

Our Lady Star of the Sea
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, September 2

4:00PM Stephen John Pinto
5:30PM Verna Murolo

Sunday, September 3

8:00AM Palma Oliva
9:30AM Joseph Arena
11:00AM Domenico & Isabella Grieco
12:30PM Daniel Twomey
7:00 PM Jack Sofia

Monday, September 4

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

Tuesday, September 5

9:00 AM Summer Marie Semerad

Wednesday, September 6

9:00AM Summer Marie Semerad

Thursday, September 7

9:00AM Paul Cordaro

Friday, September 8

9:00AM Summer Marie Semerad

Saturday, September 9

9:00AM Joseph Arena
4:00PM Dora & Edward DiAntonio & Mary Hughes
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, September 10

8:00AM Christopher Amoroso
9:30AM Elizabeth "Betty" Pappas
11:00AM Pasquale Zanfardino
12:30PM Paul Sheeran
7:00 PM Adrienne Sienicki & Antoinette Bartuccelli

Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Michael Ferrante & Jennifer Martins

1st Time: Michael Guarnaccia & Ashley Tolino

1st Time: Steven Favorito & Cheryl Fink

2nd Time: Louis Conklin & Brittany Muraca

2nd Time: Kurt Larsen & Christina DiCarlo

2nd Time: Theodore Marotta & Amanda Lando

3rd Time: Robert Humphrey & Kristin Liberto



Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, October 29** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



CLUSTER PILGRIMAGE
to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy
(in Stockbridge, Massachusetts)
Tuesday, October 3, 2017

\$40 per person (includes the price of the bus, please bring your own lunch and refreshments). Bus will leave OLSS Athletic Center Parking lot at 6 am, and will depart the Shrine at 3:30 p.m. for the return trip home. Register and pay for the pilgrimage at the OLSS Rectory. Please make checks payable to OLSS. For further information, please call Maria & Dcn. Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or email maria.quadrino@gmail.com.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of September 3-9
Given in Memory of
Morton Perlman

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 9

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 9

4:00PM L Barbato, J Coscia, B Weir, G Fiumefreddo & Dcn. Quadrino
5:30PM A Dazio, J Uhlman, G Decker, M & Dcn. Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, September 10

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM C Ambrosino
7:00 PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, September 10

8:00AM M Molinini, J Stanzione, A Sparandera, L Bauer, & M Randazzo
9:30AM L Capobianco, J Gatto, L Appel, M Iacono, T Strange
11:00AM C Messina, J&C Gerace, J Tolento, N Fallacaro
12:30PM C Belvedere, S Catalano, A McCoy, B Peters, & MA Russo
7:00PM E Bellina, J Limeri, M Recanatini, M Sprague & K Melka

Altar Servers, Saturday, September 9

4:00PM V Pavlick, J Oliveri
5:30PM C&C Nieves, D Heidell

Altar Servers, Sunday, September 10

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM P Marone, J Oliveri
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse
7:00PM S&N&A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

Virginia Andrews, Rose Ullrich, Caterina Pollari

Eve of Solemn Remembrance Mass

Wednesday, September 6 at 7 pm

Our Lady of Pity Church (1616 Richmond Ave, SI, NY)

Monsignor Edmund Whalen, Main Celebrant & Homilist

Sacred Music by Maura Molloy at 7 pm, followed by
concelebrated Mass at 7:30 pm.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Staten Island

For further information, contact Joseph P. Delaney, Director,
Notre Dame Alumni Club of Staten Island at 718-967-9825.

Labor Day Rectory Hours

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday,
September 4 in observance of Labor Day. It will reopen
on Tuesday, September 5.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

