

JANUARY 11, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, January 10, 2015

9:00AM Ciro Frulio
4:00PM Mario Mattera, Deceased of the Grezzo
 Fm., Vincent Maiorana and Dec. of Bertola Fm.
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, January 11, 2015

8:00AM Sadie Calamia
9:15AM Stephanie and George Vierno, Sr.
 and Albert and Helen Giardino
10:30AM Jaime Cucuzza
12 Noon Philip Composto
1:15PM Martha Pisani
7:00PM Helena Pichnarezyk

Monday

9:00AM Virginia Forte

Tuesday

9:00AM Maria Franzese

Wednesday

9:00AM Vincent Mangogna

Thursday

9:00AM Michael Mosca

Friday

9:00AM Angela Maffai

Saturday, January 17, 2015

9:00AM Justina Velez
4:00PM Rosmary Raisley
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Heffernan
 and Branigan Fms.

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:00AM Anthony Fruscianta
9:15AM Kathleen Rossiter
10:30AM Rosemarie Alfieri
12 Noon Thomas Hoban
1:15PM Andres and Olga Rosado
7:00PM Vincent DeMarco



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*Theresa Memoli, Yolanda Poli, David Barcklow, Jr. ,
 Angela DeMattia, Joyce Pizzimenti and Margaret Schultz*

HEALING SERVICE

The next Healing Service will be on **Tues., Jan. 20th at 3:30PM**. The next Healing Mass will be on **Tues., Feb. 3rd, at 7:30PM**. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
JANUARY 11 , 2015
IN MEMORY OF BETTY COLUCCI
FROM LINDA AND BILL ARCHIPOLI

Lectors – Jan. 17, 2015

4:00PM C. Harris
5:30PM F. Barone

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM V. Caruso, C. Baggot, A. Maffeo, A. Petrocelli,
 L. Barbato
5:30PM J. Cimino, J. Amitrano, A. Dazio, M. Sicari,
 C. Houle

Lectors – Sunday, Jan. 18. 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi M. Truckenbrodt
9:15AM M. Higgins, T. O'Connell
10:30AM E. Newborn
12 Noon F. Monte
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM G. LaGrua, K. Melka
Eucharistic Ministers
8:00AM T. Daluise, B. & MA Higgins, J. Stanzione
9:15AM J. Gatto, A. Spoto, J. Prato, D. Avena
10:30AM C. Ordy, F. Ruggiero, G. Balestrino, C & J. Gerace
12 Noon R. Gamba, S. Catalano, E. & G. Riozzi
1:15PM C. Losi, F. Palazzo, M. Randazzo, MA Russo,
 L. Appel
7:00PM S. Caizzo, M. Sprague, A. Manetti, T. Palmieri,
 M. Recanatine

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 17 , 2015

4:00 P.M.: D. & D. Battaglia, E. Harris, M. Rivera
5:30 P.M.: J. & K. Martino, G. & V. Sicari

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:00 A.M.: N. & J. Mele, G. & N. Tucci
9:15 A.M.: E. Carey, K. Lee, S. Scalzo, B. Walsh
10:30 A.M.: G. Artz, G. Monreale, G. Gulotta, G. Pelucco
12:00 Noon: B. Stackhouse, C. Carr, N. Rotondi, C. Sikorjak
1:15 P.M.: C., F. & T. Nieves, J. LoPiccolo
7:00 P.M.: J. Petillo, C. & J. Rubin, E. Tedesco

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED FOR LUNCH

The Rectory Office is closed for one hour, during lunchtime, from 1PM to 2PM, from Monday to Friday. Please refrain from telephoning or visiting during these hours unless it is an emergency. We thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU GIFTS

If you were unable to attend the Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please call the Rectory and leave your name so that one can be left for you either at the Rectory or at the Church Sacristy.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a family member, who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the rectory to arrange to have a priest visit. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we draw to a close our wonderful Christmas Season, I hope that you experienced the joy and excitement of this tremendous season. This was my first Christmas Season at Our Lady Star of the Sea and I was uplifted and delighted to see so many of our parish family return for the Feast of the Eucharist. I was electrified at all my three Masses with the singing of "O Holy Night" by Mike, Brittany and Marissa. At the midnight Mass all three sang and in each case the response of the people was thunderous applause and everyone was on their feet. It was "goose-bumps" time for me since at every Mass I pray that people will have a heart-felt experience of God's love for them. Indeed it happened several times for me. Hearing our children sing "Happy Birthday to Jesus" from the center aisle at the 4PM Mass was powerful. Such innocence and unabashed joy captured I'm sure what the shepherds felt hearing the angels sing.

