

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016

Announced Masses

Holy Saturday, March 26

9:00AM Morning Prayers
8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday, March 27

7:30AM Sr. Jude Watson
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri & Persichelli Families
10:30AM Joseph M. Asmar
12 Noon Anthony & Carmela Cortese
1:30PM Russ Nicholson, Josephine Massaro & Natalie Harden

Monday, March 28

9:00AM Kitty Manetta

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 AM Marie Reali

Wednesday, March 30

9:00AM Katarina Pichnarchik & Deceased Members of the Srogi Family

Thursday, March 31

9:00AM Joyce Negrete

Friday, April 1

9:00AM Louis Villiarola

Saturday, April 2

9:00AM Jean Eisenhardt
4:00PM Veronica & Fred Filitor
5:30PM Madalyn Castelucci

Sunday, April 3

8:00AM Juliette Radice
9:15AM Emelio Ciaccarelli
10:30AM Edie Ponzi
12 Noon Donald Bennett
1:15PM John Grant
7:00PM Joe Gento

Sister Thea Bowman, African-American Franciscan - March 30, 1990

Sister Thea impressed many with the message and her nobility of spirit. She inspired the black community to assert their pride of place among the People of God, while encouraging them to enrich the Church with gifts of their culture and spirituality. Born Bertha Bowman in rural Mississippi in 1937, she entered the convent at age 16 and stood out as the only black face in a white order. (JM)

RCIA Newly Initiated

The parish community at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church congratulates our Neophytes who were initiated at the Easter Vigil last evening: Eric Brennan, Marina Cakaroglu, Lauren DiMaio, Mary Ann Drane, Karen Emigholz, Christine Gorman, Cosimo, Grimaldi, Lianna Ovechka, Alyssa Pivarnick, Michael Rivera, Andrew Russo, Marc

Scott, Danielle Segarra, Gabrielle Marie Segarra, Afshin Shirazi, Melissa Simek-Lemos, and Nicholas Sturiale. May our Risen Lord, bless each of them in many amazing ways, today and always!



The Sanctuary Lamp for the

Week of March 27-April 2
Given in Memory of

Rose & Dominick DeFeo

Donated by their Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors - Saturday, April 2

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM B Weir

Eucharistic Ministers - April 2

4:00PM V Caruso, A Petrocelli, E Vitiello, A Lazzara,
L Barbato, & J Uhlman
5:30PM A Dazio, F Ruggiero, A Pompei, C Losi, J Cimino

Lectors - Sunday, April 3

8:00AM L Bauer
9:15AM MA Higgins
10:30AM M Coppolo
12 Noon M Newell
1:15PM R LaMonica
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - April 3

8:00AM R Bauer, A Sparandera, J Perdichizzi, J Stanzione,
& P Zoltowski
9:15AM M Sprague, J Gatto, Sr. Rosemary, D Avena,
& W Higgins
10:30AM C Ordy, G Balestrino, L Appel, C Argano, J&C Gerace
12 Noon J Prato, C Belvedere, MA Russo, S Catalano,
& C Messina
1:15PM B Peters, N Villani, C Houle, M Recanatini, V Acri
7:00PM K Melka, A Zuffante, S Caiazzo, J Limeri

Altar Servers - Saturday, April 2

4:00PM K Marchisella, D Cavicchio
5:30PM C, C, F, & T Nieves

Altar Servers - Sunday, April 3

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM S Marashaj
10:30AM F & A Auriti
12 Noon N Salerno, C Carr
1:15PM M Esposito
7:00PM L & PJ Caiazzo

Sincere Condolences



The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:
**Charles Jackson, John Calleja, Ignazio Catanzaro,
Luke Angotta**

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tues, April 5 @ 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (The next Healing Service will be April 19 at 3:30 pm).

Easter Parish Mission at OLSS

Mark your calendars to attend a **Parish Mission** conducted by Father Jude Siciliano, O.P. and Sister Patricia Bruno, O.P., Monday, April 18th through Thursday, April 21st. Please check the upcoming bulletins for more details.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

A most Blessed Easter Season! The Lord is Risen; The Tomb is Empty! Jesus is alive and He is here right now! We have just completed Holy Week and during this extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I would to recapture the highlights of this past week.

On Monday, every priest was blessed with the solemn gift welcoming sinners home to God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. From 3PM to 9PM, every Church in the Archdiocese of New York, Brooklyn and Rockville Centre were opened for people to come and be liberated from their sins and drink in the merciful grace of our abundant loving God. All throughout Lent we have been blessed by the response of God's people to come and experience new life in His graces. During this extraordinary Year of Mercy, we have been invited to also Walk through the Door of Mercy at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, or the Basilica of Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral in lower Manhattan, the Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini in Washington Heights, The Marian Shrine of Don Bosco in Haverstraw, New York or the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Middletown, New York.

