

MARCH 29, 2015
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
PALM SUNDAY

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9:00AM Richard LaCasse
4:00PM Berta and John Matzele
6:00PM Lillian Visceglia

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

7:30AM John Petrizzo
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri and Persichili Fms.
10:30AM Tom and Valerie Lavin
12 Noon Katarina Pichnarcik and Deceased of the Srogi Fm.
1:30PM Lena and Donna Nemer
7:00PM Pasquale Campanelli

Monday

9:00AM Joyce Negrete
Reconciliation Monday - Confessions 3 to 9PM

Tuesday

9:00AM Christian Rathjen

Wednesday

9:00AM Thomas and Liam Walsh

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

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

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

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

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

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

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

7:30AM Jaime Cucuzza
9:00AM Anthony Pepe
10:30AM Anna Stacey
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Gersbeck Family
1:30PM Ida DeMarco, Jennie Faiella and Stephanie DeMaio

Oscar Romero- Archbishop and Martyr - March 24, 1980

Oscar Romero was known as a pious and conservative bishop, but shortly after his elevation to bishop, he became a "voice for the voiceless." He would be denounced by fellow bishops and earn the hatred of the rich and powerful of El Salvador. He would be the first bishop slain at the altar, since St. Thomas Becket in the 12th Century. The assassination of the Jesuit priest Rutilio Grande for social justice changed Romero in a fearless outspoken champion for justice. He felt the Church's option for the poor was a defining characteristic of Christian faith. On this point, there is no neutrality. We either serve the life of Salvadorans or we are accomplices in their death. We either believe in a God of life or we serve the idols of death. On March 23, he appealed to the military to refuse illegal orders. He said, "We are your people, the peasants you kill are your brothers and sisters." The next day, as he was saying Mass, he was shot in the heart and died. Two weeks before his assassination, he stated, "I do not believe in death but in the resurrection. If they kill me, I shall rise again in the Salvadoran people." (JM)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE
WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2015
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANTHONY RIZZOTTI
WITH LOVE FROM GERRY AND NICK RUSSO

Lectors – Easter Sunday – April 5, 2015

8:00PM Easter Vigil (Rehearsal for Lectors, **4/4/14 at 12 Noon**)
Lectors: F. Monte, J. Limeri, G. LaGrua, C. Harris, J. Saulo

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00PM C. Ordy, C. Barone, L. Barbato, F. Saulo, A. Saulo

Lectors – Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

7:30AM J. Perdichizzi, M. Andreola
9:00AM M. Pinto, T. O'Connell
10:30AM B. Paccione, MA Higgins
12 Noon M. Newell, L. Bauer
1:30PM C. Messina

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30AM J. Stanzione, C. Rosato, J. Perdichizzi, P. Zoltowski, A. Sparandera
9:00AM ME Carey, R. Scarpato, M. & S. Hitchcock, J. Gatto, M. Langella, L. Capobianco
10:30AM G. Balestrino, M. Molinini, C. Ordy, C. Argano, T. Strange, L. & R. Bauer
12 Noon V. Caruso, MA Russo, M. McCoy, E. Talarico, C. Belvedere, D. Zaiano, S. Catalano
1:30PM A. McCoy, M. Sicari, B. Weir, M. Recanatini, N. Villani

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS:

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE EASTER SUNDAY WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS. THANK YOU.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Matthew Lubrino and Christina Boland
Michael Lassen and Maria Anderson
Anthony Cafro and Amie Lanigan
SECOND BANNS: Frank Senzino and Kristyn Beyar
John Kurk and Kristie Bennett
Robert Andresen, Jr. and Kristina M. Ingrassia
THIRD BANNS: Erin Carannante and Daniel Rose
Wayne Sommers and Danielle Ciccone

SICK LIST

Please pray for the sick:

Serafina Carlone, Thomas Paul Gaither, Lorraine Hamer, Annette Horgan, Thomas Lamantia, Paul Manos, Chuck Melka, Ella Milo, Camille Polly, Carmen Ragona. *Please call the Rectory to have a name placed on the sick list.*



The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our sincere condolences to the family of:
Kelvin Voyeau, Josephine Capitella, Emilia Talano, Alice Dolan and Anthony J. Munna, Jr.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the holiest week of the year: Holy Week. We begin with Palm Sunday and we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and all the people flinging their palm before the donkey and the Lord and saying "Hosanna to the Son of David". Hosanna means Grant Salvation. When I was at Holy Child Parish and Our Lady of Pity I was able to rent a large screen and on Palm Sunday night we viewed "The Passion of the Christ" and it definitely set the tone for Holy Week. This Palm Sunday we welcome the people from Holy Land Art who come from Palestine and will display their olive wood sculptures from the Holy Land. They will be outside the school doors, weather permitting.

Before I outline the rest of the week, I have some wonderful news to share with you. Anthony Gorgia, our ever present Master of Ceremonies, has been accepted into the Seminary and will begin in September. We join with the whole parish in thanking God for this great gift. Let us continue to pray for the grace of perseverance as he begins this long journey to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York.

On Monday from 3-9 PM we will have "Reconciliation Monday". All priests will be hearing confessions in every church in the Archdiocese of New York, Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. We welcome everyone who has been busy these past Lenten days to avail themselves of God's tremendous gift of grace in the Sacrament of Confession.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, Cardinal Dolan will preside at the Mass of Chrism. During this Mass every priest who gathers at the cathedral will renew their priestly commitment to celibacy and serve for the Church. The three oils that are used are: The Oil of Catechumens, (used at Baptism), the Oil of the Sick for the Anointing of the Sick) and the Sacred Chrism. I want to recommit my priesthood promises and thank Jesus especially for sending me here to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.

