

**MAY 25, 2014**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF**  
**MAY 25, 2014**  
**IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY PEPE**  
**FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY**

*"May the Risen Christ grant you peace and joy at Easter and always."*

*Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, May 24, 2014**

**9:00AM** Dora LeBano and Frank Sismo  
**4:00PM** Rita and Richard Filitor  
**5:30PM** Natalizia Cavicchio

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

**8:00AM** Thomas Dennyly  
**9:15AM** Carlo and Antoinette Guadagna  
**10:30AM** Recalda and Peter DeRamos  
**12 Noon** Ralph and Mary Zulferino  
**1:15PM** John Cali  
**7:00PM** Thomas Lombardi

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Anthony Pace

**Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Vincent DeMarco

**Wednesday, Eve of the Ascension**

**9:00AM** Mary Dougherty  
**7:00PM** Josephine, Edwin and Thomas Schuster

**Ascension Thursday, May 29, 2014**

**7:00AM** Lorraine Meys  
**9:00AM** Anthony Pace  
**12Noon** Vincent and Carmela Montisanti  
 and Jaime Cucuzza  
**8:00PM** Jean Juliano

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Vito Brunetti

**Saturday, May 31, 2014**

**9:00AM** Juanita Miranda and Fe Hernandez  
**4:00PM** Isabella Imbornone  
**5:30PM** Judy Porcello

**Sunday, June 1, 2014**

**8:00AM** Arlene Edmonds  
**9:15AM** Virginia and Harold Ennis  
**10:30AM** Antonio and Rosa Circolone  
**12 Noon** Tom and Lee Moane  
**1:15PM** Anton Swanda  
**7:00PM** Ann Fettinger

**St. Eric of Sweden Martyr**

In 1150, Eric was recognized as king in Sweden and was responsible for the spread of Christianity and in Old Uppsala, built the first large church in the country. After he defeated the Finns, who were raiding his lands, he asked St. Henry Bishop to evangelize Finland. Some of Eric's nobles opposed the Faith and conspired against him with Magnus, the son of the king of Denmark. The Danish army marched on Sweden and as Eric went to meet them, the conspirators pulled Eric down from his horse and cut off his head. Until the Protestant Reformation, St. Eric was regarded as the principal Patron of Sweden.

**Lectors – May 31, 2014**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4:00PM** R. Taranto, A. Lazzara, V. Caruso, A. Petrocelli,  
 J. Coscia, J. & F. Marino  
**5:30PM** A. Dazio, J. Cimino, J. Amitrano, S. Roberto,  
 M. Lappin, JM Graziano, M. Graziano

**Lectors – Sunday, June 1, 2014**

**8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi  
**9:15AM** V. Gilsenan, B. Weir  
**10:30AM** L. Bauer, E. Newborn  
**12 Noon** F. Monte  
**1:15PM** A. Deliso  
**7:00PM** K. Melka, G. LaGrua

**Eucharistic Minister**

**8:00AM** R. & L. Bauer, P. Zoltowski, MJ Truckenbrodt,  
 J. Stanzione, T. Daluise, M. Andreola  
**9:15AM** M. Vierno, A. Brady, M. Ennis, C. Scalzo,  
 L. Capobianco, S. & M. Hitchcock  
**10:30AM** L. Appel, ME Carey, C. Ordy, R. Gamba,  
 C. Argano, G. Balestrino, C. Losi  
**12 Noon** C. & J. Gerace, N. Fallacaro, M. Randazzo,  
 F. Palazzo, R. LaMonica, A. Maffeo  
**1:15PM** B. Higgins, J. Tolento, C. Houle, M. Recanatini,  
 A. McCoy, E. & G. Riozzi  
**7:00PM** R. Scarpati, A. Manetti, G. Scotto, D. McCumisky,  
 A. Zuffante, C. Pontecorvo, C. Rosato

**Seventh Sunday of Easter:**

**Saturday, May 31, 2014:**

**4:00 P.M.:** Matthew Esposito, Emily Harris, Joseph Martino,  
 Kristen Martino,  
**5:30 P.M.:** Salvatore Imbro, Alfred Romani, Gianna Sicari,  
 Vincent Sicari

**Sunday, June 1, 2014:**

**8:00 A.M.:** Joseph Bell, Christopher Luisi, Gino Tucci,  
 Nicholas Tucci  
**9:15 A.M.:** Anthony Discenza, Erin Carey, Samantha Scalzo,  
 Brendan Walsh  
**10:30 A.M.:** Keryn Lee, Kirsten Lee, Alissa Ruszkowski,  
 Robert Ruszkowski  
**12:00 P.M.:** Gabrielle Artz, Caitlyn Carr, Nick  
 Rotondi, JosellinaNardulli  
**1:15 P.M.:** Hailey Caruso, Felicia Nieves, Tyler Nieves,  
 Catherine Nieves, Prissilla Arellano  
**7:00 P.M.:** Charles Campitiello, Stephanie Campitiello,  
 Joseph Petillo, Evan Tedesco



