

NOVEMBER 23, 2014
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
CHRIST THE KING

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, November 22, 2014

9:00AM Daniel Belmonte
4:00PM Emily DeLuca
5:30PM Rose DeFeo

Sunday, November 23, 2014

8:00AM Martin Fullam and Joseph Turkovic
9:15AM Anna Marie and John Tobin
10:30AM Domenico Grieco
12 Noon Lillian Visceglia and Rose Natoli
1:15PM Joseph DeCrescenzo, Jr.
 and Joseph Graziano
7:00PM Charles Bellomo

Monday

9:00AM Stephanie and George Vierno

Tuesday

9:00AM Domenico and Isabella DiBari
7:30PM **Parish Mass for Thanksgiving**
For the People of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Wednesday

9:00AM Florence Casazza

Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM Mary Ruocchio and Mary Ann Lembo

Friday

9:00AM Louis Guzman

Saturday, November 29, 2014

9:00AM Marie Merola
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Philip DiFranco and the Deceased Members
 of the Chieco and DiFranco Fms.

Sunday, November 30, 2014

8:00AM Sr. Anna Maria Porzio, SMR.
9:15AM Stephen McFeeley
10:30AM MaryAnn and Joseph Casso
12 Noon Pasquale Passini
1:15PM Louis Catuogno
7:00PM Rose and Guy Florentino

St. Barloom, Martyr, Nov. 19

Barloom was a peasant who lived in Antioch in the third century. During the persecution of Diocletian, he was jailed for a long time before being brought to trial in 303. At the trial, he was mocked and scourged, put on the rack and subjected to other tortures, but continued to hold firm in the faith. Finally, Barloom was brought before an altar and one of his hands was held over hot coals and incense sprinkled on it. The judge thought that the burning incense would force Barloom to shake his hand as if he were offering sacrifices. Barloom did not move and his hand was consumed. Immediately, thereafter, he was martyred. (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 23, 2014
IN MEMORY OF ANNAMARIE AND JOHN TOBIN
WITH LOVE FROM THE TOBIN FAMILY

Lectors – Nov. 29, 2014

4:00PM C. Losi
5:30PM F. Monte

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM A. Petrocelli, B. Peters, J. Uhlman, C. Harris,
 A. Lazzara
5:30PM JM Graziano, F. Barone, J. Cimino, C. Houle,
 A. Spoto

Lectors – Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014

8:00AM MJ Truckenbrodt
9:15AM M. Higgins, T. O'Connell
10:30AM M. Pinto, E. Newborn
12 Noon J. Zinsley, MA Higgins
1:15PM C. Messina, B. Paccione
7:00PM J. Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM J. Stanzione, C. Rosato, J. Perdichizzi,
 P. Zoltowski, A. Sparandera
9:15AM ME Carey, R. Scarpati, M. & S. Hitchcock,
 J. Gatto
10:30AM G. Balestrino, M. Molinini, C. Ordy, C. Argano,
 T. Strange
12 Noon D. Zaiano, B. Higgins, V. Acri, S. Catalano,
 C. Barone
1:15PM A. McCoy, M. Sicari, B. Weir, M. Recanatini,
 N. Villani
7:00PM A. Zuffante, T. Palmieri, J. Prato, M. Sprague,
 A. Manetti

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 29, 2014

4:00 P.M.: D. & L. Cavicchio, E. Harris, S. Imbro
5:30 P.M.: J. & K. Martino, C. & R. Nicholaou

Sunday, November 30, 2014

8:00 A.M.: C. Luisi, N. & J. Mele, S. Marashaj
9:15 A.M.: J. Bell, F. Scarmato, K. Lee, S. Scalzo
10:30 A.M.: A. Auriti, G. Pelucco, C. & J. Rubin
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, A. Castelle, R. Ruskowski,
 C. Sikorjak
1:15 P.M.: P. Arellano, C.. F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M.: L. & PJ Caiazza, J. LoPiccolo, E. Tedesco



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our sincere condolences to the families of the deceased:

*Thomas K. Ruggiero, Michael Melita, Theresa Marrone
 and Anna Leandro*

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Healing Service will be on Tues., Dec. 9th, at 3:30PM.
 The Healing Mass will be on Tues., Dec. 16th, at 7:30PM.
 Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need
 of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Recently Cardinal Dolan wrote in in his blog: "As all of you know by now two weeks ago, as a big part of our Making All Things New strategic pastoral planning of recent years, the Archdiocese announced the merging of about 30% of our 368 parishes into fifty-five new ones."

