




Sunday 1/29/12	Monday 1/30/12	Tuesday 1/31/12	Wednesday 2/01/12
<b>4th Sun Ordinary Time</b> <b>Roses for Life</b> <b>Blood Pressures</b> <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> <b>OLMA Book Fair</b> <b>Breakfast Parish Ctr.</b> <b>Catholic Schools Week</b> <b>Begins with 11AM Liturgy</b>	<b>Yoga 7PM</b>  		

**JANUARY 29, 2012  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



**SUNDAY, January 29<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 A.M. People of the Parish  
9:30 A.M. Bartolo Siino Marge Tort  
Giuseppina Cirasole  
11:00 A.M. Ema Koehler Ann Stancel  
Frank Parrillo

**MONDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup> -**

6:30 A.M. Margaret Buce

**TUESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup> - St. John Bosco**

6:30 A.M. People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup> -**

6:30 A.M. People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Presentation of the Lord**

6:30 A.M. Anna DeMattia (32<sup>nd</sup> Ann)

**FRIDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar**

6:30 A.M. Aloysius Hendricks (30<sup>th</sup> Ann)  
Leonard Gallagher

**SATURDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 A.M. Veronica Tibus Bolcar Taylor Buck  
Anthony Stalgaitis (40<sup>th</sup> Ann)

**SATURDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Vigil of 5<sup>th</sup> Sun Ordinary Time**

5:30 P.M. Salvatore Catizone Carmine LePore  
Serverio Melone Catherine Mills  
Louisa Bonitto

**SUNDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 A.M. Vezzosi Family  
Deceased Members of the Guerin Family  
9:30 A.M. Joseph Russin Joseph Raia  
11:00 A.M. Patrick Russo (29<sup>th</sup> Ann)  
Evelyn Manginelli (13<sup>th</sup> Ann)



**IN MEMORY**

The flowers on the altar this week are given in memory of William and Elinor Kuehner as a gift from their family.

**GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING**

<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7,510.00</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>\$ 9,534.58</b>
<b>Weekly Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR**

As we begin Catholic School's Week, it would be good to mention St. John Bosco the patron of teachers. And it is also good timing for it because on 31<sup>st</sup> of January we commemorate St. John Bosco. When St. John Bosco was 9 yrs old, he had the first of his 159 prophetic dreams, that left a profound impression on him for the rest of his life. He narrates the following dream: I dreamed that I was near my home, in a very large playing field where a crowd of children were having fun. Some were laughing, others were playing and not a few were cursing. I was so shocked at their language that I jumped into their midst, swinging wildly and shouting at them to stop. At that moment a man appeared, nobly attired. He was clad with a white flowing mantle, and his face radiated such light that I could not look directly at him. He called me by name and told me to place myself as the leader of those boys, adding these words: "You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows but with gentleness and kindness. So begin right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful". Confused and afraid, I replied that I was only a boy and unable to talk to these youngsters about religion. At that moment the fighting, shouting and cursing stopped and the crowd of boys gathered around the man who was talking. Almost unconsciously, I asked: but how can you order me to do something that looks so impossible? "What seems so impossible you must achieve by being obedient and by acquiring knowledge". "But where, how?" "I will give you a teacher under whose guidance you will learn". "But who are you?" "I am the Son of her whom your mother has taught you to greet three times a day". At that moment I saw beside him a Lady of majestic appearance, wearing a beautiful mantle, glowing as if bedecked with stars. She saw my confusion mount, so she beckoned me to her. Taking my hand with great kindness she said: "Look! I did so. All the children had vanished. In their place I saw many animals. There were goats, dogs, cats, bears and a variety of others. "This is your field, this is where you must work". The Lady told me: "Make yourself humble, steadfast and strong, and what you will see happen to these animals you will have to do for my children". I looked again; the wild animals had turned into as many lambs - gentle lambs - bleating a welcome for that Man and Lady. At this point of my dream I started to cry, and I begged the Lady to explain what it all meant because I was so utterly confused. She then placed her hand on my head and said: "In due time everything will be clear to you". After she had spoken these words, some noise awakened me; everything had vanished. I was completely bewildered. St. John Bosco understood this dream fully only when he was on his death bed when he saw again the beautiful lady who came to comfort him in these last moments of his earthly life. He was dying peacefully assured that thousands of poor, homeless boys and girls now had homes, bread to share and someone to love them. And all of this was and still is due to Our Lady Help of Christians who guided and helped St. John Bosco to build homes, schools, workshops, hospitals and churches. St. John Bosco founded the Congregation of Salesian Fathers and Sisters. At his death there were already 768 Salesians, and most of them were his former poor boys. They were taking care of more than 100,000 poor youngsters. Let us pray to Our Blessed Mother through the intercession of St. John Bosco to protect our Catholic Schools