On December 18th I was delighted to have a friend cater our staff and faculty Christmas Luncheon. After quite a spread, I sang with signs, the famous "Twelve Days of Christmas." Through the kindness of one of our teachers I received the following insight into this ancient carol.

"People often think of the Twelve Days of Christmas as the days preceding the festival of Christmas. Actually, Christmas is a season in the Christian Year that lasts for 12 days beginning on December 25th and lasting until January 6th, the day of Epiphany when the Church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the Light of the World and recalls the journey of the Three Magi.

From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without the risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation, the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality.

The Partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
The Two turtle doves are the Old and New
Testament (Hebrews 8:6-13)
Three French hens stand for Faith, Hope and Love
(1 Corinthians 13)
Four calling birds are the Four Gospels
Five golden rings recall the Torah (Law), the first
five books of the Bible.
Six geese a laying stand for the six days of creation
Seven swans a swimming represent the sevenfold gifts
of the Holy Spirit
Eight maids a milking stand for the eight beatitudes
(Matthew 5:3-11)
Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the
Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
Ten Lords a leaping are the Ten Commandments
Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful apostles.
Twelve drummers drumming are the 12 points of belief
in the Apostle's Creed

There you have it, the HIDDEN meaning of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" and the secret behind the song.

Thank you once again for your sacrificial offerings in the collection., We are all most grateful for your presence. I want to thank once again all our ministers, staff, faculty and most especially our Volunteers that aid us in the work of parish life all year long. If you missed our Volunteers Celebration I want to be sure that you know how deeply I appreciate your time, treasure and talent. May God be glorified in your life.

This is the last chance I have to wish you a Merry Christmas all year and a blessed New Year, in the year of Our Lord 2015.

Father Tom Devery



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Angela Bifulco,,, Nicoletta Caputo, Grace Cataudella, Ethel Cohen, Diane and Jay Collier, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Dominick Crea, Gen Decio, Zeinia Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambrone, Lorraine Hamer, Jennifer Hoban, Thomas Lamantia, Vincent Lombardo, Michael Maniscalco, Andrew Martingano, Joe Mauro, Kelly McCarthy, Chuck Melka, Raymond Nelson, Susan Nemer, Joanne Paramonte, Camille Polly, Joe Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona, , Len Schiffman, Celeste Setty, Amir Shirazi, William St. Laurent, Dora Valente, Lisa Vasquez, Cele Van Winkle and MaryLou Yacovacci.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD TIME: Damian McCaig and Joanna Tepedino

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

Sunday, Feb. 28th 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 26th at 8:15PM.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING TREE DONATIONS

Thank you to all our generous parishioners for all their wonderful donations. We received hundreds of gifts and gift cards. Thank you to Debbie Emigholz for organizing the Giving Tree Program and the individual gift donations and a special thank you to Donna Ferreri, who coordinated the organizations and her volunteers: Nancy Fallacaro, Carol Ordy, Marcia and Ashely Varacalli, Maryanne Russo, Diane Parenti, Jean Casanovas and Anne Marie Colombo for all their hard work. Your donations and all our volunteers helped to make the Christmas season a bright one for the less fortunate of our parish and our community.

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. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th



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

Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: Check the bulletin for our next meeting. We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart* - Reflections on Following Jesus by Pope Francis. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., Jan. 21st**, at 7:30PM in the rectory. (The following meeting will be Wed., Feb. 4th. The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

50 PLUS CLUB: The next meeting will be on **Fri., Jan. 23rd at 1PM.** (Following meeting: Feb. 13th) Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

PRAYER GROUP: Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Damato Rm. in the Athletic Center.

SCHOOL NEWS *Honor Students*

We are please to announce that 86 students from grades 3 through 8 have met the criteria for the First Quarter Principals' List for the 2014– 2015 school year. Congratulations to all! Please visit 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

ATTENTION OLSS SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

Would you like to help support our Community and School while saving 50% to 90% off of local Staten Island community based places to eat, activities, and places to go? It takes only a minute, and a click of your time. Please visit: www.LivingSI.com and become a member. It's that easy!! Once a day, you will receive an e-mail from www.LivingSI.com with an offer from a local business that you know and trust. It may be from a restaurant, health and beauty shops, entertainment choices, cultural activities, educational options, sports lessons and camps, and more. If the offer is of interest to you, Purchase, and use it! LivingSI will donate \$1 to Our Lady Star of the Sea School when you select our school in the dropdown menu at the checkout. Thank you very much – every dollar helps. Please spread the word, tell your friends and family!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. EDWARD FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to work at the Food Pantry and volunteers to help with fundraising. The Pantry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 1PM. If you are interested in putting in a few hours once a month, please contact OLSS volunteer coordinator, Maryann Russo at (718) 984-1625 or by email at stewardfoodpantry@gmail.com.

