

FEBRUARY 23, 2014
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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

Feb. 22, 2014

9:00AM Frank Russo
4:00PM Emily DeLuca
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014

8:00AM Angela Ricciardi
9:15AM Hercules Natale
10:30AM Nicholas Chieco
12 Noon John Cali
1:15PM Palma Ferrara
7:00PM Pat Scuotto

Monday

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

Tuesday

9:00AM Lynda DeVaney

Wednesday

9:00AM Deceased Members of Griffin Family

Thursday

9:00AM Maria LoFrisco Margiotta

Friday

9:00AM Tess Caputo

Saturday, March 1, 2014

9:00AM Nicola Candido
4:00PM Thomas Vallone
5:30PM Mary and Mario Schiera

Sunday, March 2, 2014

8:00AM Andre Graziano
9:15AM Helen and William Timmermans
10:30AM Jamie Piccininni
12 Noon Vincent Spinello
1:15PM Laura Saporito
7:00PM Michael Coppola



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Joshua Guarino and Jennifer Nartucci
SECOND BANNS: Michael Principato and Josephine Cognato
 Jennifer Rispoli and Steven Metcalfe
 Keith Namarato and Jeanine Vandaley
 Gabe Aiello and Antonella Munoz

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

This Sunday, February 23, 2014 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: April 27th, at 8:15PM.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 23, 2014
IN MEMORY OF ANITA PIAZZA
WITH LOVE FROM BELOVED HUSBAND AND
CHILDREN

Lectors – Saturday, March 1, 2014

4:00PM A. Pompei
5:30PM F. Monte, F. Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, March 1, 2014

4:00PM V. Caruso, R. Taranto, A. Petrocelli, R. Gamba, A. McCoy, J. Uhlman, A. Lazzara
5:30PM JM Graziano, A. Dazio, M. Graziano, M. Lappin, M. Sicari, N. Villani, A. Spoto

Lectors – Sunday, March 2, 2014

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM T. O'Connell, V. Gilsenan
10:30AM J. Ladley, M. Coppola
12 Noon C. McNally, M. Higgins
1:15PM MA Higgins
7:00PM B. Volpicello

Eucharistic Ministers – March 2, 2014

8:00AM A. Sparandera, J. Stanzione, M. Andreola, MJ Truckenbrodt, R. & L. Bauer, T. Daluise
9:15AM MA Hitchcock, L. Capobianco, J. Gatto, M. Vierno, M. & B. Higgins
10:30AM C. Messina, C. Ordy, E. Talarico, K. Ladley, M. Newell, M. Sprague, G. Balestrino
12 Noon M. Russo, R. Gamba, N. Fallacaro, C. Belvedere, B. Peters, C. Houle, MJ Russo
1:15PM F. & F. Marino, B. Higgins, T. Scaramuzzo, L. Appel, S. Catalano, M. Randazzo
7:00PM C. Pontecorvo, A. Maffeo, C. DiDomenico, J. Prato, E. Bellina, T. Palmieri, K. Melka

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, March 1, 2014:

4:00 P.M.: Eugenio Buccini, Joseph Martino, Kristen Martino, Marisa Rivera
5:30 P.M.: Caitlin Nicholaou, Ryan Nicholaou, Gianna Sicari, Vincent Sicari

Sunday, March 2, 2014:

8:00 A.M.: Anthony Discenza, Shane Marashaj, Gino Tucci, Nicholas Tucci
9:15 A.M.: Joseph Bell, Samantha Scalzo, Gabriella Scarmato, Francesca Scarmato
10:30 A.M.: Gabrielle Artz, Maria Coelho, Gabrielle Pelucco, Anthony Castelle
12:00 Noon: Joseph Esposito, Gavin Monreale, Nick Rotondi, Genevieve Steinmetz
1:15 P.M.: Catherine Nieves, Felicia Nieves, Tyler Nieves, Kenneth Tobin
7:00 P.M.: Luigi Caiazzo, PJ Caiazzo, Charles Campitiello, Stephanie Campitiello



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*John Santamauro, Anthony DelFino,
 Valerie Lavin, Robert Gilberto, Sr., Richard Piccininni*

Hero Saint of the Week – St. Margaret of Cortona – Feb. 22
“Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.”