Fr. Janusz

Thursday 2/02/12	Friday 2/03/12	Saturday 2/04/12	Sunday 2/05/12
		 Caring & Sharing Valentine Lunch Raffle	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time World Day of Sick Religious Formation Souper Bowl Sunday Coffee And... Caring & Sharing Valentine Lunch Raffle

**For everything there is a Reason and a Time  
for Every Purpose under Heaven**

**A Time to be Born...**

**Pray for the newly baptized**

Christian Joseph Mulligan, son of Joseph & Denise  
Reaghan Avery O'Connor, daughter of Brian & Marianne  
Eric Christopher Conklin, son of Christopher & Maria

**...A Time to Heal...**

**Pray for the sick**

Heidi Huston, Margaret McDonough, Isabella Schilare,  
William Dixon, Natasha Orehek, Susan Nicoll, Raven Dill,  
Joe Casarrubea, Jodie Merrill, Pat Fusco, Connor Davey,  
Addie Cinquino, Connie Delio, Rita Tironi, Paul Merrill,  
Eleanor Jagacinski, Sr., Marian Marfan, Angela Cassano,  
Elizabeth Logan, Carolyn Mangravite, Daniel Matakitis,  
Dominic Guida, Giovanna Cinquino, John Jaczyński,  
Bob Bark, Andy Reyes, Wanda Sarno, Shane Hakes,  
Jacqueline Gorman, Mike McLaughlin,  
Doris Hemptstead, Gene Reilly, Larry C, Colin Kennedy,  
Bill Van Hall, Ralph LeFevere, Madeline Guido,  
Robert DelPurgatorio, Charles Realmonte, John Oldach,  
Tom Hamtil, Elsa Salgado, Linda Ann Celeste, Mary Brosnoki,  
Sr. Mary Clare Curry, O.S.U, Agnes Ryan, Mona Savage,  
Pat Conforti, Greg Salko, John Strumolo Sr.,  
Joseph Russo, Joyce Ann Michaelson, Shirley Smiecinski,  
Al Noll, Stephen Donnelly, Jon Albanus, Martin Kellehr,  
Colton Ford Petronaci, Marie DeLuca, Jack Diesso,  
Emma Carothers, Patrick J. Asay, Jr., Marie Fantasia,  
Lucille Cocca, Mark Herkert, Cara Coughlin, Ted Sieka,  
William Bulman, Jean Albano, Joseph Mascia, John Stolfi,  
Kevin Mulligan, Roger, Carol, Bob Cassels, George Ciottone,  
Gilda Milano, Shamar, Steve Zahedi and Russell Cassella

**...A Time to Die...**

**Pray for the dead**

Please pray for those buried in St. Mary's Cemetery  
and for those who have died  
especially Ema Koehler and Loretta Conforti

**..A Time for Peace...**

Pray for peace and our enemies in our world,  
in our homeland, and in our Church

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Next weekend after all the liturgies our  
teens will be at the doors of the church  
collecting \$1 and a can of soup for  
"Souper Bowl Sunday". Donations  
collected will go to our food pantry.



Please be generous.

**LITURGY CORNER**



Have you ever wondered about the  
abbreviation A.S.A.P? Generally we think  
of it in terms of even more hurry and stress  
in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a  
different manner, we will begin to find a new way to  
deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet:  
You've got no time to spare, but as you hurry & scurry

**A.S.A.P - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

In the midst of family chaos, "quality time" is rare.

Do your best; let God do the rest -

**A.S.A.P - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

It seems like your worries are more than you can bear.

Slow down and take a breather -

**A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

God knows how stressful life is;

He wants to ease our cares,

and He'll respond to all your needs.

**A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

Have a blessed week!

Lisa



**FAITH AT HOME**

So many of us are searching for God in our  
family life. Father James Martin writes in his  
book "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything", "We're  
searching for something spectacular to convince us of  
God's presence. Yet it is in the simple things, common  
events, and common longings where God may be  
found." In 2012, why not make a commitment to be in  
tune to the presence of God in your family life and try  
this simple suggestions: **1. Forgiveness** - Moments of  
hurt and pain can become opportunities for  
reconciliation between family members. Don't brush the  
hurt aside; enter in and look for ways to bring about  
healing. **2. Lean into the grace** - You received it in  
baptism; you receive it each week in the Eucharist.  
Consciously look for God's grace in your life. When you  
need to do something difficult, know that you have the  
grace you need. **3. Allow awe into your family** - In the  
words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who is quoted  
in Fr. Martin's book, "Awe enables us to perceive in the  
world-imitations of the divine, to sense in small things  
the beginning of infinite significance, to sense the  
ultimate in the common and the simple".

