

AUGUST 16, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, August 15, 2015

- 9:00AM** Rose & Rocco Ferraro, Mary Battipaglia & Charlie Santiago
4:00PM Joseph & Gaetano Levantino
5:30PM Anna & Gaetano Vallone

Sunday, August 16, 2015

- 8:00AM** Anita Barletta
9:15AM Kevin O'Connell
10:30AM Ann Delese
12 Noon Pat Damato
1:15PM Catalano & McCusker Families
7:00PM Maria Mikolaj Sikorjak & Bielanski Family

Monday

- 9:00AM** Betti Colucci

Tuesday

- 9:00AM** Keith P. Makalsky

Wednesday

- 9:00AM** Donald Scherer

Thursday

- 9:00AM** Carole Schirrippa

Friday

- 9:00AM** Joseph Limeri

Saturday, August 22, 2015

- 9:00AM** Joseph Curreri
4:00PM Anthony Pepe
5:30PM Joseph Dominic DeCrescenzo & Doris Greenblatt

Sunday, August 23, 2015

- 8:00AM** Nick Porzio & the deceased members of the Porzio Family
9:15AM Patrick O'Connell
10:30AM Frances Sollazzo
12 Noon David A. Rosado
1:15PM Michael Alestra & Sophia Grace Pasquale
7:00PM Raymond Ferrara

Bl. Mary de Matthias

Mary was born at Vallecorsa, Italy in 1805. The Bishop appointed her head of a school but she wanted to establish a religious community modeled after St. Gaspar del Bufalo, and so she founded the Sister Adorers of the Sacred Heart. The order has two objectives, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the education of children. Despite clergy opposition, the religious congregation spread rapidly. Mary died at age 66 and was beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1950. (JM)

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2015
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SISTER AUDREY, SISTER JUDE
& SISTER PATRICK**

Lectors – Saturday, August 22, 2015

- 4:00PM** C. Harris
5:30PM A. Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, August 22, 2015

- 4:00PM** V. Caruso, L. Barbato, A. Petrocelli, R. Marino
5:30PM C. Houle, A. Dazio, M. Lappin, N. Villani, ME Carey

Lectors – Sunday, August 23, 2015

- 8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM M. Higgins
10:30AM B. Paccione
12 Noon MA Higgins
1:15PM F. Monte
7:00PM T. Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers, August 23, 2015

- 8:00AM** J. Stanzione, A. Sparandera, P. Zoltowski, M. Molinini
9:15AM J. Gatto, L. Capobianco, R. Corbett, T. Strange
10:30AM G&E Riozzi, C. Ordy, N. Fallacaro, F. Ruggiero
12 Noon R. Marino, MA Russo, R. Gamba, J. Tolento, B. Higgins
1:15PM P&L DeCarlo, C. Messina, F. Palazzo, M. Randazzo
7:00PM S. Caiazzo, J. Prato, G. LaGrua, E. Bellina

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, August 22, 2015

- 4:00 P.M.**: D&L Cavicchio, E. Harris, V. Pavlick
5:30 P.M.: C&R Nicholaou, A. Romani, G. Vassallo

Sunday, August 23, 2015

- 8:00 A.M.**: N & J Mele, C. Luisi, S. Marashaj
9:15 A.M.: B. Bosques, K&K Lee, F. Scarmato
10:30 A.M.: E. Carey, A&R Ruszkowski, N. Salerno
12:00 Noon: C. Carr, M. Mattioli, B&M Stackhouse
1:15 P.M.: G. Artz, R. Faljean, K. Marchisella, G. Marino
7:00 P.M.: L&PJ Caiazzo, J. Petillo, J. Rubin



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

**Irene Vitale, Thomas McComskey, Joseph Jensen,
Shawn Patrick Torre**

MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE

Beginning September 1, one month memorial vigil lights will be available in the chapel. Envelopes will be 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,

The other day I came across this amazing quote and researched further: "Cardinal Dolan" Planned Parenthood for once can be taken at its word. The Zenit staff reporter writes: Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York has posted a reflection on his blog about the national and international attention that has been focused on Planned Parenthood after the release of five videos (so far) from investigative citizen journalist at the Center for Medical Progress.

The cardinal notes that reactions to the video's revelation about the abortion giant's use of fetal tissue have been diverse. "Some offered technical arguments about the legality of this practice, while others have sought to attack the makers of the undercover videos. Planned Parenthood's PR people have been busy. Some legislators have understandably and laudably initiated measures to stop their public funding, while others continue to attempt to defend the indefensible. "Most of us simply recoil in horror from this ghoulish practice."

Cardinal Dolan says the controversy has served the purpose of teaching us, "that despite over forty years of legalized abortion, the human conscience has not been completely deadened" "But" he continues, "there is another aspect to this that I think deserves more attention. – the truth is coming out. For decades, the advocates for legalized abortion – with Planned Parenthood in the forefront – have minimized or denied the humanity of the unborn child. Handy euphemisms have been used to conceal the true nature of the target of abortion, such as 'products of conception', 'blobs of tissue', 'uterine contents,' 'terminating a pregnancy', and the like.

"Those tricks of misleading language are no longer viable, thanks to Planned Parenthood staff members who were captured on these undercover videos, with their callous bluntness about what they were actually doing".

