

Our Lady Star of the Sea
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, November 18

4:00PM Lucia & Benedetta Palomba & Beth Ann Archipoli
5:30PM Nicholas Alessi

Sunday, November 19

8:00AM Paul Chevront
9:30AM Rocco Morro
11:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
 and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro
12:30PM Lillian Visceglia & Rose Nattoli
7:00 PM Francine Trupiano

Monday, November 20

9:00AM Angelina Consolmagno

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 AM Anthony Pepe
7:30 PM People of OLSS

Wednesday, November 22

9:00AM Annamarie Tobin

Thursday, November 23

9:00AM Marie Cancelleri

Friday, November 24

9:00AM Antoinette C. Marinaccio

Saturday, November 25

9:00AM Dominick Zizzamia
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Cathy Decker

Sunday, November 26

8:00AM Florence Casazza
9:30AM Robert Volpe
11:00AM Luciano Di Giallonardo
12:30PM Frank Bronzo
7:00 PM Deceased Members of the Florentino
 & Orfano Families

Banns of Marriage



2nd Time: Albert Danza & Leandra Manfredini
3rd Time: Igor Yakovlev & Ashley Yelverton

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 25** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their *wedding music at this time*.



**Thanksgiving Mass
 Food Collection for the Needy**

The principal Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 PM**. Let us give thanks as a community for all our blessings. The Boy Scouts will be collecting non-perishable foods for the pantry at Project Hospitality such as canned vegetables & fruits, cereals, pastas, canned meats, beans, tuna & peanut butter, which will be picked up after Mass. There will be a daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd at 9 AM. ***If you know of a needy family who could use some help for the holidays, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. All calls will be kept confidential.***

**The Sanctuary Lamp for the
 Week of November 19-25**

Given in Memory of

Marie Cancelleri

Donated by OLSS Staff

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, November 25

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, November 25

4:00PM J Butalid, E Burns, A Petrocelli, C Barone
 & G Decker
5:30PM J Cimino, C Houle, M Lappin, A Dazio
 & F Ruggiero

Lectors – Sunday, November 26

8:00AM L Bauer
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM C Messina
12:30PM B Weir
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, November 26

8:00AM J Perdichizzi, C Rosato, J Stanzone, M Randazzo
 & M Molinini
9:30AM S Monteforte, Sr. Rosemary, T Strange, J Gatto
 & S Hitchcock
11:00AM A Maffeo, C Argano, C Ordy & N Villani
12:30PM A Shirazi, V Acri, B Peters & J Amodio
7:00PM J Galletta, G LaGrua, K Melka, M Recanatini
 & M Sprague

Altar Servers - Saturday, November 25

4:00PM D Cavicchio, J Oliveri
5:30PM E Losi, D Heidel

Altar Servers - Sunday, November 26

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM G Gulotta
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse
7:00PM



Sincere Condolences

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

Jeannette Belfiore, David Joseph Morrissey, Jr., Tom Healy

Harvest Bake Sale – O'Mara Hall

The Parents Association has turned O'Mara Hall into your favorite bakery & Café. Please stop by after Mass this weekend (except Sunday, 7 pm) for some coffee and cake, and pick up some homemade goodies to go. Your donations will go to help support Our Lady Star of the Sea School.



Cross Road Foundation Baby Bottle Campaign

Members of the Cross Road Foundation are in the lobby and at each entrance for their annual baby bottle campaign. The funds collected from this weekend will go to helping families facing unexpected pregnancies on Staten Island. You may either take a baby bottle home and fill it with a donation, bring it back to Mass the weekend of 12/2 & 12/3, or leave a donation with them after the Mass this weekend.



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

We are half way through the month of November when we remember in a special way all our beloved family and friends who have died. We are encouraged by our Roman Catholic Church to pray for the souls of the faithfully departed. We can aid them with our prayers and good works. Many years ago when a student had a tough time or was going through some hardship, the teaching nuns would say, "Offer it up for the poor souls in purgatory." Some people think that there is no purgatory, or that it went away during Vatican II. Father David Rider, this past Tuesday gave an inspiring homily on this topic.

Father David began saying, "Imagine there was a bad man who lived his life this way: he stole from people, he was not faithful to his wife, he made many people miserable in the course of his life, he may have even committed murder. Imagine that if on his deathbed he went to confession and was truly sorry and repented for all the sins of his entire life. Suppose a priest heard this confession, gave him absolution, anointed him with the Sacrament of the Sick and in two hours later he died. Would that man go to heaven? The answer is yes, thanks to the mercy of God. But would he be ready for the full glory of heaven? No. The justice of God demands a time of restitution and preparation for heaven. Purgatory is necessary to aid these suffering souls on their journey to the Lord. Now our prayers, our sacrifices and our good deeds can speed these souls along into the fullness of heaven. That is why this month is powerful in the life of the Church. Whenever we have a Mass offered, it is the most perfect prayer of all and we can aid those on their journey."

Pope John Paul II, when he approved the Catechism of the Catholic Church, mentions the topic of purgatory in this quote from paragraph 1030: "*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo a purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*"

Father David went on to tell a story about Saint Clare of Assisi. The tradition of that day was that the priest would wear black vestments for the funeral Mass. However, the priest for her funeral was convinced that she lived such a saintly life that she was already in heaven and so he planned to wear white vestments for her funeral Mass. The sisters went to him and said, "Please change back to the black vestments, so that if there is anything that may hinder her journey to heaven we can be reminded to pray for her soul."