While the news was hardly unexpected, since it's been coming for years, and because the people of the parishes were involved in the process, it has been a rough couple of weeks for the parishioners and clergy in the affected parishes. And, as I have publicly acknowledged, it has hardly been a picnic for the leadership of the Archdiocese, including me.

Thus, it was very good for me to talk with a brother bishop, an old friend, who himself just to accept, not 34 churches no longer to be used, like I had to, but 118!

And get this: his decision to close 118 parishes was not based on shifting populations, declining numbers in affected parishes, or a lack of clergy, but on the fact that those 118 churches had been burned to the ground by vicious anti-Christian mobs!

My friend is the Archbishop of Jos, Nigeria, Ignatius Kaigama. Talking with him put our woes in perspective, and made me feel rather embarrassed and contrite about feeling sorry for myself over the anguish of our decisions.

Archbishop Ignatius, along with his courageous people, are facing regular attacks by an outfit of thugs called Boko Haram, which is waging war on the Church.

And they are not alone. Throughout the world, especially in areas controlled by radical Islam, Christians are under attack. Each day leads to new reports of Christians beheaded, beaten to death, raped or forced to flee. In some countries the victims are branded with an "N" to identify themselves as followers of Jesus of Nazareth. The ancient Churches of the Middle East, which have been in countries like Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and parts of Lebanon since the time of the apostles, are literally near extinction, as believing Christians have been burned and slaughtered, or forced into exile.

And I've got the gall to consider our situation here in New York painful?

It is called Christianophobia, a systematic unrelenting persecution of believers, to intimidate them at best, to eradicate them at worst, and it shows no signs of letting up. New cases are reported daily from places such as Pakistan, India, Indonesia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Another fact makes us blush: we admit that one of the reasons we've had to reduce the number of our parishes from 368 to 310 is because we do not have enough priests, resources or people to keep them going. Our people have either moved, or their faith has grown so sluggish that they no longer frequent their parish.

The opposite is true in those besieged countries where the faith is in the crosshairs of snipers' rifles. Archbishop Ignatius tells me, for instance, that 80% of his people are at Sunday Mass, vocations to the priesthood are booming, and tens of thousands join the Church each year, even though it could cost them their lives.

Not only that, but one day after their simple parish church in torched, the people are back to rebuild it. And, instead of returning violence, Archbishop Ignatius, his diocese, priests, and people are uniting with their peaceful Islamic neighbors to resist the hatred and build bridges of peace.

Their faith is stronger, the Church more vibrant, united, and attractive, even though their 118 parishes have been leveled by attacks.

And here we drift along, watching our people walk away, our numbers shrink, our faith diluted. In our country of comfort, peace, and freedom, we're merging; in those countries of persecution, bloodshed, martyrdom, and attack, they're rebuilding, and the faith is more vibrant than ever.

A Rabbi friend and confidant talked candidly to me, "Timothy, why are you surprised? Look at the Scriptures: when the people of Israel, in what you call the Old Testament were comfortable, prosperous, at peace and by earthly standards, well-off, their faith dwindled, their morals collapsed, and they become lethargic spiritually. But, when we Jews were under attack, threatened, and at risk, we reclaimed our faith, were purified of our sins, and came back stronger, spiritually and morally."

Reminds me of the comment of Blessed Paul VI: "When it's easy to be a Catholic, it's hard to be a good one; but when it's hard to be a Catholic, it's easier to be a good one." Think about that statement again. Think about our co-religionists 'under the sword' throughout the world, yet hopeful, heroic and tenacious in their faith.

