

DECEMBER 8, 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

"May the Lord bless you and grant you and your loved ones His lasting Peace and Joy."
Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 7, 2013

9:00AM George Perretti
4:00PM Deceased Members of Civello Fm.
5:30PM Patricia Balestrieri

Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:00AM Richard and Rita Filitor
9:15AM Catherine Artesi Stiehler
10:30AM Nicholas Marinaccio
12 Noon Deceased Members of McSorley and Reynolds Fms.
1:15PM Florence and Russ Nicholson and
 Russ Nicholson, Jr.
7:00PM Mary Helal

Monday

9:00AM Warren Aplin

Tuesday

9:00AM Theresa DeMeo

Wednesday

9:00AM Joseph DeCandia

Thursday

9:00AM Lorraine Antinoro

Friday

9:00AM Joseph and Antonino Basile

Saturday, December 14, 2013

9:00AM Maryann Papasso and Frank Monaco
4:00PM Deceased Members of Thaler and Matzelle Fms.
5:30PM Lucia and Ulysses Acciavatti

Sunday, December 15, 2013

8:00AM Antonino, Rosa and Rosalie Zolfo
9:15AM Peter Rudden
10:30AM Angela Lattanzi
12 Noon Mary and Dominick Biscardi
1:15PM Carmela Misiti
7:00PM Barbara Bisignano



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Joseph Masseria and Amanda Gorman

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Condolences to the family of:
Robert Fazio, Alfred A. Austin and Rose Motto



MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Dec. 29, 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.

SANCTUARY LAMP 2014

There are no announced Masses available for 2014. However, unannounced Masses are available at any time. If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for the year 2014, in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is now open. The donation is \$35. Thank you

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF

DECEMBER 8, 2013

IN MEMORY OF OLGA MEROLA

FROM HER LOVING SISTER MARIE



Lectors – Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM M. Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013

4:00PM R. Taranto, A. Lazzara, C. Argano, V. Caruso,
 E. Vitiello, J. Prato
5:30PM A. Spoto, A. Dazio, C. Bottiglia, J. Uhlman, M. Sicari,
 J. Cimino, A. Sparandera

Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013

8:00AM MJ Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM R. LaMonica, V. Gilsenan
10:30AM E. Newborn, B. Paccione
12 Noon J. Ladley, C. McNally
1:15PM A. Deliso
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Dec. 15, 2013

8:00AM K. Brady, R. & L. Bauer, T. Daluise, J. Coscia,
 J. Stanzione, M. Ennis
9:15AM B. Higgins, R. Corbett, M. & S. Hitchcock,
 ME Carey, D. Avena, V. Gilsenan
10:30AM R. Scarpati, C. Argano, G. Balestrino, R. DeMaio,
 C. Ordy, B. & MA Higgins
12 Noon R. & F. Marino, A. Maffeo, C. & J. Gerace,
 S. Catalano, D. Zaino
1:15PM M. Sprague, V. Acri, MA Russo, A. McCoy,
 S. Roberto, M. Sicari, C. Barone
7:00PM M. Recanatini, C. Pontecorvo, C. Rosato, C. Houle,
 A. Zuffante, T. Palmieri, G. Scotto

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013

4:00 P.M. D. & D. Battaglia, E. Buccini, E. Tedesco
5:30 P.M. M. Esposito, S. Imbro, M. Losi, N. Rotondi

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013

8:00 A.M. J. Bell, A. Discenza, C. Luisi, S. Marashaj
9:15 A.M. B. Bosques, E. Carey, F. & G. Scarmato
10:30 A.M. G. Artz, R. Graziano, G. Monreale, G. Pelucco
12 Noon C. Carr, N. D'Angelo, C. Sikorjak, G. Steinmetz
1:15 P.M. K. Betsais, H. Caruso, F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M. M. Brophy, C. & S. Campitiello, G. Tulino

MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – Dec. 7, 2013

4:00PM Fr. Adalbert
5:30PM Fr. Adalbert

Sunday – Dec. 8, 2013

8:00AM Msgr. Jeff Conway
9:15AM Msgr. V. Bartley
10:30AM Msgr. V. Bartley
12 Noon Msgr. Peter Smith
1:15PM Msgr. Peter Smith
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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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.

POPE FRANCIS INVITES YOU TO TAKE THIS SURVEY



We invite all of our parishioners to take Pope Francis' survey for the Synod On The Family by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynodOnFamilyUS. It must be done by Dec. 31, 2013. The Pope wants to get feedback from all people unlike past years when only Bishops were consulted. We hope that many parishioners will express their views to the Pope. Take the survey and have your voice heard!



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. 24th or Dec. 31st.

There will be no Healing Service in December or January.

THE NEXT HEALING MASSES WILL BE ON DEC. 17TH AT 8PM AND 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, 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.

HOLIDAY HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you know of a needy family who could use some help for during the Christmas season, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number. All calls will be kept confidential. Thank you for your kindness. If you would like to donate a turnkey, a ham or a supermarket gift certificate, you can bring them to the Rectory any time. Thank you

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA'S

LESSONS AND CAROLS



Our annual tradition "A Festival of ADVENT Lessons and Carols" will be held on Friday, December 13th at 8:00PM in the Church. Please join us for an uplifting evening of special scripture and song to prepare our mind and hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Music will be presented by the OLSS Singers and Choirs. There will be traditional holiday refreshments and a cookie swap following the service in the school so please bring in your favorite cookies and copies of the recipe with your name so that they can be shared. Cookies and recipe's should be brought over to the K1 in the school before the service. We look forward to a wonderful evening filled with the spirit of the season shared with good friends.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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>.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent (Prayer of repentance)

Reading I	Baruch 5:1-9 (Jerusalem consoled)
Reading II	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (gratitude and hope)
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6 (John the Baptist)
Key Passage:	John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)
Adult:	<i>In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance</i>
Child:	<i>What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?</i>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution of food at St. Edward's Food Pantry at Mount Loretto. Just about three hours of your time would be needed once every other month on a Wednesday or Saturday. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary Ann Russo at (718) 356-8834.

