

JUNE 24, 2012
NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

"MAY THE LORD BLESS THE GOOD PEOPLE OF OUR LADY
 STAR OF THE SEA."
Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, June 23, 2012

9:00AM Louis Garisto
4:00PM Anthony Perelli
5:30PM Anthony Giorgio

Sunday, June 24, 2012

8:00AM Andrea DeLuca, Salvatore & Felicita Salamone
9:15AM Andrea Graziano
10:30AM Anthony Visconti
12 Noon Peter Cardiello
1:15PM Peter Mollica
7:00PM Hugh Rafferty

Monday

9:00AM Paul Podobinski

Tuesday

9:00AM Louis Salino

Wednesday

9:00AM Carl Capobianco

Thursday

9:00AM Francis O'Donohue

Friday

9:00AM Susan Stack

June 30, 2012

9:00AM Theresa Hoovert
4:00PM Deceased of Civello Fm.
5:30PM Frank Bertola

Saturday, June 30, 2012

9:00AM Joan Roesch
4:00PM Patricia Balestrieri
5:30PM Angelina and Vincent San Filippo

Sunday, July 1, 2012

8:00AM Thomas Quinn
9:15AM Genevieve Grant and Vito Brunetti
10:30AM Winnie Visconte
12 Noon Joseph Dominick DeCrescenzo
1:15PM Julian Joseph Gerard Caruso
7:00PM Ben Ostrawski, Bernie Jordan and Jimmy Burgess



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Brian Powell and Laura Bottiglia
 Anthony Laino, Jr. and Kristen Clohessy
SECOND TIME: Giuseppe Noto and Christina Palmieri
 Anthony Cicale and Tracy Colasuonno
THIRD TIME: Marc Allesandro and Marissa Favale
 Nicholas DeAmicis and Michelle Young

THE SANCTUARY LAMP - WEEK OF JUNE 24
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY AND
SALVATORE CANGIARELLA
FROM CAMILLE AND JOHN GERACE

Lectors – June 30, 2012

4:00PM A. Pompei
5:30PM F. Monte, R. LaMonica
Eucharistic Ministers – June 30, 2012
4:00PM C. Baggot, L. Barbato, C. Argano, C. Biondolillo,
 E. Vitiello, D. D'Onofrio, A. Lazzara
5:30PM F. Barone, K. Sciarrino, R. DeMaio, C. Houle,
 A. Dazio, S. Roberto, L. Appel

Lectors – Sunday July 1, 2012

8:00AM M. Andreola, R. LaMonica
9:15AM M. Andreola, L. Bauer
10:30AM B. Weir
12 Noon C. Messina, A. Deliso
1:15PM M. Higgins
7:00PM J. Limeri
Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, July 1, 2012
8:00AM R. Bauer, T. Daluise, J. Perdichizzi,
 MJ Truckenbrodt, M. Ennis, V. Caruso, J. Stanzione
9:15AM A. Brady, ME Carey, C. Scalzo, M. Vierno,
 A. Guber, P. Basirico, P. Walsh
10:30AM R. Colacino, T. Strange, L. Puleo, F. Ruggiero,
 A. Stensland, A. Maffeo, M. A. Russo
12 Noon G. & E. Riozzi, MA Higgins, B. Higgins,
 N. Fallacaro, G. Deliso, M. Sicari
1:15PM H. Angelina, M. Sprague, JM Graziano,
 B. Paccione, M. & F. Marino, M. Graziano
7:00PM D. McCumisky, M. Recanatini, S. Goodman,
 G. Sirio, J. Prato, A. Manetti, B. Volpicello

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, June 30, 2012:

4:00 P.M. J. Albanese, J. & K. Martino, M. Rivera
5:30 P.M. M. Brophy, L. Cavicchio, R. Graziano, V. Palazzo
Sunday, July 1, 2012
8:00 A.M. N. D'Angelo, A. Discenza, N. Mele, G. Tucci
9:15 A.M. M. Brophy, L. Cavicchio, R. Graziano, V. Palazzo
10:30 A.M. N. Giaquinto, A. & R. Ruszkowski, E. Tedesco
12:00 Noon F. Auriti, g. Monreale, C. & J. Nardulli
1:15 P.M. N. Campanella, F. & T.. Nieves, D. Dunn
7:00 P.M. E. Buccini, L. Caizzo, V. Sicari, N. Turturro

Hero Saint of the Week-Pere Vincent Lebbe (June 24)

Pere Vincent Lebbe was born in Belgium on June 24, 1877. At 11, he resolved to become a Chinese missionary to China. He became a Vincentian priest and In 1901, at 23, arrived in China and declared "I am Chinese with all my heart, soul and strength. China is my destiny." He organized lectures, charities and schools, preached on street corners, and established the first Catholic press in China. He mastered the language and dressed like a poor Chinese laborer. Despite opposition, he believed Chinese priests should be consecrated Chinese Bishops. He appealed to Pope Pius XI, who consecrated six Chinese Bishops in St. Peters. Pere witnessed the realization of his life-long dream, left the Vincentians and founded the Little Brothers of St. John the Baptist. During the war, he organized stretcher bearers that went into battle to save lives, securing a place of honor in the hearts of all the Chinese. He died June 24, 1940 and the Chinese declared this, a day of mourning, honoring him as a Chinese patriot, calling him by his Chinese name "Lei Ming Yuan" (The thunder that sings in the distance.) (JM)

With Heartfelt Thanks

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR. ROBERT POVEROMO

Thank-you can be expressed in many different ways but there is no way to adequately express my thanks to you, my spiritual family, at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Almost eighteen years ago you made me feel welcome when I first came to the parish as Sunday Associate and that welcome has endured over the years. You have never hesitated to express your appreciation, especially for my homilies, and I would always want you to know how much that appreciation has been reciprocated. Over these past two years, which have been difficult for me, you have shown your special concern and affection in your prayers and kind words.

I cannot imagine sharing my fortieth anniversary to the priesthood than with the community of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Each Sunday your faces, well-known to me, make me come alive and at the anniversary Mass especially so. I also want to express my appreciation to those who were not able to attend that Mass. I know you were with me spiritually and prayerfully.

Many thanks to all who were so generous to me. Your kind gifts are truly appreciated. I wish I could thank each of you by name and family but I know you understand how difficult that would be. Just know that you, my spiritual family, will always have a place in my heart, especially at the altar of the Eucharist, where we all abide in the heart of Jesus.

Many thanks to all the staff at Our Lady Star of the Sea, especially to Monsignor Jeff, whose kindness and generosity to me over the years can never be adequately returned. God bless you all.

Fr. Bob

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday – June 23

4:00PM Fr. Jim Hauver

5:30PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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8:00AM Fr. Pani

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ORGANIZATIONAL CALENDARS

At this time, we ask all parish organizations submit a schedule for the year 2012-2013 of their dates, times and places for all activities in the School, Athletic Center, O'Mara Hall and the Rectory. If any organization fails to submit a calendar, they cannot be scheduled for the next year. Everything that your organization intends to sponsor for the coming year (including set up time) needs to be included. Please send your proposed calendar to the Rectory (attention Eileen) **ASAP**. Thank you.



PRAYERS FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

As part of the American Bishops efforts to promote the religious liberties that we, as citizens of the United States and Catholics should all enjoy, we are participating in the Bishop's Fortnight for Freedom which began on June 21st and will continue through July 4th. A special prayer for religious freedom will be read by the priest after the Prayer of the Faithful at all the masses from June 21st to July 4th; on July 3rd, at 3:30PM, there will be a Holy Hour Healing Service for Religious Liberty; and on July 4th, at 12 noon, the church bells will be rung.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us each weekday for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is observed from 12 to 5PM. Try to find some time in your day to stop by to do Adoration. *We will not have adoration on Fridays until further notice.* If you can volunteer for Friday or any day, please call Carol at (917) 536-8576.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, August 26th 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.