During Holy Week and Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning at 9AM there will be celebration of Tenebrae (A Service of Light). Actually, it is Morning Prayer and Office of Readings from the Liturgy of the Hours, commonly known as the breviary. There will be a candelabra on the altar and after each reading and psalm, a candle is extinguished until there is only one candle left, representing Christ. If you are able to join with us at the 9AM hour, please do so. It's a wonderful way to spiritually prepare for the main liturgies of these sacred days.

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is called forth a reenactment of the foot washing of Jesus. I am particularly moved by the people who have responded to come and have their feet washed. It's a most humbling gesture and points directly to Jesus, Our Suffering Servant who declared, "I am among you as one who serves", "The greatest among is the one who serves the rest". It's in this "Foot Washing Attitude" that we approach all ministries, whether it be Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers or Ushers. Each of these ministries takes its roots in the foot washing gesture of Jesus.

On Good Friday, when we venerate the Cross, we are invited to reverence the Cross of Christ and may I make a suggestion. Try and think of that one sin that has happened over and over and over again, and leave it with Jesus at the foot of the Cross. In that tenderness is opening of the heart to an ocean of mercy. Jesus forgave our sins, opened up the gates of heaven, defeated Satan's power over sin, suffering and death, and the very life giving Spirit that Jesus handed over to the Father, He imparts to us. Every Sacrament literally reaches back into Calvary and from the precious Blood of Jesus along with the water from His side, the Church is born and continues to impart life saving graces. "We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

Easter Vigil is referred to as "The Mother of All Liturgies", from the Blessing of the Easter Fire, to the lighting of the Paschal Candle, we sing and exult in "Christ Our Light" rising from the dead. Then through 5 selected times of our saving history, the Scriptures are proclaimed outlining our need for a Savior. Then we arrive at the wonderful singing of the Gloria, and Alleluia. There is long awaited moment of Baptism, Confirmation and the Reception of Holy Eucharist for all our catechumens and candidates who have been preparing for months. We in turn are then sprinkled with the Easter water and we renew our Baptismal Promises. It's a night filled with glory and joy.

Please come for as many parts of, if not all of Holy Week Liturgies and as they say in Jamaica "Feel the Love".

God Bless you,
Fr. Tom Devery

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION OF STATEN ISLAND INAUGURAL GALA

Join us in honoring His Eminence, Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Nicotra's Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information: catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com or contact Diana Gatto @ Diana.Gatto@archny.org

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.

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.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing Service on Tuesday, April 21st at 3:30PM in the Church. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, April 26th, 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 28th at 8:15PM.*

EASTER SCHEDULE

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - MARCH 30TH

9AM MASS

RECONCILIATION FROM 3 TO 9PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST - 9AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST - 9AM MASS



PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND

9AM - MORNING PRAYER

8PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD

9AM - MORNING PRAYER

12 - 2PM - LAST CONFESSIONS

BEFORE EASTER

3PM - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S
PASSION (COMMUNION)

8PM - STATIONS AND VENERATION OF
THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4TH

9AM - MORNING PRAYER

8PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5TH

MASSSES ARE AT:

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

12 NOON AND 1:30PM

*(Additional parking available in the
Municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue.)*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you have a child entering the 1st Grade in September 2015, please note that Religious Education Registration will take place on **March 23rd and April 20th 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.

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LENT 2015

Fast and Abstinence: Good Friday, April 3rd, 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: The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, April 3rd, from 12 Noon to 2:30PM. * **(Reconciliation Monday: March 30th, from 3PM to 9PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available continuously in our Church.)**

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday, April 3rd, 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart - Reflections on Following Jesus* by Pope Francis. **The next meeting is on Thurs., April 16th, 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., April 1st, at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., April 15th. 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., April 10th at 11:30AM.** 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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: There will be a meeting of the Holy Name Society on Thursday, April 23rd, at 7:30PM, in the Damato Meeting Room. For information, call Robert Cermelli at (917) 783-6494.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, on Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st at 2PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19th 2015. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

25th AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT OLSS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries, during 2015 will be honored here at OLSS on Sunday, June 7th at the 1:15 Mass, celebrated by Reverend 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 22nd between the hours of 9 and 4PM and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS SCHOOL ROLLING REGISTRATION

Open Registration for PreK 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten – 8th 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 – 8TH 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.

OLSS STUDENTS PAY IT FORWARD

The Student Government of Our Lady Star of the Sea School has taken on a special “Mission of the Heart”. Council members from grades 7 and 8 have spearheaded a campaign to raise funds to meet the basic needs of the poor. As Young missionaries, they have recently raised close to \$700 which was donated to the The Society For The Propagation Of The Faith. They have certainly learned to “Pay It Forward”.

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OLSS DOLPHINS SUMMER CAMP

Monday July 6th through August 14th, 9 to 3:30PM. Camp is held on the OLSS campus, 5411 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY. Activities include arts and crafts, dance, theater, computers, soccer, organized games and more. **QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION: EMAIL: Linda Fusillo at: linsoap@aol.com**



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

April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th
June 14 and June 28
July 12th and July 26th
August 9th and August 23rd

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th
June 14 and June 28
July 12th and July 26th
August 9th and August 23rd

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.

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:

Over Eaters Anonymous. Every Friday at 8:00 PM

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 2, 2015