

*October 25, 2015*  
*Our Lady Star of the Sea*  
*Thirtieth Sunday In*  
*Ordinary Time*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, October 24**

**9:00AM** Deceased Members of the Caso Family  
**4:00PM** Thomas Vallone & Rose DeFeo  
**5:30PM** Mary & Frank Finn

**Sunday, October 25**

**8:00AM** Rose & Tommy Competello  
**9:15AM** Francis & Catherine Gannon  
**10:30AM** John & Pauline Nesi  
**12 Noon** Joseph P. O'Donnell  
**1:15PM** Antoinette & Patrick Vulpi  
**7:00PM** Nereida Cassanovas

**Monday, October 26**

**9:00AM** Michele Mandara

**Tuesday, October 27**

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**Wednesday, October 28**

**9:00AM** Amelia Chiarello

**Thursday, October 29**

**9:00AM** Lee & Karen Leyton

**Friday, October 30**

**9:00AM** Timothy & Maureen Murphy

**Saturday, October 31**

**9:00AM** John Emigholz & Thomas Ruggiero  
**4:00PM** Maria Xouris & Lee Cook  
**5:30PM** Rocco Riccio

**Sunday, November 1**

**8:00AM** Anthony Mineo  
**9:15AM** Deceased members of the  
Hayes & Lapetina Families  
**10:30AM** Sydney Stacey, Sr.  
**12 Noon** Nazzarena Italia  
**1:15PM** Vincent DiDomenico  
**7:00PM** Deceased members of the  
Palmieri & Persichilli Families

**St. Edmund Campion, Jesuit Martyr, 1581 – October 25**

Edmund was a brilliant scholar and orator at Oxford. In 1569 he was ordained a deacon in the Anglican Church. He was later convinced that he should become a Catholic, even though this would entail professional ruin and even death. He went to France reconciled with the Catholic Church, and in 1578 was ordained a Jesuit in Rome. Returning to England, he eluded capture with disguises and hiding places. Edmund soon became England's most famous and most wanted Catholic. He was arrested, the first four days of his arrest he spent in a terrible cell that had been nicknamed, "Little Ease," because it was impossible to either stand erect or to lie down. Queen Elizabeth offered him a pardon if he would return to Protestantism. Edmund told her he recognized her temporal authority, but not her religious authority. He was tortured on the rack, unable to stand or lift his arms to his defense. He was executed in 1581 by being hung, drawn, and quartered. (JM)

*The Sanctuary Lamp For The*  
*Week of October 25, 2015*  
*In Memory Of*

*Anthony Rizzotti*

*Donated by Lee Calabrese &*  
*Terry & Dominick Zizzamia*

**Lectors – Saturday, October 31**

**4:00PM** C Harris  
**5:30PM** A Pompei

**Eucharistic Ministers, October 31**

**4:00PM** C Baggot, M Sicari, B Peters, A Petrocelli  
**5:30PM** C Houle, J Cimino, J Uhlman, A Manetti, A Spoto

**Lectors – Sunday, November 1**

**8:00AM** L Bauer, J Perdichizzi  
**9:15AM** J Zinsley, T O'Connell  
**10:30AM** B Paccione, E Newborn  
**12 Noon** M Higgins  
**1:15PM** R LaMonica  
**7:00PM** G LaGrua

**Eucharistic Ministers, November 1**

**8:00AM** M Andreola, M Molinini, P Zoltowski, J Coscia,  
R Bauer  
**9:15AM** L Appel, J Gatto, S Hitchcock, T Strange  
**10:30AM** P&L DeCarlo, C Ordy, B&MA Higgins  
**12 Noon** C&J Gerace, E&G Rizzo, M Sprague  
**1:15PM** M Randazzo, A McCoy, F Palazzo, J Prato,  
B Nicholson  
**7:00PM** M Recanatini, G LaGrua, T Palmieri, A Zuffante,  
C Houle

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, October 31**

**4:00 PM** D. Cavicchio, K. Marchisella, V. Pavlick  
**5:30 PM** M&E Losi, R&C Nicholaou

**Sunday, November 1**

**8:00 AM** G&N Tucci, J. Bell  
**9:15 AM** M. Coelho, B. Bosuques, S. Marashaj  
**10:30 AM** A. Castelle, R. Ruszkowski, M. Mattioli  
**12:00 Noon** G. Vassallo, R. Faljean, N. Salerno  
**1:15 PM** C, C, F & T Nieves  
**7:00 PM** L & PJ Caiazza, A Meola



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our  
sincere condolences to the families of:  
*Joseph Aluotto, Regina Trivelloni Collins*

**MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE  
BY THE CHAPEL CRUCIFIX**

One month memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. The name of the deceased is placed on the vigil light. Envelopes are located in the book racks. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory. There are 28 candles available each month. If we receive more than 28 requests, those requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR***

Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank Bishop John O' Hara for Wednesday and Thursday; he confirmed our 8th grade students in religious education and in our school in the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are now fully initiated into the life of the Church and as Bishop O' Hara reminded us in his homily, we need to be plugged in and recharged in Christ all the time.

