

**MARCH 1, 2015**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, February 28, 2015**

**9:00AM** Tess Caputo  
**4:00PM** Nicholas Chieco  
**5:30PM** Mary Schiera

**Sunday, March 1, 2015**

**8:00AM** Dec. of the Griffin Family  
**9:15AM** Christopher Amoroso  
**10:30AM** Thomas Vallone  
**12 Noon** Rose Antonucci  
**1:15PM** Stephen LoCastro  
**7:00PM** Adam Hunt

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Robert Partinas

**Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Thomas Hoban

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Joseph and Theresa Fallacaro and  
Angelo and Mary Gazzola

**Thursday**

**9:00AM** Jaime Cucuzza

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Jaime Cucuzza

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**9:00AM** Genevieve Farley  
**4:00PM** Angela and Joseph Matzelle  
**5:30PM** Deceased Members of Antorino Family

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

**8:00AM** Rita Giuffrida  
**9:15AM** Virginia and Harold Ennis  
**10:30AM** Anthony Pepe  
**12 Noon** Victoria Musico  
**1:15PM** Lawrence C. Tuminelli  
**7:00PM** Ersilia and Rocco Villani



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**SECOND BANNS** John Aiello and Dana Parenti  
Andrew Clark and Melissa Ciaravino  
**THIRD BANNS:** Anthony Luciano and Margo Riskosz  
Joseph Catalano and Kara M. Hannula

**MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS**

On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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: June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF**  
**MARCH 1, 2015**  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANITA PIAZZA**  
**FROM HER LOVING HUSBAND JOE**

**Lectors – March 7, 2015**

**4:00PM** C. Harris  
**5:30PM** C. Losi

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4:00PM** J. Coscia, J. Uhlman, M. Recanatini, E. Vitiello,  
V. Caruso  
**5:30PM** J. Cimino, R. Gamba, R. Marino, C. Bottiglia, M. Lappin

**Lectors – Sunday, March 8, 2015**

**8:00AM** L. Bauer, M. Andreola  
**9:15AM** F. Monte  
**10:30AM** M. Pinto  
**12 Noon** C. McNally, MA. Higgins  
**1:15PM** B. Weir  
**7:00PM** G. LaGrua

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**8:00AM** R. Bauer, A. Sparandera, J. Stanzione, P. Zoltowski,  
J. Perdichizzi  
**9:15AM** R. Corbett, ME Carey, D. Avena, M. Langella, J.  
Gatto  
**10:30AM** C. & J. Gerace, G. Balestrino, R. Gamba, C. Ordy  
**12 Noon** B. Higgins, C. Gravagna, R. Demaio, D. Zaino,  
C. Belvedere  
**1:15PM** M. Sprague, V. Aciri, B. Nicholson, M. Graziano,  
JM Graziano  
**7:00PM** S. Caiazza, E. Bellina, C. Houle, R. Scarpati  
A. Zuffante

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, March 6, 2015**

**4:00 P.M.:** D. & D. Battaglia, D. & L. Cavicchio  
**5:30 P.M.:** E. & M. Losi, K. & J. Martino

**Sunday, March 7, 2015**

**8:00 A.M.:** J. Bell, S. Marashaj, G. & N. Tucci  
**9:15 A.M.:** E. Carey, M. Coelho, K. Lee, F. Scarmato  
**10:30 A.M.:** A. & V. Castelle, G. Pelucco, C. Trang  
**12:00 Noon:** G. Gulotta, N. Rotondi, N. Salerno, M. Mattioli  
**1:15 P.M.:** C., F. T. & C. Nieves  
**7:00 P.M.:** S. Campitiello, G. & V. Sicari, E. Tedesco



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

Rose Palazzo

**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.

**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.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

Dear Parish Family,

We are well into our Lenten Journey and the Lord has called us to brave a very freezing winter with these temperatures. Spring is right around the corner and perhaps we need to overcome a little cabin fever and so it's a perfect time for a Parish Mission.

All throughout this week, we will be asking you to pray for the success of the Parish Mission, especially all you who are homebound, or infirm. I need for you to offer up your sufferings or tribulations for the success of this week of mission.

Last year, when I was assigned as an administrator of Our Lady of Pity Parish I had the joy of offering a parish mission with new and former members of the team and it was a huge success.

So what is a parish mission? It is a sacred time when the very basics of our Catholic Faith is presented in word, music, prayer and benediction in order to bring a revival in our faith life and draw us closer to Christ during this Lenten Season. The Parish Mission Team of the Archdiocese of New York existed from 1978 until 2001 and under the inspiration of the late Monsignor James Conlon, a community of priests, sisters, and laity lived together in Montebello section of Suffern, New York and each year they traveled to over 25 parishes and presented the Parish Mission. The team was introduced at all the Masses on the weekend prior and the themes of the mission were announced. During the week, there were visits to the homebound and after giving them Holy Communion and anointing of the sick, they were invited to pray for the success of the mission and they truly became for us, the powerhouse of the success of the mission.

