

Our Lady Star of the Sea

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM Claire Miura
5:30PM Anthony Castaldo

Sunday, February 18

8:00AM Carmelo Denaro
9:30AM Annette Criscitelli
11:00AM Louis Bove
12:30PM Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano
7:00PM Debbie Stallone

Monday, February 19

9:00AM Luis Soto

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 AM Ida De Setto

Wednesday, February 21

9:00AM Anna Marie Tobin

Thursday, February 22

9:00AM Thomas Binder

Friday, February 23

9:00AM Mary Vierno

Saturday, February 24


9:00AM Giovanni Iacono
4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato
5:30PM Clementina Buccini

Sunday, February 25

8:00AM Joseph Galano
9:30AM Donna Nappi
11:00AM Jean McCusker
12:30PM Luigi Garofano
7:00PM Carmello Tinnerello

Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Jorge Suero & Jillian Kelly

 2nd Time: Karl Emigholz, Jr. & Alison DiGregorio

3rd Time: John Maio & Santina Caruso

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

February 18-February 24, 2018

Given in Memory of

Peter Scura

Donated by Mom, Dad & Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 24

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 24

4:00PM B Palomba, L Barbato, J Coscia & J Uhlman
5:30PM C Losi, A Maffeo, J Cimino & M Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, February 25

8:00AM L Bauer
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, February 25

8:00AM A Sparandera, M Andreola, M Molinini,
J Perdichizzi & P Zoltowski
9:30AM J Zinsley, M Iacono, L Capobianco, S Hitchcock
& J Galletta
11:00AM N Fallacaro, C&J Gerace, E&G Riozzi
12:30PM A McCoy, N Villani, R Ruzzkowski, S Catalano
& C Belvedere
7:00PM K Melka, J Bellina, A Zuffante, J Limeri & C Houle

Altar Servers – Saturday, February 24

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

Altar Servers – Sunday, February 25

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



Sincere Condolences

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

**John Leahy, Meredith Holly Grant,
Anthony Healy, Michael Cennamo**



Missionaries of the Poor and
Father Ho Lung & Friends
present

Praise Him!

at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
Saturday, March 3 at 7 pm

Tickets: Adult \$20, Children (under 12) \$10

For more information: contact Joe Magliocco at 718-698-8054

www.missionariesofthepoor.org

Proceeds in aid of works of the Missionaries of the Poor

Sunday Collection

for the week of
February 4, 2018

\$19,032.50

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This is the First Sunday of Lent. This is the Season of repentance and it's made evident when we discipline ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It's true that many people give up chocolate, or soda or that glass of beer or wine in the evening. A more challenging fast would be Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat. More challenging than that would be: complaining, judging others, and using foul language. Words have power for good or ill. Let our words give evidence that praying from the heart happens every day. One wonderful way of delving into our Catholic Faith is reading good books: anything by Matthew Kelly is uplifting. WWW.FORMED.org provides a whole series of choices in Catholic life. It's really a smorgasbord of faith films, education in spirituality, the sacraments, morality, Church history and wonderful videos about the lives of the saints. When you log in remember that Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish has a password: 9F33RR. It's free.

During the season of Lent we will be conducting the Scrutinies for the candidates and catechumens preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. These people will receive The Creed, the Lord's Prayer and publicly profess their desire to join with us in full communion with the Church. I am so grateful to Mr. Joe Limeri and the RCIA team for taking the precious time to lead, explain and answer questions of these folks on the journey of faith. Please remember to pray for them.

The Catholic Institute for Leadership published this commentary after Super Bowl Sunday. The author of this is from Philadelphia and yet it is very insightful and apropos for Lent. THE REAL UNDERDOGS

Christian joy cannot be bought. It comes from faith and from meeting Jesus Christ who is the reason for our happiness – Pope Francis

There has been quite a lot of talk in the City of Brotherly Love over the past few weeks. While professional football isn't my first passion. I have to admit that it has been contagious as I cut out "dog masks" for the children, I thought about what makes underdogs so attractive to everyone outside of New England. In our institute the first programs, we incorporated leadership author Larry Wilson's principle of playing to win. Playing to win (not to be confused with playing not to lose) means giving it all not matter what the result, and choosing growth over fear. The underdogs don't earn their title because others know their value, but because they know it. The underdogs expect nothing but give everything. The underdogs play like every game is their last, because it just might well be.

And deep down the underdogs and those cheering for them, know the most important truth of all: even when they give it their all, their talent might not be enough for them to experience victory. They believe in the impossible.

I may wear my underdog shirt for the home team, but I do recognize my call to discipleship to be a permanent underdog. Do I focus on who I am in God's eyes as opposed to what the world might see? Do I give God everything, not to win his love to give thanks for Him allow me to simply be on the field? Despite every sin and every imperfection, do I play like I know that victory, not only can be won but has been won by the most impossible act of love this world has ever known? Boston or Philly, ring or no ring, let us root for all of us to realize the Champion we all have in common. Fly Eagles Fly – Daniel Cellucci.

Next Sunday we will have the honor of hearing from Father Richard Ho Lung, MOP and experience the members of the Missionaries of the Poor from Kingston, Jamaica. They will be inviting us to attend their concert on March 3, 2018, Saturday at 7PM. All are invited.