Concretely this means that we need to pray daily, and attend the holy sacrifice of the Mass either on Saturday evening or Sunday. Unless sickness or being at sea where there is no Mass available can one make the excuse to not go to church. The Third commandment requires us to "Keep holy the Sabbath", and this means that we are gather each Sunday to hear God's word and receive Him in Holy Communion. Thank you for your faithfulness in this matter and if you need to repent of this mortal sin, we priests are always available for confession.

Next week I will be joining the pastors of the Archdiocese of New York for our annual Pastors Conference in Spring Lake. This will be the first time we have all met since the "Making All Things New" program has initiated the merging of several parishes this past August. It should be an engaging time, a refreshing time and a time filled with fraternity and renewal. This begins on Monday afternoon and ends after lunch on Friday.

When I was a chaplain at West Point, one day I spotted a poster on the door of the Protestant Chaplain's Office; it read, "We need to retreat in order to advance." It seemed like an oxymoron but actually when I reflected, this statement is true. Now that summer is over and fall is in the air, we are all back to full swing of work or school. Midterms have ended and many of us are busy, engaged in full calendars of activity. However as we see the leaves falling off the trees and their magnificent colors amaze us, and as we experience a blast of cold chill, we are reminded from nature that there's a dying going on in creation all around us. Winter is coming and we need to ask ourselves the question: Where am I going in life? Am I closer or farther away from God? Am I restless or content, happy or sad, energized or drained, and as I get older am I ready to meet God at the end of this life journey? Take time to pray, reflect and invite Jesus to fill you with mercy, wisdom, peace and if need be healing and reconciliation. Last Monday evening, when Sister Jean Wagner was talking to the parents of our second grade students about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, she said, "Reconciliation comes from the Latin word 'Cilia' which means 'eyelash'. When we are fully reconciled we can face each other eyelash to eyelash without fear or regret. As we advance let us retreat into the mercy of God and experience His call to conversion.

Another great place for conversion is the desert. Carlo Carreto once wrote,

*"Come into the Desert! If you can't go into the desert, be assured that the desert will come to you. In this sense, the desert is not a location. It is a spiritual experience meant to bring purification from sin, intimacy with God and enlightenment by the Holy Spirit. The desert takes us away from the ordinary rhythms of life so that we can examine ourselves. Its hardships and difficulties challenge us to look deep into our soul so that we can ask how deeply we are willing to trust God. Temptations to grumble against God move us to seek His strength and encouragement lest we fall. Alone in the desert we are brought face to face with one central question: "Am I living the way God wants me to live? What does this mean practically?" While each person is different, there are a couple of approaches we can all consider: Try cutting yourself away from the onslaught of images and information that the media offers you every day. Take a step back from television, smart phones, I-pads and the internet. Try to deprive yourselves of some of the comforts and luxuries of life; good food, unnecessary purchases, and fun times. In place of these, discern how you can embrace the challenges, lowliness, and neediness that are at the heart of the life in the desert. God will work. We can be like Jesus, keeping our eyes fixed on our heavenly Father and try to listen to Him. Every story in Sacred Scripture – and in every saint since the beginning of the Church – tells us that if we give up some of the comforts and self-sufficiency while we are in the desert, we will be blessed far beyond what we can hope or imagine. We will see victories we once thought were impossible!"*

– "Streams in the Desert" from Carlo Carreto

May the Lord continue to release all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in you this week,

Father Tom Devery



### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**FIRST TIME:** John Grande & Devon O'Leary  
Anthony Bongiardino & Jennifer Romeo  
**SECOND TIME:** Derek Dieken & Juliana Formica

### **WEDDING WORKSHOP**

There will be a wedding workshop for brides and grooms at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next workshop: Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.)



### **SICK LIST**

Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Stephanie Cerchio, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Lorraine Hamer, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Ralph Quezada, Caesar Russo, Summer Marie Semerad, Sandy Trapani, Dora Valiente. **If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

### **HEALING MASS**


There will be a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30PM**. Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over. **(The next Healing Service will be on Nov. 17 at 7:30PM.)**

### **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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who received Confirmation this past week!**

- Our annual coat drive is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. If you would like to donate to the cause, please drop off coats at the school office **before 9 am** on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 
- A good time was had by all who attended our first ever Trunk-or-Treat! Special thanks to our Parents' Association for organizing this event for our children!

### TACHS

Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools  
Archdiocese of New York

Test Date: **Friday, November 6, 2015**


Registration Forms available at:

- [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com)
- Your local Catholic elementary or high school
- 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247) to request a copy

### STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE DATES 2015

Sunday, October 25 – St. Jos. by the Sea (boys) – 12-3 pm  
Sunday, Oct. 25 - St. Joseph Hill Acad. – 11:30 am – 2:30pm  
Sunday, November 1 – Notre Dame – 1-4 pm  
Sunday, November 1 - St. Peter's Boys – 1-4 pm

### SPORTS NEWS

OLSS/SIA Swimming Team Informational Meeting/Registration **October 28 @ 7pm** at Staten Island Academy (commons). For more info, contact Denise Uttaro, [deeutaro@gmail.com](mailto:deeutaro@gmail.com) or Christopher Bruno, (718) 303-7845. 



### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

Please return your "All Souls Remembrance" forms to the church as soon as possible and write the names of your deceased loved ones on the form. Please use these forms, not the Nov. 1 collection envelope to record the names. These memorial forms will be placed in our sanctuary in the **Basket of Remembrance** during the month of November.

### GROUP MEETINGS

**50 Plus Club** – Meets in the D'Amato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 13. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Damato Room in the Athletic Center.

**Bereavement Group** – New support group forming for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and is grieving. Join us as we journey from grief to healing on Wednesday, **October 28 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join and if you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

**Book Club** - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. Our first selection will be *The Long Loneliness-The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist Dorothy Day*. We will cover up to page 132. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**Holy Name Society** - Our next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **November 18th 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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Rehearsals are on **Mondays, at 3:45PM**, in the Church. Children who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. If you would like to join, come to rehearsal. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:15AM Mass on Sundays.

**TRADITIONAL CHOIR:** The Traditional Choir is looking for members 18 years or older. If you would like to join, come to rehearsal. **Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6PM, in the Church.** The Traditional Choir sings at the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays.

**CONTEMPORARY CHOIR:** Please note that we have lowered the age for the contemporary choir. If you are going into the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours. Rehearsals are in the Church on Sunday nights at 5:30 PM. The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7PM Mass on Sundays.

### USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

There will be an upcoming training for new ushers at all Masses. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact John Manetta, Sacristan, or call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

### ✓ Mark Your Calendar

#### 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, October 27**. 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.

### HEALTH CARE WHITE MASS

All health care professionals and students are invited to join us in the celebration of the Holy White Mass for Health Care Professionals, celebrating the contribution of healthcare workers of all faiths, and recognizing St. Luke, Author of the Gospel and beloved physician. The Mass will include a "Blessing of the Healing Hands."

Thursday, November 5 @ 7:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish, 30 Manor Rd, SINY

Presiders: Monsignor Peter Finn, Monsignor James Dorney,  
& Deacon Richard Salhany

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN PARISH SCHOOL HALL

Sponsored by: Catholic Mental Health Professionals of Staten Island. For further information, contact Dr. Constance Salhany at [csalhany@aol.com](mailto:csalhany@aol.com) or call (347) 273-1290

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

*Given by Fr. Basil Akut & sponsored by the  
St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community*

Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Adalbert's School Auditorium, 355 Morningstar Rd.

Donation: \$10 per person

Coffee and water will be served, please bring a bag lunch.

Kindly RSVP to Belle Parsons 718-273-5249 or Maria Ugenti 718-356-1886 if you would like to attend.

### FILL THESE HEARTS

*An evening with Christopher West*

Join best-selling author Christopher West as he explores the ancient but forgotten truth that our deepest desires of body and soul are meant to lead us to the infinite, to God. Experience an unforgettable introduction to Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body by one of today's most dynamic Catholic speakers.

When: Friday, November 13 from 7-9 pm

Where: Holy Child Church, 4747 Amboy Rd.

Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person and are available by emailing

[holychildmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:holychildmarriage@gmail.com) or online

at [www.corproject.com/events](http://www.corproject.com/events)



## Time is running out – Hurry in and Sponsor a 2015 OLSS Christmas Tree

Families of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2015 Advent Season.

- Each tree will be lit, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the parish grounds.
- A Lighting and Dedication Ceremony will be coordinated with more details to follow at a later date.
- The cost to dedicate a Christmas Tree is \$250 each. All proceeds will benefit our Parish.
- Trees must be reserved ASAP.
- Please note that there is a limited number of Trees that can be displayed on the grounds, so reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.
- No tree can be guaranteed without payment.
- If you have any questions, please email [olsshns@gmail.com](mailto:olsshns@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 718-984-0593.



## WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE *SHARING OUR GIFTS* CAMPAIGN

### *A Parish Campaign*

The *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign will help our parish increase its regular offertory and allow us to continue as a faith-filled house of worship.

Please consider sacrificially increasing your weekly offertory!

### Bus Trip to see "Miracle of Christmas" At Sight & Sound Theatre-Lancaster, PA

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015

Leaving: OLSS Parking Lot at 9:30AM

Lunch at Good'n Plenty Restaurant 12:30PM

Sight & Sound Show 2:45PM

Return approx. 7:45PM

Cost: \$115 per person (Show, lunch, bus & tips)

RSVP: by November 11, 2015

Make check payable to: OLSS

put "bus trip" on the memo line and submit with tear off sheet to:

OLSS Rectory Attn: Gail Decker

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Persons Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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 CLASSES 12 Noon – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>



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

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 27<sup>th</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.

### 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:

Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating, binge eating and other eating disorders using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA\*. (\*Adaption granted by AA World Services) Friday Night Meeting "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM Face-to-Face Meeting in our Basement Rectory Phone Meeting (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212 Access Code: 950-897# (Press \*6 to mute & unmute phone) For Additional Meetings and More Information Visit [www.sioa.org](http://www.sioa.org) or call 718-605-1393

#### STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

\*PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, 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 November 5.