Think about us- accepted, safe, prosperous, part of the culture, and in trouble spiritually. Ask Jesus to keep His promise here in the archdiocese, "to make all things new."

And beseech the crucified one to protect our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world, whose fortitude and perseverance put us to shame, whose parishes close, not due to strategic planning but because enemies bomb them."

- Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

The Baby Bottle campaign raised \$11, 937.61, Cross Road Foundation is most grateful for your generosity. Thank you for enabling to assist new and expectant mothers in need.

God Bless – Father Tom Devery



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Nicoletta Caputo, Ethel Cohen, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Dominick Crea, Gen Decio, Joseph Ennis, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambone, Lorraine Hamer, Thomas Lamantia, Andrew Martingano, Kelly McCarthy, Chuck Melka, Joanne Paramonte, Joyce Pizzimenti, Camille Polly, Joe Puglisi, Len Schiffman, Celeste Setty, Amir Shirazi, William St. Laurent, Carmen Vera, Cele Van Winkle and MaryLou Yacovacci.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND TIME: Vincent Racioppi and Dina Catalano
Salvatore Zaccariello and Jolene Michilli
Erik Pica and Marisa Palmieri
Frank Jordan and Elaine Baumann

THIRD TIME: John Tardy and KellyAnn Lynagh

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

Sunday, Dec. 28th 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: Feb. 28nd 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.

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA HOLIDAY FAIR

Get a head start on your holiday shopping. Our Holiday fair will feature handmade crafts, personalized items, clothing, unique jewelry and so much more. Our Fair will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th, in O'Mara Hall from 11 to 6PM. Space is still available for vendors. Please contact Debbie at (917) 697-9454 if interested.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

On Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the 5:30 Mass, the Altar Server Ministry installed fourteen new Altar Servers. As they begin their new work of faithful service, we assure them of our prayers, support, and admiration for their commitment to serving the Lord:

Vincenzo Castelle, Ryan Faljean, Erin Losi, John Jacoby, Giuliana Marino, Julie Magnotti, Krista Marchisella, Michael Mattioli, Albert Meola, Cassandra Nieves, Vincent Pavlick, Nicholas Salerno, Meghan Stackhouse and Gianna Vassallo

SCHOOL NEWS WE ARE THANKFUL

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect upon whom and what we are grateful for. In our hearts each day we are grateful to all those who are in our lives and all that we have in our lives. So thank you to:

- Father Tom whose pastoral leadership helps us to define our roles as Catholics;
- our school parents who make sacrifices to send life's greatest treasures to our school;
- OLSS parishioners whose support helps our school to continue to strive;
- our students whose enthusiasm and eagerness to learn energize our school;
- our teachers and staff whose boundless dedication is second to none;
- our volunteers –parents, grandparents, and parishioners – give their time, their talents and their love and ask for nothing for themselves in return;
- and to those we have not mentioned any support in any way has helped give us the strength and drive to excel.

May God bless you in every way each day for HE has blessed us with so many giving people!!!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA'S LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our annual tradition "A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols" will be held on Friday, Dec. 12th, at 8PM in the Church. Please join us for an uplifting evening of scripture and song. Refreshments to follow. We look forward to a wonderful evening filled with the spirit of the season shared with good friends.

GIVING BASKET

As in the past, this Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island by responding to our local organizations serving their various needs. Next weekend, and the following weekend, our Giving Baskets will be in the rear of the Church. Please select one or more tags, purchase the items and wrap them. If you pick a tag and find you cannot purchase that gift, please return the tag. All gifts must be new. Original tag must be taped on the package, face up, when returning it. If you have a new item that you would like to donate, just make your own tag, noting the contents of the gift. For example, "Boys Large Sweat Shirt" and tape it to the gift. If you have volunteered to help with this project in the past or if you would like to join our volunteers this year, please call Donna Ferreri, the organization's coordinator, (656) 932-3030, and leave your name and number. We will also have tags for gift cards for families in need in our parish.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER 6/7 AND DEC. 13/14 NO LATER!! – SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

The principal Mass for Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 7:30PM. Let us give thanks as a community for all our blessings. The Boy Scouts will be collecting non-perishable foods for the pantry at Project Hospitality such as canned vegetables and fruits, cereals, pastas, canned meats, beans, tuna and peanut butter, which will be picked up after Mass. There will be a Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th, at 9AM.

