

September 27, 2015
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Twenty-Sixth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

ANNOUNCED MASSES

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

Monday, September 28

- 9:00AM** Bertha Gatti

Tuesday, September 29

- 9:00AM** Deceased Members of the Sanfratello
& Peccia Families
7:30 PM **Feast of St. Michael honoring all Civil Servants**

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:00AM** Deceased members of the Palumbo Family

Thursday, October 1

- 9:00AM** Vincenzo Salimeni

Friday, October 2

- 9:00AM** Beatrice & William Gill

Saturday, October 3

- 9:00AM** Peter Cristadoro
4:00PM Thomas Hoban
5:30PM Catherine Beahan

Sunday, October 4, 2015

- 8:00AM** John Tobin
9:15AM Tillie, Steven & Steve Healy
10:30AM Deceased Members of Engine 224
12 Noon Francis Delsagaavw
1:15PM Yung Falcone
7:00PM Henry Hermann

St. Lioba – September 28

St. Lioba was a friend and companion and a distant relative of St. Boniface – she was an English nun living in Wimborne Abbey and St. Boniface was a missionary to Germany. When he requested nuns, she answered the call and travelled with 30 nuns to assist him in Germany. With Lioba in charge, her community prospered and sister communities were established throughout Germany. Lioba was renowned for her wisdom, piety and pleasant disposition; many, including the emperor's family sought her spiritual counsel. After St. Boniface was martyred, Lioba made frequent trips to pray at his grave. She lived for 20 more years serving the Christianizing of Germany that St. Boniface had started. When she died, she was buried near the bones of St. Boniface – this was their wish, so that on Resurrection day, they would be raised together. In glory, to meet the Lord. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of September 27, 2015
In Loving Memory Of
Anthony Rizzotti
Donated by Lee Calabrese

Lectors – Saturday, October 3, 2015

- 4:00PM** A. Pompei, F. Barone
5:30PM F. Monte

Eucharistic Ministers, October 3, 2015

- 4:00PM** V. Caruso, A. Petrocelli, R. Marino, C. Harris,
A. Maffeo
5:30PM A. Dazio, J. Cimino, J. Amitrano, M. Lappin,
R. Marino

Lectors – Sunday, October 4, 2015

- 8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM B. Weir
10:30AM E. Newborn, M. Pinto
12 Noon B. Paccione
1:15PM MA Higgins
7:00PM G. Lagrua

Eucharistic Ministers, October 4, 2015

- 8:00AM** P. Zoltowski, M. Andreola, J. Stanzione,
L. Barbato
9:15AM R. LaMonica, B. Weir, L. Capobianco,
S. Hitchcock
10:30AM N. Fallacaro, M.E. Carey, C. Ordy, G. Balestrino,
MA Russo
12 Noon C&J Gerace, E&G Riozzi, M. Sprague
1:15PM B. Higgins, C. Houle, M. Recanatini, A. McCoy
7:00PM R. Scarpati, A. Manetti, D. McCumisky,
A. Zuffante, T. Palmieri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 3, 2015

- 4:00 PM** K. Marchisella, D. Cavicchio, K. Martino
5:30 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves

Sunday, October 4, 2015

- 8:00 AM** G&N Tucci, J. Bell
9:15 AM G. Artz, S. Marashaj, M. Coelho
10:30 AM R. Ruskowski, M. Mattioli, A. Castelle
12:00 Noon G. Vassallo, N. Salerno, R. Faljean
1:15 PM J. Jacoby, G. Marino, C. Trang
7:00 PM J. LoPiccolo, J. Rubin, A. Meola



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

**Carmen Soto, Francis Vellanti, Ralph Cagnetta
& Emma Kunz**

**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,

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pray the rosary and to supplement our prayers through the intercession of Mary, here's another unknown devotion to ponder.

Woodine Koenig-Bricker writes in "The Word Among Us", about "Our Lady Undoer of Knots."

