

JULY 12, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE
WEEK OF JULY 12, 2015
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN EMIGHOLZ
WITH LOVE FROM KARL, DEBBIE, KARL, JR.
AND JENNIFER

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, July 11, 2015

9:00AM Peter Gialluisi
4:00PM Dora and Edward DiAntonio and
Lucy and Millie Gesualdi
5:30PM Frank Imperato

Sunday, July 12, 2015

8:00AM Maryann Brennan
9:15AM Anthony Lucido
10:30AM Giovanni Iacono
12 Noon Joseph Pelligrini
1:15PM Joseph Dominic DeCrescenzo
7:00PM Vincent Cestarò

Monday

9:00AM Michael and Elvira Crivallone

Tuesday

9:00AM Frank Fata

Wednesday

9:00AM Bertha Gatti

Thursday

9:00AM Josephine Calgano

Friday

9:00AM Marie Muoio

Saturday, July 18, 2015

9:00AM Angelina Ciarcia
4:00PM Berta Matzele
5:30PM Charles Milazzo

Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00AM Rita and Salvatore Cama
9:15AM Carmen Beltran Perez
10:30AM Domenico Grieco
12 Noon Edith Sirigano
1:15PM Carmel Messina
7:00PM Lt. Gordon (Matt) Ambelas

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin, July 14

Kateri was born near Auriesville, New York in 1656. The daughter of a Mohawk warrior, at age 4, her mother died of small pox and Kateri's face was transfigured by the disease. As a teenager, she converted to Catholicism, was baptized at twenty and received much hostility from her tribe. Kateri traveled to the Christian Colony of Native American in Canada, where she lived a life of prayer, penitential practices and care for the sick. She attended daily mass and was very devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus crucified. She died April 6, 1680 at age 24 and is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks." We have a beautiful window of this Saint in our Church. (JM)

Lectors – Saturday, July 18, 2015

4:00PM C. Losi
5:30PM A. Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, July 18, 2015

4:00PM V. Caruso, E. Vitiello, R. Gamba, J. Uhlman,
C. Argano
5:30PM M. Lappin, A. Dazio, P. & L. DeCarlo, J. Amitrano

Lectors – Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00AM M. Andreola
9:15AM F. Monte
10:30AM M. Coppolo
12 Noon M. Pinto
1:15PM B. Weir
7:00PM J. Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, July 19, 2015

8:00AM A. Sparandera, J. Stanzione, P. Zoltowski,
C. Rosato, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM J. Gatto, L. Appel., MA & B. Higgins
10:30AM C. Ordy, B. Paccione, G. Balestrino,
C. Messina, N. Fallacaro
12 Noon ME Carey, A. Maffeo, C. & J. Gerace,
C. Belvedere
1:15AM M. Randazzo, V. Acri, R. DeMaio, B. Nicholson,
M. Sicari
7:00PM S. Caiazzo, E. Bellina, C. Houle, T. Palmieri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, July 18, 2015

4:00 P.M.: D. & D. Battaglia, M. Rivera, V. Pavlick
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, C. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani

Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00 A.M.: J. Bell, S. Marashaj, N. & J. Mele
9:15 A.M.: A. Discenza, K. & K. Lee, F. Scarmato
10:30 A.M.: B. Bosques, A. & R. Ruzkowski, C. Trang
12:00 Noon: N. Rotondi, D. Russo, N. Salerno, C. Sikorjak
1:15 P.M.: G. Artz, G. Marino, G. Monreale, J. Jacoby
7:00 P.M.: L. & PJ Caiazzo, J. Magnotti, C. & J. Rubin



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our
sincere condolences to the family of :

*Anthony B. Wojcik, Theresa Barnett,
Vittoria Marcello and Christine Braccia*

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

The new schedule covering **July through October** has either been mailed or e-mailed. If you did not receive one, there are copies in the Sacristy on the counter and there are copies at the Rectory. Please take one. Thank you. - Madalena

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

It happens once every seven years, my birthday arrives on a Sunday. This Sunday is it. I have reached that wonderful age that the Beatles sang about many years ago. "Will you still love me, will you still need me, when I'm 64". On July 12, 1951 at the Royal Hospital on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx, I came into the world bald and beautiful. The way things are going I may return the way I came. I am so grateful to God for all the abundant blessings in my life but the greatest day of my life occurred shortly after, on July 29, 1951 I was baptized Thomas Peter Devery at the Church of Saint Luke in the South Bronx. What baptism means to me now is so much more evident that when I was an infant. Not only did I become a child of God and an heir of heaven, but the Holy Spirit who knew full well what I would be, chose me even before I was born and endowed me with gifts that would one day say yes to the call.

