

JANUARY 4, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, January 3, 2015

9:00AM Edith Sirigano
4:00PM Sophie and Joe Iorio and
 John and Jane Graziano
5:30PM Deceased of the Antonini Family

Sunday, January 4, 2015

8:00AM John Tobin
9:15AM Tom and Valerie Lavin
10:30AM Giovanni Iacono
12 Noon Alfred Autin
1:15PM Florence Generosa
7:00PM Vincenzo Graziano LoDuca

Monday

9:00AM Stehfen LoCastro

Tuesday

9:00AM Jaime Cucuzza

Wednesday

9:00AM Janet English

Thursday

9:00AM James Geehan

Friday

9:00AM Emil and Irma Bayerlien

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 Sadia Calamia
9:15AM Stephanie and George Vierno, Sr.
10:30AM Jaime Cucuzza
12 Noon Philip Compusto
1:15PM Martha Pisani
7:00PM Helena Pichnarezyk



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND 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.**

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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
JANUARY 4, 2015
IN MEMORY OF SR. AUDREY BOYLAN, S.C.
FROM THE GUNDERSEN FAMILY

Lectors – Jan. 10, 2015

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

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00PM MJ Russo, A. Petrocelli, V. Caruso, M. Sprague,
 R. Marino
5:30PM JM Graziano, M. Lappin, G. Scotto, F. Barone,
 A. Spoto

Lectors – Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi M. Truckenbrodt
9:15AM A. Pompei
10:30AM E. Newborn, M. Higgins
12 Noon F. Monte
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM K. Melka, B. Paccione

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00AM T. Daluise, M. Molinini, C. Rosato, P. Zoltowski,
 A. Sparandera
9:15AM A. Brady, R. Scarpati, M. & S. Hitchcock,
 J. Zinsley
10:30AM G. Balestrino, D. Zaiano, Cc. Ordry, E. & G. Riozzi
12 Noon R. Gamba, C. Houle, A. McCoy, C. Messina
1:15PM C. Barone, B. & MA Higgins, B. Peters, N. Villani
7:00PM D. McCumisky, A. Zuffante, E. Bellina, G. Scotto,
 T. Palmieri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 10, 2015

4:00 P.M.: D & L. Cavicchio, J. & K. Martino
5:30 P.M.: M. Losi, A. Romani, G. & V. Sicari

Sunday, January 11, 2015

8:00 A.M.: J. Bell, C. Luisi, J. & N. Mele
9:15 A.M.: M. Coelho, F. & G. Scarmato, K. Lee
10:30 A.M.: F. & A. Auriti, A. Castelle, C. Trang
12:00 Noon: P. Arellano, G. Gulotta, R. Ruszkowski, D.
 Russo
1:15 P.M.: H. Caruso, C., F. & T. Nieves
7:00 P.M.: J. Petillo, C. & S. Campitiello, J. LoPiccolo

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Healing Mass will be on **Tues., Jan. 6th at 7:30PM.**
 The Healing Service will be on **Tues., Jan. 20th at 3:30PM.**
 Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Frank Zurica and Thomas Mayas, Sr.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year 2015. Welcome to our Jubilee Year. Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish will be celebrating later this year our 100th Anniversary as a Parish. May all the graces of this year truly give you His blessings and peace. As the year unfolds, plans will be made to appropriately celebrate this great and august occasion.

Just before Christmas I received a very beautiful letter from Peter, Samantha and Francesca DeLapi and I want to pass this on to you.

Dear Fr. Devery,

As you know, Oct. 25th, was one of the hardest days for my daughters, Samantha and Francesca, and I. My wife, Wendy, was suddenly called home to the Lord. As reality sank in deeper, my fears became real, but something wonderful happened. You came to visit us and then all of our Lady Star of the Sea Church pulled together to help. From the Parish to the School and even the fine people of Villa Monte, we have been shown much great acts of kindness. I've heard it said, "Every cloud has a silver lining." I believe that silver lining is you as well as all who have helped. So many of the moms have consoled and cooked for my family and helped guide me while feeling lost. Villa Monte has supplied some delicious meals too. Through the tears, we can still smile knowing in our hearts that, although we lost Wendy and she can never be replaced, we were not left alone. The Lord has put you all in my path and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Thank you so much and may the Lord bless you all.

