and on the final night of the mission will be the Mass of Unity and Healing which will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Wednesday is the heart of the Mission and many priests will gather to help us at the end of the hour with confessions.

Holy Name Men's Society: I want to gather the men of the parish to specifically organize events so that I can utilize their expertise and resources. We have many faithful men in our parish serving as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, sports coaches, scout masters and catechists. However, the Holy Name Society plan parish events that really bring people together such as parish picnic, block parties and festivals. One event that was very successful at Our Lady of Pity was the Memorial Christmas trees that were brightly lit from the third week of Advent until the end of January. The men of the parish not only sorted the trees for their size, but pounded in the re-bars that hold them up, and joined with families the arranged for lights for each of the 180 trees. They then would take laminated signs of the names of the deceased members of the families and fastened them to each tree. These brave souls braved the cold chill taking down the decorations and feeding the trees into Sanitation trucks. So, I am looking for men of all ages to get involved.

Letters of appreciation arrived from the Seton Foundation, who mentioned that over 10% of all their fundraising came from the generosity of our parish. Also, Cross Roads Foundation mentioned that, through the generosity of our Giving Tree project, 54 families and 135 children were treated to some beautiful gifts. Thanks again for bringing your love into action this Christmas season.

This past Saturday, all the children of Grade 2, attending our Religious Education program, received their First Reconciliation as did the children of Our Lady Star of the Sea School on January 10th. Each of the children were well prepared and filled with God's grace. Thank you to all who have prepared these children so well.

The rectory dining room and living room will be getting a fresh coat of paint, some new window treatments and some new furniture and flooring. Through the generosity of benefactors, this gift will give us a fresh new look. It will take some time but, hopefully, before the spring flowers, we'll be budding new life on our first floor of the rectory.

Finally I received a call from Bishop John O'Hara, who scheduled the time and date for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation. This will occur on October 21 & 22, 2015 at 4:00PM. He was most grateful to be with us this past December and looks forward to joining with us in the fall.

As ever, I want to give a shout of thanks to Francesca and Alfred Saulo for their dedication and love for engaged couples as they return every two months for a full Saturday giving the Pre Cana Workshop. This past week we had 23 couples. May the Lord bless their marriages abundantly.

Given the events of the past few weeks in France, I am more than eager to travel with Cardinal Dolan and a merry group of priests to join on a pilgrimage – retreat to Normandy Beach, Lisieux, Chartres, Paris: Sacre Couer Basilica, the tombs of Saint Vincent De Paul, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and the glass tombs of Saint Catherine Laboure and Saint Louise De Marillac, founder of the Daughters of Charity. Then we will arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Be assured of my prayers for all of you during this special time: February 4-12.

May the Lord give you His peace and strength these cold days.

Father Tom Devery



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Angela Bifulco, Nicoletta Caputo, Grace Cataudella, Ethel Cohen, Diane and Jay Coller, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Nilda and Jerry Corvo, Dominick Crea, Gen Decio, Zeinia Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambone, Gabriella Hags, Lorraine Hamer, Jennifer Hoban, Thomas Lamantia, Vincent Lombardo, Michael Maniscalco, Andrew Martingano, Joe Mauro, Kelly McCarthy, Chuck Melka, Raymond Nelson, Susan Nemer, Camille Polly, Joe Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona, Len Schiffman, Celeste Setty, Amir Shirazi, William St. Laurent, Dora Valente, Lisa Vasquez, Cele Van Winkle and MaryLou Yacovacci.

PLEASE NOTE: Next weekend, we will remove all the names from the sick list. You may call after that time to have your loved one put on.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

Sunday, Feb. 28th 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.**

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.

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.

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.

SPORTS NEWS
OLSS BASEBALL REGISTRATION 2015

PLACE: OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

DATES:

THURSDAY – 2/5/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

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

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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. 19 at 7:30 PM in the Rectory. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., Feb. 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.

DRUG AWARENESS SUPPORT GROUP: Let's start 2015 off right! Please join us for our first educational support meeting of the year on **Thursday, Jan. 29th, beginning at 7:30PM.** Topics will include **FAMILY ENABLING: How parental enabling behavior can keep the addict addicted; What to do once you have identified that a family member is an addict.** Felicia Reddy, RN and Marci Kleinberg-Bandelli, LCSW are the facilitators. There is no fee and all are welcome. Let's get our families healthy. Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have any questions, call Alicia Reddy at (646) 404-0637.

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.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens welcomes those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The rite starts in back of the Church to welcome them as the Mass begins. They are signed by the cross of Christ and affirm their intention to live under Christ's cross. Their formation in God's Word begins as the-Word we hear proclaimed each week in our assembly is presented to them. The 10:30AM Mass will take a little longer this week. You are important in this celebration and will welcome these men and women into our midst and share your faith with them. After Mass you are invited to personally welcome and meet them.

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.**

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. 8th and Feb. 22nd
 March 8th and March 22nd
 April 12th and April 26th
 May 10th and May 24th



BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH
2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Feb. 8th and 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

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.

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, Jan. 30th.

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 Feb. 5, 2015



SCHOOL NEWS
FEEDING OUR NEIGHBOR CAMPAIGN
WINNER!

Congratulations to Jessica Sam (Grade 5), who was awarded third place for her art design entry for the 2014 "Feeding Our Neighbor Campaign" sponsored by Catholic Charities. Jessica was invited to attend the opening Mass for the "Feeding Our Neighbor Campaign" at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Jan. 11th and to bring up the gifts at that Mass. This is a tremendous honor especially since His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, was the main celebrant. Congratulations to Jessica! Her vision and creativity in this winning entry is exemplary.

OLSS SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION
FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8th grade will be Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in O'Mara Hall 9:00 – 11:00

PREK THREE YEAR OLDS – The three year-old sessions will be offered two days (Tues. – Thurs.) AM (8:30 – 11:00) and PM (12:00 – 2:30) Sessions available. Students must be three years of age by Dec. 31, 2015 and potty trained.

PREK FOUR YEAR OLDS – The four year-old sessions will be offered three full days 8:30 – 2:30 (Mon., Wed., and Fri.) Students must be four years of age by Dec. 31, 2015 and potty trained.

KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE – Kindergarten students must be five year of age by Dec. 31, 2015. You must be a registered parishioner (register at the Parish Office) to apply

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE (718) 984-5750.

The following items should be present at all registrations

- Birth certificate (Copy and Original)
- Baptismal certificate (if not Catholic Ok, if Baptized at OLSS just need date)
- Nonrefundable \$200 application fee made out to OLSS per child
- \$200 Fair Share fee per family (Gr. K – 8 only)
- Sunday collection envelope number (Gr. K – 8 must be a registered at parish)
- Academic records including standardized test results and report cards for 2 years (Gr. 1 – 8)
- If child has an IEP or IESP a copy must be brought in.

*****If you are unable to attend registration, please contact the school office to set up an appointment (718) 984-5750.

OLSS HONORS THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE
 Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday January 25, 2015. The theme for this very special week is Catholic Schools – *A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service*. As part of this theme the OLSS school community will be honoring all those who serve and protect us. All parents and grandparents of OLSS students who are members of the Police Department, Fire Department, military or government law enforcement agency whether active or retired have been invited to attend 9AM Mass on Monday January 26, 2015. We welcome all parishioners to attend this Mass!