

JANUARY 13, 2013
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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, January 12, 2013

4:00PM Margaret Mineo and Frances Carbone
5:30PM Vincent Mairorana

Sunday, January 13, 2013

8:00AM Jarrid DeCrescenzo
9:15AM Martin Giblin
10:30AM Thomas J. Martin
12 Noon Vito Deliso and Rosa Saponaro
1:15PM Margaret Mineo
7:00PM Carmen Medina

Monday

9:00AM Joseph and Josephine Brullo

Tuesday

9:00AM Jeannette Pompo and Vincent Mangogna

Wednesday

9:00AM Vito Gregorio

Thursday

9:00AM Robert Hamilton

Friday

9:00AM Mary Canterucio

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013

9:00AM Patricia Lavanco
4:00PM Mario Mattera, Thomas Esposito and Madeline Ansalone
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013

8:00AM Domenico Ianni
9:15AM Kathleen Rossiter
10:30AM Rosemarie Alfieri
12 Noon Thomas DeFelice
1:15PM Adam J. D'Auria
7:00PM Lois Heineman



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Danielle Panarella and Joseph Pane
SECOND BANNS: Jennifer Serao and Chris Chiaia

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
JANUARY 13TH
IN MEMORY OF CONCETTA DI STEFANO
FROM THE ROSSMY AND SEMERAD FAMILIES

Lectors –Jan. 19, 2013

4:00PM A. Pompei
5:30PM C. Losi, F. Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Jan. 19, 2013

4:00PM L. Barbato, A. Lazzara, V. Caruso, E. Vitiello, T. Scaramuzzo, J. & F. Marino
5:30PM A. Dazio, A. Maffeo, G. Scotto, M. Lappin, C. Harris, J. Graziano, JM Graziano

Lectors – Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi, MJ Truckenbrodt
9:15AM T. O'Connell, B. Weir
10:30AM E. Newborn, M. Coppolo
12 Noon A. Deliso
1:15PM R. LaMonica, MA Higgins
7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, Jan 20, 2013

8:00AM L. & R. Bauer, P. Zoltowski, E. Viola, J. Stanzione, T. Daluise, M. Ennis
9:15AM M. Vierno, A. Brady, R. Corbett, L. Capobianco, A. Guber, S. & M. Hitchcock
10:30AM L. Appel, ME Carey, C. Ordy, B. Paccione, F. Ruggiero, G. Balestrino, B. Barone
12 Noon N. Fallacaro, M. Randazzo, G. Deliso, C. Houle, E. Talarico, C. & J. Gerace
1:15PM A. McCoy, J. Tolento, B. Nicholson, V. Aciri, T. Scaramuzzo, G. & A. Deliso
7:00PM J. Zinsley, R. Scarpati, J. Prato, D. McCumisky, M. Recanatini, C. Ordy, K. Melka

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013

4:00 P.M. L. Cavicchio, A. Mutkoski, A. Napolitano, M. Rivera
5:30 P.M. J. Albanese, M. Brophy, M. Losi, M. McDonough

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013

8:00 A.M. A. Discenza, C. Luisi, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M. R. Graziano, R. Ruszkowski, F. & G. Scarmato
10:30 A.M. M. Matrangolo, G. Monreale, C. & J. Nardulli
12 Noon D. & D. Bottiglia, C. Carr, D. Russo
1:15 P.M. K. Betsais, H. Caruso, F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M. J. Petillo, C. & J. Rubin, N. Turturro.

JAN. 15 – ST. ITA (VIRGIN)

St. Ita was born in Waterford, Ireland in the 6th Century. She decided early to dedicate herself to a religious life and organized a convent in Limerick which was a famous boys' training school; two students became saints: Brendan and Mochoemoc. Brendan asked St. Ita what three things God especially loved and she replied, "true faith in God with a pure heart, a simple life with a religious spirit and an open hand inspired by charity," and what three things God abhorred, "a scowling face, obstinacy in wrong doing and arrogant trust in the power of money."

FR. KEVIN MALICK

Fr. Kevin Malick has been granted a medical leave of absence effective Jan. 3, 2013. Please keep him in your prayers for a return to good help.

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.

Prayer Group resume on 1/15/13.

There will be no Healing Service on the first Tuesday in February. We will have a healing service during our Parish Mission on Tues., Feb. 19th, at 7:30PM, which will be conducted by Padre Pio Mandato. The Healing Service for March will be on Tuesday, March 5th, at 3:30PM.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday – Jan 12

4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

5:30PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

Sunday – Jan 13

8:00AM Msgr. Peter Smith

9:15AM Msgr. Peter Smith

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7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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Fr. Brennan Joseph

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Fr. Robert Inman

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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.



BLOOD DRIVE AT OLSS ON JAN. 27TH

Please give blood at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Blood Drive on Sunday, January 27, 2013. We will be taking donors from 9:00AM to 3:00PM in O'Mara Hall. Donors must be between the ages of 16 and 75, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good general health. Most medications, including those that treat high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes, will not stop you from donating blood. For any other questions regarding medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900. Please eat a healthy meal before donating and bring a form of ID. We would like to especially reach out to type's O+, O-, A-, and B-. Hel save a life in 2013! Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph Arena, Natalie Cavicchio, Gen Decio, Patty G., Marjorie Gogarty, Edna Gorman, Richard Kempton, Carlos Santiago, Sr. Maureen, Susan Tawes, Dominick Zizzamia



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:

Gloria Margiotta, Vincent DeMarco, Patricia Ackerman and Maria Mandara



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

Jan. 27th
Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th
March 10th
April 14th and April 28th
May 5th and May 19th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Jan. 27th
Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th
March 10th
April 14th and April 28th
May 5th and May 19th

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Friday, February 1st at 8PM for your loved ones who have died during the past year (January 2012 through the present). Please call the rectory (718) 984-0593) to confirm your attendance, leaving your name and the name of the deceased. If you have a loved one that you want included (whether or not the funeral Mass took place at OLSS) call the parish office to give us their name as well as approximately how many of your family and friends will be attending. When names are read at the beginning of Mass, a member of the family will be invited to bring a lighted candle to the sanctuary. (Candles will be provided; simply check with a member of the Bereavement Team as you arrive in Church.) It is important that the family representative who will bring up the candle arrive by 7:45PM. A social time will be provided after Mass.