On Tuesday afternoon, every priest of the Archdiocese of New York was invited to travel to Saint Patrick's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. During this liturgy we witnessed Cardinal Dolan blessing the three sacred oils that are used in our church; the oil of Catechumens, used for baptism of infants and during the Scrutiny of our Catechumen adults awaiting Easter Baptism, the Oil of the Sick which is used in the Sacrament of the Sick, that brings comfort, strength and healing to those who seriously ill, and the oil called Sacred Chrism. This oil renders the newly baptized "Priest, Prophet and King." It is used by the bishop and pastor in the Sacrament of Confirmation and finally it used to anoint the hands of the priest or in some cases, bishops in the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

During the celebration of the Chrism Mass, there is a renewal of our solemn promises to holy celibacy, obedience to our Archbishop and a promise to pray the Divine Office every day for the people of God. Hundreds of priests gathered at Saint Patrick's Cathedral and following the Mass, we were treated to a meal at the refectory of Cathedral Girls High School.

On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9AM we gathered to celebrate "Tenebrae". This is a service of light which combines the Divine Office, the Office of Readings with Morning Prayer. The psalms are intoned and chanting of the readings from the Book of Lamentations are proclaimed as well as readings from the Early Church fathers highlighting the Sacred Mysteries surrounding the Last Supper, the Death and Crucifixion of Jesus and His time in the tomb as we await the Resurrection.

All three liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are really one, very long, extended Mass. We leave in silence and gather in silence as a sign of the solemn awareness of the mysteries contained in Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

On Holy Thursday, we were blessed to have Father David Rider preside over the Mass of the Lord's Supper which includes the solemn washing of the feet of 12 disciples. Following this Mass there was a procession to O'Mara Hall, where Jesus was carried in procession and remained in the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday, at precisely the three o'clock hour, we listened once again to the Passion of Saint John, and prayed for the intentions of the Church universal and had an opportunity to venerate the Cross, and to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. After this celebration the altar was cleared, so was the tabernacle as a sign of Divine Absence.

I want to thank the mothers and sons who participated in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. We shared in the Way of the Cross and saw it through the eyes of Jesus and Mary.

On Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, there were five major movements during the celebration: the blessing of the New Fire and the carrying of the Paschal Candle into our church and the Solemn Proclamation of the "Exultet," which is a song announcing the mystery of Christ's light coming into the world and our hearts. Then, we listened to the History of Salvation from the readings of the Old Testament and our response in song. Then came the Gloria, where we triumphantly praise God for his Resurrection of the dead and ours too. This was followed by the New Testament reading and the Alleluia Procession and Easter Gospel. Next came the Baptism of our catechumens and the blessing of the congregation with the new Easter water and the Sacrament of Confirmation for all who completed their initiation process of the faith. There was the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the solemn dismissal with Alleluias. I want to thank our RCIA team and the 17 fully initiated members of our parish.

At every Easter Mass we renew our baptismal promises which includes the Creed and our belief in the Resurrection of the Lord and our rising to new life.

May the Lord bless you during this Easter Season and Thank you for your participation in these most sacred of days!
God love you all. Happy Easter!

Father Tom Devery

Gifts from Bethlehem

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

Next weekend, April 2 & 3, we will have visitors on hand who will be selling handcrafted olivewood from Bethlehem. The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.



Pray for the Sick

Carmella Beirne, Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Ethel Cohen, Jay Coller, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marian Concadora, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Thomas Eagers, Zeina Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Herbert Gruberger, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Peter J. Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Robert Petersen, Lorene Peyton, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Carmen & John Ragona, Eva Ragona, Anna Rodriguez, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Edward Simas, Donna Slavine, Trevor Spataro, Dora Valiente, Lisa Vasquez **Please Note: Names on this list will be removed as of April 1. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list.**



Banns of Marriage

Second Time: Christopher Keddy & Joie Benevento

Third Time: Anthony Fontana & Daniela Giambrone

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, Apr. 24**. At this time, you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next date: June 26)

SCHOOL NEWS



- **Great Job!** – Thanks to our OLSS families, we surpassed our goal of 100 boxes and collected 128 boxes of food for the Bread of Life drive! The food collected will be distributed to needy families across Staten Island.
- **State Tests** – are right around the corner. The ELA test is April 5th – 7th, and the Math test is April 13th – 15th.
- We would like to extend an Easter blessing to all our OLSS families. Enjoy the break!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2016, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **Tuesday, May 10 & May 17 from 5:30 to 7 PM** 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.



