

DECEMBER 29, 2013
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

"May the Lord bless you and grant you and your loved ones His lasting Peace and Joy in this Holy Christmas Season."

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 28, 2013

9:00AM Lorraine Antinoro
4:00PM Robert Westrich
5:30PM Rev. Msgr. Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 29, 2013

8:00AM Joseph DeAngelis
9:15AM Marianna and Giovanni Gallina
10:30AM Robert Fleming
12 Noon Josephine and Edwin Schuster and
 Terry Schuster
1:15PM Patricia Sestile
7:00PM John and Gemma Graziano

Monday

9:00AM Robert Occhiogrosso

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013

9:00AM Lorraine Antinoro
4:00PM Antoinette Nicotra and Jared Scotto

Solemnity of Mary, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014

New Year's Day

9:00AM Thomas Guttella
12 Noon Caroline Tanella

Thursday

9:00AM Katherine Mulham

Friday

9:00AM John Tobin

Saturday, January 4, 2014

9:00AM Rosa Pietanza
4:00PM Emily DeLuca
5:30PM Mario Matterna, Thomas Esposito and
 Madeline Ansalone

Sunday, January 5, 2014

8:00AM Michael Pallante
9:15AM Maria Mandara and Joseph Daprile
10:30AM Deceased of Newell and Perrone Fms.
12 Noon Patrick Parker
1:15PM Florence Generosso
7:00PM Vincent DeMarco



OPENING OF 2015 MASS BOOK

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: There are no announced Masses or Sanctuary Lamps remaining for the year 2014. However, unannounced Masses are always available. ***We will open the Mass Book for 2015 on Tues., Feb. 11th, at 9AM.*** Thank you.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
DECEMBER 29, 2013
IN MEMORY OF TONY FIUMEFREDDO
WITH LOVE FROM GERIANNE AND GIANNA

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS AND PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION. THANK YOU.

Lectors – Saturday, January 4, 2014

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM A. Saulo, F. Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, January 4, 2014

4:00PM V. Caruso, MJ Russo, J. Coscia, A. Lazzara,
 A. Petrocelli, L. Barbato, E. Vitiello
5:30PM C. Barone, J. Cimino, C. Bottiglia, R. Demaio,
 F. Saulo, M. Sicari, C. Houle

Lectors – Sunday, January 5, 2014

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi, MJ Truckenbrodt
9:15AM M. Higgins, T. O'Connell
10:30AM L. Bauer, E. Newborn
12 Noon F. Monte
1:15PM A. Deliso
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – January 5, 2014

8:00AM T. Daluise, A. Sparandera, B. & M. Higgins,
 P. Zoltowski, J. Stanzone, J. Coscia
9:15AM M. Vierno, J. Gatto, AP Walsh, A. Spoto,
 A. Brady, J. Prato, D. Avena
10:30AM C. Ordy, R. Bauer, F. Ruggiero, G. Balestrino,
 C. & J. Gerace, C. Messina
12 Noon R. Gamba, S. Catalano, D. Zaino, E. & G. Riozzi,
 B. Peters, C. Belvedere
1:15PM J. Tolento, F. Palazzo, M. Randazzo,
 MA Russo, V. Acri, L. Appel
7:00PM S. Caiazza, M. Recanatini, B. Volpicello,
 M. Sprague, A. Manetti, C. Pontecorvo, T. Palmieri

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Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014

4:00 P.M. D. & D. Battaglia, L. Cavicchio, N. Rotondi
5:30 P.M. M. Losi, C. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani

Sunday, Jan 5, 2104

8:00 A.M. A. Discenza, S. Marashaj, J. & N. Mele
9:15 A.M. B. Bosques, M. Coelho, F. & G. Scarmato
10:30A.M. F. & A. Auriti, A. & R. Ruszkowski
12 Noon A. Castelle, G. Monreale, V. Palazzo, D. Russo
1:15 P.M. D. Dunn, G. Steinmetz, K. Tobin, C. Trang
7:00 P.M. M. Brophy, L. Caiazza, C. & S. Campitiello



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts..." Find peace for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or upcoming dates go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME: Ext. 3.



MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – Dec. 28, 2013

4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

5:30PM Fr. Adalbert

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MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, February 23, 2013 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

No Prayer Group on Dec. 31st.

There will be no Healing Service in December or January.

