

Our Lady Star of the Sea
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 26

4:00PM Vincent Vigneri
5:30PM Josephine Testaverde

Sunday, August 27

8:00AM Sr. Jean Wagner, PBVM
9:30AM Anthony Rupolo
11:00AM David Anthony Rosado
12:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.
7:00 PM Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brullo

Monday, August 28

9:00AM Maria Gonzales Jorge

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 AM Randy Alba

Wednesday, August 30

9:00AM Antonio & Rosa Circolone

Thursday, August 31

9:00AM Peter Gialluisi

Friday, September 1

9:00AM Allisa Filocomo-Napoletano

Saturday, September 2

9:00AM Richard LaCirasella
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



Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Louis Conklin & Britany Muraca

1st Time: Kurt Larsen & Christina DiCarlo

1st Time: Theodore Marotta & Amanda Lando

2nd Time: Robert Humphrey & Kristin Liberto

3rd Time: Nick Singer & Nicole Garzaniti

3rd Time: Troy Lecarreux & Laura Rainer

3rd Time: John Esslinger & Angela Faljean



Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, August 27** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of August 27-September 2
 Given in Memory of
Michael J. Molinari, Jr.

From your loving Mom & Dad

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 2

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 2

4:00PM J Butalid, A Lazzara, A Petrocelli, L Barbato & J Coscia
5:30PM J Cimino, C Houle, F Ruggiero, N Villani, & M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, September 3

8:00AM L Bauer
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM A Deliso
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, September 3

8:00AM J Perdichizzi, C Rosato, A Shirazi, M Andreola & K Drisco
9:30AM E Burns, S Monteforte, Sr. Rosemary, S Hitchcock & B Weir
11:00AM C Ordy, J Amodio, A Maffeo, M & Dcn. Quadrino
12:30PM V Acri, F&R Marino, J Prato & Dcn. Quadrino
7:00PM J Galletta, A Zuffante, C Barone, A Pompei & M Sprague

Altar Servers, Saturday, September 2

4:00PM F Surace, D Cavicchio
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers, Sunday, September 3

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM F&A Aurti
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse, P Marone
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 Vierno, Jack Hayes, Rosetta Basso

NY Catholic Bible School Program

Blessed Sacrament Church on Staten Island will host a class on Wednesday evenings, beginning **September 6** from **7-9 pm**.

Who should apply?

- Adults seeking "something more" in their spiritual journey, and who can commit to two years of study and weekly assignments. No particular educational background is required.
 - Parish catechists who have completed Levels 1 & 2 Catechist Formation and are seeking Levels 3 & 4 through the Bible School. Special discounts for catechists.
- For more information or to register, email bible@archny.org or call Maureen at 646-794-2885 or Elda at 646-794-2862.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

About two weeks ago, Pope Francis gave a wonderful reflection during the Angelus Gathering at noon in the Vatican, on the Gospel of Matthew, commenting on Jesus walking on the water and bidding Peter to come to him on the water. This is the text of his homily. I would like to share it with you.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today, the Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33) describes the episode of Jesus who, after having prayed all night on the shore of Lake Galilee, went towards His disciples' boat, walking on the water. The boat was in the middle of the Lake, blocked by a strong adverse wind. When they saw Jesus walking on the water, the disciples thought he was a ghost and got scared. But He reassured them: "Take heart, it is I, have no fear!" (v. 27). Peter, with his usual intrepidity, said to Him: "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water"; and Jesus called him "Come!" (vv. 28-29). Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus; however, because of the wind, he was afraid and began to sink. Then he cried out: "Lord, save me!" and Jesus reached out His hand and caught him (vv. 30-31).

