

March 20, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Palm Sunday

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 19

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

Palm Sunday, March 20

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

Monday, March 21

9:00AM Donald Bennett

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 AM Kelvin Voyeau

Wednesday, March 23

9:00AM Rosario Brazzo

Holy Thursday, March 24

9:00AM Morning Prayers
8:00PM *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, March 25

9:00AM Morning Prayers
12-2PM Last Confessions before Easter
3:00PM *The Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday, March 26

9:00AM Morning Prayers
8:00PM *Easter Vigil Mass*

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:30AM Sr. Jude Watson
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri & Persichelli Families
10:30AM Joseph M. Asmar
12 Noon Anthony & Carmela Cortese
1:30PM Russ Nicholson, Josephine Massaro & Natalie Harden

St. Margaret Clitherow, English Martyr, 1586 – March 25

Margaret was the first woman martyr during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. At age 16, she married John Clitherow, though raised as a Protestant, she converted to the Catholic faith. Her husband did not share her views, but placed no obstacles in her way. At one point, Margaret was imprisoned for two years. Then, despite the risks, she housed priests in an underground room where Catholics could attend Mass. On March 10, she was arrested and her secret room was uncovered. Charged with sponsoring illegal religious activities, she refused to enter a plea, hoping to spare family and friends the risks of testifying. While she was imprisoned, she was not permitted to see her children, and only once, saw her husband. The sentence required that she strip naked for execution, she was then placed on a sharp stone with a board laid over her on which steadily increasing weights were applied. This lasted 15 minutes before her ribs were shattered. Her last words were, "Jesu, Jesu, Jesu, have mercy on me." (JM)



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of March 20-26
Given in Memory of
Kelvin Voyeau

Donated by Carol Ordy

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 26- Easter VIGIL

8:00PM Easter Vigil (Rehearsal for Lectors, 3/26 @ 12NOON)
Lectors: J Limeri, B Paccione, C Harris, K Melka,
C Losi & G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers, March 26-Easter VIGIL

8:00PM J Prato, C Ordy, L Barbato, M Lappin

Lectors – Easter Sunday, March 27

7:30AM M Andreola
9:00AM F Monte
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon L Bauer
1:30PM MA Higgins


Eucharistic Ministers, March 27 – Easter SUNDAY

7:30AM M Ennis, A Sparandera, J Stanzone
9:00AM D Avena, L Capobianco, J Gatto, M Sprague,
& Sr. Rosemary
10:30AM G Balestrino, J&C Gerace, E&G Riozzi, T Strange
& B Barone
12 Noon R Bauer, B Peters, C Belvedere, S Catalano,
C Messina, & C Barone
1:30PM W Higgins, A Pompei, M Recanatini, A McCoy,
G Decker, B Weir, N Villani, C Houle

Attention Altar Servers:

Please refer to your schedule for the Easter Sunday weekend assignments. Thank you!

Sincere Condolences

 The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:
**Immaculata Macannuco, Dominick Pannone,
Hermelindo Velez, Stephen Pansini, Theresa Palmieri**

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tues, April 5 @ 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Service will be April 19 at 3:30 pm).*

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.

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: On Good Friday, March 25th, we will hold a Meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ in word and song through the Eyes of His Mother Mary at 8PM in the Church.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This is beginning of Holy Week. What an amazing intense time of faith as we journey with Jesus from the Hosanna of Palm Sunday, to the Upper Room of Holy Thursday and the institution of the Priesthood and that First Eucharist, to the sadness of Good Friday, when Jesus laid down His Life for us on the Cross. Then with deep rejoicing and we celebrate during the Easter Vigil the baptism, and Eucharist and Confirmation of 17 parishioners who have participated in our RCIA program. I want to invite you to come and join us on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday for our Tenebrae –Service of Light in conjunction with Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church at 9AM. The reading of the ancient texts of Scripture and the early Church Fathers highlights the events of this most sacred week in the liturgical year.

I want to take time to thank all the behind the scenes people of these past few weeks. First of all, I want to honor the Salesians of Don Bosco for coming to offer our Confirmation Retreat for all the confirmandi from our cluster parishes (Our Lady Help of Christians, St. John Newman and Saint Joseph & Saint Thomas). On March 12 & 13, nearly 700 young people were treated to an inspirational retreat of witnessing and faith presentations.

I want to thank all the members of our music ministry who are rehearsing for Holy Week. Also I want to thank your parishioners who were willing to have their feet washed, our Eucharistic Ministers, our lectors, our servers, our Adorers, our Sacristans and our Masters of Ceremonies and all of our altar servers who not only came, but practiced, rehearsed and committed themselves to see things run smoothly. For Karl and Ricardo who helped decorate the Church, for Joe Limeri and his RCIA team that will conduct a retreat day for all our catechumens and candidates. I want to thank the women who wash, clean and iron our linens. I want to thank Father David and Father Basil for their prayerful and thoughtful preparation for preaching. I want to thank John Manetta for setting up the altar of repose for our Holy Thursday adoration time in O' Mara Hall.

Last year on Good Friday, I was surprised to see how many people waited until the last moment of confessions. Liturgically the priests have been instructed not to hear confessions during Holy Week, however, pastorally people's schedules don't coincide and so I will be present from 12-3 on Good Friday for any last minute parishioner who would wish to avail themselves with confession.

I want to also highlight some upcoming events. On April 2 and 3, Divine Mercy Weekend, we will have a display of art from the Holy Land in O'Mara Hall and you are invited to purchase items. There may be some beautiful gifts for First Holy Communion or upcoming weddings.

