

September 20, 2015
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, September 19, 2015

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Quinn Family
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Marianna & Evangelist Peragine

Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:00AM Carrie Ann Cheuvront
9:15AM Madalyn T. Castelucci
10:30AM Thomas, Agnes & Thomas Dowd, Jr.
12 Noon Donald O'Connor
1:15PM Philip DiFranco
7:00PM Crocifisso Bacarella

Monday, September 21

9:00AM Dr. John P. Curran

Tuesday, September 22

9:00AM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.

Wednesday, September 23

9:00AM Angelo & Mary Gazzola
Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Thursday, September 24

9:00AM Beatrice DiDomenico & Vincent DiDomenico

Friday, September 25

9:00AM Martin Fullam & Joseph Turkovic

Saturday, September 26, 2015

9:00AM Frank Anthony Giardino
Bertola Family
4:00PM Mario Mattera
Vincent Mairorana
& Deceased members of the Grezzo Family
5:30PM Violet King

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00AM Peter Gialliusi
9:15AM Ann Alfonso
10:30AM Raymond Zimmer
12 Noon Louis Franchini
1:15PM Charles Milazzo
7:00PM Leonardo Conenna

**St. Maurice and Companions, Martyrs of the Theban Legion
287 A.D. – September 22**

There was a Roman Legion from Egypt which consisted entirely of Christians. They were mobilized to put down an uprising from rebellious Gauls. When the Christian legion arrived, they joined the assembled army and ordered it to join in offering a sacrifice to the gods. When the Christian legion refused, they were sentenced to decimation. One out of ten would be put to death. They still refused and a 2nd decimation took place. This may have been because of the idolatrous oath or reservations about the justice of the cause. St. Maurice said on behalf of his men, "We are your soldiers, but also servants of the True God. We readily oppose your enemies, but we cannot dip our hands into the innocent blood." Legend records that the entire Theban legion, 6600 men, were slaughtered. Non-Christians who refused to take part in the slaughter were also martyred. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of September 20, 2015

In Loving Memory Of
Adrienne Sienicki
From Her Loving Daughter, Samantha

Lectors – Saturday, September 26, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM M. Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, September 26, 2015

4:00PM V. Caruso, C. Baggot, A. Maffeo, A. Petrocelli,
C. Houle
5:30PM J. Cimino, A. Dazio, M. Sicari, C. Biondolillo,
R. Balzano

Lectors – Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM E. Newborn, T. O'Connell
10:30AM M. Coppolo
12 Noon M. Higgins
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers, September 27, 2015

8:00AM B&M Higgins, J. Stanzone, M. Molinini,
P. Zoltowski
9:15AM J. Gatto, A. Spoto, T. Strange, A. McCoy,
L. Capobianco
10:30AM C. Ordy, G. Balestrino, C&J Gerace, N. Fallacaro
12 Noon R. Gamba, S. Catalano, E&G Riozzi, J. Prato
1:15PM C. Losi, F. Palazzo, M. Randazzo, MA Russo,
L. Appel
7:00PM S. Caiazza, M. Sprague, A. Manetti, T. Palmieri,
M. Recanatini

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2015

4:00 PM V. Pavlick, K. Martino, D. Cavicchio
5:30 PM R&C Nicholaou, M&E Losi

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 AM N&J Mele, M. Esposito
9:15 AM G. Scarmato, G&N Tucci
10:30 AM K. Lee, B. Walsh, G. Monreale
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, A. Romani
1:15 PM C. Trang, G. Marino, J. Jacoby
7:00 PM L&PJ Caiazza, A. Meola



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

**Florence Rubin, John B. Noonan, Patricia Tansey &
Richard Castellano**

**MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE
BY THE CHAPEL CRUCIFIX**

One month memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. The name of the deceased is placed on the vigil light. Envelopes are located in the book racks. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory. There are 28 candles available each month. If we receive more than 28 requests, those requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday at 1:15PM Mass we welcome Bishop John O' Hara to our parish to inaugurate our Centennial Jubilee Year. We are grateful to God for all the blessings he has given to our parish for these past 99 years. As the year unfolds we will have many events to celebrate this amazing legacy of parish life.

