

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, April 22

4:00PM Domenick Manzolillo
5:30PM Mario & Mary Schiera

Sunday, April 23

8:00AM Joseph & Andrea DeLuca
9:15AM Ann DeFalco
10:30AM Anthony, Catherine & Concetta DeLuca
12 Noon Salvatore Iacono, Rosa Tomasi & Teresa Busacca
1:15PM Brigida Sanfillippo
7:00 PM Joanne & John Quattrocchi

Monday, April 24

9:00AM Anna & Louis Friscia

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 AM Karen Leyton

Wednesday, April 26

9:00AM Joseph Sullivan & Juliette Radice

Thursday, April 27

9:00AM Alex Inserra
 & the Deceased Members of the Caruso Family

Friday, April 28

9:00AM Sara Jesselli

Saturday, April 29

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Ricciardi
 & Carlone Families
4:00PM Deceased Members of the DiAntonio
 & Gesualdi Families
5:30PM Angelo Ugenti

Sunday, April 30

8:00AM John McSorley
9:15AM Sidney Stacey, Sr. & Anna Stacey
10:30AM Jody Haggerty
12 Noon Edith Ponzi
1:15PM Dominick D'Amico
7:00 PM Anna DiPiazza



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Thomas Izzo & Krystie DeCicco

Third Time: Matthew Medaglia & Jennifer Reinhart

Third Time: Leonardo Sancì & Alessandra Troiano

Third Time: Ronald Shatilla & Maria Sciandra

Third Time: Michael Lombardo & Jennifer White

Third Time: Daniel Clark & Danielle Daprian

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, April 30** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass
at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Sunday, June 11 at 2 pm**. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact the rectory for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, **May 12th**. The event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of April 23-29
 Given in Memory of
Warren Johnsen

From your loving wife, children & grandchildren

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, April 29

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, April 29

4:00PM A Lazzara, A Petrocelli, J Uhlman, L Barbato
 & C Argano
5:30PM J Cimino, F Ruggiero, A Dazio, M Lappin & V Acri

Lectors –Sunday, April 30

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM J Zinsley
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon M Newell
1:15 PM T Solimeo
7:00 PM A Medeiros

Eucharistic Ministers, April 30

8:00AM A Sparandera, M Molinini, M Ennis, P Zoltowski,
 & J Stanzione
9:15AM Sr. Rosemary, L Capobianco, S Hitchcock, J Prato
 & J Gatto
10:30AM J&C Gerace, T Strange, C Ordy, & B Barone
12 Noon F&R Marino, E&G Rizzo
1:15PM R LaMonica, MA Russo, G LaGrua, M Recanatini
 & B Nicholson
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, C Houle, A Zuffante, & J Limeri

Altar Servers, Saturday, April 29

4:00PM E Harris, K Marchisella
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers, Sunday, April 30

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM M Esposito
10:30AM F&A Aurti
12 Noon B&M Stackhouse, P Marone
1:15PM N Cammarato
7:00PM R Faljean

Sincere Condolences



The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

*Mary Boyce, Patricia Aber, Giuseppe Italia,
 Rita Leyton, Richard Famiglietti*

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS
Saturday, June 3 @ 5:30 Mass



Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2017 will be honored here at OLSS on **Saturday, June 3rd at the 5:30 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 **Wednesday, May 24th** between 9 am – 4 pm and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

Easter Season Blessings be upon you! This Sunday is the Feast of the Divine Mercy, which was widely promulgated by St. John Paul II and involves the writings and apparitions from Jesus to St. Faustina. The Gospel today focuses on Doubting Thomas probing the nail prints and the side of Jesus and exclaiming, "My Lord and My God". Jesus replies to Thomas saying, "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe."

It was 16 years ago on this feast that the chapel of Perpetual Adoration was dedicated to the Divine Mercy of Jesus at Holy Child Church. Except for snowstorms, every day for 24/7 the chapel has been open to the faithful to come and adore the precious presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This has truly been a work of God, and untold blessings have happened.

The Novena to the Divine Mercy began on Good Friday and culminates on this Sunday, with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy being recited. Our own Father Joseph Roesch, M.I.C. will host this chaplet for EWTN television network at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at 3 PM. What is the essential understanding of this doctrine? Jesus is risen from the dead and yet points to his wounded heart, with two rays of light, one red, one white, representing the water and the blood that flowed from the side of Christ after his death on the Cross. This is the source of sacramental life of the Church: Baptism and Eucharist. Divine Mercy is reminding us that not only did Jesus rise from the dead, but He forgave all our sins. We are called to come to Jesus and yield to that mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once forgiven, we are called to be merciful to one another.

