

**OCTOBER 12, 2014  
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, October 11, 2014**

**9:00AM** Scott Freundlich  
**4:00PM** Emily DeLuca  
**5:30PM** Judith Porcello

**Sunday, October 12, 2014**

**8:00AM** Edward and Maryann Brennan  
**9:15AM** Deceased Members of Morrissey and Sellitti Fms.  
**10:30AM** Frank Ferrara  
**12 Noon** Judith Porcello and Kenneth Goehl  
**1:15PM** Vincent Cestaro  
**7:00PM** Sr. Patrick Mary

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Lynda DeVaney

**Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Daniel Belmonte

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Salvatore Caruso

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Dr. William Laverman

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

**9:00AM** Luis Burgos  
**4:00PM** Joseph Levantino  
**5:30PM** Mary and Mario Schiera

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

**8:00AM** Geraldine Fontana  
**9:15AM** Salvatore Giudice  
**10:30AM** Paul Montanaro  
**12 Noon** Camille Bellomo  
**1:15PM** Jo and Andy Bellasperanza  
**7:00PM** Salvatore Zarella

**St. John of Egypt Hermit – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

John was born in lower Egypt around 304. At age 25, he left the world and returned to a mountain under the direction of an aged recluse, who trained John in obedience and self-surrender. John spent five years visiting monasteries and finally settled on a hill, where he walled himself in with only a small window to receive life's necessities. He devoted himself solely to prayer and meditation for five days a week; on weekends he provided spiritual guidance to male visitors. St. John was known for cures, prophecies, miracles and knowledge of secret sins of those who visited. Sensing his death was near, he asked that no one visit for three days, on his knees praying he died on the 3rd day at age 90. (JM)

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 12, 2014  
IN MEMORY OF JOANN LIMERI  
WITH LOVE FROM KATHY WANGLUND**

**Lectors – Oct. 18, 2014**

**4:00PM** C. Harris, C. Losi  
**5:30PM** A. Pompei

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4:00PM** C. Baggot, S. Roberto, E. Vitiello, C. Biondolillo, L. Barbato, A. Petrocelli, V. Caruso  
**5:30PM** C. Houle, R. DeMaio, J. Cimino, R. Taranto, J. Uhlman, A. Manetti, A. Spoto

**Lectors – Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014**

**8:00AM** MJ Truckenbrodt  
**9:15AM** T. O'Connell  
**10:30AM** B. Paccione, E. Newborn  
**12 Noon** M. Higgins, F. Monte  
**1:15PM** G. LaGrua  
**7:00PM** K. Melka

**Eucharistic Minister**

**8:00AM** T. Daluise, A. Andreola, J. Perdichizzi, J. Stanzone, J. Coscia, A. Brady, P. Zoltowski  
**9:15AM** C. Scalzo, T. Rizzotti, L. Appel, M. Vierno, S. Hitchcock, A. Spoto, A. Brady  
**10:30AM** C. Ordy, B. & MA Higgins, E. & G. Riozzi, MA Russo, C. Belvedere  
**12 Noon** C. & J. Gerace, N. Fallacaro, M. Sprague, D. Zaino, F. Palazzo  
**1:15PM** A. McCoy, J. Tolento, B. Nicholson, A. Deliso, V. Acri, M. Recanatini  
**7:00PM** B. Weir, C. Barone, T. Palmieri, E. Bellina, A. Zuffante, R. Scarpati, K. Melka

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 18, 2014:**

**4:00 P.M.:** Daniella Battaglia, Dominick Battaglia, Domenick Cavicchio, Leonardo Cavicchio  
**5:30 P.M.:** Maria Coelho, Matthew Esposito, Salvatore Imbro, Michael Losi

