

**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 2016
Announced Masses**

Saturday, May 14

4:00PM Tony Fiumefreddo
5:30PM Joseph Sullivan

Sunday, May 15

8:00AM Joyce Pizzimenti
9:15AM Kitty Manetta
10:30AM Anthony Sellitti
12 Noon Patrick Vulpi
1:15PM Bernie & Grace Weiss
7:00PM Irene Purelis

Monday, May 16

9:00AM Emilio Stuccio

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 AM Filippo Crivallone & Talina Crivallone

Wednesday, May 18

9:00AM Ella & John Milo

Thursday, May 19

9:00AM Ronald Richards

Friday, May 20

9:00AM James & Teresa Friscia

Saturday, May 21

9:00AM Gregory Battcock
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Quinn Family
5:30PM Irma Conti

Sunday, May 22

8:00AM Sr. Helene Foley, SCC
9:15AM Catherine Accardi
10:30AM Anthony Circolone
12 Noon Stefon & Suzanna Lomport
1:15PM Antonio Pirls
7:00PM Cecelia Pastorelli

St. Simeon Stylites the Younger – May 24

Simeon was born in Antioch in 521 and at 5 years of age, after his father's death, he went to the hill country under the protection of a monk named John. Both Simeon (age 7) and John ascended a platform on top of columns in order to ensure solitude. At age 30, Simeon established a monastery, had a column built for himself and lived on top of the column for the last 45 years of his life. At age 35, he was ordained and would celebrate Mass on his platform and the monks would climb a ladder to receive the Eucharist. Many cures and miracles were attributed to him. He died in 592, having spent over 60 years of his life upon a pillar. –JM



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Spyro Karidis & Stephanie Duda

First Time: Jason Padula & Dana Cogliano

First Time: Stephen Schipani & Julieann Limeri

Second Time: Brian Grant & Brittney Parlante

Second Time: Michael Young & Victoria Filippazzo

Third Time: Lawrence Mathe, Jr. & Marissa Picciotto

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides & grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, June 26**. At this time, you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next date: Aug 28)

**The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of May 15-21
Given in Memory of
Joseph Rispoli
From His Loving Family**

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 21

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, May 21

4:00PM A Lazzara, C Biondolillo, J Uhlman, J Coscia, A Petrocelli, & V Caruso
5:30PM M Lappin, C Houle, J Cimino, F Ruggiero

Lectors – Sunday, May 22

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon MA Higgins
1:15PM A Pompei
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, May 22

8:00AM C Rosato, A Sparandera, P Zoltowski, M Ennis, & J Stanzione
9:15AM D Avena, Sr. Rosemary, J Zinsley, L Capobianco, & J Gatto
10:30AM C Ordy, B Barone, L Appel, N Fallacaro, J&C Gerace
12 Noon C Belvedere, C Bottiglia, MA Russo, W Higgins, & A Maffeo
1:15PM G Decker, M Recanatini, A McCoy, F&R Marino
7:00PM E Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, S Caiazza, & G LaGrua

Altar Servers, Saturday, May 21

4:00PM K Martino, K Marchisella
5:30PM M&E Losi

Altar Servers, Sunday, May 22

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM S Marashaj
10:30AM A&F Auriti
12 Noon C Carr, N Salerno
1:15PM G Vassallo
7:00PM R Faljean, J Rubin

Sincere Condolences



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

Lucy Anzalone

**2016 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal
Thank You Reception**

There will be a wine and cheese reception in O'Mara Hall on **Saturday, May 21 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass** in gratitude to those parishioners who have pledged, given or anyone who is interested in giving to the 2016 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. Representatives from the Archdiocese will be present to discuss the wonderful programs that the Cardinal's Appeal supports and to speak with you about your pledges or donations. So that we may properly prepare, please RSVP your attendance to the Rectory office at 718-984-0593 by **Monday, May 16**. Our parish continues to make progress towards the goal of **\$191,000**. To date approximately **404** families have made pledges totaling **\$149,900**.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

A Blessed Feast of Pentecost! Jesus is Lord, of my life, this world, and the Lord of all history. Come Holy Spirit, fill us with the fire of your love! We honor today our brothers and sisters who will have received the Sacrament of Confirmation after a season of preparation from the RCIA team. May all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit dwell and live within them this day forward. May our generous Lord during the Jubilee Year of Mercy refresh your soul with a fresh outpouring of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Father Louis Jerome is the pastor of Saint Charles Church in Oakwood and wrote a compelling letter to his people a few weeks ago and it's so timely, true and such a good teaching. I want to pass this onto you for your deep consideration and insight.

"A RIGHT TO LIFE...A RIGHT TO DIE?"

"A few months ago. I was teaching a religion class to group of fourth graders, the class was covering the Ten Commandments. I told the kids that the Ten Commandments are not the 'Ten Suggestions'! Rather, these commandments are God's rule for us in this life. Just the way we have rules and laws in every aspect of our society so too when it comes to our faith. One of the questions that the children brought up was suicide. I asked them what commandment dealt with this issue and they all replied 'Thou Shall Not Kill' which of course is the Fifth Commandment.

