

MARCH 2, 2014
EIGHTH 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

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

Monday

9:00AM Martina Triolo

Tuesday

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

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014

7:00AM Margaret Conway
9:00AM Deceased of the Mule and Seccheri Fms.
12 Noon Christopher Bonofede
8:00PM Martina Triolo

Thursday

9:00AM Anthony Charles Bellotti

Friday

9:00AM Giorganne Wisniewski

March 8, 2014

9:00AM Martina Triolo
4:00PM Angela and Joseph Matzelle
5:30PM Anthony Pepe

Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:00AM Joseph Casazza, Jr.
9:15AM Virginia and Harold Ennis
10:30AM Louis Morelli
12 Noon Alexander Minko
1:15PM Lynda DeVaney
7:00PM John and Delia Palacios and
 Eric Hernandez



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: William Palumbo and Michelle Hinz
 Andrew Pagano and Erin O'Shea
SECOND BANNS: Joshua Guarino and Jennifer Nartucci
THIRD BANNS: Michael Principato and Josephine Cognato
 Jennifer Rispoli and Steven Metcalfe
 Keith Namarato and Jeanine Vandaley
 Gabe Aiello and Antonella Munoz

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
MARCH 2, 2014
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS VALLONE
FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY

Please check your schedule for the Ash Wednesday assignments.

Lectors – Saturday, March 8, 2014

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

Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, March 9, 2014

4:00PM V. Caruso, A. Lazzara, A. McCoy, J. Coscia,
 S. Roberto, L. Barbato, A. Petrocelli
5:30PM A. Spoto, A. Maffeo, J. Cimino, R. Taranto,
 C. Barone, J. Amitrano, A. Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi, M. Andreola
9:15AM J. Ladley, V. Gilsenan
10:30AM E. Newborn, M. Pinto
12 Noon M. Newell
1:15PM R. LaMonica
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – March 9, 2014

8:00AM J. Stanzione, T. Daluise, MJ Truckenbrodt,
 P. Zoltowski, M. Molinini, R. & L. Bauer
9:15AM K. Ladley, T. Rizzotti, T. Strange, R. Corbett,
 L. Capobianco, M. Vierno, J. Gatto
10:30AM C. Ordy, G. Balestrino, C. Catalano, ME Carey,
 B. Paccione, F. Ruggiero, M. Sprague
12 Noon A. Manetti, B. Peters, E. Talarico, F. & R. Marino,
 B. & M. Higgins
1:15PM P. & L. DeCarlo, B. Nicholson, C. Houle, V. Acri,
 A. McCoy, F. Palazzo, L. Appel
7:00PM M. Recanatini, B. Weir, G. LaGrua, C. Barone,
 G. Scotto, C. Pontecorvo, C. DiDomenico

First Sunday of Lent, Saturday, March 8, 2014:

4:00 P.M.: Daniella Battaglia, Dominick Battaglia, Emily Harris,
 Matthew Esposito
5:30 P.M.: Michael Brophy, Maria Coelho, Salvatore Imbro,
 Alfred Romani

Sunday, March 9, 2014:

8:00 A.M.: Christopher Luisi, Shane Marashaj,
 Jonathan Mele, Noelle Mele
9:15 A.M.: Bryan Bosques, Erin Carey, Keryn Lee,
 Brendan Walsh
10:30 A.M.: Angela Auriti, Francesca Auriti, Gabrielle Artz,
 Gavin Monreale
12:00 Noon: Joseph Esposito, Daniella Russo,
 Josellina Nardulli, Christina Sikorjak
1:15 P.M.: Daniel Dunn, Guliana Gulotta, Kenneth Tobin,
 Chloe Trang
7:00 P.M.: Christina Rubin, Jake Rubin, Gianna Sicari,
 Vincent Sicari

HERO/SAINT – MARTYRS IN THE PLAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA – YEAR 261 (Feb. 28) Many who healed others, fell victims themselves; some were priests, some were laity. The disease from the Egyptian plague was so virulent, that every house was affected. The bodies of the dead and even the dying were cast into the streets, contributing to the stench of pestilence. Christians of the City who were previously forced by persecution to hide and conduct secret meetings, now emerged to attend the dead and dying. This caused great risk for both from infection and arrest. They nursed the sick, washed the bodies and arranged for burials. Those who died were recognized by the church as true martyrs of charity and were added to the Calendar of the Saints. (JM)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014
MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE
AT 7AM, 9AM, 12 NOON AND 8PM
SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE
AT 3:30PM AND 4:30PM

MASS CELEBRANTS

Sat. – March 1, 2014

4:00PM Msgr. V. Bartley

5:30PM Msgr. V. Bartley

Sunday – March 2, 2014

8:00AM Fr. Adalbert Komosa

9:15AM Msgr. Peter Smith

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MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

This Sunday, April 27th 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 29th, at 8:15PM.