The Parish Mission Team would then visit school and the religious education program and give a presentation on the themes of the mission to the children in ways they could understand with puppets, skits, music and prayers.

At the parish mission, there were prayer intentions cards that could be filled out and the team would gather before supper and pray these intentions along with Evening Prayer of the Church.

When the Parish Mission Team ended in June 2001, it was discovered that we had completed 770 parish missions, 70 members have lived the PMT community experience and we traveled to 7 pilgrimage sites. So biblically, it was 70 X 7, the formula Jesus gave us for forgiveness.

This week at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, we will offer this mission experience with some new and old members gathering for this faith filled week.

The Parish Mission Team will hold its mission on March 2,3,4 & 5 from 7:30-9 PM.

**Monday's Theme:** God's Love for us, **Tuesday's Theme:** Our Response to God's Love, **Wednesday's Theme:** (the heart of the Mission): Forgiveness and Reconciliation and **Thursday's Theme:** Unity and Healing. The mission concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist in which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered.

The time for the mission is 7:30-8:00 prayer in word and music, followed by the mission hour.

The team includes Sister Maureen Colleary, FSP, who now works for Renew International, a former PMT member, Sister Jean Wagner, PBVM, who served more than 60 years on Staten Island as a teacher, Religious Education director and pastoral minister, Marie Ferro, DRE of Holy Child Parish, Grace Volpe, retired Art Teacher from Saint Joseph by the Sea High School, and art teacher at Saint Ann's School, Paul Zammit, history teacher at Saint Joseph by the Sea, and Frank De Martino, retired NYPD Captain and candidate for the permanent diaconate for Saint Clare's Parish, and Father Tom Devery, administrator of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and former director of the Archdiocesan Parish Mission Team from 1990 -2000.

Through the gift of anointed preaching and sacred story-telling, lives get changed, hearts are touched and every participant wins the Lotto! The Spiritual Lotto! But like the regular lotto, you have to "Be in it to win it". Come to the Mission this week and experience the joy of the Gospel.

God's blessings,  
Fr. Tom Devery

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### HEALING MASS

During our March Lenten retreat, we will have Anointing of the Sick, during Mass on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. There will be no Healing Service in March. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

### SICK LIST

**Please pray for the sick:**

Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Chuck Melka, Ella Milo, Camille Polly, Carmen Ragona. *Please call the Rectory to have a name placed on the sick list.*

### Hans and Sophie Scholl 1943 – Martyrs of the White Rose

In 1942, leaflets began appearing in Munich that contained sweeping indictments of the Nazi regime and enjoined readers to work for the defeat of their own nation – The Gestapo flew into a rage. This was the week of a few Christian students calling themselves the White Rose challenged Nazi tyranny. The center of it all were Hans (24) and Sophie (21), brother and sister. They waged spiritual war against the system – armed with courage, truth and an illegal duplicating machine. One leaflet stated, "At times of greatest trial, men have appeared, prophets and saints who cherished their freedom, who preached the One God and who, with His help, brought the people to a reversal of their downward course. We are your bad conscience." They were caught distributing leaflets in the university. Along with Christopher Probst (23) were convicted of treason and beheaded; they went calmly to their death believing that the executioners block was their entryway to Freedom and eternal life.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### RCIA Scrutiny

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Nicholas Tolan and Jonathan Lanning) will celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 10:30am mass. These Rites are intended to help deliver the Elect (those preparing for Baptism) from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. These Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then to heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the Elects hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. These Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. We ask you to always keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers.

#### Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion

This Sunday, 10 of our RCIA Candidates (Amber Abruzese, Danielle Conte, Alexa Conroy, Vincent D'Antonio, Joseph Goetz, Briana Kohm, Shavonne Lynch, Abel Pires, Brigid Rind and Mary Ruiz) will be presented to the Bishop at Our Lady of Pity Church at 3:00PM. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue with their RCIA journey.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in September 2015, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7PM in the School building.** You must be a registered parishioner in order for your child to attend Religious Education at OLSS. For further information, call the Religious Education office at (718) 984-1885.



## LENT 2015

**Fast and Abstinence:** Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, is a day 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. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM. \* **(Reconciliation Monday: March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3PM to 9PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available continuously in our Church.)**

**Lenten Love Offering:** This weekend, we invite you to pick up an offering box when you come to Church. Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. **Please return your love offering boxes to the Church on the weekend of March 21/22, the weekend before Palm Sunday.**

**Stations of the Cross:** are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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:** Our pastor, Fr. Thomas Devery, along with a mission team, will conduct our Parish Mission from Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will end with a Mass of Anointing of the Sick on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30p.m in the church. The Mission begins at 7:30PM and ends at 9PM each evening. (Please refer to Fr. Tom's weekly letter for details on our Mission.

## SPORTS NEWS

### OLSS BASEBALL REGISTRATION 2015

PLACE: OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

DATES: 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](http://OLSSBASEBALL.COM)

### SOCCER NEWS

Spring Soccer Registration will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from 6 to 7PM on Wed, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.olsssoccer.com) for registration forms and more details. (If you played this prior fall you do NOT need to register again).