Margaret was a beautiful and also a spoiled child, but this changed when her mother died and her father remarried. Margaret and the stepmother hated each other. Every day was a battle of wills. Soon, Arsenio, the 16 year old son of a baron, invited 13 year old Margaret to live with him as his mistress – she accepted and went to live in his castle. She was a peasant girl living with a nobleman – he would never marry her, despite giving birth to his son. When Arsenio was murdered, Margaret decided to amend her sinful life. She went to the Franciscans of Cortona and undertook numerous penances e.g. sleeping on the floor, starvation diet, and whipping herself to curb her sexual desires. Three years later, she became a nun and founded a hospital for the poor. When speaking of confession, she would say, “You must unwrap the wound in order to heal it.” Her penances were so extreme, once Our Lord appeared to her and said, “Margaret enough!” (JM)

MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – Feb. 22, 2014

4:00PM Msgr. Peter Smith

5:30PM Msgr. Peter Smith

Sunday – Feb. 23, 2014

8:00AM Msgr. V. Bartley

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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.

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:

THE NEXT HEALING SERVICE WILL BE ON TUES., MARCH 4th AT 3:30PM.

THE NEXT HEALING MASS BE ON TUES., MARCH 18th, AT 8pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Denise Armore, Betty Barton, Barbara Boscia, Jillian Cannon, Nicoletta Caputo P.O. Thomas Choi, Josie Cino, Ethel Cohen, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Jaime Cucuzza, Gemma Deliso, John Emigholz, Sr., Juliette Gerbino, Lorraine Hamer, Thomas Hoban, Kim Kuchler, Thomas Lamantia, Jim Mauro, Ed Miller, Mary O’Loughlin, Concetta Palmieri, Lucy Peters, Camille Polly, Carmen and John Ragona, Denise Santanella, Celeste Setty, Adrienne Sienicki, Lorriane Skelly, Donna Slavin, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Joan Squillante and Adriane Toscano.

LENT 2014

Ash Wednesday: Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, will be at 7AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 8PM. Ashes will be distributed only at Mass and at Services at 3:30PM and 4:30PM. They will only be distributed to those who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Grade or above). Small children will be given a special blessing.

Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and Good Friday, April 18th, are days of fast and abstinence. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59.

Confessions: Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:30 to 4PM and from 5 to 5:30PM in the Church. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, April 18th, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM.

Stations of the Cross: are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, April 18th, we will hold Meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ in word and song through the Eyes of His Mother Mary at 8PM in the Church.

Mission at Our Lady Star of the Sea: Fr. Anthony Ciorra will be conducting our Parish Lenten Mission from Monday, April 6th to Wednesday, April 9th, at 8PM. (Details to follow.)

Healing Masses and Services: Healing Service, March 4th, at 3:30PM, Healing Mass, March 18th, at 8PM; Healing Service, April 1st at 3:30PM, Healing Mass, April 15th at 8PM.

Lenten Love offering: Jesus challenges us each Lent to show our love for one another by reaching out to help those in need. In Chapter 25 of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks about those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, and those in prison. Each one of us can make a difference. On the weekend of March 8/9, we invite you to pick up an offering box when you come to church. The children in the OLSS Religious Education Program and School and their families are participating also. Your contributions will help various service organizations who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. Please return your love offering boxes to the Church on the weekend of April 5/6 (week before Palm Sunday).

VESTMENTS FOR MEMORIALIZATION

We have 4 new vestments which can be memorialized in memory of a loved one. If you are interested, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number or see John Manetta, the Sacristan, after Mass.

OPENING OF 2015 MASS BOOK

The 2015 Mass Book is now open. We ask that you take no more than four masses this time. Thank you for your cooperation. Please remember to consult a 2015 calendar when choosing your masses. (The donation for Sat./Sun. Masses and holy days is \$15; weekday mass donation: \$10.)

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION AT MASS

The method for receiving Holy Communion in the hand is to extend the hand in a cupped position and immediately place the sacred host in the mouth. This is the most reverent way to receive Holy Communion. PLEASE, do not walk away with the host still in the hand. Thank 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



March 9th and March 23rd
April 27th
May 11th and May 25th
June 15th

(Note different date in June)

July 13th and July 27th
Aug. 10th and Aug. 24th

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

March 9th and March 23rd
April 27th
May 11th and May 25th
June 15th

(Note different date in June)

July 13th and July 27th
Aug. 10th and Aug. 24th

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.

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (The test of faith)

Reading I	Isaiah 43:18-19, 21,22, 24b-25 (promise of redemption and restoration)
Reading II	2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (Paul's sincerity)
Gospel	Mark 2:1-12 (healing of a paralytic at Capernaum)
Key Passage:	Jesus said, "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk?" (Mark 2:9)
Adult:	When has it been hardest for you to believe that your sins are forgiven?
Child:	Are you willing to believe what you cannot see? Why is this hard to do?

