

Our Lady Star of the Sea

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

Announced Masses

Saturday, April 9

9:00AM Kenneth Velleca
4:00PM Vincent Cataldo
5:30PM John Murphy

Sunday, April 10

8:00AM Juliette Radice
9:15AM Patricia Bonadonna
10:30AM Leanna Senzano
12 Noon Mike & Lil Lauritano
1:15PM Karl Emigholz, Sr.
7:00PM Frank & Phyllis Cama

Monday, April 11

9:00AM Kelvin Voyeau

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Wednesday, April 13

9:00AM Arthur Riley

Thursday, April 14

9:00AM Frances Moffeo

Friday, April 15

9:00AM Francesca Napoletano

Saturday, April 16

9:00AM Raul Rosales
4:00PM Catherine & Anthony De Luca
5:30PM Joseph Sullivan

Sunday, April 17

8:00AM Peter Rudden
9:15AM Joanne & John Quattrocchi
10:30AM Anthony Sellitti
12 Noon Louis, Lena & Donna Nemer
1:15PM Catherine Beahan
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Reinhart & Mitchell Families

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Mother's Day spiritual bouquets and cards are available this year. They may be found in the pews and in the racks at the back of the church. All of the mothers' names submitted on the envelopes will be placed in a remembrance basket in front of the altar throughout May.

These mothers will be remembered in **all** Masses offered in our church on Mother's Day, and during the month of May. Donations for the card may be placed in the envelope provided and put in the collection or brought/ mailed to the Rectory Office. These cards are suitable for both living and deceased mothers. Give Mom the gift of prayer this Mother's Day!



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Allen Veluz & Rosedy Bernal
First Time: John Camporeale & Enza Fontana
Second Time: Charles Miller & Lauren Vadola

The Sanctuary Lamp for the

Week of April 10-16

Given in Memory of

Frank Bronzo

Donated by Angie, Ann, Fran, Gerry, Ginny,
Linda, Marie, Margie & Ronnie

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, April 16

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM F Monte

Eucharistic Ministers, April 16

4:00PM V Caruso, C Harris, J Coscia, C Biondillo,
A Petrocelli, & A Lazzara
5:30PM A Dazio, F Ruggiero, C Losi, F Barone, J Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, April 17

8:00AM M Andreola
9:15AM E Newborn
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon T O'Connell
1:15PM G LaGrua
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, April 17

8:00AM R&L Bauer, A Sparandera, J Stanzione, M Ennis
9:15AM M Sprague, J Gatto, Sr. Rosemary, L Capobianco,
& G Decker
10:30AM C Ordy, G Balestrino, N Fallacaro, B Paccione,
& J&C Gerace
12 Noon J Prato, MA Russo, W&MA Higgins, S Catalano
1:15PM A McCoy, B Peters, N Villani, C Houle, M Recanatini
7:00PM A Zuffante, C Barone, J Limeri, S Caiazzo, E Bellina

Altar Servers, Saturday, April 16

4:00PM V Pavlick, D Cavicchio
5:30PM E&M Losi

Altar Servers, Sunday, April 17

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM S Marashaj
10:30AM N Mele, G Gulotta
12 Noon C Carr, G Vassallo
1:15PM J Jacoby
7:00PM L & PJ Caiazzo, E Tedesco

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, April 19 @ 3:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be May 3 at 7:30 pm).*

Pray for the Sick

Vincenza Caccano, Anthony Galante, Antoinette Gallo, Ann Marie Pederson, Anna Rodriguez, Trevor Spataro **Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list.**



Sincere Condolences



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

Frances Ruggiero, Elizabeth Zabatta, Fr. John Halbory, Fr. Eugene Kosnik, Luciano Di Giallonardo, Lidia Di Santo, Mabel Lagno, Daniel France

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

During this Easter Season of 50 days preparing for Pentecost, we rejoice and celebrate the life of the Risen Lord living within us. Next week Father Jude Siciliano, OP and Sister Pat Bruno, OP will be arriving to give us our Jubilee Parish Mission and in preparation for that I discovered an article that was written about the Holy Spirit as "Our Friend", written by Father John Sweeney from Pittsburgh.

"We moved through the season of Lent in preparation for our yearly liturgical celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. We are celebrating this particular season the year of Mercy called forth by Pope Francis. I would suggest that the war all might turn again to the God the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to come and 'fan into flame of our faith' once again. The only way we can 'stir up our faith' is by the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot do this by our own ability. And the Holy Spirit is the Friend who is with us and within us (John 14:17) to give us faith and to deepen our faith."