The Staten Island Interfaith Council along with Bishop O'Hara will host "An Honest Conversation on Race" in the D'Amato Room in the Gym from 3-5PM. Since we will have round table discussion, the panel of four will begin our presentation and then all our guests will be invited to answer three questions. If you are free please come and join us.

This week we have the honor to welcome to the United States for the first time Pope Francis. He comes primarily as a Shepherd and Vicar of Christ to meet us and to help encourage us to live the Gospel of Life. It is true that he will speak to our Congress and visit the White House, he will address the General Assembly at the United Nations and gather with many interfaith clergy to pray at Ground Zero, but the main purpose of his pastoral visit is to gather with the International Conference on Family Life in Philadelphia. For the past two years the Synod of Bishops from all over the world will be gathering twice in Rome to give the Holy Father feedback on family life in our church today and he will eventually write an Apostolic Letter on Family Life. Pope Francis since his election has a special love for the poor and needy. If you recall about three weeks ago, ABC featured a Town Hall Meeting with Pope Francis and the students of Cristo Rey High School in Chicago, homeless people in Los Angeles and immigrant families in Mc Callen, Texas. David Muir from ABC hosted the virtual papal audience and Pope Francis was amazing. To the young high school girl who was born with a skin condition and suffered bullying and took comfort in music, Pope Francis asked in English, "Will you sing a song for me?" "Be courageous", and she did. To the young single mother with two daughters who were homeless for a long time and just moved into their first apartment, the Pope honored her and said, "God loves you very much because you did not kill your babies but chose to be courageous." Also the Pope asked to meet Sister Norma, who works with migrant families along the Texas border, he said, "Through you I want to thank all the sisters of the United States for your outstanding work of the Gospel." Sister Norma beamed through her tears.

Let us pray for the success of this Apostolic Visit and most especially for his safety as he makes his way through Washington, New York and Philadelphia. And congratulations to all who enrolled in our lottery for tickets to see Pope Francis in Madison Square Garden.

On September 26, Saturday at the 5:30 Mass and then again on Sunday at the 1:15 PM Mass we have the blessing of sneakers for the athletes and coaches for all our teams. All are invited to come.

On October 4, 2015 at the 1:15 PM Mass, Monsignor Peter Finn, the Dean of Staten Island will install me as pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. I am so grateful to Cardinal Dolan for this honor to serve you and ask for your prayers and your presence at this Mass if your schedule permits. We will have refreshments following in O'Mara Hall.

Be assured of my prayers for you.

Fr. Tom



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Matthew Colette and Anna Rizzo
Stephen Peluso and Alexis Lomando
Anthony DeSantos and Kelly Ann Susino

SECOND TIME: Leonard Pace and Vanessa Staffa
Martin Hellman and Rosa Osorio
Anthony Azzato and Lauren Morandi
Walter Grande and Kimberly Murphy

THIRD TIME: Anthony Talorico and Kerry McCormack
Michael Russo and Ashley Archer
Robert Grimm and Laura Garofalo
John Liotine and Kristen Barton

WEDDING WORKSHOP

There will be a wedding workshop for brides and grooms at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, October 25th**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. *(Next workshop: Dec. 27th.)*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS RECOMMISSIONING MEETING

There will be a **mandatory** recommissioning meeting for all current Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors. The meetings will be held at 7:30 pm in the Church on Friday, October 2 for Lectors & Friday, October 9 for Eucharistic Ministers. Please call the Rectory to RSVP for the date that you need and are attending. **Please note:** If you are a Eucharistic Minister & Lector, you will need to attend both sessions.