Holy Child Church will be conducting a Divine Mercy Mission from 3-6:30PM in the Forum and then the Church. There are special graces for those who repent on this day. If you are free, please come and join with us.

On Tuesday of Easter Week, the Gospel narrative of the encounter of the Risen Christ with Mary Magdalene in the Garden was proclaimed. Father David pointed out that the very first spoken words of Jesus in the Gospel of John were, "What are you looking for?" At the empty tomb in the garden, Mary Magdalene, in her grief does not recognize Jesus, and thinking he was a gardener, hears Jesus say to her, "Who are you looking for?" This question is asked from all of us up and down the centuries. It is a question that strikes to the very root of all our hearts: "What is our deepest desire?"

Father David raised a rhetorical question. "Have you ever opened your refrigerator door three or four times, and you are not hungry, but you are looking for something to eat?" That is a longing. We all have longings that seek to be fulfilled. When we are down, depressed or disillusioned we look for love in all the wrong places.

Today there are many 12-step programs that have flowed from the original Alcoholics Anonymous: Pills Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Sex and Lovers Anonymous, Sex Addicts Anonymous and Workaholics Anonymous. All of these point to searching for something deep within our desires. All of these programs invite seekers to turn to a higher power. Even God is anonymous in these lifesaving programs.

Saint Augustine, in summing up his misspent youth and finding Jesus and experiencing his mercy, gave us the famous quote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Jesus is rich in mercy. He waits for us to invite Him into our hearts. Let this be the day during this Easter Season, that we make room for him.

When Saint John Paul II spoke to the young people in the year 2000 in Rome for World Youth Day he nailed it with these words.

Discover your Christian Roots, learn about Church's history, deepen your knowledge of the spiritual heritage, which has been passed onto you, and follow in the footsteps of the witnesses and teachers who have gone before you! Only by staying faithful to God's commandments, to the Covenant, which Christ sealed with His blood poured out on the Cross-will you be the apostles and witnesses of the new millennium.

It is the nature of human beings, and especially youth, to seek the Absolute, the meaning and fullness of life. Dear young people do not be content with anything less than the highest ideals! Do not let yourselves be dispirited by those who are disillusioned with life and have grown deaf to the deepest and most authentic desires of the heart. You are right to be disappointed with hollow entertainment and passing fads, and with aiming at too little in life. If you have an ardent desire for the Lord, you will steer clear of the mediocrity and conformism so widespread in our society.

You are the light of the world. For those who first heard Jesus, as for us, the symbol of light evokes the desire for truth and the thirst for the fullness of knowledge, which are imprinted deep within every human being. When light fades or vanishes altogether, we no longer see things as they really are. In the heart of the night, we can feel frightened and insecure, and we impatiently await the coming of the light of dawn. Dear young people, it is up to you to be the watchmen of the morning who announce the coming of the sun who the Risen Christ! -Pope John Paul, Rome 2000

May the deepest desire and longing of our hearts be finding Christ in all his Divine Mercy and be filled with His Easter gifts. A Blessed Easter to all of you!

Fr. Tom Devery



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Catherine Biondillo, Janice Blanchard, Serafina Carlone, Dominick D'Argenio, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Chelsea Dutton, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Anthony Medeiros, Anne Merlino, Lily Monaco, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Jerry Porta, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Melissa Randazzo & Baby, Caesar Russo, Alex Sepiol, Robert Stranberg Sr. **Please Note: Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.**

Healing Mass

There will be a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Service will be May 16 @ 3:30 pm.)*

University Hospice Training

University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer. The next volunteer training will be held on **Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 am** at University Hospice, 78 Meisner Avenue, SI, NY. For more information or to register for the training, please call 718-226-6458.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to Betty Hayden! Our own "Miss Betty" is being honored today with The Golden Cross Award for Education. Miss Betty is one of 22 members from our Catholic Schools here on Staten Island being honored with this Outstanding Catholic Community Award. Thank you for all you do for the students, faculty, staff and administration at Our Lady Star of the Sea!

• In honor of Administrative Professionals Day, we would like to extend a BIG thank you to Miss Betty, Mrs. Conklin, and Mrs. Maratta for all they do behind the scenes to keep OLSS running smoothly. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!

• We hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break! School resumes on April 24th.

• The New York State Math Exams, for children in grades 3-8, will take place on May 2, 3 & 4.

• Report cards will be viewable to the parents by the end of the school day on April 26th.

OLSS SOCCER REGISTRATION



Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory for all players, which include PeeWee, 3YO, and SIYSL players. Fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. Visit www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details.

