

March 13, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 12

9:00AM Christopher Rod Barzal
4:00PM Helen & William Timmermans
5:30PM Pat Damato

Sunday, March 13

8:00AM Candida & Americo Molinini
9:15AM Ella Milo
10:30AM Anthony Sellitti
12 Noon Kitty Manetta
1:15PM Kitty Manetta
7:00PM Ronald Fay

Monday, March 14

9:00AM Lucy Speranza

Tuesday, March 15

9:00 AM Ella Milo

Wednesday, March 16

9:00AM Ella Milo

Thursday, March 17

9:00AM Donald Bennett

Friday, March 18

9:00AM Ella Milo & Lilly Jurgens

Saturday, March 19

9:00AM Patrick Fucci
4:00PM Joseph Levantino
6:00PM John Scaramuzza

Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday

7:30AM John Petrizzo
9:00AM Berta & John Matzele
10:30AM John Orfano
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Gersbeck Family
1:30PM Lillian Visciglia
7:00PM Joe Cento

St. Louise de Marillac, 1591-1660 – March 15

Louise was raised by her widowed father. Upon his death, she was left in desperate straits and she consented to marry Antony Le Gras, secretary to the French queen. She bore a son Michele. When Antony was struck with a debilitating illness, Louise nursed him with great devotion. Upon his death, she withdrew from public life. St. Vincent de Paul organized many charitable projects, including working in the Parisian slums among the sick and destitute. Louise committed herself to the work. Vincent and Louise founded the Daughters of Charity. They became a religious congregation with gray habits and white headdresses. In their spiritual formation, the sisters were reminded that the poor were their masters, in them they would encounter Christ. They should not hesitate to leave off from other spiritual obligations (prayer, or even Mass) should they be summoned by those in need. They would be going as it were, "from God, to God." (JM)

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, March 15 @ 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (The next Healing Mass will be April 5 at 7:30 pm).

The Sanctuary Lamp for the

Week of March 13-19

Given in Memory Of

Frank Bronzo

Donated by Owen & Ginny Healy

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 19-PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00PM C Harris & C Losi
6:00PM F Monte & B Weir

Eucharistic Ministers, March 19-PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00PM E Vitiello, V Caruso, J Coscia, J Uhlman, A Lazzara,
A Petrocelli & C Biondolillo

6:00PM C Losi, M Lappin, A Dazio, J Cimino, G Decker

Lectors – Sunday, March 20 – PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM J Perdichizzi & M Andreola
9:00AM E Newborn & T O'Connell
10:30AM M Coppolo & B Paccione
12 Noon M Newell & C Messina
1:30PM MA Higgins & A Pompei
7:00PM K Melka & G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers, March 20 – PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM M Molinini, A Sparandera, P Zoltowski
9:00AM D Avena, M Sprague, J Zinsley, J Gatto, Sr. Rosemary
10:30AM G Balestrino, L Appel, C Ordy, N Fallacaro,
J&C Gerace & B Barone
12 Noon S Catalano, A Maffeo, MA Russo, C Barone, J Tolento,
& C Bottiglia
1:30PM W Higgins, F&R Marino, V Acri, N Villani, A McCoy,
& C Houle
7:00PM S Caiazzo, A Zuffante, T Palmieri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 19

4:00 PM E Harris, V Pavlick, D Cavicchio
6:00 PM M&E Losi

Sunday, March 20

7:30 AM J Bell, N&J Mele
9:00 AM A&F Auriti, S Marashaj
10:30 AM R Ruzzkowski, G Monreale, M Mattioli
12:00 Noon C Carr, G Vassalo, N Salerno
1:30 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves
7:00 PM L&PJ Caiazzo, E Tedesco, R Faljean

Sincere Condolences

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

**Maria D'Angelo, Alfia Messina, Eleanor Adams,
Julia Mulcahey, Louis DiBella, Sr.**



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We are beyond the half way point of this Lenten Season and already we are seeing signs of new springtime of grace and God's mercy. Father David was preaching on Monday morning about the amazing "catch of people" who stood literally for hours on line after the 7PM Mass to go to confession. In obedience to the Holy Spirit, who was inspiring Father David in his prayer time, he mentioned to the people, that he would be available after the 7PM Sunday Mass to hear confessions and it made no difference if it was a few weeks or many years and supposedly there was a long line, such that he didn't finish until 11PM! Such liberation and amazement was evident not only in the penitents, but in the grateful heart of Father David on Monday morning. So I want to add my thanks to all who came and experienced the healing of the heart. Twice a month we offer either a healing Mass or service and a time for healing prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and generally all who come seek a healing for their bodies, but far deeper is the need for the healing of hearts.