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**THIRD BANNS:** Emil Geosits, Jr. and Tara Mastrorilli  
 Gillio Castanzo and Kelly Patella  
 Michael Delgado and Noreen Taylor

## A Farewell Letter from Msgr. Jeff

Dear Parishioners,

I have been appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Richmondtown, effective July 1, 2014. Although I expressed to the Cardinal that my first choice was to remain at OLSS, I told him that my second choice would be to be assigned to St. Patrick's, where I served as a Parochial Vicar from 1977-87. At least I won't be too far away (ten minutes) and will be able to continue my Staten Island ministry of healing and working with the victims of substance abuse.

When I met with the Cardinal, I also asked him to consider sending Fr. Tom Devery to OLSS to succeed me as pastor. I guess the Cardinal agreed with me that Fr. Tom would provide the most seamless transition possible since, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Fr. Tom will be the new pastor. Tom is a friend of mine and will be an excellent pastor. I can rest easily knowing that you will be well taken care of by this wonderful priest.

It will be hard to leave OLSS after twenty and a half years of service to you. I have never lived twenty and a half years anywhere – and, since I am a priest 41 years, I have spent slightly more than half my priesthood with you. I have baptized you, given you the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, officiated at your marriages and buried your relatives. I was here with you through the trauma of 9/11. Together we built the Pre K, the Athletic Facilities and the new church. (I will really miss the church, although I know Fr. Tom will welcome me back for various occasions.) You have become my family as I served you for a full generation – and I will miss you. I am sure our paths will cross during the years – since Staten Island is such a small place.

God Bless You,  
Msgr. Jeff

### MSGR. JEFF'S FAREWELL MASS

On Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Msgr. Jeff will celebrate the 1:15PM Mass, which will be his last mass with us as Pastor of OLSS. It will be followed by a dinner reception in O'Mara Hall. All are invited. Please call the Rectory at 718-984-0593 and let us know if you will be attending, so that we can make the appropriate accommodations. Thank you.



### ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 29, 2014

Ascension Thursday is a holy day of obligation. The Masses are: Wed., May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM, Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 8PM.

### PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 8PM in the Damato Meeting Room in our Athletic Center for prayers of praise, singing, centering and intercessory prayer. New members are welcome. Everyone has the opportunity to be prayed over.

**THE NEXT HEALING SERVICE: TUES. JUNE, 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 3:30pm.**

**THE NEXT HEALING MASS FOR THE SUMMER IS TUES., JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 8PM.**

### MASS CELEBRANTS

#### Sat. - May 24, 2014

4:00PM Msgr. V. Bartley

5:30PM Msgr. V. Bartley

#### Sun. – May 24, 2014

8:00AM Fr. A. Komosa

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Betty Barton, Barbara and Vivian Boscia, Jillian Cannon, Nicoletta Caputo, Stephanie Cerchio, P.O. Thomas Choi, Ethel Cohen, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Jaime Cucuzza, Joseph Curreri, Gemma Deliso, John Emigholz, Sr., Joseph Ennis, Juliette Gerbino, Lorraine Hamer, Kim Kuchler, Thomas Lamantia, Corazon Landivar, William Magrino, Jr., Jim Mauro, Tiffany Mezzacappa, Anna Milham, Ella Milo, Thomas Oddo, Camille Polly, Joseph Puglisi, Carmen and John Ragona, Vanessa Recor, Denise Santanella, Anthony Saporito, Celeste Setty, Adrienne Sienicki, Lorriane Skelly, Donna Slavin, Jennifer Spinelli, Joan Squillante and Adriane Toscano, Carmen Vera, Carol Wright and Geraldine Yorks and Mary Carol Zadic.

Rest in Peace 

### SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*Lili Bassily and George Stalzer*



## OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER CAMP

Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 3:30PM. Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade September 2014. To register and for additional information e-mail Camp Director Linda Fusillo [#linsoap@aol.com](mailto:#linsoap@aol.com). \$250 per full-week per camper; \$40 half-day daily; \$75 full-day daily and \$175 half day week. Extended days available: Early camper care starting @7:30AM; Extended camper care up to 5:30PM (at an additional hourly rate). Camp held at OLSS, 5411 Amboy Road. Activities include arts and crafts, dance/theater/computers and outdoor activities: Soccer/Flag Football, etc.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### OLSS Student On a National Quest

*What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?* Essay Contest sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America offered our students an excellent opportunity to explore this idea. Joseph Morelli (Grade 7) was awarded First Place on the NYS level. His essay has now been entered into the National level for the National title. We are proud of Joseph and this wonderful accomplishment!