PLEASE NOTE: if you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

OLSS J.V. Cheerleading Tryouts

Tuesday, April 25th & Wednesday, April 26th
(Must attend BOTH days!)



From 4-6 pm at Athletic Edge Gym (10 Nassau Place)

We welcome girls entering 4th, 5th, & 6th grades in September, 2017. Please wear shorts and sneakers. For more information, call Elaine 917-797-3941 or Ronnie 718-757-1846.

OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP

Wednesday, July 5th through Friday, August 18th
9:00am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade in September 2017)



Camp Pricing:

\$260 full day-weekly, \$85 full day-daily
\$185 half day-weekly, \$50 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for September 2017

All students currently attending our program have received re-registration forms during the month of April. Please return the forms to your child's teacher or mail to the Religious Education office **before May 18, 2017** to take advantage of our reduced rates. Anyone needing evening classes must return their re-registration form no later than **May 4, 2017**.

Please bring the following required documents to registration:

- We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- First Holy Communion & Penance Certificate, if the sacrament has already been received.

Registration fees BEFORE May 18, 2017 are:

Day Sessions: \$225 for one child; \$300 for two or more children
Wednesday Evenings: \$275 for one child; \$375 for 2 or more children

Registration fees AFTER May 18, 2017 are:

Day Sessions: \$275 for one child and \$350 for two or more
Wednesday Evenings: \$325 for one child; \$425 for two or more

FIRST GRADE & NEW REGISTRATIONS

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish prior to registering in the Religious Education Program. Proof of Parish registration is required (envelope number).

Registration for **First Grade and New Registrations** will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on the following dates:

First Grade and New Registrations Only

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - 4:30PM – 5:30PM
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 4:30PM - 5:30PM

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Quaglia at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, May 12 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Widows Club – A new group will be available for widows to come together and share their experiences together. The next meeting will be **Thurs., April 27** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – There will be a new session beginning in the fall. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

Book Club – The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday May 4**, at 7:30 PM in the OLSS Rectory. New members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* by Neal Lozano. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wed., May 3 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, call 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.



The Cardinal's Appeal Supports Our

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

& RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS



with \$2 MILLION
ENRICHING OUR YOUTH THROUGH
FAITH AND TEACHING

The schools in the Department of Education serve more than 93,000 students in rural, urban and suburban settings. In addition to coursework in Catholic religious and sacramental preparation, the schools also provide young people with service opportunities.

2017 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. Our Lady Star of the Sea continues to make progress towards meeting our goal of **\$179,500**. To date, approximately **271 families** have made pledges totaling **\$109,975**. We are at **61%** of our goal.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal
1011 First Ave., 14th Floor Donor Database Center
New York, New York 10022-4112

Suggested total pledge: 5 Monthly Payments of:

\$5,000.....	\$1,000
\$2,500.....	\$500
\$1,000.....	\$200
\$500.....	\$100
\$250.....	\$50

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parish _____

E-Mail _____

Total Gift _____ Amt Enclosed _____

Balance _____

Choose your payment method:

Personal check payable to: **The Cardinal's Appeal**

Credit Card (complete below): American Exp – Visa – MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Amt \$ _____

Please charge:

One Time Amt of \$ _____ OR \$ _____ each month for _____ months.

Signature: _____

Cluster Corner – Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM,
4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 6123 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 10 AM (Italian), 11 AM, 1 PM, & 6 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri. 7 & 8 AM, Sat. 8 AM

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Mother's Day spiritual bouquet cards are available this year. They may be found in the pews and in the racks at the back of the church. All of the mothers' names submitted on the envelopes will be placed in a remembrance basket in front of the altar throughout May. These mothers will be remembered in **all** Masses offered in our church on Mother's Day, and during the month of May. Donations for the card may be placed in the envelope provided and put in the collection or brought/ mailed to the Rectory Office. These cards are suitable for both living and deceased mothers. Give Mom the gift of prayer this Mother's Day!

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 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place at 2:15 PM in the Church. **PLEASE NOTE: Beginning July 2, 2017, Baptism Ceremonies will take place EVERY Sunday at 2 pm. Classes will remain the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 12 Noon.**

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Goretti Group Event

Friday, May 5th 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Join us Friday, May 5th for our Cinco de Mayo event complete with taco dinner and a talk by Barbara Weir on how the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is linked to the Theology of the Body and the ancient Aztec/Mexican culture. The event will begin at 6:30 PM with music and confession, followed by Mass at 7 PM. Dinner and talk will follow. Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314).

12 Step & Community Meetings

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 5:30PM

Addiction Angels – There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Thursday, April 27 at 7 pm** in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

12 Step Night of Reflection: 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 **May 4**.