Father David made reference to a wonderful book, it really is a modern spiritual classic, "Miracles do happen," by Sister Briege McKenna, OSC. She a Franciscan sister from Northern Ireland who came to Tampa as a young nun, and sadly was wheel chair bound through arthritis. In coming before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, she was miraculously healed from her arthritis and has begun a worldwide mission of preaching about the healing that come from adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. She travels with Father Kevin Scallon, CM, a Vincentian priest. She prays up to three hours a day before the Blessed Sacrament and has witnessed not only physical miracles but more profoundly spiritual miracles. Hearts are transformed and lives are changed, not because of Sister Briege, but through Jesus who desires to demonstrate his mercy especially in confession. If you are able to attend confessions at 3:30 to 5:30 PM each Saturday that is wonderful. When time permit,s we priests are aware of the time in between Masses as a good time for confessions and if we are available we will try and be present for that. I also recall that from 12noon to 3PM on Good Friday was a very busy time for confessions and I will be available during that time as well. Let us take advantage of this miracle of grace in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Pope Francis was interviewed and this became a wonderful 150-page book entitled "Pope Francis, the Name of God is Mercy," by Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli.

On Thursdays, I gather with a few priests for prayer time in the Deacon Chapel of Saint Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie in Yonkers and presently we are reading and studying the insights of this book. I'd like to share some of the highlights I have explored so far having read half the book.

Pope Francis says, "The Lord precedes us, he awaits our need for mercy, which heals all of our wounds. God waits for us to concede Him only the smallest glimmer of space so that He can enact His forgiveness and enact His charity within us."

In his book Pope Francis asks the question, "*What is mercy for you? Etymologically, 'mercy' derived from misericordis, which means opening one's heart to wretchedness. And immediately we go to the Lord: mercy is the divine attitude which embraces, it is God's giving himself to us, accepting us, and bowing to forgive. Jesus said he came not for those who were good but for the sinners. He did not come for the healthy, who do not need the doctor, but for the sick. For this reason, we can say that mercy is God's identity card. God of mercy, merciful God. For me, this really is the Lord's identity.*"

Between now and March 26, go to confession and be renewed.

A blessed Lenten season,

Father Tom Devery

LENT 2016

Fast & Abstinence: Good Friday, March 25th, is a day of fast & 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: are heard every Saturday from 3:30 to 4PM and from 5 to 5:30 PM in the Church. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, March 25th from 12 NOON to 2PM.

Stations of the Cross: are held every Friday at 8PM during Lent. On Good Friday, March 25th, 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.

Lenten Love Offering: This weekend we ask that you return your love offering boxes to the Church. 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.



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Anthony Fontana & Daniela Giambrone

Third Time: Frank Porzio & Jaime Lyn Torres

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, Apr. 24.** At this time, you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next workshop: June 26)

RCIA Scrutiny – 5th Sunday of Lent - This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Afshin Shirazi) will celebrate the 3rd and final RCIA Scrutiny during the 10:30am mass. The Gospel reading used this Sunday is from John 11:1-45 – The Raising of Lazarus. These Scrutinies are intended to help deliver the Elect 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.

Palm Sunday 2016

Masses on **Saturday, March 19th**

4 PM & 6 PM

Masses on **Sunday, March 20th**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,

12 NOON, 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

**Palms will be distributed
at ALL MASSES**

(Additional Parking available in the
municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue)



Reconciliation Monday, March 21st

Confessions will be heard continuously from **3 to 9 PM** at every parish in the Archdiocese of New York. You may go to any parish during this time. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive this Sacrament during this Lenten Season!