I have some wonderful birthday news to share, Call it being a proud Papa. At Our Lady Star of the Sea Church we have now two men who have been accepted into the seminary and will begin their journey to the priesthood at the end of August at the Cathedral Residence of the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston, Queens. Anthony Gorgia, is a recent graduate from Saint John's University who graduated summa cum Laude with his bachelors in education. Carmine Caruso is older and has worked for over a dozen years as a civil engineer in New Jersey and currently lives in Tottenville. Both have had different walks in life that lead them to this moment and so after much prayer and discernment and undergoing a rigorous admission process, they have both been accepted to enter the seminary for the Priesthood of the Archdiocese of New York. I ask you to keep them in your prayers. Our vocation director, Father Enrique Salvo, has guided them and assures me that they will do very well. There is a possibility that there may be as many as 16 entering the seminary. This is such a blessing since we seem to have turn the page of little or few men responding to the call. Certainly it's not about numbers, but the quality of wholeness and holiness that will eventually make them effective priests. This is the best birthday gift of all. I have walked the journey of several young men to ordination over these past 37 years, but I don't recall having two from the same parish enter at the same time. God is good all the time...

This is where I need your help. Pray, encourage them. Their address come September will be Cathedral Residence of the Immaculate Conception, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Queens, New York 11362.

I recently had the joy of attending the ordination of 10 men for the Diocese of Brooklyn at Saint Joseph's Co Cathedral on Pacific Street in Brooklyn. Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio, was thrilled to ordain these fine men. One of them, Father Mark Matthias, who is now assigned to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Bayside, Queens, befriended Carmine about four years ago and gave him the encouragement to begin this process. Today our culture doesn't honor the sacrifice that these men make to lay down their lives in celibacy and obedience and sacrifice so that they can be Jesus in our midst. Think of it, no priesthood, no Eucharist, no Eucharist, no Church. Yet Jesus reminds us that He will not leave us orphaned. We need holy priests for the future.

One great way to join and unite yourself in prayer for these seminarians is through Eucharistic Adoration. What is Eucharistic Adoration? Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ in a deeper sense. It involves the contemplation of the mystery of Christ truly present before us. During Eucharistic adoration, we "watch and wait". We remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Grace which flow from the Eucharist... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us in its fullest essence. Eucharistic Adoration is God and Man reaching out for each other at the same time. If you wish to become a Eucharistic Adorer please contact me in the rectory. We have adoration at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish from 12-5pm, Monday through Thursday. Holy Child Parish has it perpetually, 24/7.

It's great to be born, and to born again in baptism, and to be anointed with the Father's love in adoration. Even when your 64 and hopefully for all eternity. May God bless and guard you.

Fr. Tom Devery



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME:

**Paul Mercuri and Vincenza Siciliano
Frank Florida and Jessica Parco
Howard Kalb and Catherine Bottiglia
Denny Carlin and MaryLou Sciortino**

SECOND BANNS:

**Sean Jacobsen and Danielle Arena
Steven Herman and Cathleen Gomez**

HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Service on July 21st at 3:30PM.** Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual; healing is invited to attend and be prayed over. (The next Healing Mass will be on Aug. 4th, at 7:30PM.)

WEDDING WORKSHOP

There will be a wedding workshop for brides and grooms at 8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, August 30th. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next workshop: Oct. 25th.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer and will reopen at the end of August (date to be announced). You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. If you would like to register to become a parishioner, please call the Rectory (718) 984-0593.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.



SICK LIST

Nicholas Caputo, Serafina Carlone, Mary Ann Casale, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Constance Conti, Saveria Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Maria Fazio, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Gabriella Hagis, Shirley and Andy Hardin, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Thomas Lamantia, Elaine Lewis, Vincent Lombardo, Paul Manos, Chuck Melka, Beatrice Nicholson, Stephanie Nolan, Camille Polly, Racquel Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona, Thomas Riccardelli, Summer Marie Semerad, Celeste Setty, Lisa Vasquez and Nicholas Ponti Williams.