This story has a rich symbolism and it makes us reflect on our faith, be it as individuals, by it as ecclesial community, also the faith of all of us that are here today in the Square. Does the community, this ecclesial community, have faith? How is the faith of each one of us and the faith of our community? The boat is the life of each one of us and also the life of the Church. The adverse wind represents our difficulties and trials. Peter's invocation: "Lord, bid me come to you!" and his cry: "Lord, save me!", is so much like our desire to feel the Lord's closeness, but also the fear and anguish that accompany the hardest moments of our life and of our communities, marked by internal fragility and external difficulties.

For Peter, at that moment, Jesus' sure word wasn't enough, which was like a tightrope that he could grip to face the hostile and turbulent water. It's what can also happen to us. When one doesn't grip the Lord's word, <and>, to have greater security, one consults horoscopes and fortune-tellers, one begins to go down. It means that faith isn't that strong. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith in the Lord and in his word doesn't open a way for us where everything is easy and tranquil; it doesn't subtract us from life's storms. Faith gives us the certainty of a Presence, the presence of Jesus that drives us to overcome the existential storms, the certainty of a hand that grips us to help us face the difficulties, pointing out the way to us also when it's dark. In sum, faith isn't an easy way out of life's problems, but it supports us on the way and gives it meaning.

This episode is a stupendous image of the reality of the Church of all times: a boat that, along the crossing must also face adverse winds and storms, which threaten to sink it. What saves it is not the courage and quality of its men: the guarantee against shipwreck is faith in Christ and in His word. In this boat we are safe, despite our miseries and weaknesses, especially when we kneel and adore the Lord, like the disciples that, at the end, "prostrated themselves before Him, saying: "Truly you are the Son of God!" (v. 33). How beautiful it is to say this word to Jesus: "Truly you are the Son of God!" Shall we all say it together? "Truly you are the Son of God!"

May the Virgin Mary help us to remain firm in the faith to resist the storms of life, to stay in the boat of the Church, eschewing the temptation to go up on the spellbinding but insecure boats of ideologies, fashions and slogans.

I wish you all a good Sunday and a good lunch. Please, don't forget to pray for me. Goodbye! – Pope Francis.

May the faith, the courage and the zeal of Peter who keeps his focus on Christ, be ours as we head into the future!

God bless you,

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.**

OLSS 1st Friday Overnight Adoration Vigil



There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month's overnight vigil will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, September 1 at 9:00 p.m.** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, September 2 at 9 a.m.** **Eucharistic Adoration is also available in the OLSS daily chapel every Monday-Friday from 12pm-5 pm.**

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. Quadriano at 917-417-5728 or email maria.quadriano@gmail.com.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

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

- *The school office will be open from August 28-31 from 9 am-1 pm
- *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 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 as far down 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.

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.

OLSS Track Registration

OLSS Track Team is looking for runners Pre-K4-8th grade. All boys and girls interested should visit www.olssbasketball.com & click on the **TRACK** link for more info.

OLSS FINAL Soccer Registration

The **FINAL** registration for the 17-18 season will be **Wednesday, August 30** from **6-7 pm** in the OLSS Athletic Center. Registration forms may also be dropped off at the Rectory. Registration fees \$200 for SIYSL players, \$150 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$125 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration form and details.



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 **Thursday September 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., September 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 7:30p.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 – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, August 28 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 1**. The Legion of Mary would like to visit anyone who is homebound to bring communion or just to sit and keep company.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Stolzenthaler Knights of Columbus



Conheeny Golf Classic

Monday, September 25, 2017

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

7 am Breakfast

7:15 am Registration

8 am Shotgun Start

12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles

Lunch on the turn included/Dinner served at 1 pm

Cost: \$140 per golfer (includes dinner & open bar).

Sponsorship Opportunities available!

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

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

August 27, 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

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

Cluster Events:

Our Lady Help of Christians' 20th Annual Parish Golf Outing -
 Wednesday, September 20 at South Shore Golf Course. 7 am
 Registration & Breakfast, 8 am Shotgun Start. \$175 per player. For
 more info, call OLHC Rectory at 718-317-9772.