Sick List



Carmella Beirne, Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Ethel Cohen, Jay Collier, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marian Concadora, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Thomas Eagers, Zeina Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Herbert Gruberger, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Peter J. Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Robert Petersen, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Carmen & John Ragona, Eva Ragona, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Edward Simas, Donna Slavine, Trevor Spataro, Dora Valiente, Lisa Vasquez. **Please Note: If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Book Fair – Our annual book fair will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Damato Meeting Room. Please refer to the schedule sent home last week for which day your child's class will be attending the book fair.



Bread of Life – The Bread of Life food drive continues this week. Please send in nonperishable cans or boxes of food to help fellow Staten Islanders who are less fortunate.

State Tests – are right around the corner. The ELA test is April 5-7, and the Math test is April 13-15.

Wishing all of our families a very happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's day!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2016, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **Tuesday, May 10 & May 17 from 5:30 to 7 PM** 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Sign Language Classes Available

Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language is offering American Sign Language classes for the Spring 2016 semester. Classes are 5 college credits each. Call 718-984-8200 for tuition and other information.



SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER REGISTRATION



FINAL Open Soccer Registration will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from **6:00 to 7:00PM** on **Monday, March 14** 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. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall you do NOT need to register again in the spring. Tentative season opening weekend April 2.

BASKETBALL CLINICS

OLSS is proud to announce that we will be holding clinics for pre-k 4, Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2 boys and girls. All info is available on the web site at olssbasketball.com. There will be a clinic for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade boys and girls as well. Please print the registrations off of the website and return them as soon as possible. Dates and times for registration are listed on the forms.



IWORK SPORTS BASKETBALL CLINICS

Open to grades 3-12. There are several slots for younger players and high school players. This 6-week clinic is run by iWork and will take place Monday nights at OLSS. For more info, see the website: www.istar-sports.com.

CYO VARSITY BASEBALL



We are still looking for 2-3 players to round out our Varsity Boys Baseball Team. (7th or 8th grade boys) Please contact Dennis Della Valle through olssbaseballssoftball.com or Mia at 718-710-7161 ASAP to get the players added to the roster.

TRACK AND FIELD

Boys and Girls in grades Pre-K 4 through 8th grade are welcome to join the OLSS Track & Field Team. No experience necessary. Fee is \$100 for the season. For more info, contact Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy

Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the Baptism Preparation Policy. All parish families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the OLSS Baptismal Class. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Fri 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Class & Ceremony Dates

March 13, April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22



PLEASE NOTE: Baptisms in June, July & August will take place EVERY Sunday at 1:15 pm.

Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS 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 Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.

Adult Faith Formation—Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jilimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on **March 18**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be on **Wed., March 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join or would like more information, please call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thurs. April 7 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. Our next selection is Consuming the Word-The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church by Dr. Scott Hahn. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society - The next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **April 13th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information please call Chairmen Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Sat., June 25th at 1:30 pm & Sun., June 26th at 2:00 pm**. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact the Rectory for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tues., May 24th. The event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS Sunday, June 12th, 2016

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2016 will be honored here at OLSS on **Sun., June 12th** at the 12 NOON Mass, celebrated by Rev. Thomas Devery in the Cardinal's name, followed by a reception in O'Mara Hall. All eligible couples who are registered parishioners and who have been registered for at least a year should call the Rectory by May 20th between the hours of 9 and 4 PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.



Cluster Corner

Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM Family Mass; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM Family Mass, 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 4 PM (Spanish) & 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 6123 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 10 AM (Italian), 11 AM, 1 PM, & 6 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri. 7 & 8 AM, Sat. 8 AM

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



Tuesday, July 5th
thru Friday, August 19th

9:00am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade
in September 2016)

**Register before April 3rd
& Receive the Early Bird Pricing Special:
(must be paid in full by April 18th to qualify)**

\$220 full day-week
\$65 full day-daily
\$35 half day-daily
\$160 half day-week

**Register after April 18th
regular camp rates apply:**

\$250 full week
\$75 full day daily
\$40 half day daily
\$175 half day week

Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am
Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm
(at an additional hourly rate)

Camp will be held on the OLSS campus:
5411 Amboy Road SI, NY 10312

****Bring your own Lunch and Snack****

Indoor Activities Include

Arts and Crafts
Dance
Computers

Outdoor Activities Include

Soccer
Organized games & More!

Weekly Theme Days



To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo,
Camp Director: linsoap@aol.com