Even though we do not see Him, the Holy Spirit is real – more real than the things we can see. There are many physical things in this world and in our lives which are invisible though real. A good example is oxygen in the air we breathe. We cannot see it, but it is there, surrounding us. If suddenly, there was no air, we would know it right away. And pretty soon, some other things that we cannot see without the assistance of medical equipment – like our hearts and brains – would sense there is no oxygen. We would die without this "invisible" substance.

The Holy Spirit is someone we cannot see but is real. It is interesting to note that one of the most common ways used to describe the Holy Spirit in the Bible is that He is like the air – "the breath of life" or "a powerful wind". We need this "Breath of Life". We need the Holy Spirit to continue to show us who Jesus is. We can never know Jesus unless the Holy Spirit reveals Him to us, just as He did at the Jordan River when Jesus was baptized. In this Year of Mercy, there is no better way for us to come to love Jesus more, to deepen our relationship with Him than to ask the Holy Spirit to deepen our knowledge of Jesus and to increase our love for Him. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would remind us of all that Jesus did and taught. (John 14:26). This is exactly what the Holy Spirit continues to do every day. He will remind us of what Jesus did and taught when He was on the earth. Especially when we read or hear the Scriptures proclaimed, the Holy Spirit will make those Scriptures come alive so we can understand and see the Lord.

As we go through this Easter season, the Holy Spirit will help us to pray as He helped Jesus pray when He would "go off to a deserted place" to pray to His Father. The Holy Spirit was there with Him and filling Him as He communed with His Father.

Jesus exhaled (again like air) the Holy Spirit on us as He took His last dying breath on the cross. And the "driving wind" of the Holy Spirit then came to rest on the Apostles on that Pentecost morning, just as He has come, as a dove, to rest on Jesus at the Jordan River. And then, what happened to the Apostles? They began to see and understand the things that Jesus had said and did. They had been with Him for three years, listening to all He taught and seeing His miracles. They witnessed His Death and Resurrection. Jesus Himself had said to them on any number of occasions: 'Do you still not realize or understand.... Are your minds closed?' (Mark 8:17,21.) However, when they allowed the Holy Spirit to come to them, through Mary's presence and intercession (Acts 1:14) and enlighten their minds, they began to understand all that they had gone through with Jesus. Perhaps this one of the reasons Jesus told them that "it is better for you that I go..." (John 16:7) Then the Holy Spirit would come.

Many of us have been with Jesus for a time – some of us for a long time. There is still much we do not understand. We could know so much more of Jesus. We could come so much closer to Him, as we allow Him to come closer to us. This is now a time to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into prayer: to pray more and to pray more deeply. As we come to Him, we will know Him more clearly."

May the Holy Spirit lead us through this Parish Mission into more of the Easter graces God want us to experience.

A blessed Easter Season be upon you.

Father Tom Devery



2016 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal.

Our Lady Star of the Sea continues to make progress towards meeting our goal of **\$191,000**.

To date, approximately **323 families** have made pledges totaling **\$119,650**.

There is still time – please make your pledge today!

**Thank You
For Your Generosity!**

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY

www.cardinalsappeal.org



50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm & Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 pm**. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact the Rectory for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th. The event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS Sunday, June 12th, 2016

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2016 will be honored here at OLSS on **Sun., June 12th** at the 12 NOON Mass, celebrated by Rev. Thomas Devery in the Cardinal's name, followed by a reception in O'Mara Hall. All eligible couples who are registered parishioners and who have been registered for at least a year should call the Rectory by May 20th between 9 am - 4 PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, Apr. 24**. At this time, you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next date: June 26)

SCHOOL NEWS



- **Hard work does pay off!** Congratulations to those 7th and 8th graders who will be inducted into the Nation Junior Honor Society on April 11. It is a privilege and honor to be a member of this prestigious organization. We are very proud of you!
- **Touring Tuesday** – Please join us on Tuesday, April 12 to see all the great things that are happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Prospective parents are invited to tour our school and see OLSS in action from 9-11am. We look forward to seeing you!
- **Tennis is back!** Students in grades 1 & 2 will receive tennis lessons in gym class this week.
- **Mother/Son Barbeque** for school families will be hosted by our Parents' Association on Saturday, April 16th. Please refer to the flyer sent home for more information.
- **Reminder**-The Math state test is this week, April 13th - 15th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2016, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **Tuesday, May 10 & May 17** from **5:30 to 7 PM** in the School building. You must be a registered parishioner in order for your child to attend Religious Education at OLSS. For further information, call the Religious Education office at 718-984-1885.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