50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 pm**. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact the Rectory for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th. The event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS Sunday, June 12th, 2016

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2016 will be honored here at OLSS on **Sun., June 12th** at the 12 NOON Mass, celebrated by Rev. 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 20th between 9 am - 4 PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy

Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the Baptism Preparation Policy. All parish families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the OLSS Baptismal Class. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Fri 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Class & Ceremony Dates

April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22



PLEASE NOTE: Baptisms in June, July & August will take place EVERY Sunday at 1:15 pm. Classes will continue to take place the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS 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 Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER REGISTRATION



Soccer Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory for all players which include Pee Wee, 3 year olds, and SIYLS players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. Visit the website **www.olsssoccer.com** for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall you do NOT need to register again in the spring. Tentative season opening weekend April 2.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. Due to Holy Week, the next meeting will be on **TUESDAY, April 8**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – A new session of "It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing" will begin in the fall. Call the Rectory at 984-0593 to register, date and time TBD. For all your immediate bereavement needs, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number, and someone will get in touch with you.

Book Club – The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thurs. April 7 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Consuming the Word-The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church*, by Dr. Scott Hahn. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **April 13th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information please call Chairmen Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

Change in Mass Schedule for 2017

After a review of Mass times as requested by the Archdiocese of New York, reviewing our current facility needs as a parish, and the results of the recent survey, it has been decided that **beginning in July 2017**, the Mass times will be as follows:

Saturdays (Vigil Masses) 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Sundays 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm

From **January through June 2017**, the current Mass times **will remain in place**, and Baptism Ceremonies will remain every 2nd and 4th Sunday. **Beginning in July 2017**, Baptism ceremonies will take place EVERY Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Opening of the 2017 Mass Book

PLEASE NOTE: The 2017 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, April 12th at 9:30 am**. Because of our large parish and the fact that in 2017 the Mass schedule will be changing, at this time, you may take up to **THREE** Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. **Reminder: please use a 2017 calendar when planning to ensure correct dates.** Thank you for your cooperation.

2017 OLSS Mass Request Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mass Intention for: _____ Requested Mass Date/Time: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

Bus Trip to Sand's Casino

The Stolzenhaler Council of K of C is sponsoring a trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, March 29th**. The cost is \$30 per person, with \$20 back in slot play and \$5 back in food. The bus will leave Stolzenhaler Council at 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Newborn @ **917-697-5603** for information & reservations.

Men's Retreat

All men are invited to attend a weekend retreat from Friday evening, April 1 through Sunday April 3 at the Bishop Molloy Passionist Retreat House in Jamaica, NY. This year's retreat theme will be "A Journey Worth Taking." For further details, please contact Edward Sita at 718-356-5425 or esita@sl.rr.com.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, April 1 - 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SINY 10314)

Join us as Sonia Tompkins, a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary shares her witness about chastity and tells us about her experiences with college students. There will be music in the church at 7:00 PM followed by Mass at 7:30 PM. Talk begins at 8:15 PM in the church basement. After-event fellowship at local bar/restaurant.

50's Dance

The Stolzenhaler Columbiettes present a 50's Dance on **Saturday, April 16th from 8pm-Midnight**. Music will be provided by Crystal Image, and price includes a hot buffet and open bar. Tickets are \$40 per person if paid in advance; \$45 pp if paid at the door. Reservations are a must! Please make checks payable to Stolzenhaler Columbiettes. For reservations, call Vicky at 718-702-2864 or Micki at 718-757-9119. Mail payment to Vicky Porcelli, 154 Ridgewood Ave, SINY 10312.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

1011 First Ave.

14th Floor Donor Database Center

New York, New York 10022-4112

(212) 371-1011 Ext. 3300

Suggested total pledge:	5 Monthly Payments of:
\$5,000	\$1,000
\$2,500	\$500
\$1,000	\$200
\$500	\$100
\$250	\$50

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parish _____

E-Mail _____

Total Gift _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Balance _____

Choose your payment method:

Personal check payable to: The Cardinal's Appeal

Credit Card (complete below): American Exp - Visa - MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Amt \$ _____

Please charge:

One Time Amt of \$ _____ OR \$ _____ each month for _____ months.

Signature: _____

OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



Tuesday, July 5th
thru Friday, August 19th

9:00am - 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade
in September 2016)

**Register before April 3rd
& Receive the Early Bird Pricing Special:
(must be paid in full by April 18th to qualify)**

\$220 full day-weekly

\$65 full day-daily

\$160 half day-weekly

\$35 half day-daily

**Register after April 18th
regular camp rates apply:**

\$250 full day-weekly

\$75 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly

\$40 half day-daily

Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am

Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm

(at an additional hourly rate)

Camp will be held on the OLSS campus:

5411 Amboy Road SI, NY 10312

****Bring your own Lunch and Snack****

Indoor Activities Include

Arts and Crafts

Dance

Computers

Outdoor Activities Include

Soccer

Organized games & More!



Weekly Theme Days

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo,
Camp Director: linsoap@aol.com