Cardinal Dolan says that "for once we can take Planned Parenthood at their word, because in these videos they don't use euphemisms, but instead they openly acknowledge the humanity of the babies they have aborted and are now dissecting. This makes perfect sense. The whole point was that the child was really a human person and their organs and other tissue could be sold for experiments."

"In other words, the folks at Planned Parenthood finally told the truth about what they were actually doing when they abort over 300,000 babies each year --- that's more than 20% of all abortions in this country: they are putting an end to fragile, innocent, defenseless human life.

Cardinal Dolan says the importance of this is made particularly stark in a horrifying moment in one of the videos" when a technician is small – talking with the interviewer as she "coldly describes her handling of the various organs of one the aborted babies."

She is then heard to exclaim, 'Another boy!'

"The pathos of that scene is almost beyond human comprehension. But the acknowledgment of the truth is a pivot moment. Nobody can hide from it any longer. It comes right out of their own mouths. It's not a thing. It's a human, baby boy."

Cardinal Dolan notes that years ago, during the moral crusade to eliminate human slave trade, a medallion was used by men such as William Wilberforce to advance their cause. It depicts a slave, bound in chains, and asks a simple question --- 'Am I not a man and a brother?'

'Another boy' now asks us that same question: How will we answer?

During this past week, 150 pilgrims joined Cardinal Dolan for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock in Ireland, Let us pray for their intentions.

May this upcoming Year of Mercy called forth by Pope Francis, help us atone, make reparation and bring reconciliation and healing to our broken humanity. Let us pray for God's mercy upon us.

Blessings upon you.
Father Tom Devery



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD TIME: Ricardo Baez and Teresa Conenna

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Service on Aug. 18th at 3:30PM. Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over. (*The next Healing Mass will be on Sept. 1, at 7:30PM.*)

WEDDING WORKSHOP

There will be a wedding workshop for brides and grooms at 8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, August 30th. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next workshop: Oct. 25th.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer and will reopen at the end of August. Registration for 2015-2016 will take place on Sept. 1st at 1PM and Sept. 8th at 1PM. 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.

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.

2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Michael Martine, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, will be leading a pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome, and Vatican City from January 28 to February 4, 2016. The trip is being organized by Peter's Way Tours and will include visits to Saint Francis' Tomb and Basilica, the four major basilicas of Rome, a tour of Imperial Rome, Mass at the Tomb of Saint Peter and an audience and vespers with His Holiness Pope Francis. If you are interested in joining us in this pilgrimage, please call Holy Rosary Rectory at (718) 727-3360 and leave your name, telephone number and address, or stop by their rectory to pick up a brochure.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

50 Plus Club – The 50 Plus Club will not meet during the Summer. The first meeting will be September 11th at 1PM in the Damato Room in the Athletic Center.

***OKTOBERFEST: 50 Plus Club Trip to Renault Winery on 10/12/15 - \$86 per person includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Family Style Luncheon and Wine Tasting, Oktoberfest Raffle and Door Prizes, 4 Hours at Resorts Casino (\$20 slot play). For information and reservations contact Terry at (718) 317-1801. Seats are limited – call ASAP!**

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Damato Room in the Athletic Center. Starting on the first week in August, the group will meet in the Rectory for the month of August

Bereavement Group – New support group forming for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM at 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you are interested in registering *your child for the 2015-2016 school year at Our Lady Star of the Sea School, please call (718) 984-5750 to make an appointment to come in.*

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

BUS TRIP TO SAND'S CASINO

The Stolzenthaler Council of K of C is sponsoring a trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, August 25**. The cost is \$30 per person, with \$20 back in slot play and \$5 back in food. The bus will leave Stolzenthaler Council at 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Newborn @ **917-697-5603** for information & reservations.

SICK LIST



Joseph Alotto, Norma Bolanos, Nicholas Caputo, Serafina Carbone, Mary Ann Casale, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Constance Conti, Saveria Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Maria Fazio, Barbara Foresti,

Thomas Paul Gaither, Eddie Garafalo, Margaret Generoso, Gabriella Hegis, Shirley and Andy Hardin, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Thomas Lamantia, Elaine Lewis, Vincent Lombardo, Paul Manos, Chuck Melka, Roberta Meringolo, Beatrice Nicholson, Stephanie Nolan, Ann Marie Pederson, Nicholas Polly, Camille Polly, Racquel Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona, Thomas Riccardelli, Summer Marie Semerad, Celeste Setty, Dora Valiente, Lisa Vasquez & Nicholas Ponti Williams. **Please Note: The sick list will be revised on September 1. If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call after September 1 and leave the name with the rectory.**

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



August 23rd
Sept. 13th and 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

August 23rd
Sept. 13th and 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:

Over Eaters Anonymous. Every Friday at 8PM

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 September 3.**

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Presents The First Annual

Christmas Tree Drive



- ◊ Families of the Our Lady Star of the Sea parish are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2015 Advent Season.
- ◊ Each Tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds.
- ◊ A Lighting and Dedication Ceremony will be coordinated. The details will be provided.
- ◊ 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.
- ◊ 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**.

Registration Form

Please return this form to the Rectory
as soon as possible:

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2015 Christmas Tree Drive
5371 Amboy Road
Staten Island NY, 10312

Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

Memorialized for deceased

Dedicated to loved ones living

Personal Family Christmas Greeting

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Check Enclosed for \$250, payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea

