

**MARCH 8, 2015**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**9:00AM** Genevieve Farley  
**4:00PM** Angela and Joseph Matzelle  
**5:30PM** Deceased Members of Antorino Family

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

**8:00AM** Rita Giuffrida  
**9:15AM** Virginia and Harold Ennis  
**10:30AM** Anthony Pepe  
**12 Noon** Victoria Musico  
**1:15PM** Lawrence C. Tuminelli  
**7:00PM** Ersilia and Rocco Villani

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Joseph Casazza, Jr.

**Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Stephen Cummings, Sr. and William Cummings

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Helen Guido

**Thursday**

**9:00AM** Victoria Musico

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Richard Rider and  
and Kenny Waters (L)

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**9:00AM** John A. Palacios and Eric Hernandez  
**4:00PM** Helen and William Timmermans  
**5:30PM** Patrick King and Mary Deignan

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**8:00AM** Deceased Members of Molinini and Leo Fms.  
**9:15AM** Deceased Members of Morrissey and  
Selletti Fms.  
**10:30AM** Valerie and Tom Lavin  
**12 Noon** Frances Mulligan  
**1:15PM** William Glennerster, Sr.  
**7:00PM** Maryuri Vergara

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

*Joseph Noto, Alice Fink and Leanna Senzino*

**Saint of the Week -St. Katherine Drexel**

Katherine was born in 1858 into a prominent Philadelphia family. She took a special interest in the well being of African Americans and Native Americans. She began by donating money and then founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who would work for the betterment of these people. She dedicated her life and fortune of 20 million dollars toward the cause. She opened schools in New Mexico, and others west of the Mississippi River. She also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death, there were 500 sisters teaching in 63 schools. St. Katherine was canonized a saint in 2000 by Pope John Paul, II. (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE  
WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2015  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK TORRE  
WITH LOVE FROM DIANE GRUBERGER AND  
LORRAINE GARLICK

**Lectors – March 14, 2015**

**4:00PM** C. Losi, E. Vitiello  
**5:30PM** M. Andreola

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4:00PM** S. Roberto, M. Sicari, V. Caruso, A. Lazzara,  
J. Coscia  
**5:30PM** C. Bottiglia, C. Barone, J. Amitrano, A. Dazio,  
R. Marino

**Lectors – Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi  
**9:15AM** E. Newborn, T. O'Connor  
**10:30AM** M. Newell, M. Coppolo  
**12 Noon** F. Monte  
**1:15PM** MA Higgins, B. Weir  
**7:00PM** J. Limeri

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**8:00AM** M. Molinini, A. Sparandera, J. Stanzione,  
P. Zoltowski, L. Barbato  
**9:15AM** J. Gatto, L. Capobianco, M. & S. Hitchcock,  
A. Brady  
**10:30AM** C. Ordy, C. & G. Riozzi, C. Messina, E. Talarico  
**12 Noon** D. Zaiano, A. McCoy, C. & J. Gerace, MA Russo  
**1:15PM** F. Palazzo, B. Peters, V. Aciri, B. Higgins,  
M. Sprague  
**7:00PM** T. Palmieri, S. Caiazzo, J. Prato, E. Bellina

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**4:00 P.M.:** D. & D. Battaglia, E. Harris, M. Rivera  
**5:30 P.M.:** E. & M. Losi, C. & R. Nicholaou

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**8:00 A.M.:** J. & N. Mele, G. & N. Tucci  
**9:15 A.M.:** B. Bosques, M. Coelho, A. Discenza, M. Mattioli  
**10:30 A.M.:** A. & F. Auriti, G. Pelucco, C. Trang  
**12:00 Noon:** C. Carr, J. Jacoby, B. & M. Stackhouse  
**1:15 P.M.:** P. Arellano, G. Artz, G. Marino, R. Ruskowski  
**7:00 P.M.:** C. & S. Campitiello, J. LoPiccolo, J. Petillo