### 2014-2015 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

If you would like to register, please call the Religious Education Office at (718) 984-1885 for an appointment and further information.

### BISHOP AHERN MEMORIAL LIFE MARCH AND MOTORCADE

On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, following the 9AM Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, there will be a peaceful march to Staten Island University Hospital where abortions are held. For more information, call the Staten Island Right to Life League at (718) 979-7291 by joining on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

The preference sheets covering the first week in July through the end of October have been sent out. Please return them to Madalena at the Rectory as soon as possible. If you did not receive one, please call and one will be sent to you. Thank you.

### MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, June 29<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: Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, at 8:15PM.

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE

To date we have received 577 gifts totaling \$163,563 which is 87% of our goal of \$189,000. Thank you to all our generous parishioners. Please consider making a pledge! It is not too late to help us reach our goal.

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### GROUP MEETINGS

**BOOK GROUP:** Next meeting is on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM with a new book "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 7:30PM in the Rectory.

**50 PLUS CLUB:** The next two meetings are on Fri., June 13<sup>th</sup> and the last one is on Fri., June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. In the Damato Meeting Room. Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

**DRUG AWARENESS SUPPORT GROUP:** The group will meet in O'Mara Hall on Thurs., May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM. The topic will be "Scared Straight". Parents and children (12 years or older) are strongly advised to attend this informative meeting. You will be able to discuss any drug issues you may wish to bring up and have your questions and concerns addressed. For more information, you can call Alicia Reddy at (646) 404-0637.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next and last meeting for this season will be on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM, in the Rectory Basement. If you cannot attend, please call the rectory and send your report. Thank you.



### CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**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)

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (The strength of faith)

<b>Reading I</b>	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (Philip in Samaria)
<b>Reading II</b>	1 Peter 3:15-18 (on Christian suffering)
<b>Gospel</b>	John 14:15-21 (promise of the Paraclete)
<b>Key Passage:</b>	<b>Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)</b>
<b>Adult:</b>	<i>What difficulties have you overcome because of your belief in the power of the Holy Spirit?</i>
<b>Child:</b>	<i>Name some times when you need the help of the Holy Spirit.</i>



### 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

June 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Note different date in June)  
July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>  
Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>

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

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### 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.

### AD ALTARE DEI AWARD

Ryan Nicholaou has committed the last six years of his life to the Boy Scouts. As for that, the 12 year old from OLSS, recently received the Ad Altare Dei emblem, an honor awarded to Catholic Scouts who have developed a way of Christian life based on the seven sacraments. He was one of more than 250 Boy and Girl Scouts honored during the annual Emblem Sunday Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Sponsored by the archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, the liturgy celebrated troops from throughout the Archdiocese. For more information follow: <http://cny.org/stories/Catholic-Scouts-Cited-for-Emblematic-Service,11052>

### CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Come Help Us Grow at Cross Road Foundation's first annual "Garden of Life" brunch and fundraiser, on Sunday, June 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the CYO-MIV Community Center, Mount Loretto. Tickets are \$20 per person, with family pricing available. Call 718-556-3474 for more information and to reserve your seats. The Cross Road Foundation was founded in 1987 to provide support and counseling services to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies.

### 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. We are especially in need of an Adorer to cover Monday from 2 to 3PM and 4 to 5PM and Tuesday, 2 to 3PM. 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.

### 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.

### THE 2014 MINTY AWARDS

Come see Staten Island's finest high school theatre performers at The 2014 Minty Awards. This year's ceremony will be on Sunday, June 1 at 7pm at The St. George Theatre. All seven Catholic High Schools will be performing and 13 awards will be handed out during the evening. We will also be celebrating 50 years of musical theater on Staten Island, as 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the first musical performed on Staten Island, "Oklahoma!" by St. Peter's Boys HS. The Minty Organization, which has donated over \$20,000 back to our Catholic high schools, will once again be awarding monetary prizes to all the nominees of the St. Genesius Award for Outstanding Musical. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by going to [www.mintys.org](http://www.mintys.org) or calling 718-702-0472.

### ORGANIZATIONAL CALENDARS

At this time, we ask that all parish organizations submit a schedule for the year 2014-2015 of their dates, times and places for all activities in the School, Athletic Center, O'Mara Hall and the Rectory. If any organizations fails to submit a calendar, they cannot be scheduled for the next year. Everything that the organization intends to sponsor for the coming year must be included (including set-up time). Please submit your proposed calendar to the Rectory (Attention: Eileen) as soon as possible. Thank you.

### 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
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 June 5<sup>th</sup>.**