GROUP MEETINGS

50 Plus Club – The 50 Plus Club will not meet during the Summer. The first meeting will be September 11th at 1PM in the Damato Room in the Athletic Center.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Damato Room in the Athletic Center. Starting on the first week in August, the group will meet in the Rectory.

Bereavement Group – New support group forming for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM at the Rectory. If you would like to join and if you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

ORGANIZATIONAL CALENDARS

At this time, we ask all parish organizations to submit their schedule of events for the year 2015-2016 of their dates, times and places for all activities in the School, Athletic Center, O'Mara Hall and Rectory. If any organizations fail to submit a calendar, they cannot be scheduled for the next year. Everything that the organization intends to sponsor for the coming year must be included (including set-up time). If you have not already done so, please submit your proposed calendar to the Rectory (Attention Eileen) as soon as possible. Thank you.

REMEMBERING FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL

Join us for special Mass remembering this holy priest and co-founder of *The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*. At this mass special intentions are for those afflicted by **mental health issues** and for those suffering in **poverty**.

July 23, 2015 (His birthday) - at 7:00 PM -

Celebrant: The Most Reverend John O'Hara, Bishop

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

7396 Amboy Road

Staten Island, New York 10307

Sponsored by the *Catholic Mental Health Professionals*

Dr. Constance J. Salhany (347)-273-1290



BLOOD DRIVE ON AUGUST 2

On Sunday, August 2nd, we will have our semi-annual Blood Drive. Summer is always a very difficult time for the blood center as donations drop to very low levels. The need for blood is great and your donation will be instrumental in increasing the supply during these hard times. Please come out and support our local community and save lives by donating blood. **The drive will take place from 9:00am to 3:00 pm in O'Mara Hall.** In order to donate you will need identification, must weigh more than 110 lbs, and be between the ages of 16 - 75. (16 years old need parental consent and if you are older than 75 you will need a doctor's note.) Please make sure to have a good meal and drink fluids BEFORE you come and donate. Each one of you has the opportunity to help others during this critical time in our lives. If you feel that you would like to do something. Give the gift of life!

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

Thursday, July 16th, is the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In honor of this feast day, we will distribute scapulars after the 9AM Mass. All welcome!

OLSS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you are interested in registering your child for the 2015-2016 school year at Our Lady Star of the Sea School, please call (718) 984-5750 to make an appointment to come in.

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

July 26th

August 9th and August 23rd

Sept. 13th and Sept. 27th

Oct. 11th and Oct. 25th

Nov. 8th and Nov. 22nd

Dec. 13th and Dec. 27th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

July 26th

August 9th and August 23rd

Sept. 13th and Sept. 27th

Oct. 11th and Oct. 25th

Nov. 8th and Nov. 22nd

Dec. 13th and Dec. 27th



SCHOOL NEWS SAYING GOODBYE

It is with bitter sweetness that we say goodbye to several of our teachers. Mrs. Eileen Ganci (32 years), Mrs. Isabel Tanella (21years), Mrs. Kathy Grandstaff (20 years) and Mrs Cathy Castell (4 years at OLSS and 35 years at St. Sylvester) will be retiring. These fine women have dedicated their lives to educating our children for an extraordinary amount of years. Their contributions have helped our school flourish and their impact will continue to have a positive impact for many years to come. They will always be part of the OLSS family. We wish them a lifetime of many special blessings and thank them for being such an integral part of our school for many years.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the Class of 2015 students who won academic medals!

General Excellence:

Steven Anzaolone, Nicholas Barone, Mary Bartolomeo, Caitlyn Carr, Joshua Comia and Jillian Lazzara, Alexandra Matarazzo, Danielle Paquette

Religion: Lauren Pollio, Alexa Renna

Math: Annalise Loscalzo and Julia Marinelli

Language Arts: Samantha Monteforte and Joseph Turco

Reading: Corinne Kamien and Andrew Testaverde

Science: Lorraine Capasso and Isabella DelGiorno

Social Studies: Devin Barros and Nicolette Terzulli

Computer: Kiera Evanego and Danielle Paquette

Spanish: Caitlyn Carr and Jillian Lazzara

Art: Joshua Comia and Corinne Kamien

Music: Patrick Nunziantie and Brendan Walsh

Physical Fitness: Julia Beale and Mark Wildes