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., July 3rd at 3:30PM in the Church. The next Healing Mass will be on Tues., July 17th at 8:00PM in the Church. (Praise and worship begin at 7:30PM.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Paul Alaimo, Denise Amore, Helen Angelina, Maggie Anglemeyer, Jeanne Ardine, Betty Barrasso, Christine Bessi, Barbara Boscia, Dustin Cabeza, Marion Concaduna, David, Lanette, Ethel and Nanette Colon, Connie Bonanno, Dustin Cabereza, Frances Carbone, Serafina Carlone, Stephanie Cerchio, Philip Civello, Sal Civello, Frances Codispodo, David and Ethel Cohen, Marion Condadora, Edith G. Corredor, Vincent Crispino, Jaime Cucuzza, Virginia Cutrone, Tony Daluise, Vincent DeMarco, Nancy DeMartino, Debra DiDomenico, Joan DiFiore, Joseph Ennis, Carol Federic, John Foder, Anthony Galante, Nancy and Antoinette Gallo, Carol Gawron, Dolly Gerardi, Joan Gordon, Fred Grasso, Andrew Hardin, Stanley Kielbasa, Tarek Kamal, Victoria Lamberti, M. Lawler, Marcella Lawless, Elaine Lewis, Alice Lombardo, Joan Lyons, William Magrino, Jr., Vincent Malchiodi, Michael Maniscalco, Laureen Mauro, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Eileen Narbut, Dave O'Hanlon, Joseph Pagano, Joseph and Barbara Pasquarello, Lucy Peters, Josephine Petrosino, Steven Pica, Joseph Pineiro, Camille Polly, Rachele Puglisi, Carmen Rangon, Denise Santanella, Carlos Santiago, Anthony Sellitti, Celeste Setty, Lorraine Skelly, Frances Slattery, Steve Speranzo, Larry Sullivan, Maryann Taranuk, Susan Tawes, Cynthia and Stephanie Tonback, Lisa Vasquez, Olga Walchok, Betty Walsh, Robert Wideman, Carol Wright, Mary Yacovacci.

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

July 8th and July 22nd
Aug. 12th and Aug. 26th
Sept. 9th and Sept. 23rd
Oct. 14th and Oct. 28th
Nov. 11th and Nov. 25th
Dec. 9th and Dec. 23rd

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

July 8th and July 22nd
Aug. 12th and Aug. 26th
Sept. 9th and Sept. 23rd
Oct. 14th and Oct. 28th
Nov. 11th and Nov. 25th
Dec. 9th and Dec. 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS Graduates 2012



We congratulate our 54 Pre K 4 graduates, 52 Kindergarten graduates, and 71 Eighth Grade graduates who successfully will move on to the next level of education. We have watched them grow both physically, academically, socially and spiritually. We are proud of their accomplishments.

Saying Goodbye – Miss Nina Retires

We say goodbye to Mrs. Nina Gulinello who has been a Pre school teacher in our school for the last eighteen years. She has taught by example the importance of commitment, dedication, kindness and lightheartedness. We are sad that she will no longer be a part of our everyday lives but happy that she will now have more time to spend with her family and to do the many things in life that working has prevented her from doing.

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 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Reading I Isaiah 49:1-6

Reading II Acts of the Apostles 13: 22-26

Gospel Luke 1:57-66,80 The naming of John the Baptist

Key Passage: "When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son...when they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No, he will be called John."

Adult: *How might we be John the Baptist for others and help point them toward Jesus?*

Child: *How can I show others that I am a follower of Jesus?*

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 the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 7:30 to 9PM in the Rectory. The last meeting before the summer break is Thurs., June 28th. We will resume in September (date to follow). For more information, please the Rectory (718) 984-0593.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: Meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 to 9PM in the Rectory. We will resume in September (date to follow). For information, please the Rectory (718) 984-0593.