Maybe it's good for all of us to go back and review those commandments from time to time. In line with this, a few weeks ago we had a very interesting presentation by Ed Mechmann and Sister Lucy, SV, from the Family Life Office here in the Archdiocese. The presentation dealt with the assisted suicide bill that is pending before the New York Legislature. "The Patient Self Determination Act".

This new legislation would allow doctors to legally prescribe lethal drugs at the request of a person who is terminally ill. Proponents of the bill tell us this is really a basic human right so that people can 'die with dignity'. But as Mr. Mechmann pointed out so well in this talk, if this legislation were enacted it would wreak havoc on our society. Among the reasons to oppose the assisted suicide bill is that first of all, there is no screening for depression involved. Many people who are facing a terminal diagnosis are indeed depressed. Secondly, a terminal diagnosis is hard to predict, and as we know, doctors have been wrong before.

Finally, while doctors are under oath to positively 'Do no harm' to any patients, the legislation effectively turns doctors into killers and sends the message that suicide is acceptable! The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it in this way, "Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to them. We are stewards, not owners of the life God has entrusted to us, and it is not ours to dispose of."

One of mankind's greatest temptations from the very beginning of time is to want to 'play God'. The truth is that none of us is God; we are creatures, finite, and limited. It seems now that in our country, from both spectrums on our human journey, the natural law is being flouted.

At the start of life, a woman has the 'Right to Choose' to terminate the pre-born in her womb through abortion. And now at the end of life, some people in our country are opting for the 'Right to die'. After all, we live a throwaway society. If life becomes burdensome or painful to us, why can't we throw that away too?

It seems to me that the 'Patient Self Determination Act' opens to the door to a lot of questions and perhaps abuses. It could be said that we are heading down a slippery slope in our country, morally speaking. When human beings, 'play God' they tend to make judgements about what lives might be of more 'value' than others, In this regard, what about all those people with severe handicaps and disabilities? As a priest for over twenty-five years, I have been at the bedside of many dying patients and given them the last sacraments. Very often, a good hospice team is on hand to provide comfort and pain relief to the dying person in the last days of life. All human life is a sacred and precious gift given to us by Almighty God. May we never contradict or interfere in the Creator's loving plan and design. Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome."

God is giving us at the end of this Easter Season of 50 days, His Holy Spirit to make us strong, loving and wise as we face these challenges in our world. Come, Holy Spirit, help us to embrace our gift of life and see in all suffering your Redemptive power to bring unity and healing to our fragile world.

A blessed Pentecost to you all,

Father Tom Devery

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, May 17 @ 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be June 7 at 7:30 pm).*

Congratulations - RCIA Candidates

Congratulations to all participants in our RCIA Youth Group: Madison Baialardo, Nicholas, Christian and Natalie D'Amora, Max Fleischman, Alexandre Klein, Anthony and Eva LaGressa, Thomas Wilicki and Cosimo Grimaldi from our RCIA Adult Group who will be fully initiated at the 10:30 am Mass - Pentecost Sunday. May God continue to bless each of you in many amazing ways.

Mission Trip Show and Tell

Fr. Tom will be holding a "Show and Tell" evening on **Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 pm** in the Damato Meeting room. He will be sharing experiences from the recent mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica.

Pray for the Sick



Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Rafaella Cosenstino, Carmine Durso, Barbara Foresti, Anthony Galante, Antoinette Gallo, Herbert Gruberger, Matthew Hall, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Cecelia Leo, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Anna Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Summer Marie Semerad, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Roseanne Thompson, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez **Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.**

Come join us as we
celebrate 100 years of
service in our
community!



OLSS 100th Anniversary Celebrations

Celebratory Mass
with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Celebrant
Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm
(No ticket required)

Gala Dinner Dance at the Hilton Garden Inn
Sunday, October 2 from 5-10 pm
Tickets - \$125 per person
Ticket Price Includes:
Valet Parking
5-hour Open Bar
Cocktail Reception - 5-6 pm
Butler Passed hors d'oeuvres
Carving Stations
Pasta & Italian Stations
Dinner & Dancing - 6-10 pm
Appetizer
Choice of Entrée
Dessert
Coffee & Tea

Tables will be in groups of 10. You are encouraged to
submit reservations and payments for full tables.
1st Come-1st Paid

RSVP for Gala Dinner Dance

Name _____

Phone _____

I would like to reserve _____ seats for the
100th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance on
Sunday, October 2 at 5 p.m.

Cost \$125 per person

I have enclosed \$ _____

Please list names of attendees here:

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Please return form and payment to the Rectory.
Please make checks payable to OLSS.