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

Dec. 22nd
Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd

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

Dec. 22nd
Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th
Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd
March 9th and March 23rd

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.

GIVING BASKET

This Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island by responding to our local organizations serving their various needs. Our Giving Baskets are in the rear of the Church. Please select one or more tags, purchase the items and wrap them. If you pick a tag and find you cannot purchase that gift, please return the tag. All gifts must be new. Original tag must be taped on the package, face up, when returning it. If you have a new item that you would like to donate, just make your own tag, noting the contents of the gift. For example, "Boys Large Sweat Shirt" and tape it to the gift. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS THIS WEEKEND AND DEC. 14/15 NO LATER!! – SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.**

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.**

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION: Registration for the winter session of Intramural Basketball for Boys and Girls in grades k-8 will take place on the following dates:
Monday, Dec 9th from 7-9 pm in the front lobby of the Athletic Center. Fee is \$95. Forms can be downloaded from the web site at olssbasketball.com. All questions can be directed to the "contact us" on the web site as well.

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 November 21 and 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.**



SHOP WITH EASE FOR CHRISTMAS

Please save yourself a trip to the mall and buy your gift cards through our school. Follow the instructions below and you will find a variety of gift card choices while helping to raise money for your parish school.

TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT: Log onto www.shopwithscrip.com, Click on the green Family Sign Up tab, Use Enrollment Code: 4A54ALC637485. Next you **MUST** create a PrestoPay account as this is the **ONLY** form of payment we will be accepting. Setting up a PrestoPay account will take 1-2 business days. Return to the PrestoPay section at www.shopwithscrip.com to enter the two deposit amounts in order to verify the set up of your PrestoPay account. Once you have received an email with your approval code text Heidi Tritto @917-560-6041 with your name and approval code. She will enable your account and text you when you can start shopping. Orders will be placed every Monday at 9am. Heidi Tritto will make arrangements with you to pick up your order. Remember, you are able to print eCards within minutes yourself.

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be **Thursday, 12/12/13 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory. Our next book is **Women of the Old Testament** by Pia Septien. New members are always welcome. For more information, 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 **Dec. 16th** (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, Dec. 18.**

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 Dec. 13th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Monday, December 9th, at 6PM in the Rectory Basement.** Please call the Rectory to confirm your attendance (718) 984-0593. If you cannot attend, please send a representative or a report. Thank you.

St. Odilia – Dec. 13: Odilia was born in France in the 7th Century and, since she was born blind, her father wanted to have her put to death. Because of her mother's pleas, Odilia was given anonymously to a peasant. At age 12, Odilia was sent to a convent and was baptized by Bishop St. Erhard; when he put the holy chrism on her, she was able to see. Her brother arranged for Odilia's return, which so angered the father that he struck and killed him. Later the father repented and accepted Odilia and he agreed to allow her to convert the castle into a convent where she became abbess. (JM)

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.**

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

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. (**next meeting Dec. 11**) 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.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA Sun., 5:30PM
AA Sun., 8:15PM
..... Tues., 4PM
..... Thurs., 4PM
..... Sat., 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON..... Tues., 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 December 5th



On Thursday, December 12th, Saint Anthony of Padua will visit Our Lady of the Sea Church in the form of two precious and holy relics. The very relic which Pope Francis venerated thirteen years ago in Argentina will be at Our Lady of the Sea Church. It is one of two of St Anthony's relics which are touring the world to mark the 750th anniversary of the discovery of St Anthony's incorrupt tongue.

Veneration will begin at 5:00 PM followed by a Mass at 7:30 PM. Veneration will also follow the Holy Mass.

Padua-based Greyfriar, Fr Mario Conte, Editor of the Messenger of Saint Anthony, will accompany the relics in New York - a 'floating' rib bone and layer of cheek. According to Fr. Mario, "There is nothing superstitious about relics. The real meaning of a relic is love – they are a link of love between the person who venerates and the saint."

St Anthony died in 1231 and was canonized within a year. His remains are kept in the Basilica in Padua, Italy. When St Bonaventure presided over the opening of Anthony's coffin 1263, he discovered that the Saint's vocal organs were intact, including a red and soft tongue. "Oh blessed tongue that ever praised the Lord and led others to praise Him!" St. Bonaventure exclaimed. He knew it was no coincidence that the vocal chords of the Saint who had been a wonderful preacher of the Gospel had survived.

Thirteen years ago, Pope Francis was then Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires. Argentina was a country coping with a catastrophic economic meltdown.

In 2000, Archbishop Bergoglio led a procession through the streets of the Argentinean capital carrying an ancient relic of St. Anthony of Padua. The popular Franciscan saint is known to help people find lost items such as lost jobs, lost homes, and lost hope.

Archbishop Bergoglio's devotion to the 13th century friar, who was a contemporary of St. Francis of Assisi, can be seen in this photo. The first Jesuit Pope was deeply inspired by both St. Anthony and St. Francis' love, care and concern for the poor and marginalized. He shocked the world last March when he became the first Pontiff to ever take the name of Francis.

