

MARCH 22, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9:00AM Vincent Aspromanti
4:00PM Pat Damato and Anthony Petrosino
5:30PM John Scaramuzzo

Sunday, March 22, 2015

8:00AM Margaret Povall
9:15AM Frank Cassa
10:30AM Margaret Povall
12 Noon Carlton May
1:15PM Michael Clapps
7:00PM Robert Porpora, Sr.

Monday

9:00AM Barbara and Christopher Piscitelli

Tuesday

9:00AM Jeannette Pompo

Wednesday

9:00AM Joseph Cassazza, Jr.

Thursday

9:00AM Artie Kelly

Friday

9:00AM Isabel LePere

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9:00AM Richard LaCasse
4:00PM Berta and John Matzele
6:00PM Lillian Visceglia

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

7:30AM John Petrizzo
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
 and Persichili Fms.
10:30AM Tom and Valerie Levin
12 Noon Katarina Pichnarcik and Deceased of the
 Srogi Fm.
1:15PM Lena and Donna Nemer
7:00PM Pasquale Campanelli

Father Rutilio Grande (1928-1977)

"It is a dangerous thing to be a Christian in our world." In El Salvador, the poor always suffer under the oppressive oligarchy. In the 1970's, the struggle for justice was joined by an awoken church. Priests and sisters came to identify with the causes of the poor, and thus risk the same fate as the poor...to disappear, to be tortured, to be captives and to be found dead. The first of them was Father Rutilio Grande. He was from a poor family and, at 17, entered the Jesuits. Up until the mid 1960's, he always considered himself unworthy but this changed after Vatican II. Instead of setting examples of perfection, he now felt it was time for examples of self-sacrifice and loving service. He committed to awakening in the poor, a sense of dignity and rights as God's children. He became known as a radical priest, an enemy of the system. His sermons became infamous among the elite. Pressure mounted to silence him. On March 12, while driving to El Paisnal, Fr. Grande's van was sprayed with gunfire – he was killed instantly. (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE
 WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2015
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 JOANN MUSCARELLA-MEGALA
 WITH LOVE FROM HER FAMILY

Lectors – March 28, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
6:00PM E. Vitiello

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM L. Barbato, MA Russo, J. Coscia, A. Maffeo,
 J. Uhlman, M. Recanatini, A. McCoy
5:30PM M. Sicari, A. Dazio, C. Barone, M. Lappin,
 J. Cimino, T. Scaramuzzo

Lectors – Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

7:30AM J. Perdichizzi, M. Andreola
9:00AM M. Higgins, E. Newborn
10:30AM M. Pinto, F. Monte
12 Noon M. Newell, A. Saulo
1:30PM C. Messina
7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30AM J. Stanzione, C. Rosato, A. Sparandera,
 R. & L. Bauer
9:00AM S. & M. Hitchcock, D. Avena, J. Gatto,
 L. Capobianco, ME Carey
10:30AM C. Ordy, C. & J. Gerace, G. & E. Riozzi,
 B. Paccione, N. Fallacaro
12 Noon D. Zaiano, J. Tolento, F. Palazzo, F. Saulo,
 C. Belvedere, E. Talarico, F. Ruggiero
1:30PM L. Appel, N. Villani, B. Nicholson, M. Sprague,
 J. Prato
7:00PM D. McCumisky, M. Recanatini, T. Palmieri,
 G. LaGrua

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS:
 PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE PALM
 SUNDAY WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS. THANK YOU.**



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Frank Senzino and Kristyn Beyar
 John Kurk and Kristie Bennett
 Robert Andresen, Jr. and
 Kristina M. Ingrassia
SECOND BANNS: Erin Carannante and Daniel Rose
 Wayne Sommers and Danielle Ciccone
THIRD BANNS: Joseph Lerman and Marissa DiCostanzo
 Paul Patafio and Kathryn Pallonetti
 Jesse LoGerfo and Kristin Puma



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our
 sincere condolences to the family of:
*Mark Willis, Andrea Caldarella, Ella Milo,
 John Grant and Donald Bennett*

A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

Dear Parish Family,

A Belated Happy Saint Patrick's Day and a Blessed Saint Joseph's Day. Usually these days signal the beginning of spring and the end of winter. We certainly had an icy cold winter and we welcome the coming warmth. My parents were born in Ireland and although I have been there several times, I always thank God that I am an American. When I realize the sacrifices they made to leave a completely different lifestyle and come to a new world and raise a family with little resources but they were rich in faith, I am in awe how God has blessed us. It's that intergenerational faith that has sustained us through the years. As I watch the parade and the festivities of these days I think of what we inherited in this great land of opportunity. It's all here if we wish to work and sacrifice hard for success in life.

It's in this spirit that I am writing to you to please contribute to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal. Although our goal is high, we have deep faith responsibility to support those in our church that are less fortunate than ourselves. Our contribution to the Cardinal's Appeal meets the needs of our retired priests and sisters, the future training of priests in our seminary system, the Catholic System of the Archdiocese of New York and the total outreach of our Catholic Charity system as well as directly helping parishes that struggling just to survive. We have 6000 families on our register and I am proud of the 185 families that have already made their pledge. It doesn't have to be a huge amount. But in this Lenten season we are invited to give sacrificially. Think for a moment how blessed we are in this moment in history to have the freedom to practice our faith. It wasn't always the case, and as we see in the Near East, many Catholics are now martyrs or on the brink of martyrdom given the anti-Christian sentiment of radicals. If you haven't made your pledge or contribution, please do so.

I want to sincerely thank all our parishioners who have come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season. May the Lord give you all a season of refreshment and peace. And for all who are still sitting on the fence, just know that many people of our parish are now praying for your return to the grace of the Lord.

On Monday of Holy Week, March 30th from 3PM to 9PM there will be Archdiocesan wide Day of Reconciliation. Every priest in the 5 neighboring dioceses will be in church awaiting to give absolution. So I want to warmly welcome you to the Sacrament of Confession and the new life of Grace.

During this week, actually March 18-23, I will be joining 9 men from Staten Island to go on a missionary trip to work alongside the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica. I did this last year and it was life changing. Brother Isaiah said to us as we entered the compound called "The Lord's Place". Remember as you feed, wash, shave and serve the poor, it Christ receiving Christ, don't forget to look into their eyes. I did, and that's why I'm returning. I saw the philanthropy of the poor. Be assured of my prayers while I am gone.

I want to honor Father Basil Akut and the men of Cursillo #209 who made the four day retreat at Mount Alvernia Retreat House, run by the Franciscan Fathers in Wappingers Falls. What a joy filled and inspiring time that retreat was, may it bear abundant fruit. If you ever want to make the Cursillo de Cristiandad Retreat "A Little Course in Christianity" see either myself or Father Basil.

This past weekend "A Ray of Hope" gave two presentations for the Sacrament of Confirmation as their retreat. It was held for two hours at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, in New Dorp and Saint Joseph's and Saint Thomas in Pleasant Plains. Three parish classes of confirmandi attended this presentation and it was inspirational. I am grateful to the Salesian Fathers for sponsoring "A Ray of Hope".

Please keep in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of Catherine "Kitty" Manetta, the mother of our Sacristan, John Manetta. It was wonderful that Msgr. Jeff Conway, Father Joseph Mc Lafferty, Father James Hauver, Monsignor Fred Berardi and Monsignor Vincent Bartley joined me in concelebrating her funeral Mass. May she rest in peace and may the Manetta Family feel the graces of consolation during these days.

God love you all,
Father Tom Devery

MASS SCHEDULE – 2016

After a review of Mass intentions and Baptism requirements, we have decided beginning in January, 2016 until May 26th (weekend before Memorial Day), we will have a 1:15PM Mass and Baptisms on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 2:15PM. During the summer months, from June 4th weekend until the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 5th) we will not have a 1:15 Mass and we will have Baptisms every Sunday at 1:30PM.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing Service on Tuesday, April 21st at 3:30PM in the Church. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

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.