**Sunday, October 19, 2014:**

**8:00 A.M.:** Joseph Bell, Shane Marashaj, Jonathan Mele, Noelle Mele  
**9:15 A.M.:** Francesca Scarmato, Gabriella Scarmato, Keryn Lee, Samantha Scalzo  
**10:30 A.M.:** Angela Auriti, Erin Carey, Anthony Castelle, Gabrielle Pelucco  
**12:00 Noon:** Gabrielle Artz, Caitlyn Carr, Nicholas D'Angelo, Brianna Stackhouse  
**1:15 P.M.:** Katherine Betsais, Guliana Gulotta, Christina Sikorjak, Chloe Trang  
**7:00 P.M.:** Charles Campitiello, Stephanie Campitiello, Daniella Russo, Joseph Petillo



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

May the Lord give you His Peace! I want to share with you that a dear teacher, reformer, spiritual director, co-founder of a religious community and friend has died on the Feast of the Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi, - Father Benedict Joseph Groeschel, CFR. When I first met him, he was the spiritual director to Terence Cardinal Cooke, and confidant to Mother Teresa of Calcutta when she was in New York. He taught Pastoral Counseling in Iona College and Saint Joseph's Seminary and for nearly 38 years he was obedient to our Cardinal's request to be guest master and retreat guide for priests at Trinity Retreat House in Larchmont, New York. In the summer of 1987, he stepped out of his comfort zone and left the Capuchin Franciscans to form a new order, now known as the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal along with six other friars. Those were difficult times for Father Benedict, since there was no guarantee that Cardinal O'Connor would endorse this fledgling band of brothers, but since then some 27 years later over 120 friars have joined and serve the Church alongside some 45 Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Several years ago, Father Benedict was at the Orlando airport getting off a van to cross the road and rent a car with Fr. John Lynch, when suddenly he was struck by a car and was severely wounded. He was placed in a medical coma and for months, he was between heaven and earth, while doctors operated and repaired his body. It took a very long time for his rehabilitation to get him back into circulation. In his later years he had his own television show, Father Benedict Groeschel Prime. In addition to his early years working as a chaplain at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry and writing several books and giving hundreds of priest's retreats, he spent many years developing the Center for Spirituality of the Laity in Yonkers. He loved Saint Augustine and could quote whole sermons from him by heart. He always talked about his training as a psychologist at Columbia University and the fantastic professors he met during that time. I recall one day in class when I was a seminarian in the early '70's he said to us, "Gentlemen, there's nothing deader than a dead priest, don't take yourselves too seriously, whether or not anyone shows up at your funeral will depend on the weather." I know that this will be a difficult time for Cardinal Dolan who just landed in Rome for the Synod of Bishops. He had a fondness for Father Benedict, he used to call him "Uncle Ben". Although he was deeply spiritual, he could be hilariously funny and could regale you with stories for hours about priestly life and humorous tales of parish life.

One such story he told was about an old Italian friar, Brother Sebastian, who would say to the novices in the Capuchin community, "Pray for my happy death!" Over and over it was the same request. Well one day, while the friars were working in the field, the monastery bell rang calling all the friars to the bedside of dying Brother Sebastian, he was still, quiet and very pensive waiting for all the brothers to gather in his room for prayers for the dying, when all of a sudden, he sat up in bed, waved a big hand to everyone, smiled and said his last word, "Arrivederci!!!!" and died.

It was a cold wet Sunday about 8 years ago on Divine Mercy Sunday. An extraordinary rainfall dumped over 9 inches of rain upon Staten Island and Father Benedict landed at La Guardia from Toronto, and had someone drive him to Holy Child to preach at the noon Mass. He said, "When I die, I am only going to say one word to Jesus, "Mercy". If he doesn't let me into heaven, I'll say, "But Jesus, I trusted in you."

True story of what goes around comes around. In 1978 my friend George was a senior at West Point and a candidate for the US Olympic Speed Skating Team. One day George tumbled and broke his leg badly, ending his sights on the Olympics. Naturally he was depressed and went to see Father Benedict who was at that time living across the river. Father Benedict helped him tremendously and George never forgot the gift of hope he gave him. After finishing his time in the Army, George became a psychologist and for 25 years lived in San Francisco. He returned to New York about ten years ago was hired by Burke Rehabilitation Center to counsel accident victims. One day he received as a patient Father Benedict Groeschel, super depressed after his Orlando accident. George was able to get Benedict back up on his feet and when Benedict realized this was the once sad cadet from West Point, he said, "Isn't God good?"