May the Lord bless us all this Lenten Season; and remember no meat on Fridays.

Fr. Tom Devery

Presidents' Day – Monday, February 19

The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 19 for the Presidents' Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, February 20 at 9 a.m.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to those students who made the Principals' List for the 2nd quarter! The list is posted outside of Mrs. Roland's office.

• The Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a fundraiser in order to raise awareness for Rare Diseases. The NJHS will build awareness, raise funds and share personal stories of those dealing with rare diseases with the school community. Check out our own Gabriella DiSalvo's story of living with a rare disease on our school's website. The event will run until February 28, World Rare Disease Day, with a school wide dress down day.

• Just a reminder...school will be closed Monday, February 19 and Friday, February 23. Enjoy the long weekends!

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held in O'Mara Hall on **Thursday, February 22 from 6-7 PM** for all players which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

Listen to Fr. David's homilies at
www.fatherdavidrider.com

Opening of the 2019 Mass Book

The 2019 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, February 27th at 9:45 am**. Because of our large parish, at this time, you may request up to THREE Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory, since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

2019 OLSS Mass Request Form

(please fill out completely)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Requested Mass Date/Time: Mass Intention for:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Sunday (& Saturday Vigil) Masses are \$20.

Weekday Masses are \$15.

Please use a 2019 calendar when selecting dates.

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.



Pray for the Sick

James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondillo, Sarah Brodine, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Anthony Cangelosi, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Corread, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Rosemary McGraw, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Mary Ellen Olszewski, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, John Robertson, Sr., Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Msgr. Peter Smith, 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, February 20 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 9 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 **Thursday, February 22** 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, March 7 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.

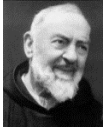
Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Legion of Mary – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, February 19 at 7:30 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. The LOM is responsible for Friday adoration and prays an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. They also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation. For more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

Bethlehem Handicrafts

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed in O'Mara Hall after all masses next weekend, February 24th and 25th. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Pilgrimage to National Center for Padre Pio



On **Tuesday, April 10**, there will be a Pilgrimage to the **National Center for Padre Pio** in Barto, PA. The bus will leave from the OLSS Athletic Center at 7AM and depart from the Shrine at 3:00PM. The day will consist of a tour of the Padre Pio Spirituality Center and Our Lady of Grace Chapel, the center staff will speak about Padre Pio and pray the Rosary. Other activities will include: Veneration with the Relic and the Blessed Oil, a short film before touring the St. Pio Museum, free time for private prayer and visit to the gift store. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person, which includes lunch buffet and snack/water in the bus.

You can register and pay for the Pilgrimage in the Rectory, cash or check payable to OLSS Church. **NO REFUNDS!**

For further information, please call **Maria & Deacon James Quadrino** at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadrino@gmail.com.

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

(Please note there will be NO Baptisms on Palm Sunday, March 25 or Easter Sunday, April 1)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

February 25, March 11 (NO Class on March 25),
April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27

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.

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, 1 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

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Saint Francis Catholic Singles Movie Night

Saint Francis Catholic Singles will host a Movie Night on Thursday, February 22 at 7:15 pm at Holy Family Church Basement (366 Watchogue Rd, SI NY). Come explore the themes of justice and vigilantism with Agatha Christie's classic "And Then There Were None". \$5 - \$10 appreciated, at the door. Popcorn, hot chocolate and snacks will be served. For more information, visit Facebook StFrancisCatholicSingles, email sfcssi@gmail.com, or visit our website www.sgspsi.org. Mission: St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, March 2 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Join us for as Weronika Janczuk shares the harms of In Vitro Fertilization from a scientific and theological point of view as she shares a healthy alternative found in the Fertility Education & Medical Management (FEMM) program that is revitalizing women's health care. There will be no Mass this month with optional parish Stations of the Cross at 7PM. Dinner will begin at 7:30 PM followed by the talk at 8:15 PM. Holy Family church (366 Watchogue Rd, 10314).

SI Catholic Youth Celebration

All 8th grade through 12th grade students are welcome to the fourth annual SI Catholic Youth Celebration, at Moore Catholic HS (100 Merrill Ave.) on Sunday, March 11 from 12 Noon to 5 PM. Our theme for the day is "You're Not Alone." Join us for a chance to win up to \$500 in cash prizes! Food, fellowship, and music will be provided as well as 4 PM Mass with Bishop O'Hara. Follow on Instagram: #Staten_Island_CYC and Facebook: SI Catholic Youth Celebration. Register at <https://oymny.org/sicyc>. For more info, email cyminsi@gmail.com.

By His Wounds We Are Healed

Women's Day of Recollection

March 24, 2018 10 am - 3 pm

Notre Dame Academy (134 Howard Ave, SI, NY 10301)

Mass Celebrant – Fr. David Rider. Day includes prayer service, music, presentations, discussions, fellowship, food, door prizes and giveaways. Cost: \$25. Presented by Catholic Mental Health Professionals. RSVP to Laura Bonamo at 347-273-1290 or info@cognitivetherapysi.com.

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

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 **March 15 at 7 pm** in the Pat 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 **March 1**.