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, Stephanie Cerchio, P.O. Thomas Choi, 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, Lucy Peters, Camille Polly, Carmen and John Ragona, Denise Santanella, Celeste Setty, Adrienne Sienicki, Lorriane Skelly, Donna Slavin, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Jennifer Spinelli, Joan Squillante and Adriane Toscano.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

*Stephen LoCastro, Concetta Palmieri, Nicole Donlon
and Helen Paholek*

MEN'S RETREAT

You are invited to attend a two-day retreat, Fri., 3/30, to Sun., 3/31, at the Bishop Molloy Passionist retreat House in Queens, NY. The 2014 retreat theme is "Following Jesus Today," I have room to transport three men. For more information, contact Edward Sita at (718) 356-5425; or ESITA@SL.RR.COM.

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.

Reconciliation Monday: The Archdiocese of New York has designated **Monday, April 14th as Reconciliation Monday** to give everyone an opportunity to receive the sacrament. All parishes within the Archdiocese will hear confession on that day. We will hear confessions from 3-9 p.m. "God has given to us a wonderful gift, a gift that shows His tremendous love for each of us-- this gift of Sacrament of Reconciliation. Do not miss this opportunity to experience God's loving mercy."

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.

MSGR. JEFF'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING CLASS:

If you are a Catholic, 18 years or older, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to join this important ministry, **please call the Rectory and leave your name and number:** The classes will be held at 7:30PM, in OLSS Rectory, on Monday evenings: March 10th, 17th, 24th and the last meeting, March 31st, will be in the Church.

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).

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.

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.

175th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PETER'S PARISH

Timothy Cardinal Dolan will celebrate Mass at 5PM on Sat., March 8th, to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's Parish, "The Mother Church of Staten Island." Cocktail reception to follow:
6:30 to 9:30PM. \$25 per person. For reservations call (718) 727-2672.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS

Staten Island's only chapter, Court St. Clare, eagerly invites all Catholic ladies to attend a special evening meeting on Wed., March 12, 2014 @ 7pm in the St. Clare Msgr. Murphy Center (located in the Lady Chapel), at 110 Nelson Ave. Great Kills. Additionally, the General Meetings are held on the 1st Tues of each month @ noon. For more info on CDA, please call the rectory at: 718-984-7873 or email Julie: Lit905@aol.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS STUDENT GOVERNMENT

OLSS Student Government is up and running for its third school year! Twenty-one elected members, including an executive board made up of eighth grade students, are working together with faculty, administration, and the community in order to achieve shared goals. Members have been hard at work sharing ideas. Kayla Coleman, class representative from Class 8-2, shared, "We get together to come up with new ideas and suggestions for ways to make the OLSS experience a great one for every student. We also discuss what actions and events we can support that will help our school, parish, and community." E.J. Buccini is the president. The vice president is Tyler Wren. Stephanie Gangemi and Felicia Nieves are serving as the executive board secretaries. Each homeroom from grades five through eight has two class representatives serving in Student Government. Faculty advisors, Laurie Bartoloni and Barbara Grimaldi, help facilitate projects the group plans to implement. Everyone involved with Student Government is looking forward to another productive year!

OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

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.**

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

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.**

OLSS Women's Basketball League: OLSS will once again hold their Basketball League for Women. There are 2 divisions, Classic and Elite. If you are interested in playing, please contact Mia Marinaccio at miam133@aol.com. Team and individual registrations accepted. Fee is \$90 per person.

CYO Track and Field: The Spring Team for OLSS Track and Field is now forming. Track is open to boys and girls in grades K-8. If you are interested in running or helping out as a coach, please contact Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net. Fee is \$85 for the season.

Spring Soccer Registration: will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center from 6 to 7PM on Wed, March 5th, 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).

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Caitlin Nicholaou, Genevieve Steinmetz and Tara Walsh, OLSS Parishioners, who received their Silver Award from the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York. They have each been recognized for their hard work toward the Hurricane Sandy victims and their community. These 3 Cadette Girl Scouts put in over 200 hours in community service for their project. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Cadette Troop 5222 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses, the weekend of March 8, 2014. They are \$4.00/box. If you are on a diet, you can send to our Troops overseas. They will welcome a treat from home! We will have Thin Mints, Samoas, Tag-a-longs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils and Savannah Smiles! We will be in the lobby of the Church for the weekend. Thank you for your support!

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.olssparrish.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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Overcoming Fear)

Reading I Isaiah 49:14-15 (restoration of Zion)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 4:1-6 (Christ judges his ministers)
Gospel Matthew 6:24-34 (dependence on God)
Key Passage: Jesus said, "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30)

Adult: *What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?*

Child: *What can help you worry less about something that might happen?*

OLSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

All students currently attending our program will receive re-registration forms during the month of March. Please return the forms to your child's teacher or mail to the Religious Education office before **May 22, 2014** to take advantage of our reduced rates. Anyone needing evening classes must return their re-registration form no later than April 10, 2014.

Registration will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on the following dates:
First Grade ONLY Monday, March 17, 2014 - 5:30PM – 7:00PM
New Registration Monday, March 24, 2014 – 5:30PM -- 7:00PM
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 – 1:00PM – 2:30PM

When registering, please have your Parish Envelope number and proof of Sacraments your child received. Fees: Before 5/22/14 Day Session \$200 (one child) \$275 (two children) \$325 (three or more children). Evening Session: \$250 (one child) \$350 (two children) \$400 (three or more children). For more information call Rel. Education at (718) 984-1885.

GROUP MEETINGS

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, March 5th**

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 March 14th 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.



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