God is good, all the time. Thank you Father Benedict for living the call of Saint Francis in our day and leading us all closer to God's Divine Mercy. May you rest in peace.

Father Tom Devery



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Nicoletta Caputo, Ethel Cohen, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Gen Decio, John Emigholz, Joseph Ennis, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambone, Lorraine Hamer, Thomas Lamantia, Andrew Martingano, Kelly McCarthy, 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

**FIRST TIME:** Kristopher Cocivera and Laura Nicolassi  
**SECOND TIME:** Jonathan Luca and Melanie Corebello  
Michael Perri and Angela Colella  
**THIRD TIME:** Jeffrey Cuming and Catherine Morelli  
Joseph Rozing and Nicole Hitchcock

**MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS**  
Sunday, Oct. 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: Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM.

### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAININGS

This Fall, we will have training for all boys and girls from Grades 5-11, who wish to become Altar Servers. Come join our great ministry to serve the Lord and one another! If you wish to sign up for the Fall trainings, contact Anthony Gorgia, Coordinator of the Altar Servers, at (718) 966-9886 or [Anthony.Gorgia@gmail.com](mailto:Anthony.Gorgia@gmail.com). You can speak to him after any of the Sunday Masses for more information. Please call Anthony by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.

### ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

The preference sheets covering the next four months have either been mailed or emailed. If you did not receive one, there are sheets in the Sacristy. Please fill one out and leave it there for the Sacristan or drop it off at the rectory asap. Thank you.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA HOLIDAY FAIR

Will take place on Saturday, November 29, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If anyone is interested in a table they can call Debbie at 917 697-9454.

## SCHOOL NEWS

VERY SPECIAL OLSS TEACHER



Sr. Mary Jude Watson, S.C. who taught at our school from 1967-1989 and volunteered until her retirement in 2003, recently celebrated 80 years as a Sister of Charity. Even though Sr. Jude is not physically present in our daily lives, we will always love her. Her kindness, humility and her Christ like ways enabled us to have a very deep love for her. While she was at OLSS her presence in our lives was a gift from God. Today, Sr. Jude is always in our thoughts and prayers. Her influence on the OLSS community is interwoven like threads of gold and silver into our lives.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES

1. October 18<sup>th</sup> - St. John Villa Academy-  
(Saturday) 1-4 P.M.
2. October 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School Girls Only  
(Sunday) 12- 3 P.M.
3. October 25<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph Hill Academy-  
(Saturday) 1-4 P.M.
4. October 26<sup>th</sup> - Notre Dame Academy-  
(Sunday) 1-4 P.M.
5. October 26<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph by-the Sea High School- Boys Only  
(Sunday) 12-3 P.M.
6. October 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Peter's High School for Boys  
(Sunday) 1-4 P.M.
7. November 2nd- Monsignor Farrell High School-  
(Sunday) 12-3 P.M.

### REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OF MANHATTAN

Regis H.S., an all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys, invites students and their parents to its open house on Columbus Day, Mon., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4PM at Regis H.S., 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> St., NYC. For information, call Eric DiMichele at (212) 288-1100, Ext. 2057.

### TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Students in the eighth grade during the 2014-2015 school year wishing to apply for fall 2015 admission into Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York are eligible. You may register via the Internet at [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) or by telephone from 8:00AM to 7:00PM ET Monday – Friday and 10:00AM – 2:00PM ET Saturday-Sunday at 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247). You may also obtain a Registration Form and Student Handbook from a high school. Student handbooks are available at [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com).

**OCTOBER 20, 2014 – DEADLINE FOR INTERNET AND TELEPHONE REGISTRATION.**



### CHOIR NEWS

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Rehearsals are on **Mondays, at 3:45PM, in the Church** and every Monday at that time. Children who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. If you would like to join, please come to the rehearsal. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:15AM Mass on Sundays.

