


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



Second
Sunday
of Lent

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 *The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
For All Parishioners*

 The Altar Guild would like to offer all members of the Parish an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones on a birthday, anniversary, or a memorial event by placing flowers on the altar. The book with available dates is located on the bookshelf in the lobby.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
4:30pm **Kol Gjuraj** (req. by family)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
9:00am **Vincent Morano**
(req. by Joan & Paul Paolucci)
11:00am **Rory & Christopher Barry**
(req. by Verina)



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
8:00am **Kazimerz & Henrik Uzieblo**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8:00am **Stefan & Lucyna Smolik**
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8:00am **Rory Barry** (req. by Annette Arase)
THURSDAY, MARCH 1
8:00am **David Stanczyk** (req. by N. Papageorge)
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
8:00am **Alicja Dybowska & jej Maz**
(req. by Doibrynski family)
SATURDAY, MARCH 3
4:30pm **Rose grant Cahoon** (req. by W.P Ryan family)
SUNDAY, MARCH 4
9:00am **All Parishioners**
11:00am **Bernard Rafferty** (req. by O'Rourke family)



2nd Sunday of Lent

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether. Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation. Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor. A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.



Parish Lenten Retreat
Mother Olga Yaqob,
also known as
"The Mother Theresa of Bagdad"
March 5th, 6th & 7th
At 7pm

We are so excited for this year's retreat speaker — Mother Olga Yaqob, foundress of The Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, a new religious community of sisters. Mother Olga was born in Iraq and has lived through four Iraqi wars. She has lost family and friends to war, and experienced first hand persecution for her faith, and yet she has a message filled with hope! Her love and abiding faith in our merciful God is inspiring. She is a dynamic speaker with a powerful message that will encourage us this Lenten season to prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter with abundant joy and the peace that comes through faith.



WEEKLY COLLECTION:
This Year (02-18-18)
\$ 4,555;
Last Year (02-19-17)
\$ 4,017;



Every Friday
of Lent at
7PM



SAVE the DATE!

March 10-11:
OLSS Parish
Ministry Fair

Representatives from
Malta House, New Covenant Center,
St. Joseph's Parenting Center,
HomeFront and Building One Community
will provide information on the works being
done by their organizations and how the
members of our parish ministries can participate.



FORMED.org - Access coming soon to
OLSS! FORMED is...

- an amazing website with something for all ages: movies, video studies, an audio bible, audiobooks, testimonies and other inspiring talks, and e-books.
 - a great tool to build holy habits with opportunities to give your soul nourishment every day.
- available on your computer and phone.
This spiritual food will be made available **FREE** to all OLSS parishioners by the end of March.

Check out the trailer!

www.tinyurl.com/formedtrailer

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

What better way to remember a friend or loved one then with a candle? Our Church Sanctuary Candle burns the entire week for individual intentions noted in our bulletin during the week requested.



We now carry cards for candle requests!



Save the Date!
The next OLSS Book Club Meeting will be Saturday, April 14th. Join us for a discussion of *The Story of a Soul* by St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

More details to follow

March 3-10: Clothing Drive for Norwalk Open Door Shelter
Lightly worn outerwear such as pants, shirts, light jackets for men, women, children. New socks, underwear (tee shirts, shorts)



St. Joseph's Parenting Center and New Covenant Center are looking for donations of: Cereal, Pasta, Rice, Baby food, Canned foods: Fish and meat, vegetables and fruits, canned pasta, stew and soups, Peanut butter and Jelly, Beans (black, pink, red), Tomato sauce, Tea mix and bags, Lemonade mix,

Prepared meals, Baking goods, including small bags of flour, Sugar and Vegetable oil. Donations can be left in the basket in the church lobby. Thank you for your continued generosity.

OLSS: Rosary Prayer Group

The rosary prayer group would like to include you in our prayers. A box has been placed on the bookshelves for you to place your intentions. We will pray for all intentions at our next meeting.

All are welcome.

Questions or prayer requests can be sent to

Mary Sabato; marytso718@gmail.com or call 914-714-5806



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