When Pope Francis was introduced to the world, tidbits about his life and preferences began to emerge: little things such as a show enjoyed a South American beverage mate and how he was a lifelong fan of the Saints of San Lorenzo Soccer team. One article about his life made reference to a favored devotion of his – Our Lady Undoer of Knots. That moment, I remember, my ears perked up.

I had discovered this devotion a few years before, and it quickly became one of my own favorites. This first time I prayed it was a novena for a difficult "knot" in a relationship. After nine days of prayer, I was amazed and grateful for how easily the knot of miscommunication was resolved. Learning that Pope Francis was instrumental in spreading this devotion from its native Germany to Argentina and now to the entire world solidified my fondness both for him and for this approach to prayer.

The portrayal of Our Lady as Undoer of Knots has only recently become well known, but its origin dates back more than three hundred years. Unlike devotions that are rooted in Marian apparitions, such as Lourdes or Fatima, this one springs out of Mary's intercession in a troubled marriage. It happened in September 1615 when a German nobleman, Wolfgang Langenmantel and his wife Sophie, were experiencing serious marital problems. In a last ditch effort to avoid divorce. Wolfgang sought counsel from Father Jacob Rem, a Jesuit priest who was known for his devotion to Mary. Fr. Rem encouraged Wolfgang to bring his marital issues to Our Lady.

The two men prayed together four times over a period of 28 days and at that last meeting, Wolfgang gave Fr. Rem his wedding ribbon. (As was customary at that time the bride and groom were tied together with a ribbon during the ceremony, as a symbol of their new unity as a couple). When they prayed, Fr. Rem held the ribbon up to a picture of Our Lady of the Snows, offering her "the ties of matrimony: and asking her to "unite all knots" in the Langenmantel's relationship. Afterwards, as the priest smoothed the ribbon, it became snowy white.

Wolfgang took heart and returned home with new hope for his marriage. While the details are lost to history, it is known that he and Sophie did reconcile. The story of their saved marriage was passed down over time –first to their son, and then to their grandson who became a priest. Father Langenmantel commissioned a painting of his grandparent's story. The artist came up with an image that depicts Our Lady working to untie knots in Sophie and Wolfgang's marriage sash – symbols of problems that has led them to the brink of divorce. One angel presents the knots to Mary and another received the smoothed ribbon from her hands.

The painting remained in obscurity in Augsburg, Germany. ---first in Saint Peter's Church and then in the city's Carmelite convent. In 1980's, it returned to the Church, where a student named Jorge Mario Bergoglio first saw it. The future Pope Francis was taken with it and bought a post card of it and brought it back to his native Argentina. The devotion surged in popularity as he promoted it.

Prayer to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Holy Mary, full of God's presence, during your life you accepted the Father's will with full humility, and the devil was never able to tie you up with confusion.

Since then, you have interceded for all our difficulties, as you did at the wedding feast of Cana. Full of kindness and patience, you show us how to untie the knots of our lives. By always being our mother, you arrange and clarify the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and all of us, you untie the knots of our lives with a motherly heart. We place our intentions in your hand (mention your prayer request), and we ask you to disentangle every knot and confusion.

Through your grace, intercession, and example, protect us from all evil, and untie the knots that keep us from being united to God. Free from confusion and error, may we find him in all things, keep our hearts in him, and serve him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.

May all your knots and mine be untied through Mary's help,

Fr. Tom



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- FIRST TIME:** Bruce DeFranco & Nicole Fazio
Nicholas Defonte & Dominique Signa
Ryan Freeman & Catherine Lencki
- SECOND TIME:** Matthew Colette & Anna Rizzo
Stephen Peluso & Alexis Lomando
Anthony DeSantos & Kelly Ann Susino
- THIRD TIME:** Leonard Pace & Vanessa Staffa
Martin Hellman & Rosa Osorio
Anthony Azzato & Lauren Morandi
Walter Grande & Kimberly Murphy

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.)