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**FIRST BANNS:** Joseph Lehrman and Marissa DeCostanzo  
Paul Patafio and Kathryn Pallonetti  
Jesse LoGerfo and Kristen Puma  
**THIRD BANNS:** John Aiello and Dana Parenti  
Andrew Clark and Melissa Ciaravino

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED FOR LUNCH**

The Rectory Office is closed for one hour, during lunchtime, from 1PM to 2PM, from Monday to Friday. Please refrain from telephoning or visiting during these hours unless it is an emergency. We thank you for your cooperation.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

Dear Parish Family,

What a blessing we have in our parish that one of our parishioners is now a priest with the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Father Joseph Roesch, MIC. At present, he is serving in the role of leadership with his order in their provincial house in Rome. In this month's issue of his order's magazine, Marian Helper, Father Joe writes a beautiful article on "What's the purpose of Lent?"

"Lent is the 40 day penitential period to prepare our hearts to celebrate the solemnity of Easter Sunday and the entire 50 day season of Easter. It is modeled after the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert preparing for His public ministry. The Spanish word for Lent *Cuaresma* means 40<sup>th</sup>. Our English word for "Lent" originally meant spring. The root for this word means "long", because the days are lengthened during the spring. As we emerge from the darkness of winter and nature begins to blossom, our thoughts turn toward new life.

We are called to prepare our hearts for Easter by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, we are admonished to turn away from sin and to be faithful to the Gospel. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Those over the age of 14 must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, as well as other Friday's of the year. (In the United States outside the season of Lent, another sacrifice may be substituted for abstinence from meat on Fridays. Since Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also fast days, those from the ages of 18-59 are required to eat less: one meal or two smaller meals that taken together, are not more than one main meal. These are the things that the Church requires of us during Lent.

The Church also recommends: confessing our sins, praying more, (for example, attending daily Mass and praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays as well as making sacrifices or giving up something during Lent. In fact, the money saved through such sacrifices to the poor is a beautiful way to practice almsgiving, which purifies our hearts and makes atonement for sins.

To sum up, what Christ desires most of us during Lent is a contrite and humble heart, open to mercy.

Question: Why does Pope Francis have such a heart for the poor?

Pope Francis told a beautiful story about his election as Pope. When the voting made it clear that he would be elected, his friend, Cardinal Claudio Hummes from Brazil said to him, "Don't forget the poor." At that moment, the thought came into his head to choose the name Francis after the Poor Man of Assisi, known for his deep love of the poor and for living out his vow of poverty in an exemplary way.

Pope Francis has touched many by his simple lifestyle, epitomized by his decision to be driven around Rome in a 5 year old Ford Focus. He has a great concern for the poor (Recently he installed showers and paid barbers to cut hair for the poor at Saint Peter's Basilica). He has great concern for the poor, the outcasts, the forgotten ones. Wherever he goes, he visits the poor in the slums. In Italy, he has not yet visited some of the major cities. Instead he has visited some forgotten places to seek out the least ones. For example, his first apostolic trip in Italy was to an island in the southern part of the country where refugees had drowned trying to reach Italy from Africa.

Pope Francis was well known in his native Argentina for reaching out to the poor. He famously took subways to work and visited the poor in the slums of Buenos Aires. At the beginning of his pontificate, he said, "How I would like a Church that is poor and for the poor. He follows the example of Saint Francis who wanted the same things. Most of all, he follows the example of Christ who said that we will be judged by how we treat the least among us – the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the poor, the sick and the prisoners. (See Matthew 25: 31-46).

Pope Francis knows that money and power can be traps that lead us away from Christ. The poor can teach us to depend totally on God." Father Joseph Roesch, MIC

My congratulations to the Class of 2015 of Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Here's a report card to brag about. Accepted into Catholic High School – 100%. Students awarded honors/ scholarship – 58% Number of honor and scholarships awarded –52. Full Scholarships -15, Partial Scholarships –2, Percentage of Students who won scholarships 23%. Total number of Scholarships –17 and total amount to scholarships to date \$464,800. 14 Scholarships from OLSS Tachs Program. 82% of OLSS Scholarships were awarded to students attending the OLSS Tachs Program. Well done!