A LETTER FROM MSGR. JEFF CONWAY

Dear Parishioners,

Cardinal Dolan has decided to remove all pastors, who have served 12 years or more from their current assignments on July 1, 2014. Therefore, after almost 21 years, I will be leaving Our Lady Star of the Sea to take another assignment. While it would not have been my choice to leave this parish and I had hoped to retire from here, I am grateful that I was allowed to spend so many years building up this parish and serving all of you. I will have served from November 27, 1993 to July 1, 2014, making me the longest serving pastor in OLSS's 98 year history.

I thank you for all your cooperation and support. Together we have built a parish that can function and flourish long after I am gone. I am praying that the Cardinal will pick a new pastor, who will enable us to have a seamless transition and continue to be a great and growing parish.

Thanks for everything. God bless you.

Msgr. Jeff

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

SPORTS NEWS

CYO Baseball and Softball and T-Ball Registration: The final registrations for CYO Baseball and Softball will take place on Thurs., Feb 27 7-8 pm and **Thurs., March 6 7-8 pm.** T-Ball is open to boys and girls in Pre-k 4 and Kindergarten. CYO is open to boys and girls in grades 1-8. For more information, please **contact Dennis DellaValle at (718) 757-1630.**

Spring Soccer Registration: will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from 6 to 7PM on Wed, Feb 19, for all players which include Pee Wee, 3 year olds, and SIYLS players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. See our website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. (If you played this prior fall you do NOT need to register again).

save the date

LIVE LOVE LAUGH – ANNUAL OLSS FASHION SHOW

Don't miss out on OLSS Fashion Show Live Laugh Love !
If you would like to donate a basket, sponsor a table, put in an business or personal ad in the journal, or even attend our show on March 27th please contact any of the show chairladies below:

Lisa Adragna 347-281-0976 Laura Giudice 917-582-5044
Lisa Kindya 917-453-4491

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

GROUP MEETINGS

PARISH COUNCIL: The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday, Feb. 24th at 6PM**, in the Rectory Basement. If you cannot attend, please send a report.

BOOK GROUP: Our selection is The Lamb's Supper - The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn. The next meeting is on **March 13th at 7:30PM**. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY – The group will resume in the Fall.

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, Feb. 26.**

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 Feb. 28th at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

The 50 Plus Club will be going to see "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, Pa. on Fri., April 25th. Price of \$129 includes admission, lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord, Transportation, tax and tips. For departure time and reservations, call Terry at the above number.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Interested patients, caregivers, family members and friends are encouraged to join this group, which meets on the second Wednesday Time: 7 to 9PM. 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.

PARISH BUS TRIP TO SEE

MOSES AT THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER

The "Moses" show in Lancaster, Pa. will be on Sat., April 5th, leaving at 1PM and returning at approximately 11:30PM. Cost: \$115 includes show, dinner and bus. If interested, call Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081 or Gail Decker at (917) 916-2308 for more Information.

OLSS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Annual Golf Outing - Thurs., June 19, Grand Oaks Country Club. Get your foursome together and come out to support your parish sports teams! For more info or to put your foursome in, contact Mia Marinaccio (718) -966-8860 or email to miam133@aol.com (Information available on the olssbasketball.com website) There will be prizes awarded and includes taking a swing for a hole in one to win a new car!

SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN REGISTRATION- FEB. 25TH

Pre K 3 through 8th Grade - Registration – Tues., Feb. 25th 9-11 AM in O'Mara Hall.

Kindergarten – 8th Grade – Kindergarten students must be five years of age by Dec. 31, 2014. You must be a registered parishioner (register at the Parish Office) to apply.

PRE-K THREE YEAR OLDS – The three year-old sessions will be offered two days (Tues. – Thurs) AM(8:30 - 11:00) and PM(12:00 - 2:30) Sessions available. Students must be three years of age by Dec. 31, 2014 and potty trained.

PRE-K FOUR YEAR OLDS – The four year-old sessions will be offered three full days 8:30 - 2:30 (Mon., Wed., and Fri.) Students must be four years of age by Dec. 31, 2014 and potty trained.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE (718) 984-5750

The following items should be presented all registrations:

1. Child must be present.
2. Birth certificate. (Copy or original)
3. Baptismal certificate (required for Kdgt. to 8th Gr. only). (Not mandatory for non-Christians.) Sunday collection envelope number (not required for PreK or for non-Christians).
4. Sunday collection envelope number (not required for PreK).
5. Non-refundable \$175 application fee, per child, and \$200 fair share fee per family (Gr. K-8 only).
6. Report cards and standardized tests scores from the last 2 years (where applicable).
7. IESP or IEP where applicable.

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 on March 14

Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM on March 6th.

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.**

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 Feb. 6 th.