THE NEXT HEALING MASS WILL BE ON JAN. 7TH AT 8PM

Please Note:

We are in need of a "catcher" for the 3:30PM Healing Services monthly (usually 1st Tuesday of the month) please call Msgr. Jeff at the Rectory (718) 984-0593.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Ellen Aluotto, Denise Amore, Joseph Arena, Manuel Arenas, Marie Aufiero, Marie C. Basile, Pat Basirico, Taylor Bauerlein, Lyn Burkley, Catherine Biondolillo, Barbara Boscia, Roseann and Mike Canavan, Nicoletta Caputo, Serafina Carlone, Mary Ann Casale, Teresa Castellano, P. O. Thomas Choi, Ethel Cohen, Nanette Colon, Theresa Conlon, Marion Concadora, Kenneth Cleckly, Gina Corio, Edith Corredor, Tom Cottingham, Jaime Cucuzza, Russell Cunningham, Joseph Curreri, Gen Decio, Gemma Deliso, Ida DeMarco, John Emigholz, Sr., Glynnis Enciso, Joe Ennis, Michelle Farrell, Donna Ferrara, Antoinette Forte, Elizabeth Franco, Juliette Gerbino, Joseph E. Graziano, Lorraine Hamer, Ernest Kaufmann, Kim Kuchler, James Ledger, William Magrino, Jr., Domenico Mallozzi, Madeline O'Hara, Adelina Pelle, Lucy Peters, Thomas and Maria Mayas, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Anna Milham, Jacqueline Morris, Eric Pineiro, Joanne Paramonte, John Petrizzo, Josephine Petrosino, Camille Polly, Carmen and John Ragona, Ann Marie Rovegno, Denise Santanella, Celeste Setty, Harry Schueschner, Lorraine Skelly, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Jennifer Spinelli, Susan Tawes, Stephanie and Cynthia Tomback, John Tralonga, Larry Wilson, Carol Wright.

PLEASE NOTE:

NEXT WEEK, WE WILL REMOVE ALL NAMES FROM THE SICK LIST SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE. AFTER THAT, YOU MAY CALL THE RECTORY TO HAVE SOMEONE INCLUDED.



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE, DEC. 31, 2013

4:00PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, JAN. 1, 2014

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9AM AND 12 NOON

St. Melania the Younger 383 – 439 – Dec. 31

Melania was one of the great women of the early church. She was a wife, mother, monk, pilgrim and spiritual director. Daughter of a wealthy Roman Christian family, she was forced to marry at the age of 14. After the death of two of her infant children, she and her husband, Penian and her mother gave away their fabulous wealth, set free eight thousand slaves, and distributed their proceeds to the poor. To escape the Goths, they fled to North Africa and established two monasteries. They later moved to Jerusalem and lived in solitude and prayer. She wrote, "The Lord knows that I am unworthy, and I would not dare compare myself with any good woman, even of those living in the world. Yet I think the enemy himself will not, at the Last Judgment, accuse me of ever having gone to sleep with bitterness in my heart." (JM)



ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Adult Faith Formation and RCIA sites within our parish website have undergone a complete transformation, making it easier to navigate and providing a new virtual experience. While most content has been migrated, new content has been added in order to better serve our community of faith. We are still not done and we welcome any suggestions you might have to make our sites even better. Please take a moment and visit us at our **NEW WEBSITE**: <http://aff.olssparish.org>.

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

RCIA CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR TEEN PROGRAM

We are actively looking for RCIA catechists preferably young adults who will assist with facilitation of our RCIA program for Teens. Programs are held each Sunday through May. If you are interested in sharing your faith and making a real difference in someone's life, kindly email Joe Limeri at jlimeri@aol.com or call 347-541-9757.

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.

HOLY FAMILY (Respect for elders)

Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (duties toward parents)
Reading II Colossians 3:12-21 (the practice of virtues)
Gospel Luke 2:41-52 (the finding in the temple)
Key Passage: Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Like 2:51a)
Adult: *What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?*
Child: *Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?*

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



Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd
April 27th
May 11th and May 25th
June 8th and June 22nd

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

Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd
April 27th
May 11th and May 25th
June 8th and June 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Pre K 3, 4 and K Open House and Information Sessions

Interested in becoming part of the Our Lady Star of the Sea School family? We will be holding Open Houses and Information sessions for prospective Pre School and Kindergarten aged students for parents interested in enrolling their child at OLSS for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Pre K 4 and Kindergarten Open Houses from 9AM -10AM
January 8 and March 14

Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM
January 16, March 6

Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten Information Sessions are from 7PM to 8PM on January 15. Attendance at an Information Session will provide an opportunity for you to meet the school's administrators.