A quote was also mentioned in his homily about Saint Faustina who was taken to visit Purgatory: "I saw my Guardian Angel who ordered me to follow him. In a moment, I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. There were praying fervently for themselves, but to no avail, for only we can come to their aid. The flames that were burning them did not touch me at all. My Guardian Angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice; their greatest torment was their longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in Purgatory. The souls call her "THE STAR OF THE SEA". She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk some more but my Guardian Angel beckoned me to leave. We went out from that prison of suffering. I heard an interior voice that said, "My mercy does not want this but my justice demands it". Since that time I am in closer communion with the suffering souls."

In our very modern world of secularism, and "Me first" attitudes, it is good to ponder our future reality. How can we prepare for heaven? Everything we do in life has consequences. This is one of the spiritual works of mercy to pray for the holy souls. We can pray; we can help those we know and do not know. So we continue to pray during this Month of Remembrances.

It is good to understand that this is a Catholic understanding. Many other churches would not believe in purgatory. There had been an exaggerated abuse over this teaching just prior to the Protestant Reformation. For example, the selling of indulgences led tremendously to the split between Catholic and Protestants. Yet as our imagined story of the bad man turning at last to the good merciful God reminds us, there is mercy but there is also justice.

So our prayers are powerful. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And may their souls and souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the Lord bless you during this month of the Holy Souls.

Fr. Tom Devery

Happy Thanksgiving from OLSS



The Rectory office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will reopen on Friday, November 24 at 9 am.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Report cards will be viewable to parents on Monday, November 20, 2017. Parent/Teacher conferences will also be held that day. Dismissal will be at noon.
- Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place on Tuesday, November 21. Please send in non-perishable foods, no glass jars please, so we can help those families in need right here on Staten Island.
- Our annual Bake Sale will take place this weekend in O'Mara Hall. Please stop by after mass for a tasty treat!
- We are getting into the spirit of giving this holiday season! Our Lady Star of the Sea students are taking part in two Advent projects this year. We are participating in Adopt-A-Senior, through the Staten Island Board of Realtors, and the Make-A-Wish Letters to Santa Campaign.
- Happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful to have you as a part of our OLSS Family!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be a make-up Reconciliation Meeting for 2nd Grade parents on **Monday, December 4th at 7:30 pm** in the Daily Mass Chapel in the Church.

Altar Server Workshop and Training

Saturday, December 16 @ 12 Noon in the Church. All children 4th grade and up interested in becoming an altar server are invited to attend with their parents.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on our 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 (excluding Dec. 24 & Dec. 31)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

November 26, December 10 (no class-12/24), January 14 & 28

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.



Msgr. Farrell High School Christmas Fair Sunday, December 3 from 10 am – 5 pm

Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family, free parking. 2900 Amboy Rd. For more info, contact farrellchristmasfair@gmail.com.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, December 1 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 and widowers to come together and share their experiences. The next meeting will be **Thurs., November 30** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings will begin a new session at a future date. 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.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, December 6 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg 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 7:30 pm 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 – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, November 20 at 7:30 pm** in the OLSS Chapel. The LOM is responsible to guard for Friday adoration and will pray an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. We also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation and to bring Communion and/or visit to the sick or homebound. Our Facebook page is "Legion of Mary OLSS Praesidium". If you are interested in joining the Legion or the auxiliary, please attend one of the meetings or contact Carol at 917-621-7914 for more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home.



OLSS Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, December 2nd at 9:45 a.m.

In front of the church

Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary

Pray for the Sick



James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brodine, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, 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, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, Marilyn Maiorana, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Monaco, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, 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, Margaret Smith, Eleanor Spaguolo, Robert Stranberg Sr., Michelle Surreys, 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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, November 21 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm.**

Ladies Retreat

**Day of Prayer at Loyola Jesuit Center-Morristown, NJ
Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

Prepare yourself for Christmas and treat yourself! Get away for a day! This Day of Prayer is an opportunity to get a taste of the Loyola retreat experience. Days of prayer are Ignatian mini-retreats in semi-silence from 9:30 am to 3 pm and include a light breakfast and lunch, Reconciliation and Mass. The bus will leave OLSS Athletic Center at 7:30 am and will be back around 5 pm. Cost: \$70 per person cash or check made to OLSS. NO REFUNDS. Any questions, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadrino@gmail.com.

RCIA - Come Experience God's Love

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

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Project Hospitality Poor People's Dinner

The Poor People's Dinner to benefit Project Hospitality will take place on **Monday, November 20 at 6 pm** at the Hilton Garden Inn. Keynote Speakers will be Conor & Mayor Patti Ann McDonald, the son and wife of late NYPD Officer Steven McDonald. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$50 for senior citizens and \$35 for students. For tickets and reservations, call Chris Hellstrom at 718-448-1544 ext. 116 or email Christopher_hellstrom@projecthospitality.org.

Archcare TimeBank Enrollment Session

November 27, 2017 at 6:30pm

Join us at Our Lady Help of Christians School Gym (23 Summit St.) for an enrollment session of the Archcare TimeBank program on Monday, November 27 at 6:30 pm. The TimeBank is a great community program where neighbors help neighbors. The ArchCare TimeBank is FREE and open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. When someone needs a hand, the ArchCare TimeBank makes a member-to-member connection to fill that need. Please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org to RSVP.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, December 1, 6:30 to 9:30 PM

Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314

Join us as Maria Malaspina, an experienced Catholic evangelist and missionary takes a look into Love and Responsibility, the foundational work of Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. She will help discover the simple truth of chastity. Music and confessions at 6:30 PM, followed by 7 PM Mass, dinner, and talk.

Cluster Corner

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



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. **There are a limited number of trees left. Please reserve trees ASAP.** 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 and payment
to the Rectory as soon as possible:**

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 Our Lady Star of the Sea

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 –For more info on Parent and Sibling support group meetings for families battling addiction, 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 **November 30**.