If you know of a needy family who could use some help for the holidays, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. All calls will be kept confidential.

ADVENT CANDLES MEMORIALIZED

The Advent Candles, which are on our Advent Wreath, have been memorialized by the Eucharistic Minister and Lectors who serve at the 8AM Mass.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new lector workbooks are in the Sacristy. Please pick one after mass on the weekend. Please check you name off the list when you sign your book out. We also have a few books at the Rectory if you would like to pick up one here. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to clean the Altar Server albs. They would need to be cleaned once a month. If you can help, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number for our Sacristan. Thank you.

CAR NEEDED

Fr. Basil Akut has arrived and is in need of a vehicle to drive. If anyone is able to find it possible to donate a car so that Fr. Basil is able to get around, please call the Rectory. Thank you – Fr. Tom

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is held from 12 noon to 5pm, Monday to Thursday. We are in need of Adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament every hour. If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please call Carol Ordy at *82-917-536-8576.

POOR PEOPLE'S DINNER

Project Hospitality is sponsoring their annual "Poor People's Dinner" at 6:30PM, on Monday, Nov. 24th, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Ave., SI, NY. They ask you to bring at least one bag of canned or non perishable food to stack the food pantry shelves for the coming winter season. For information and reservations, call Anita Yuen (718) 448-1544, ext. 163.

SPORTS NEWS

INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION: Final registrations for the Winter Intramural League will be held on Monday, December 1st and Monday, December 8th, from 7:30PM at the Athletic Center. The season runs from January through early April for both girls and boys kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have any questions, call Joe Mazzella at (917) 748-3928.

CROSS COUNTRY TRACK AND FIELD: Registration for Cross Country Track and Field is taking place now. Please email Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net or contact Mia Marinaccio at 718-966-8860 ext. 501. Cross Country is open to boys and girls in grades pre-k through 8. This is a great way to get in shape for other sports or just have fun. All levels are welcome! Fee is \$85 for the season. You can email Erin or call Mia with questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. EDWARD FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to work at the Food Pantry and volunteers to help with fundraising. The Pantry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 1PM. If you are interested in putting in a few hours once a month, please contact OLSS volunteer coordinator, Maryann Russo at (718) 984-1625 or by email at stedwardfoodpantry@gmail.com.

The pantry is located at 6581 Hylan Blvd. and is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 10AM and 1PM. If you are in need, go to the pantry. If you would like to donate food, they could always use cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, pasta, etc. Thank you.

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: *The November Book Club Meeting has been cancelled.* Please check the bulletin for our next meeting. Our new selection is *Open Mind, Faithful Heart - Reflections on Following Jesus* by Pope Francis. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., Dec. 3rd**, at 7:30PM in the rectory. (The following meeting will be Wed., Dec. 17th. 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., Dec. 19th 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 next meeting will be on Nov. 25th.

ANTI-BULLYING SUPPORT GROUP: Tues., Dec. 9 from 6:30 - 8pm, Play It Forward NY: Anti-Bully support Group meeting at Rossville AME Zion Church basement 584 Bloomingdale Road, SI NY. Free meeting, free refreshments.

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

*Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering for this occasion.*

*We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.*

*We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it
And other blessings.*

*As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as you
Would have us.*

*This we ask in the Name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Lord. Amen.*



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



Dec. 7th and Dec. 28st
Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd

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

Dec. 7th Dec. 28th
Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd

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.

12 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:

There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Nov. 28th.

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 Dec. 4, 2014