Enjoy your week. Lisa

## OLM ACADEMY UPCOMING EVENTS

OLMA will present their annual spring play "Oliver" on May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars so that you will be able to join us for this wonderful production.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLM

**Lenten Fish Frys** will be back beginning with Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday. **Pre-Cana** will be held on Sat 3/10, for more info please call the Rectory at 973-887-0050. Caring & Sharing will hold their annual **St. Joseph's Bake Sale** the weekend of 3/18. There will be a special cake made by Lisa to be raffled off. **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** will be held on Sun 4/1 and our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Easter 4/8 following the 11AM Liturgy.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Our Lady of Mercy Academy is beginning Catholic Schools Week with the 11AM Mass today, Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> until Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year's theme is "Books Come Alive at OLMA". Our children will read their favorite books to other students, participate in our Book Fair and share literacy presentations with a partner class. Author Rachelle Burk will be visiting OLMA and will present an assembly and sign her book "A Tree House in a Storm". Students in grades K-8 are going on a curriculum enhancing field trip. We are truly looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week and all the week's exciting events and activities.

## LIVING WILLS



Our Health Ministry will hold a "Living Wills" presentation on Tues 2/7 beginning at 7PM. Come learn about advanced directives/living wills and the important documents to prepare as we age. The presentation will be provided by Brandy Johnson, an Oncology Social Worker at St. Clare's Hospital. All are invited to join us. Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Dittrick at 973-428-4996 if you will be able to join us.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION



There will be Religious Formation next Sun 2/5 for Pre-S - 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. Our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders will also meet gathering for the 11AM Liturgy and their session will go from 12 - 1:30 PM. For more info, please contact the Religious Formation Office at 973-887-0767 or email at: [olmreligedwhip@aol.com](mailto:olmreligedwhip@aol.com)



## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU YOGA ON THE BALL

A new 8 week program will be on Monday 1/30 at 7PM in the Pre-S classroom. Cost is \$80 for an 8 week program. 2 months of "Yoga on the Ball" with instructor, Mary Poole. Any questions or for more information, call Valerie Ward at 973-386-1283 or email her at: [nurse194@aol.com](mailto:nurse194@aol.com)

## K OF C BLOOD DRIVE



The K of C Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #6904 will hold its semi-annual "Jerry Martino Memorial Blood Drive" on Sat 2/4 from 9AM - 3PM at Notre Dame Church. Blood supplies are very low, so every pint is important. If your last blood donation was on or before 12/15/11, you are an eligible donor. Donations take approx 30 mins and a photo ID is required. Donors must be age 16 or older and weigh at least 120 lbs. If you are 16 yrs old, you must have a parent accompany you. All donors will receive a free \$10 ShopRite gift card. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Cetruolo at 973-267-3352.

## OLM MARDI GRAS BEEFSTEAK



Our Lady of Mercy will hold their first "Mardi Gras Beefsteak" on Sat 2/18 from 6:30 - 10:30 PM in our Parish Center. Admission is \$35 pp and includes all you can eat beefsteak dinner, live music and door prizes. B.Y.O.B. Live music provided by Jim Keefe. For more info contact Carmen Blandino. See the flyers found at the doors of the church. Please join us for an evening of Fun, Food and Music!

## DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY



All members of our Parish Family are encouraged to participate in a six-week Lenten program called *Disciples On The Journey*. Adults and Teens are invited to become part of small faith-sharing groups that will meet for 90 minutes either in members' homes, at the Ministry House or the Parish Center. Each group will listen to and reflect on the Scriptures for the coming weekend's Liturgy. With the help of a volunteer group facilitator and the use of the *Disciples On the Journey* booklet, members will have the opportunity to share their stories of faith and tell how they feel the Word of God relates to their everyday lives. The program that we will be using also includes six sessions for families with young children to use at home by themselves or with another family. If you would like to use the program as a family, please contact Lisa. Next weekend sign up forms will be available. For more information, please contact Lisa in the Ministry Office 973-887-0767 or email at: [olmlitminwhip@aol.com](mailto:olmlitminwhip@aol.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Compassionate Care Hospice is looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the quality of a hospice patient's life. Do you enjoy visiting with people in need? Helping run errands? Do you have a special skill you would like to share? We are looking for Volunteers to visit with patients in their homes and in nursing homes. We are also looking for Certified Pet Therapy, Music Therapy and Office Volunteers. Free training is provided to become a hospice volunteer. For more information, please contact Anita Uotinen, Volunteer Coordinator at 973-402-4712 or email [Autotinen@cchnet.net](mailto:Autotinen@cchnet.net)