The pantry is located at 6581 Hylan Blvd. and is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 10AM and 1PM. If you are in need, go to the pantry. If you would like to donate food, they could always use cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, pasta, etc. Thank you.

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

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.

FDNY NEW PROGRAM TO KEEP SENIORS SAFER

Through a grant, secured by US Senators Charles Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand, who last July urged the FEMA Administration to approve funding, members of the FDNY Foundation-funded Fire Safety Education Unit will install free smoke alarms in the homes of seniors, as well as in the home of members of the deaf and hard of hearing community and people with disabilities who are homebound. The alarms have a ten-year battery life. They will also conduct a home safety review for residents. To schedule a free, in home fire safety review and installation of a smoke alarm in your home, call (718) 281-3872.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY TRACK AND FIELD: Registration for Cross Country Track and Field is taking place now. Please email Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net or contact Mia Marinaccio at 718-966-8860 ext. 501. Cross Country is open to boys and girls in grades pre-k through 8. This is a great way to get in shape for other sports or just have fun. All levels are welcome! Fee is \$85 for the season. You can email Erin or call Mia with questions.

OLSS BASEBALL REGISTRATION 2015

PLACE: OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

DATES:

THURSDAY – 1/22/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

THURSDAY – 2/5/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

THURSDAY – 2/19/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

THURSDAY – 3/5/15 FROM 7-8:30 PM

***FEES: PRE-K 4-K - \$125.00

GRADES 1-2 - \$135.00

GRADES 3-8 - \$175.00

*****COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FOR GRADES 1-8*****

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT DENNIS

DELLAVALLE @ 718-757-1630

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD

REGISTRATION FORMS AT OLSSBASEBALL.COM

THE MINTY AWARDS DINNER

"The Minty Organization for the Performing Arts will be hosting its annual Minty Awards Dinner Gala on January 15 at 7pm at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn. It promises to be a night of dining, dancing, entertainment and fantastic raffles. Honorees include Donna D'Ermilio and Loretta O'Hara (Carl W. Lesch Memorial Award for Educator of the Arts), Kathy Brier (Distinguished Alumni Award) and The Staten Island Advance (Community Enrichment Award). Tickets are \$85 (\$65 for those under 21) and can be purchased by calling 347-688-9527 or visiting www.mintys.org. RSVP by January 12. Over the past five years, The Minty Awards has honored and showcased the best of Staten Island's Catholic high school theatre departments and its students, donating over \$40,000 back to these programs. Co-sponsoring the Gala is the Hilton Garden Inn and the Where-to-Turn Organization."



BI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE AT OLSS

Sunday, January 25TH, is the Biannual Our Lady Star of the Sea Blood Drive! With everyone making New Year's resolutions, what would it be like to make a resolution to save a life this year? While everyone is enjoying their gifts from Christmas, you can be a part of giving the greatest gift. Please put aside your fears and help give a future that might not have been without you. **The blood drive will be from 9AM-3PM in O'Mara Hall.** In order to donate you will need identification, must weigh more than 110 lbs., and be between the ages of 16 -75. If you are 16 years old you will need parental consent and if you are older than 75 you will need a doctor's note. Please make sure to have a good meal and drink fluids **BEFORE** you come and donate. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment please call Steven Gilberto at 646-772-2465.

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:

There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Jan. 16th.

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 Feb. 5, 2015



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

PreK3 thru Grade 8

Start your child off on the right path! Become a part of the Catholic school tradition at Our Lady Star of the Sea School

OPEN HOUSES

Pre-K3 Jan 15 • 9-10am

Pre-K4 Jan 7 • 9-10am

Pre-K3-Gr 8 Jan 27 • 9-10am

INFORMATION SESSION

Jan 13 • 7-8pm • Pre-K Center

REGISTRATION

Pre-K3 Jan 20 • 9-11am

Pre-K4 & K-7 Grade

Jan 21 • 9-11am

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To Register Call 718-984-5750 Irma Cummings, Principal or 718-984-0593 Debbie Emigholz, Parish Manager

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