Peter, Samantha and Francesca DeLapi

During this Christmas Season, I am grateful for all the priestly help during Advent, especially Fr. Steve Challman from St. Rita's Church, and our own home grown, Fr. Joseph Roesch, MIC, who arrived home from Rome to spend the Christmas Season with his parents. I want to welcome for the month of January, Fr. Anton Fernandes, from Sri Lanka, by way of Cary, North Carolina. He is a friend of my associate at Our Lady of Pity, Fr. Mendis Ruwandana. Fr. Fernandes will begin his new assignment as a parochial vicar in a parish in the Brooklyn Diocese in February.

All of the preparation and decoration of the Church with Christmas trees and poinsettias and our new Nativity set before the altar have been the work of dedicated and hard-working "elves" of the parish, who took the time to make sure our beautiful Church was ready for Christmas for these wonderful un-named people, I am truly grateful.

So what's new that await in 2015. I look forward to our parish volunteers' party on Friday, Jan. 9th, at 7:30PM, to thank and celebrate all of you who are deeply involved in our parish.

Also, in September, we will officially begin the opening of our Jubilee year with a celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop John O'Hara. I hope to plan events all throughout our Jubilee to highlight the blessings and accomplishments of our awesome parish. I will be going on a Mission Trip to the Island of Jamaica to work in one of the five centers for poor people, who have no place to live along with the Missionaries of the Poor, whose founder, Fr. Richard Ho Lung, invites Americans to come and experience the philanthropy of the poor. The dates have been set for March 18-23. I will describe later this year the profound impact I had going with seven men from Our Lady of Pity Parish last year.

As the Aaronic Blessing is proclaimed on New Year's Day, may these same words bring happiness, good health and holiness to your homes this year.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you, may He turn His face to you and be gracious to you and may the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you His peace." Happy New Year Church Family.

Fr. 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, Zenia 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.

ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015, from 7:30PM to 11PM for all:

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Altar Adult Care Committee
Ushers and Sacristans	Adult Choir
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School & Religious
Bereavement Core Team	OLSS Education Faculty
Div. & Separated Core Team	RCIA Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team (AFF)	Parents Assoc. Board
Eucharistic Adorers	50 Plus Group Officers
Food Pantry Volunteers	

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday, Jan. 5th, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call #984-0593 and leave your name and number.

✓ 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. 7th**, at 7:30PM in the rectory. (The following meeting will be Wed., Jan. 21st. 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. 9th at 1PM.** (Following meeting: Jan. 23rd) 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

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!

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.

PARENTS PRAYING TOGETHER

OLSS parents are invited to join together and pray the Rosary. Parents will pray together each week from 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm in the church chapel.

POOR BOXES

We would like to thank our parishioners for their "Poor Box" donations, proceeds of which help families in need and many local Staten Island Charities such as the St. Edward's Food Pantry. The Poor Boxes are located by the inner doors of the Church. Your contributions are most appreciated and are certainly put to good use. God Bless you for your generosity.

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.



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. 11th and 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. 11th and 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.



IN MEMORIAM

SR. AUDREY BOYLAN, SC

On Monday, January 5, 2015, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Sr. Audrey in our Church at 7PM. All are invited to attend. (Teachers, Principal of OLSS from 1965-1984)

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 stedwardfoodpantry@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.



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.

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.

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. 9th.

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 Jan. 8, 2015



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

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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
O'Mara Hall

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To Register Call 718-984-5750 Ima Cummings, Principal
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