BOOK GROUP MEETING: The last meeting will be on **Thurs., July 12th at 7:30PM** to complete their discussion on Crossing the Threshold of Hope by Blessed John Paul II.

MOM AND TOTS GROUP

The Group which meets every Wednesday morning at **10:30AM in the Lower Rectory Hall** will resume in September (date to be announced).

32nd ANNUAL UNITY NIGHT MASS

On Friday, June 29th, Fr. Bill Halbing will hold the 32nd Annual Unity Night Mass, sponsored by the Staten Island Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups. The Mass will be held at the Chapel of St. Clare on Nelson Avenue. The evening will begin with the rosary at 7:00PM, Praise and Worship at 7:30PM, and Mass at 8PM. Music will be provided by The Lamb of God Music Ministry. For more information, please call Lolit Peralta (347) 863-4759.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

The Religious Education Office will close for the summer as of Thursday, June 28th and will reopen on August 27th. Check the bulletin for a registration date. You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education

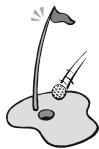
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY: 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: Young Adults in their 20's and 30's welcome. 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.

SPORTS NEWS



CYO GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS: We are looking for boys and girls in grades 6-8 that would like to represent OLSS at the CYO Golf Championships on June 28th at Silver Lake Golf Course.

Anyone interested should send an email to miam133@aol.com as soon as possible and you will be forwarded the information you need to participate.

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION: Registration for the 2012-2013 CYO basketball season will take place on July 19 and 26 and August 2 and 9 from 7-9 pm in the Athletic Center. All forms and fees can be found on the Sports Web site at www.olssbasketball.com CYO Basketball is open to boys and girls in grades 1-8. High School division will register in October.

CROSS COUNTRY TRACK TEAM: We are getting an early start on the Cross Country Track team. Cross Country is open to boys and girls in grades K-8. The season runs in the fall (usually Saturdays in October). For more information, please contact Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net. We are always looking for coaches too, so if you have a passion for running, come down and join the team.

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION: Fall Soccer registration is now in progress for Pee Wees, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Early registration fees are \$150 for SIYSL players and \$100 for Pee Wee, 3 year olds and siblings. See our website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Fill out form after downloading and you may drop it off at the Rectory.



ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

St. Joseph by the Sea will conduct Summer Sports Camps for students in the 6th through 12th grades. Baseball, basketball, football, softball, soccer, volleyball and Lacrosse will be available. For details call Greg Manos, Athletic Director, at (718) 984-6500, Ext. 5327.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist June 24, 2012

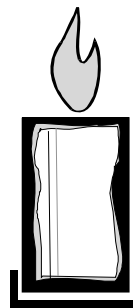
“According to his promise, God’s has brought forth from this man’s descendants Jesus, a savior for Israel. John heralded the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. As John’s career was coming to an end, he would say, ‘What you suppose me to be I am not. Rather look for the one who comes after me.’...it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth.”

As a church we celebrate three special birthdays. The most obvious is Jesus’ birth at Bethlehem. The second is that of Mary which we recall in September. Today we step aside from the Sunday cycle to focus on the birth of the Lord’s relative, John, whom we call the Baptist.

We meet him as he calls us to prepare the Lord’s way during the advent season. We hear his summons, as St. Paul refers to it today, as he preaches a baptism of repentance, a conversion from the old way of doing things to the person of Christ. We remember the details of his conception and birth, the role of Elizabeth and Zachary. We are aware that his witness costs him his life at the hand of King Herod.

John had a special role in pointing out the presence of the Messiah. He was not the light, but gave witness to the light. All of us are reminded today of our role, to continue to reflect the light of Jesus to others, to point him out by our words and work. An easy reminder of the role of John and of ourselves, is the arrow designating a one way street. It points in a direction telling us where to go. It is not the street, but a reminder of the direction to take for ease and safety.

The message preached by Paul and lived by the Baptist, is for all of us today.



**Light to
the Nations**