Please consult the church bulletin or contact the school office. The school's telephone number is 718-984-5750. We look forward to meeting you at one of the scheduled Open Houses or Information Sessions. ***OF COURSE, THE SCHOOL IS OPEN ANY TIME FOR WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Honor Students

We are pleased to announce that 93 students from grades 3 through 8 have met the criteria for the First Quarter Principals' List for the 2013– 2014 school year. Congratulations to all! Please visit the parish website olssparish.org which has a link to the school website olss-si.org for a complete list of names.

Criteria:

- 90 and above in all academic subjects including total quarterly average
- At least a B in all other areas
- No more than 1 lateness


save the date

LIVE LOVE LAUGH – ANNUAL OLSS FASHION SHOW

Our Annual Fashion Show will be on March 27, 2014 @ The Hilton Garden Inn. If you would like to donate or ask any questions, please contact: Fashion Show Chairladies: Lisa Adragna 347-281-0976/Laura Giudice 917-582-5044/Lisa Kindya 917-453-4491.

GOODFELLA'S WOULD LIKE TO GIVE BACK!!

We, at Goodfella's, are giving back 15% of all orders made by anyone who mentions **Our Lady Star of the Sea** at the time of purchase. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to be used on funding student's necessities and activities. Please help spread the word and stop by our Great Kills location at: 4018 Hylan Boulevard. **Don't forget to mention Our Lady Star of the Sea so your school receives the 15% benefit.**

*Important
DATE!*

ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 from 7 to 11 PM for all:

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Altar Adult Care Committee
Ushers	Adult Choir
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Girl Scout Exec. Board	Sports Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School & Religious
Bereavement Core Team	Education Faculty
Div. & Separated Core Team	RCIA Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team (AFF)	Parents Assoc. Board
Eucharistic Adorers	50 Plus Group Officers
OLSS Food Pantry Volunteers	

Please **RSVP** to the Parish Office by **Friday, Jan. 3rd**, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call #984-0593 and leave your name and number. Thank you.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be **Thursday, Jan. 9th**, at **7:30 PM.** We are starting new book *The Lamb's Supper - The Mass as Heaven on Earth* by Scott Hahn. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The group meets **every other Monday at 7:30PM.** The next meeting is on **Jan. 13th** (no meeting on 12/30). If you are interested in attending, please call the rectory and leave your name and number.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our group, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 to register. **They meet on Wednesdays at 7:30PM; next meeting, Jan. 8th.**

BIBLE FAITH SHARING GROUPS: The OLSS Faith Sharing/Bible Study series will continue with *The Acts of the Apostles*. New groups are now being formed. If you are interested in joining an existing group, or starting one of your own, please call the rectory at **718-984-0593**.

50 PLUS CLUB: The group meets in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM. **The next meeting on Jan. 24th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

Please Take Note

MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP

Interested patients, caregivers, family members and friends are encouraged to join this group, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Hampton Inn, 1120 South Ave., SI, NY. Time: 7 to 9PM. Beginning in January, the group will meet at the Jewish Communion Center, 1466 Manor Road, SI, NY. For information: call Laura Mooney: (718) 524-6970 or Slmyeloma@gmail.com. Group website: www.statenisland.myeloma.org.

SOLAR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR OLSS PARISHIONERS

Share the benefits of solar energy with your congregation AND raise funds for your organization!

- Every member of your organization that takes an appointment with a Trinity Solar consultant to discuss solar for their home will earn \$25 just for sitting down with us.
- For every member of your congregation that meets with us, Trinity Solar will donate \$25 back to your organization.
- For each congregant that has a Trinity Solar system installed on their home, Trinity will donate \$500 toward any fundraising activity you designate. Your organization could raise thousands of dollars just by sharing the benefits of solar energy with your community!

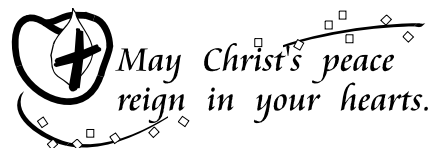
Contact Trinity today at (800-FREE SOLAR) and www.Trinity-Solar.com to learn more about what the Solar Stewardship Program can do for you. It's a no-cost, no-obligation appointment, so you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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.

PARENTS PRAYING TOGETHER

OLSS parents are invited to join together to pray the Rosary in the church chapel during adoration on Thursdays from 2:10 to 2:30PM on school days. Let's join together to pray for the children and families of OLSS. (Please remain quiet and prayerful since we are in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. No food or drink allowed in church. 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, 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 Jan. 2nd.