### WRESTLING SHOW TO BENEFIT OLSS

Come join us in O'Mara Hall on **Saturday March 21st**. Doors open at 7pm, show begins at 8pm. \$20 per ticket. For tickets and more information call 917-903-1347 or visit [www.WarriorsOfWrestling.com](http://www.WarriorsOfWrestling.com). This event is sponsored by the Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus.

### SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED

**Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language** is offering American Sign Language classes for the Spring 2015 semester. Classes are 5 college credits each. Call 718-984-8200 for tuition and other information.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 14 and June 28  
July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>



### BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup> (March 22 not available)  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 14 and June 28  
July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>

### 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.

### MASS SCHEDULE – 2016

After a review of Mass intentions and Baptism requirements, we have decided beginning in January, 2016 until May 26<sup>th</sup> (weekend before Memorial Day), we will have a 1:15PM Mass and Baptisms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 2:15PM. During the summer months, from June 4<sup>th</sup> weekend until the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>) we will not have a 1:15 Mass and we will have Baptisms every Sunday at 1:30PM.

### OLSS HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEN'S CLUB

The first meeting of the new OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will meet on **March 3rd at 7:30PM in the Damato Meeting Room** of the Athletic Center. For more information call chairmen Robert Cermeli at 718-317-7314 or Pete Capellino at 718-356-3433. Topics to be discussed: Christmas Tree Fundraiser and Parish Picnic.

### OLSS DOLPHINS SUMMER CAMP

**SPLISH SPLASH IT TIME FOR A SUMMER BLAST!**  
YES IT'S HERE REGISTRATION FOR THE OLSS SUMMER DOLPHIN CAMP. WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 21ST 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM AT OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER. SEE YOU THERE!  
**For any question please email: Linda Fusillo at [linsoap@aol.com](mailto:linsoap@aol.com) or call OLSS school at (718) 984-5750.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### OLSS SCHOOL ROLLING REGISTRATION

*Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade*

**PREK 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, 2015 and potty trained.

**PREK 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, 2015 and potty trained.

**KINDERGARTEN – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** – Kindergarten students must be five year of age by Dec. 31, 2015. You must be a registered parishioner (register at the Parish Office) to apply

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

*The following items should be present at all registrations*

- Birth certificate (Copy and Original)
- Baptismal certificate (if not Catholic Ok, if Baptized at OLSS just need date)
- Nonrefundable \$200 application fee made out to OLSS per child
- \$200 Fair Share fee per family (Gr. K – 8 only)
- Sunday collection envelope number (Gr. K – 8 must be a registered at parish)
- Academic records including standardized test results and report cards for 2 years (Gr. 1 – 8)
- If child has an IEP or IESP a copy must be brought in.

**Please call the School Office for an appointment if you would like to register (718) 984-5750.**



### AMAZING OLSS STUDENT RESULTS-464,800 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Our eighth grade students, Class of 2015, have achieved much throughout the years. Most of them have been with us since Pre K 3 and some have joined our family along the way. Each child is very special to us and contributes greatly to the success of our school. The Catholic High Schools' results are in. Again, our students have excelled. We would like to share the good news with you.

**Catholic High Schools' Results for OLSS Class of 2015**

- 100% of students accepted into a Catholic HS
- 23% of students won scholarships
- 51 honors programs or scholarships awarded
- 17 Scholarships
- \$464,800 total amount of scholarships to date
- 82% of OLSS Scholarships were awarded to students enrolled in our OLSS TACHS Program.

**Congratulations to all 57 students, their parents, and their teachers!**

## GROUP MEETINGS

**BOOK GROUP:** We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart - Reflections on Following Jesus* by Pope Francis. **The next meeting is on Thurs., March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM** at the Rectory. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** The Group will meet on **Wed., March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., March 18<sup>th</sup>. 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., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.** Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

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

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:** The CDA eagerly invites all Catholic ladies to attend our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in the St. Clare Murphy Center with guest speaker from The Eyes of Mary Ministry. For more information on CDA, please call the St. Clare rectory at [718-984-7873](tel:718-984-7873) or email Juliette at [Lit905@aol.com](mailto:Lit905@aol.com).

### STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

<b>ACOA</b>	Sun., 5:30PM
<b>AA</b>	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM & 9PM
<b>PILLS ANON.</b>	Tues., 6:30PM
	Fri., 6:30PM
<b>GAMBLERS ANON.</b>	Tues., 8:00PM
<b>AL ANON</b>	Thurs., 7:15PM

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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 March 5, 2015



### SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

*Did you know, in the Archdiocese of New York:*

- ❖ There were 23,646 baptisms and 17,522 confirmations last year
- ❖ 95,896 students are currently enrolled in religious education programs
- ❖ There are 210 retired priests
- ❖ There are 87 seminarians

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal ensures we are in a position to continue providing support to those most in need throughout the archdiocese.

You can make your gift online at  
[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)  
 May God bless you for your generosity.