On April 6-11, I will be joining 14 people on a Mission Trip to Kingston Jamaica and we will be ministering alongside the Missionaries of the Poor in their 5 centers. I am deeply moved by the love and dedication of the brothers who give free service to the poor.

If you would like to fulfill a wish list for the Missionaries of the Poor, here are some of the items they requested: HP@60 Printer Cartridges, Black and Tricolor, men's Khaki pants 30X30, 30X32, 32X32, 34X30, 34X32, 40X30, 40X32 and men's briefs (underwear) Color white Size Youth 14-16, Socks Crew: color black, grey, brown. Basketball athletic shorts reaching to the knee Medium, Large, Black, blue or grey and finally Toiletries: Men's Roll On Stick Gel, Nail Clippers, Mouth Wash, Baby oil, Petroleum Jelly, Disposable Razors, Shaving crème.

On April 16, 2016 at Cardinal Spellman High School, in the Bronx, there will be a Divine Mercy Conference. The featured speakers of this conference are: Sister Briege McKenna, OSC, Father Joseph Roesch, MIC, Msgr. James Lisante, and many more inspiring speakers. How to register is either by dialing 800-462-7426 or visit the website online at www.thediivinemercy.org/bronx. The time is from 9AM to 4:30 PM.

As remember our deceased beloved with palm crosses and prayers, we await the Risen Christ to be filled one day with His resurrection power and glory.

May all the graces of this Holy Week be yours!

Father Tom Devery



2016 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal.

Our Lady Star of the Sea continues to make progress towards meeting our goal of **\$191,000**.

To date, approximately **230** families have made pledges totaling **\$81,965**.

There is still time – please make your pledge today!

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY

www.cardinalsappeal.org **Thank You**
For Your Generosity!



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 **Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm & Sunday, 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 Tuesday, 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 9 am - 4 PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

Easter Schedule 2016

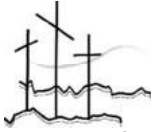
Holy Week

Reconciliation Monday, March 21st – 9 AM Mass
Confessions will be heard from **3 PM to 9 PM**

Tuesday, March 22nd – 9 AM Mass
Wednesday, March 23rd – 9 AM Mass

Paschal Triduum

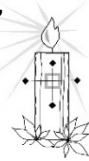
Holy Thursday – March 24th
9 AM Morning Prayers
8 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday – March 25th
9 AM Morning Prayers
3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Communion Service)
8 PM Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 26th
9 AM Morning Prayers
8 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – March 27th
Masses are at: 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM,
12 NOON & 1:30 PM
(Additional Parking available in the
municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue)



Easter Parish Mission at OLSS

Mark your calendars to attend a Parish Mission conducted by Father Jude Siciliano, O.P. and Sister Patricia Bruno, O.P., Monday, April 18th through Thursday, April 21st. Please check the upcoming bulletin for more details.

Pray for the Sick



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, Lorene Peyton, 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: Names on this list will be listed until March 27 and then removed unless we hear from the family to continue.**



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Christopher Keddy & Joie Benevento
Second Time: Anthony Fontana & Daniela Giambone

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 date: June 26)

SCHOOL NEWS

- The First Grade Spring Assembly is on **Tuesday, March 22**, at 9:30 a.m. in O'Mara Hall.
- State Tests – are right around the corner. The ELA test is April 5th - 7th, and the Math test is April 13th - 15th.
- Wishing a blessed Easter to our school and parish families. Thank you for your continued support.



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.

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 – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

✓ 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.



Bus Trip to Sand's Casino

The Stolzenhaller Council of K of C is sponsoring a trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, March 29th**. The cost is \$30 per person, with \$20 back in slot play and \$5 back in food. The bus will leave Stolzenhaller Council at 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Newborn @ **917-697-5603** for information & reservations.

Men's Retreat

All men are invited to attend a weekend retreat from Friday evening, April 1 through Sunday April 3 at the Bishop Molloy Passionist Retreat House in Jamaica, NY. This year's retreat theme will be "A Journey Worth Taking." For further details, please contact Edward Sita at 718-356-5425 or esita@si.rr.com.

50's Dance

The Stolzenhaller Columbiettes present a 50's Dance on **Saturday, April 16th from 8pm-Midnight**. Music will be provided by Crystal Image, and price includes a hot buffet and open bar. Tickets are \$40 per person if paid in advance; \$45 pp if paid at the door. Reservations are a must! Please make checks payable to Stolzenhaller Columbiettes. For reservations, call Vicky at 718-702-2864 or Micki at 718-757-9119. Mail payment to Vicky Porcelli, 154 Ridgewood Ave, SINY 10312.

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER REGISTRATION



Soccer Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory 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.

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. Due to Holy Week, the next meeting will be on **TUESDAY, March 22**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The final session of the OLSS Bereavement Group will be on **Wed., March 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Rectory. For future bereavement needs, please call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number, and someone will get in touch with you.

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.

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

April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22

PLEASE NOTE: Baptisms in June, July & August will take place EVERY Sunday at 1:15 pm. Classes will continue to take place the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

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.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
 AA _____ Sundays 8:15PM
 _____ Mondays 10AM
 _____ Tuesdays 4PM
 _____ Thursdays 4PM
 _____ Fridays 4PM
 _____ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
 _____ Fridays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 7:15PM

PLEASE NOTE: Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a phone-in meeting each Friday night. *There will no longer be Friday night in face meetings for OA. "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212, Access Code: 950-897# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone). For additional meetings & more info visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393.

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 **April 7**.

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-weekly

\$65 full day-daily

\$160 half day-weekly

\$35 half day-daily

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

\$250 full day-weekly

\$75 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly

\$40 half day-daily

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