In 2014 when I was at Our Lady of Pity Parish, I received an invitation from a parishioner to join several men on a mission to Kingston, Jamaica and volunteer a week of service alongside the Brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor. They conduct 5 centers for street people, abandoned people, and people who are physically and mentally challenged who, if it weren't for these heroic brothers, would be uncared for. Recently, the founder of their community, Father Richard Ho Lung, M.O.P., made a request to come to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish to hold a concert with their 5 tenors and he himself would like to come and preach to us during Lent. We are settling on a date. I am exploring March 3-2018, during the first week of Lent. Father Richard's testimony to the love of God is powerful. He was born into a Chinese-Buddhist family in Kingston and attended a Jesuit High School there. He eventually converted to Catholicism and joined the Jesuits in the 1960's and for a while taught at Boston College. Not unlike Mother Teresa of Calcutta, he received a call within a call to leave the Jesuits and he formed the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston. Like Mother Teresa, the small band of brothers bought abandoned industrial buildings and turned them into shelters for the homeless. About 10 years ago, the order had about 45 members and there was a terrible tragedy. Two of the young brothers were washing pots in their monastery and a gunman opened fire on them with a rifle. They were martyrs. Since then, the order exploded with vocations to their brotherhood, and a group of women formed the Missionary Sisters of the Poor to care for elderly and pregnant women in crisis. Their order has over 600 brothers serving in India, Indonesia, Philippines, Uganda, Kenya, Haiti, Jamaica and North Carolina. They give free service to the poor and their three hours of prayer each day gives them the energy and faith they need to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ. I have been going for the last 4 years and I learn so much from the "philanthropy of the poor". Our seminarian Carmine Caruso joined me on my second trip and it was that experience that empowered him to give up his career as an engineer and enter the seminary to become a priest. Our next opportunity to serve will be March 13-19, 2018. I will confirm the dates when I have more information.

For all you Beatles Fans, there is a Beatle Mania Stage show sponsored by the United States Island Veterans Organization as a fundraiser for the Society of Saint Paul. This will be held on Saturday October 14, 2017 from 7-11 pm at the Sgt. Michael Labetti Post, 390 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island 10305, and the cost is \$70 per person. Contact information can be made with James Haynes III, 718-987-1609.

With all that has been happening in the world, in our cities, and in our stressed lives I was tremendously encouraged when I read this section from "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young. This book is a series of meditations and in it, Christ speaks in the first person. This is taken from the reflection for August 20, 2017. It is based on the words of Sacred Scripture: Psalm 103:3, James 4:2; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; and Matthew 7:7.

"I am a God who heals. I heal broken bodies, broken minds, broken hearts, broken lives and broken relationships. My very Presence has immense healing powers. You cannot live close to Me without experiencing some degree of healing. However, it is also true that you have not because you ask not. You receive the healing that naturally flows from my Presence, whether you seek it or not. But there is more – much more—available to those who ask.

The first step in receiving healing is to live ever so close to Me. The benefits of this practice is too numerous to list. As you grow more and more intimate with Me, I reveal my will for you directly. When the time is right, I prompt you to ask for healing of some brokenness in you or in another person. The healing may be instantaneous, or it may be a process. That is up to Me. Your part is to trust Me fully and to thank Me for the restoration that has begun.

I rarely heal all the brokenness in a person's life. Even My servant Paul was told, "My grace is sufficient for you", when he sought healing for the thorn in his flesh. Nevertheless, much healing is available to those whose lives are intimately interwoven with Mine. Ask and you will receive."

May the Lord bless you as we wind down these wonderful days of summer.

Fr. Tom Devery

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Charles Boland, Sarah Brodine, Christine C., Serafina Carlone, Victor Cervone, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Cindy Diaz, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lamantia Thomas Lanza, James Ledger, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Robert Stranberg Sr., Dustan Vasquez, Lisa Vasquez, Sarah Weathers **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, September 5 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, September 19 at 3:30 pm.**

RCIA - Come Experience God's Love

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. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

• As we enjoy the last weekend of summer, here are some reminders for the start of the 2017-2018 school year:

***Thursday, September 7** is a full day for students in grades 1-8
*School begins at 8:10 am and dismissal is at 2:50 pm. Doors open at 7:50 am.

*All students must be in complete summer uniform.

*Don't forget to send lunch.

*Bus service will be available for students in grades 1-8.

*Kindergarten students should arrive at **9 am on Thursday, September 7**, and dismissal will be at 1:30 pm. Friday 9/8 will be a regular school day: 8:10 am – 2:40 pm.

*Send lunch in with your child.

*Bus service for Kindergarten students will begin on Monday, September 11.

*We will continue to use the drop off line for morning arrival. The drop off line is for you to STOP and then DROP your child off at school. Please do not get out of your car at drop off.

*ALL parents should enter the grounds from the Amboy Road entrance by the rectory, and continue to the main entrance of the school.

*Pull down as far as possible in the driveway; two doors will be open for the children to enter the school, the main entrance and the doors closest to Amboy Rd.

*For the safety of ALL our students, please DO NOT pass other cars in the drop off line, as there will be students exiting these cars.

*If an adult needs to get out of the car for ANY reason, including taking backpacks out of your car, we ask that you park your car and walk your child to the front door.

*At dismissal, ALL cars are to exit onto Amboy Rd (via the exit between the church and school) OR Huguenot Ave. NO car should try to exit the parking lot until all children have been dismissed at 2:50 and the gate is opened by security or maintenance.