SICK LIST

Please pray for the sick:

Thomas Paul Gaither, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Chuck Melka, Camille Polly, Carmen Ragona. *Please call the Rectory to have a name placed on the sick list.*

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, April 26th, 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: June 28th at 8:15PM.**

LENT 2015

Fast and Abstinence: Good Friday, April 3rd, is a day of fast and abstinence. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

Confessions: 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 3rd, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM. * **(Reconciliation Monday: March 30th, from 3PM to 9PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available continuously in our Church.)**

Lenten Love Offering: *Please return your love offering boxes to the Church this weekend (March 21/22).* Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families.

Stations of the Cross: are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, April 3rd, 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.



OLSS DOLPHINS SUMMER CAMP

Monday July 6th through August 14th, 9 to 3:30PM. Camp is held on the OLSS campus, 5411 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY. Activities include arts and crafts, dance, theater, computers, soccer, organized games and more. **QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION:** EMAIL: Linda Fusillo at: linsoap@aol.com

RCIA Scrutiny – Fifth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Nicholas Tolan and Jonathan Lanning) will celebrate the 3rd and final RCIA Scrutiny during the 10:30am mass. The Gospel reading used this Sunday is from John 11:1-45 – The Raising of Lazarus. These Scrutinies are intended to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. These Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then to heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the Elects hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. These Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. We ask you to always keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, on Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st at 2PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19th 2015. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

25th AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT OLSS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries, during 2015 will be honored here at OLSS on Sunday, June 7th at the 1:15 Mass, celebrated by Reverend Thomas Devery in the Cardinal's name, followed by a reception in O'Mara Hall. All eligible couples who are registered parishioners and who have been registered for at least a year should call the Rectory by May 22nd between the hours of 9 and 4PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2015, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **March 23rd and April 20th from 5:30 to 7PM in the School building.** You must be a registered parishioner in order for your child to attend Religious Education at OLSS. For further information, call the Religious Education office at (718) 984-1885.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015
MASSES ON SAT., MARCH 28TH
4:00PM AND 6PM
MASSES ON PALM SUNDAY
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12 NOON
1:30PM AND 7:00PM
PALMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT
ALL MASSES
(Additional parking available
in the municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue)

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, MARCH 30TH
CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD
CONTINUOUSLY FROM 3 TO 9PM

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart - Reflections on Following Jesus* by Pope Francis. **The next meeting is on Thurs., April 16th, at 7:30PM** at the Rectory. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., April 1st, at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., April 15th. 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., March 27th at 1PM.** 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.

THE HEALTHY BRAIN NETWORK AWARENESS DAY – MARCH 28TH

The Healthy Brain Network's Brain Awareness Day on March 28th (12 PM – 4 PM) will provide the Staten Island community with an engaging day of activities for the whole family to learn about the brain and mental health. There will be games, activities, educational workshops for parents, and fitness sessions for children to explore the relationship between physical and mental health. The Child Mind Institute's new research initiative, *the Healthy Brain Network*, is launching this spring on Staten Island. The Healthy Brain Network offers FREE clinician administered mental and physical health diagnostic evaluations to participants ages 5-21, along with a consultation to include treatment recommendations and local referrals. All participants will be compensated for their time. For more information check us out at childmind.org/en/healthy-brain-network/ or email hbn@childmind.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION OF STATEN ISLAND INAUGURAL GALA

Join us in honoring His Eminence, Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Nicotra's Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information: catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com or contact Diana Gatto @ Diana.Gatto@archny.org

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS SCHOOL ROLLING REGISTRATION

Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8th grade

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.

Please call the School Office for an appointment if you would like to register (718) 984-5750.

CONGRATULATIONS, STATE FINALIST

We recently announced that three of OLSS students were local winners in the *What The Pledge of Allegiance Means To Me?* Essay Contest sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. Vito Maniscalco (Grade 6) has now advanced to the State level. This is a wonderful accomplishment!

We are also grateful to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America for sponsoring the contest.

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

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



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

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.