SPECIAL UPCOMING MASSES

- ❖ **Blessing of Sneakers** – On **Saturday, September 26** at the **5:30 pm Mass** and on **Sunday, September 27** at the **1:15 pm Mass**, there will be a special blessing to kick off the 2015-2016 sports year. All athletes are invited to attend, and don't forget to bring your sneakers and cleats for the blessing!
- ❖ **Feast of St. Michael the Archangel** - There will be a Mass on **Tuesday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m.** honoring all those who serve and protect. St. Michael the Archangel is traditionally known as the patron saint of emergency medical technicians, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, security forces, soldiers, and those in need of protection. We encourage all civil servants to join us for this special Mass.



SICK LIST

Norma Bolanos, Stephanie Cerchio, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Lorraine Hamer, Ann Marie Pederson, Dora Valiente **Please Note: The sick has been revised as of September 1. If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:30PM**. Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over. **(The next Healing Service will be on Oct. 20, at 3:30PM.)**

SCHOOL NEWS

Calling all new OLSS parents! Please join us on Wednesday, September 30 at 9:30am in O'Mara Hall for our New Parent's Tea. **Save the date** - Family Fun Day will be on **Saturday October 3**, at South Beach, by the dolphin fountain, from 9 am-2 pm. Enjoy a fun day with you family and friends while helping our school! There will also be a High School Fair for those children in grades 6 pm-8 pm.

It's Working! A BIG thanks to all our families for their patience and understanding while we adjust to the new morning drop-off routine. Please keep the following in mind:

- ***The drop-off line is for you to STOP & DROP.**
- ***Pull as far down as possible in the driveway, two doors will be open for the children to enter the school, the main entrance and the doors closest to Amboy Rd.**
- ***DO NOT try to pass other cars that are dropping off as the children will be exiting the cars.**
- ***If an adult needs to get out of the car for any reason then we are asking that you PARK the car and WALK your child to the front door.**

TACHS

Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools
Archdiocese of New York

Test Date: Friday, November 6, 2015
Registration Forms available at:

- www.tachsinfo.com
- Your local Catholic elementary or high school
- 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247) to request a copy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is now open for the school year. If you have not registered yet, please call the Religious Ed office at 718-984-1885. You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and your envelope number when registering for Religious Education. If you are not a parishioner, and would like to register to become one, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593.

2015-2016 OLSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTING DATES

Monday, Sept. 21	Grade 7	3:30 - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Grade 8	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 24	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 - 5:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Grade 1	4:00 - 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 30	Grades 1-7	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, October 8	Special Needs	(A) 3:45 - 4:15 pm (B) 4:30 - 5:00 pm


BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEKEND

Members of the Cross Road Foundation will be here next weekend with their Baby Bottle Campaign. The funds collected from this campaign will be used to help families facing unexpected pregnancies on Staten Island.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

The Sisters of St. Dominic would like to thank OLSS parishioners for their generosity during this year's chance booklet fundraiser. Over \$2,200 was raised for the Sisters last weekend.

OLSS SOCCER NEWS

 See our website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

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

GROUP MEETINGS

50 Plus Club – Meets in the D'Amato 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 September 25. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

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

Bereavement Group – New support group forming for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and is grieving. Join us as we journey from grief to healing on Wednesday, **September 23 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join and if you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday October 1 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. Our first selection will be *The Long Loneliness-The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist Dorothy Day*. We will cover up to page 132. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

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

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: The Traditional Choir is looking for members 18 years or older. If you would like to join, come to rehearsal. **Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6PM, in the Church.** The Traditional Choir sings at the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

YARD SALE FOR BATTEN DISEASE

The annual yard sale fundraiser for Batten Disease will be held September 18-20 & 25-27 from 9 am – 5 pm at 1044 Edgegrove Avenue. All proceeds go towards research towards this debilitating disease.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

St. Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, SI 10314 on **Thursday, September 24**, 7:15 pm for a Welcome Back Mass and Wine & Cheese Social. Join us as we anoint a new SFCS season with the celebration of Mass at Holy Family. Confessions will be heard from 6:45 - 7:15. Mass will begin at 7:30. A wine and cheese social will follow in the lower level of the church where we'll mingle and enjoy one another's company. Cost: \$10 appreciated. For more information, check our website: www.sgspsi.org, find us on FB/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Join the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter on **Sunday, September 27**, for the 1st EVER Staten Island Walk to End Alzheimer's. The walk will take place at South Beach (between Seaview Ave. & Father Capodanno Blvd). Registration begins at 9am with the ceremony & walk at 10am. For more information please visit alzny.org/walk to register as an individual or team. Interested in volunteering? Email Volunteer Chairperson, Alexandra Gardiner, at statenilandalzwalkchair@gmail.com. 24-hour helpline is available at [\(800\) 272-3900](tel:(800)272-3900).

K of C GOLF OUTING

The Stolzenhaler Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual charity golf outing on **Monday, September 28** at the **South Shore Golf Course**. The day will begin with breakfast and registration at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Come join us for great giveaways and delicious dinner at the Council after golfing! To register or for more information please contact Karl Emigholz, Grand Knight at (646) 662-2034. Proceeds from the outing support Stolzenhaler Council's service parishes including OLSS.

ST. MARIA GORETTI – PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY TOUR

The "Pilgrimage of Mercy Tour" comes to Staten Island on **Wednesday, September 30th**. St. Rita's Parish at 281 Bradley Avenue will host the major relics of St. Maria Goretti, a 20th century martyr. She died defending her purity at the age of 12; but her greatest virtue was that of her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker, the virtue of mercy. St. Rita's Church will be open all day inviting the faithful to spend some time with this beloved Saint. Masses will be celebrated in honor of St. Maria Goretti at 7am, 9am and at 7:30pm a Solemn Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John O'Hara. Public viewing will conclude at 11:00pm. The relics of St. Maria Goretti will be coming from her shrine at Nettuno, Italy under the direction of Fr. Carlos Martins, C.C. and his ministry, "Treasures of the Church". For additional information please visit www.MariaGoretti.com.

MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Moore Catholic High School would like to invite you to their Open House on Sunday, October 4, from 1 pm to 4 pm at 100 Merrill Avenue. Call 718-761-9200 for more information.

CROSS ROAD'S ANNUAL FALL FASHION SHOW

The Cross Road Foundation will be holding its 22nd Annual Fall Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, October 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7 pm. The theme for the evening will be "Mamma Mia." Tickets for the event are \$65 per person. This includes dinner, musical entertainment, and a show of fashions from local boutiques. There will also be raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Please call 718-556-3474 to RSVP by September 24. Proceeds from this event will go to help expectant and new mothers in need on Staten Island.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS FALL BASKET AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Clare will be holding a Fall Basket Auction fundraiser on **Sunday, October 11** at 2:30 pm in the St. Clare Cardinal Cook Center. Fun, food, fabulous prizes! Admission is \$10 per person. Please contact the parish office at St. Clare for more information, 718-984-7873

2015 OLSS Christmas Tree Drive

Families of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2015 Advent Season.

Each tree will be lit, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the parish grounds.

A Lighting and Dedication Ceremony will be coordinated with more details to follow at a later date.

The cost to dedicate a Christmas Tree is \$250 each. All proceeds will benefit our Parish.

Trees must be ordered well in advance, and should be reserved no later than October 1st.

Please note that there is a limited number of Trees that can be displayed on the grounds, so reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

No tree can be guaranteed without payment.

If you have any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call the rectory at 718-984-0593.

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 CLASSES 12 Noon – 2nd and 4th Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Sept. 27th
Oct. 11th and Oct. 25th
Nov. 8th and Nov. 22nd
Dec. 13th and Dec. 27th



BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sept. 27th
Oct. 11th and Oct. 25th
Nov. 8th and Nov. 22nd
Dec. 13th and Dec. 27th

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:

Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating, binge eating and other eating disorders using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA*. (*Adaption granted by AA World Services) Friday Night Meeting "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM Face-to-Face Meeting in our Basement Rectory Phone Meeting (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212 Access Code: 950-807# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone) For Additional Meetings and More Information Visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393

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 October 1.