We are looking forward to a great 2017-2018 school year!

SAVE THE DATES...

- Back to School Night – Thursday, September 14 at 7 pm
- Parents' Association Meeting – Thursday, September 21 at 7 pm
- 8th Grade Parents Fashion Show Mtg – Mon., Sept. 25 at 9 am

OLSS STAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS

The OLSS Star Players will be holding auditions for its winter production of "It's Never too Early for Christmas."

Singing Auditions: Mon., Sept 12 & Tues., Sept. 13 from 6-9 pm
(Come prepared with a Christmas song)

Dance Auditions: Friday, Sept 14 from 6-9 pm
(Dress to dance, dancers will learn a combination)

Acting Auditions: Sept. 12 & 13th from 6-9 pm. (Children will be given a short monologue upon arrival to rehearse before auditioning)

Show Dates: November 10, 11 & 12
(Must be available for all show dates)

All Auditions will be held in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center and are first come, first serve. Auditions are open to children ages 4 through college.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Please see the following information if you are interested in joining a choir. All rehearsals are held in the church. If you would like to join a choir, please come to the rehearsal.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Children who are in the 1st through 6th grade are eligible. Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 3:45 PM.

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: The Traditional Choir sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays, and is open to members 18 years or older. Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6 PM.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7 p.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. If you are going into the 7th Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2016-2017 will take place on **Tuesday, September 5 from 11 am – 1 pm**. You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and your parish envelope number when registering for Religious Education. If you are not a parishioner and would like to register, please visit the Rectory from 9 am – 4 pm Monday – Friday or call 718-984-0593. For questions, please call the Religious Ed office at 718-984-1885.

2017-18 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Monday, Sept. 11	Grade 7	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Grade 2	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 14	Grades 5 & 6	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Grade 1	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 20	Grades 1-7	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Grade 8	3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 5	Special Needs	(A) 3:45 – 4:15 pm (B) 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, September 15 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Widowed Club – A group is available for widows to come together and share their experiences together. The next meeting will be **Thurs., September 7** 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 on **Wed., Sept. 27 at 7 pm in the Rectory**. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we invite you to join us.

Book Club The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thurs., Sept. 14, at 7:30 PM** in the OLSS Rectory. Our next selection is *Fatima for Today: The Urgent Message of Hope* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.E.R. 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., Sept. 13 at 8 pm** in O'Mara Hall Room. 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.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Legion of Mary – Due to the Labor Day Holiday, there will **NOT** be a Legion of Mary meeting on Monday, September 4. The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, September 11 at 7:15 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. There will be Guardian Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily chapel from **12 Noon – 5 pm on Friday, September 8**. The Legion of Mary would like to visit anyone who is homebound to bring communion or just to sit and keep company.

OLSS CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 OLSS CYO Basketball Season is now open. All registrations should be completed by visiting the website www.olssbasketball.com & clicking the "Click Here to Register Now" button to complete your online registration. If you have any questions, please contact them through the web for a rapid reply. CYO is available for boys and girls in grades 1-8. Tryouts for grades 3-8 will take place **Sept. 9th & 10th**. Attendance at both tryouts is mandatory. For exact tryout times, please visit the website. Please make sure to review the new social media policies.

Fall 2017 Intramural Registration

Registration for OLSS Intramural for grades K-8 is now being accepted online at www.olssbasketball.com. All registrations will be done online on the new, easy to use website. Should you have any questions, please contact them through the website.

2017 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. OLSS continues to make progress; we are only **\$10,860** away from our goal of **\$179,500**. Please prayerfully consider making a donation.

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: _____

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 Ceremonies

EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22,
 November 12 & 26

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Baptism Ceremonies take place in the Church EVERY Sunday at 2 pm.

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.

3rd Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2017 Advent Season. Each tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. Trees must be reserved no later than October 1st. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return with payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this form & payment to the Rectory:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2017 Christmas Tree Drive

5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312

Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

_____ *Memorialized for deceased*

_____ *Dedicated to loved ones- living*

_____ *Personal Family Christmas Greeting*

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ *Check enclosed for \$250, payable to OLSS*



✓ Mark Your Calendar

Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus

Conheaney Golf Classic

Monday, September 25, 2017

at the South Shore Golf Course
 (200 Huguenot Ave, SI, NY 10312)

For more information and for reservations,
 call Karl Emigholz, PGK, Chairman at (646) 662-2034

Cluster Corner

Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times – 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

Parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas-St. John Neumann

Mass times at St. Thomas - 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

Mass times at St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