50's Dance

The Stolzenhaller Columbiettes present a 50's Dance on **Saturday, April 16th from 8pm-Midnight**. Music will be provided by Crystal Image, and price includes a hot buffet and open bar. Tickets are \$40 per person if paid in advance; \$45 pp if paid at the door. Reservations are a must! Please make checks payable to Stolzenhaller Columbiettes. For reservations, call Vicky at 718-702-2864 or Micki at 718-757-9119. Mail payment to Vicky Porcelli, 154 Ridgewood Ave, SINY 10312.

Change in Mass Schedule for 2017

After a review of Mass times as requested by the Archdiocese of New York, reviewing our current facility needs as a parish, and the results of the recent survey, it has been decided that beginning in July 2017, the Mass times will be as follows:

Saturdays (Vigil) 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Sundays 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Also as of July 2017, Baptism ceremonies will take place EVERY Sunday at 2:00 p.m. From **January 2017 through June 2017**, the current Mass times **will remain in place**, and Baptism Ceremonies will remain every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Opening of the 2017 Mass Book

The 2017 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, April 12th at 9:30 am**. Because of our large parish and the fact that in 2017 the Mass schedule will be changing, at this time, you may take up to THREE Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

2017 OLSS Mass Request Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Requested Mass Date/Time **Mass Intention for**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sunday (& Saturday Vigil) Masses are \$20, Weekday Masses are \$15. Please use a 2017 calendar when selecting dates.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – Meets in the Damato 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 **Fri., April 22**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – A new session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* will begin in the fall. Call the Rectory at 984-0593 to register, date and time TBD. For all your immediate bereavement needs, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number, and someone will get in touch with you.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday May 5 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. We will complete *Consuming the Word* by Dr. Scott Hahn. For more information please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society - The next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **April 13th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information please call Chairmen Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

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

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy

Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the Baptism Preparation Policy. All parish families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the OLSS Baptismal Class. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Fri 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Class & Ceremony Dates

April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22



PLEASE NOTE: Baptisms in June, July & August will take place EVERY Sunday at 1:15 pm. Classes will continue to take place the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS 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 Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
 AA _____ Sundays 8:15PM
 _____ Mondays 10AM
 _____ Tuesdays 4PM
 _____ Thursdays 4PM
 _____ Fridays 4PM
 _____ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
 _____ Fridays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 7:15PM

PLEASE NOTE: Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a phone-in meeting each Friday night. *There will no longer be Friday night in face meetings for OA. "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8-9 PM (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212, Access Code: 950-897# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone). For additional meetings & more info visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393.

ADDITION ANGELS - Next Scared Straight meeting **Thurs, 4/14 at 7 pm** in O'Mara Hall. For More info, contact Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637
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 **May 5**.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Retreat

Crossing the Threshold of Mercy: A Busy Person's Retreat

Monday, April 18-Thursday, April 21

Come to any or all sessions daily - All are welcome

9:00 AM Mass and preaching in Church

10:00 AM Scripture Reflection

7:30 PM Evening Prayer with Music & Ritual in the Church

Led by Dominican preachers ~ Sister Patricia and Father Jude who will also speak at all Masses April 16 and 17th.

Sr. Patricia Bruno, O.P. is a Dominican Sister of San Rafael, CA. Sister Patricia writes a monthly scripture Internet article, "Stories Seldom Heard", is a retreat director and has led preaching workshop in New Zealand, Australia and the United States. Formerly, Patricia served as a member of the board for the Academy of Preachers, the Promoter of Preaching for her congregation and the Promoter for the Dominicans in the Western Region. She co-teaches a poetry writing class at Faithful Fools in San Francisco and volunteers with the Center for Justice and Accountability.

Fr. Jude Siciliano, O.P. lives in a Dominican community in Dallas, Texas. He has been a preacher since his ordination in 1969. For fourteen years, he taught Homiletics at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Ca. At that time, he was also a volunteer chaplain at San Quentin Prison. In Texas he is prior of his community and continues to do volunteer ministry at two local prisons. He has preached parish retreats as well as retreats for priests, religious, deacons and laity. He also travels throughout the country giving preaching workshops to ordained and laity.

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