Memo to all All 7<sup>th</sup> Graders: re: Confirmation Retreat will be offered at Our Lady Queen of Peace School, 63 Cloister Place, New Dorp on Friday Evening March 13, 2015 from 7PM to 9:30 PM. This will be co- sponsored by the Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint Joseph/ Saint Thomas, and Our Lady Star of the Sea. This retreat is mandated for all students preparing for Confirmation in October 2015.

My sincerest thanks for all who came this past week and attending our Parish Mission Team week of mission. On behalf of Sister Maureen Colleary, FSP, Sister Jean Wagner, PBVM, Marie Ferro, Grace Volpe, Frank De Martino, Paul Zammit, our musicians and singers and parish priests, I am most grateful. A blessed Lent to you.

Father Tom Devery

### **HEALING SERVICE**

There will be a Healing Service on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### **SICK LIST**

**Please pray for the sick:**

Thomas Paul Gaither, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Chuck Melka, Ella Milo, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM.**

### **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.



## LENT 2015

**Fast and Abstinence:** Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM. \* **(Reconciliation Monday: March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3PM to 9PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available continuously in our Church.)**

**Lenten Love Offering:** This weekend, we invite you to pick up an offering box when you come to Church. Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. **Please return your love offering boxes to the Church on the weekend of March 21/22, the weekend before Palm Sunday.**

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in September 2015, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MASS SCHEDULE – 2016

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

### SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED

**Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language** is offering American Sign Language classes for the Spring 2015 semester. Classes are 5 college credits each. Call 718-984-8200 for tuition and other information.

### 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](http://catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com) or contact Diana Gatto @ [Diana.Gatto@archny.org](mailto:Diana.Gatto@archny.org)

## SPORTS NEWS

### WRESTLING SHOW TO BENEFIT OLSS

at 7pm, show begins at 8pm. \$20 per ticket. For tickets and more information call 917-903-1347 or visit [www.WarriorsOfWrestling.com](http://www.WarriorsOfWrestling.com). This event is sponsored by the Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus.

## GROUP MEETINGS

**BOOK GROUP:** We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart - Reflections on Following Jesus* by Pope Francis. **The next meeting is on Thurs., March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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., March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., March 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Damato Rm. in the Athletic Center.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### OLSS SCHOOL ROLLING REGISTRATION

**Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.**



**OLSS DOLPHINS SUMMER CAMP**  
**SPLISH SPLASH IT'S TIME FOR A**  
**SUMMER BLAST!**  
**YES - IT'S HERE! REGISTRATION FOR**  
**THE OLSS DOLPHINS SUMMER CAMP -**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM**  
**11AM TO 2PM WHERE: OLSS ATHLETIC**  
**CENTER - SEE YOU THERE!**  
**QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION:**  
**EMAIL: Linda Fusillo at: [linsoap@aol.com](mailto:linsoap@aol.com)**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 14 and June 28  
July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>



### BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 14 and June 28  
July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>

### 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### RCIA Scrutiny

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Nicholas Tolan and Jonathan Lanning) will celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 10:30am mass. These Rites 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.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION – CALLING NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in making a difference? Our Core Team is currently looking for individuals who can work collaboratively with our group to help set direction for upcoming Adult Faith Formation initiatives and events within our parish. If you are interested. Kindly email Joe Limeri – [jlimeri@aol.com](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com)

**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.

### STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun., 5:30PM
AA	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues., 6:30PM
	Fri., 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues., 8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs., 7:15PM

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Mar. 13th.**

**STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104**

**PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7:15PM and a Healing Mass at 8:30PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on April 2, 2015**

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

**Let us show appreciation to our priests and religious.**

Our priests dedicate their lives to providing us with spiritual strength and guidance. Through the *Appeal*, the John Cardinal O'Connor and Our Lady of Consolation residences are for our retired priests.

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