**TRADITIONAL CHOIR:** The Traditional Choir is looking for members 18 or older. Rehearsals are on **Mondays at 6PM in the Church.** The Choir sings at the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays.

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### GROUP MEETINGS

**BOOK GROUP:** The book club will resume on **Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the rectory. Our selection is *Between Heaven and Mirth* by James Martin, S.J. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** The Group will meet on **Wed., Oct. 15, at 7:30PM** in the rectory. (The following meeting will be **Wed., Oct. 15<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., October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

**Bible Study/Faith Sharing Groups:** Our small faith sharing meetings will resume in October, studying the Psalms. If you are interested in joining an existing group, or starting one of your own, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Our Prayer Group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. The next meeting will be on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> (following meetings: 10/21 and 10/28) in the Damato Meeting Room in the Athletic Center.

### CROSSROAD FOUNDATION – 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

Masquerades & Miracles, Crossroad's Annual Fashion Show will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The donation is \$60 per person, includes dinner, musical entertainment, fashion show and lots of raffles. For reservations, email [www.crossroadfoundation.org](http://www.crossroadfoundation.org) or by mail: The Cross Road Foundation, PO Box 80418, Staten Island, NY 10308. For information, call (718) 556-3474.

### GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Girl Scouts is an organization that helps girls, in a fun, accepting and nurturing environment. It helps the girls develop qualities that will serve them in all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. All girls entering Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to become a part of this wonderful experience. Adults are invited to become leaders. To register, please contact the Girl Scout Office at (212) 645-4000, Ext. 352.

### CAR NEEDED

We will be welcoming Fr. Basil Akut to our parish as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

### ST. EDWARD FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry, located at 6581 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY, is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 10AM and 1PM. If you are in need, please go to the pantry. You can contact them at (718) 984-1625.

### RECTORY OFFICE CLOSING FOR LUNCH MONDAY – FRIDAY

The Rectory Office will be 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.

## SPORTS NEWS

### COACHES NEEDED:

OLSS Intramural Basketball is looking for a few coaches for the upcoming Fall season. All games are on Saturday or Sunday mornings. If you are currently in High School or College, have basketball experience and are interested in coaching a team this season, please contact **Joe Mazzella at 917-748-3928** or at [maprec@aol.com](mailto:maprec@aol.com).

### TRACK COACHES:

OLSS Track and Field is looking for coaches to assist with the Track and Field Program. If you are an avid runner or just have time to donate to the program, please contact Erin Ryan at [tmm4e@verizon.net](mailto:tmm4e@verizon.net) or Mia Marinaccio at 718-966-8860 Ext. 501.

### CROSS COUNTRY TRACK AND FIELD:

Registration for Cross Country Track and Field is taking place now. Please email Erin Ryan at [tmm4e@verizon.net](mailto: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.

### 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. Please provide a contact name, and the address and telephone number of the homebound person. Thank you.

### THE HOLY WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

On Wed., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 30 Manor Road, the feast of St. Luke, at 7:30PM, there will be a mass celebrating the contribution of health care workers of all faiths. The Mass will include "Blessing of the Healing Hands." This year they will be honoring Dr. Theodore Strange and Dr. Thomas Forlenza. A reception will follow in the parish school hall.

**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.

### 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)

### Adult Faith Formation Series

Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J. will be presenting a three party series entitled: **Pope Francis - A Deeper Profile** at St. Clare's Church on Nelson Avenue. The presentations are free of charge and open to the public. Presentation 1: Pope Francis - His Life and Times - Tuesday, October 14th -7:30PM - Our Lady Chapel; Presentation 2 - The Religious Teaching of Pope Francis - Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 PM - Our Lady Chapel; Presentation 3 - What Does Pope Francis Mean For The Church and For The Actions of Christians in the World? - Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30 PM - Our Lady Chapel.

## **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**

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 28<sup>st</sup>  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>



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

Oct. 26  
Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</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.

### **12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT**

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

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, 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 Nov. 6, 2014**