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.

The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (the servant of the Lord)

Reading II Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's discourse)

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (the baptism of Jesus)

Key Passage And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Adult: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Child: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

RCIA - Rite of Acceptance / Rite of Welcome

Just as our warm hearts and inviting spirits need some type of accompanying physical gestures, such as a handshake or hug when we welcome someone into our home, so the welcoming community called Church needs some rituals to welcome its inquirers to itself during this process of initiation. The RCIA process has two combined rituals, the Rite of Acceptance for those who are not baptized and the Rite of Welcome for those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition or those individuals who are already Catholic and have not completed their Christian initiation and are ready to move to the period of the Catechumenate. This is the first time these individuals will publicly declare their intention to the Church and the Church, in turn, accepts them as people who intend to become its members. Therefore, these Rites are celebrated within the community of believers so the community can welcome these individuals into the second step of their journey to faith. This celebration will take place on **Sunday, January 13th during the 7:00 pm Mass**. We ask our parish community for your support as we welcome our new Catechumen and Candidate for Full Initiation into the Catholic faith.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The group 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 will be Thursday, February 14 at 7:30PM in the rectory. The next book selection is under discussion and will be announced next week. New members are always welcome. Please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081 for more information.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our Group, the next meeting is on **January 16th at 7:30PM** in the Rectory. We will meet on the next two Wednesdays at the same time. Please call the rectory to register at (718) 984-0593.

NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Our Lady Star of the Sea 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 olssparish@si.rr.com.

Take Note



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

Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten Information Sessions
from 7PM to 8PM January 15

PAYING IT FORWARD

Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Religious Education students truly understand how fortunate they are as many others are still experiencing the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. So, they have decided to help many school children whose lives are still in turmoil. Over 1000 toys were collected and delivered to Our Lady Queen of Peace, St Christopher, and Holy Rosary schools. God bless the givers, the receivers and their families.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers for certain weekend Masses, especially the 5:30PM on Saturday and the 12 Noon, 1:15PM and 7PM on Sundays. If you would like to help in this important ministry, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number for Sacristan, John Manetta (718) 984-0593.

ESTATE PLANNING

Remember Our Lady Star of the Sea in your estate planning. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about including OLSS in your will or living trust, please call the Archdiocese of New York at (212) 371-1000 Ext. 3317 or email gift.planning@archny.org for more information.

SPORTS NEWS



OLSS BASEBALL SOFTBALL - T-Ball REGISTRATION:

OLSS baseball and softball program, open to girls and boys in grades 1-8 The Instructional T-Ball program is open to boys and girls in grades pre-k 4 and Kindergarten. Registration for both programs will be held on the following dates:

WED JAN 23 WED JAN 30 TUES FEB 5 & TUES FEB 12
FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM AT OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

For information contact Dennis DellaValle @ 718- 757- 1630 or EMAIL olssbaseballsoftball@verizon.net

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✓ Mark Your Calendar

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. Sessions will be on Mondays at 8PM in the Rectory as follows:

Feb. 25, March 4, March 11 and the last class, March 18, will be in the Church to go over procedures. You are welcome to attend even if you do not wish to become a Minister. If interested, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number (718) 984-0593.

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.

SEAMLESS GARMENT EVENT AT ST. CLARE'S

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, the parish of St. Clare will hold its seventh annual **Seamless Garment event** which celebrates the sacredness and dignity of all human life at all its stages. It will begin at the 1pm Mass and continue with a reception in the school cafeteria after Mass. This year we are hosting Good Counsel Home (for mothers and babies) and Carmel Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitation. If you wish, you can bring a small gift for one of the mothers or a young child or for a resident of Carmel Richmond. **THERE IS NO CHARGE.** Call [718-984-7873 ext.1729](tel:718-984-7873) or email adultfaith@stclaresi.com for more information.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2013

"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations... I the Lord have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people"... "as Jesus was at prayer a voice from heaven was heard to say 'You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.'"

The well known scene of Jesus with John, the crowds, flowing water, the dove, and the voice are presented for us today. Jesus manifests His desire to identify fully with humankind. When we hear so much about identity theft today, how special to us to find Jesus identifying totally with us.

May we shift the scene from the Jordan to the baptismal celebrations in our local church. The words of Isaiah concerning the servant, apply not only to the Person of the Christ, but to each and every baptized person. Think for a minute – He has chosen me, He looks with pleasure on me as I try to do His will. His Spirit came to me at the moment of baptism, and I labor to live my commitment. When I stumble or fall, He extends His saving hand to me, reforming me through the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and His covenant is renewed as I say 'Yes.'

Jesus prays again and prays for me as He says I am His beloved held, upon whom and in whom His grace rests.

12 STEP MEETINGS – RECTORY BASEMENT

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| ACOA | Sun., 5:30PM |
| AA | Sun., 8:15PM |
| New AA Meeting | Mon., 10AM |
| | 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 |
| <i>For INTERVENTIONS call Joe Bratt (718) 290-7012</i> | |

PLEASE NOTE:

Every first Thursday, at 6PM, there will be a dinner, a meeting and a Healing Mass in O'Mara Hall/Church for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The first two meetings are on 1/31/13 and 2/28/13.