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.)**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS 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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Religious Education Catechists Commissioning Mass** – **Saturday, October 3 at 5:30 PM.**
- ❖ **Pastor Installation** – Fr. Tom Devery will be officially installed as OLSS Pastor on **Sunday, October 4 at the 1:15 PM Mass**, with Msgr. Peter Finn as celebrant. Please come and show your support for Fr. Tom! Refreshments will be served afterwards in O'Mara Hall.
- ❖ **Blessing of Animals** – **Sunday, October 4** is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In honor of this day, we invite you to bring your pets to the parking lot behind the church at **6 PM** for a special blessing.



SICK LIST

Joseph Aluotto, Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Stephanie Cerchio, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Lorraine Hamer, Thomas LaMantia, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ann Marie Pederson, Summer Marie Semerad, Dora Valiente. **Please Note: The sick list has been revised. If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help save precious lives!

Please join us in prayer for unborn babies in danger of abortion, especially from September 23 – November 1. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/manhattan or contact Jill Gadwood at 949-280-9494.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

- **Reminder** - All new OLSS parents are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 30, at 9:30am in O'Mara Hall for our New Parent's Tea. Hope to see you there.
- **Family Fun Day** is this coming **Saturday, October 3, 2015**, at South Beach, by the dolphin fountain, from 9-2. 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 6-8 inside The Vanderbilt Restaurant.
- **Help OLSS raise money for technology upgrades.** Download the **Shoparoo** app on your smart phone and enter code LON95389. Choose Our Lady Star of the Sea School and the scan your register receipts. It's a fast and easy way to help our school!

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

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE DATES 2015

- Sunday, October 4 – Moore Catholic – 1-4 pm
- Saturday, October 17 – St. John Villa – Time TBA
- Saturday, October 17 – Xavier (NYC) – 1-4 pm
- Sunday, October 18 – Msgr. Farrell – 11 am-3 pm
- Sunday, October 18 - St. Jos. by the Sea (girls) – 12-3 pm
- Sunday, October 25 – St. Jos. by the Sea (boys) – 12-3 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 25 - St. Joseph Hill Acad. – 11:30 am – 2:30pm
- Sunday, November 1 – Notre Dame – Time TBA
- Sunday, November 1 - St. Peter's Boys – 1-4 pm

REGIS HS OPEN HOUSE Monday, October 12, 1-4 pm 55 E. 84th St. NY, NY

Regis HS is an all-scholarship high school for academically talented Catholic boys. All applicants are required to sit for a special entrance examination to be administered on Saturday, Nov. 7th. For information and applications, call, email or write: Mr. Eric Di Michele, Regis HS, 55 East 84th St. NY, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100 or edimichele@regis.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

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| 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 |



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.

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 October 9. 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 30 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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Members of the Cross Road Foundation are here today to invite you to participate in their "Baby Bottle Campaign." They will distribute baby bottles as you leave the church and ask that you take them home and fill them with change. Please return them in two weeks when you come to Mass. If you cannot take a baby bottle home, they would be grateful for any donation you can make as you leave Mass today. The funds collected from this campaign will provide support to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

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.

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.

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.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: Please note that we have lowered the age for the contemporary choir. If you are going into the 7th Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours. Rehearsals are in the Church on Sunday nights at 5:30 PM. The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7PM Mass on Sundays. The first rehearsal will be Oct. 4 at 5:30 PM.

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

YARD SALE FOR BATTEN DISEASE

The annual yard sale fundraiser for Batten Disease will be held September 26-27 from 9 am – 5 pm at 1044 Edgegrove Avenue. All proceeds go towards research towards this debilitating disease.

K of C GOLF OUTING

The Stolzenhaller 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 Stolzenhaller 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.

BLUE HERON PARK SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The Scarecrow Festival is **Saturday, October 3**, from noon till 4pm. The annual event allows families to create life-sized scarecrows which they use to decorate their homes. You bring the clothes. We supply the rest. Blow up amusements, crafts and refreshments will be available. The Friends of Blue Heron Park are looking for volunteers to help supervise crafts, scarecrow making and painting throughout the day. If anyone is interested they can call Cliff Hagen at 718-313-8591 or email him at chagen72@gmail.com.

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.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

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| 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.