SCHOOL NEWS



Science Fair Winners: On March 17, OLSS School held its annual Science Fair. Finalists from grades five through eight presented their projects to a panel of judges. The projects awarded the highest point scores for each grade level will be awarded medals at our end of year awards ceremony. This year's winners of the Science Fair are:

Grade 5: Scientific Method Experiments

Anthony D'Alessandro, Sofia Wilson, and Troy Batelman with Anthony Guttilla

Grade 6: Engineering Design Projects

Olivia Adragna with Carissa Ruocchio, Giuliana Petrunaro with Sophia Pravato, & Noelle DelGiorno with Gabriella DiSalvo

Grade 7: Scientific Method Experiments

Sebastian Angelico with Lorenzo Colangelo & James Gomez, Emily Harris, and Michael Theurer with A.J. Vigliotti

Grade 8: Scientific Method Experiments

Larry O'Friel with Shane Marashaj, Krista Marchisella, & Lauren DiMartino with Ashley Marrocco & Brianna Sciarrino

A special Research/Engineering Design Category in 8th Grade was awarded to Jonathan Mele and Maeve Ammirati with Sydney Kelly.

Congratulations also go out to Jessica Sam, grade 6, and Cristina Mogollan, grade 7, who won 1st place in their divisions in an art contest sponsored by the Children's Dental Health Month 2016 Creative Contest.

SPORTS NEWS

Biddies Cheer! Those girls interested in joining the OLSS Biddies Cheer teams may do so on Sunday, May 15 in the Damato Meeting Room. Girls entering Kindergarten in September of 2016 can register for the Biddies Kindergarten Team from 5-6 pm, and girls entering grades 1, 2 and 3 may register from 6-7pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for September 2016

All students currently attending our program have received re-registration forms. Please return the forms to your child's teacher or mail to the Religious Education office **before May 26, 2016** to take advantage of our reduced rates.

Registration fees BEFORE May 26, 2016 are:

Day Sessions: \$225 for one child; \$300 for two or more children
Wednesday Evenings: \$275 for one child; \$375 for 2 or more

Registration fees AFTER May 26, 2016 are:

Day Sessions: \$275 for one child and \$350 for two or more
Wednesday Evenings: \$300 for one child; \$400 for two or more

FIRST GRADE & NEW REGISTRATIONS

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish prior to registering in the Religious Education Program. Proof of Parish registration is required (envelope number).

Please bring the following required documents to registration:

- We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- First Holy Communion & Penance Certificate, if the sacrament has already been received.

Registration for **1st Grade** and **New Registrations** will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on Tuesday, May 17, from 5:30PM - 6:30PM

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Quaglia at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

Registration will be held for the
OLSS Summer Day Camp on
Sunday, May 15th from
9 am to 2 pm in the
OLSS school entrance.



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 Sept. 2016)

To register, email (Miss) Linda Fusillo,
Camp Director: linsoap@aol.com

Camp Rates per Camper:

\$250 full day-weekly, \$75 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly, \$40 half day-daily

(half day sessions are 9 am – 12 pm or 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am

Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm

(at an additional hourly rate)

✓ Mark Your Calendar

BUS TRIP TO SAND'S CASINO

The Stolzenhaller Council of K of C is sponsoring a trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, May 31**. The cost is \$30 per person, with \$20 back in slot play and \$5 back in food. The bus will leave Stolzenhaller Council at 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Newborn @ 917-697-5603 for information & reservations.

Garden of Life Brunch & Fundraiser

The Cross Road Foundation invites you to join them for their 3rd annual **Garden of Life Brunch & Fundraiser**, on **Sunday, June 5th at the Excelsior Grand (2380 Hylan Blvd.) from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis will be the keynote speaker. The funds raised from this event will be used to assist expectant and new mothers in need. Tickets are \$30 per person. To make a reservation or for more information call 718-556-3474 or online at crossroadfoundation.org/calendar.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! CASTING CALL!!

The OLSS Theater Group is being formed once again. We are planning a kickoff show in November. The following are needed: Coordinators, Organizers, Script Writers, singers, actors, musicians, stage hands, stage directors, backstage moms, carpenters, stage designers, costume designers, hairdressers, ticket handlers, clerical help, fundraisers, general help and more. If you are interested, stop by the Rectory to complete a "Volunteer Questionnaire". Include all of your contact information and past experience (if any). Rehearsals will be conducted in Summer 2016. More information will be announced as it becomes available.



Overnight Vigil for the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join us as we celebrate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Vigil will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Thursday, June 2nd at 9:00 p.m.** & will end with daily Mass on **Friday, June 3rd at 9 a.m.**



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. The next meeting will be on **Fri., May 27**. 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 **Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. We are reading **Prayer - Our Deepest Longing** by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The meetings for the OLSS Holy Name Society will resume in September. 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.

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 Dates

May 22, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28

Baptismal Ceremony Dates

May 22, Every Sunday in June, July & August

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.

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE:

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm Mass



Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2016 will be honored here at OLSS on **Saturday, June 11th at the 5:30 pm Mass**, celebrated by Fr. David Rider in the Cardinal's name. Mass will be 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.

12 Step & Community Meeting Information

ADDICTION ANGELS – The next Parent Support Group meeting will be **Thursday, 5/19 at 7 pm** in O'Mara Hall. For more info, contact Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637

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 **June 2**.