

Our Lady Star of the Sea
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, November 4

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi
& Serrantonio Families
5:30PM Dolly Vitale

Sunday, November 5

8:00AM John Strange
9:30AM Anthony Mineo
11:00AM Deceased Members of the Dowd Family
12:30PM Marco Fusillo
7:00 PM John Strange

Monday, November 6

9:00AM Alfred Austin

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 AM Keith Elliott

Wednesday, November 8

9:00AM Ambrogio & Loreta Grieco

Thursday, November 9

9:00AM Domenick DeLuca

Friday, November 10

9:00AM Deceased Members of the
Carey, Fitzgerald & Loftus Families

Saturday, November 11

9:00AM Vincent Visto
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Mario Schiera

Sunday, November 12

8:00AM Denise Graves
9:30AM William Diffendale
11:00AM Summer Marie Semerad
12:30PM Deceased Members of the
Quinn & Battcock Families
7:00 PM Ann Marinaccio

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Igor Yakovlev & Ashley Yelverton

2nd Time: Nicholas Pompo & Kathryn Krause

3rd Time: Nicholas Scotto & Nicole O'Carroll Scotto

3rd Time: Christian Goncalves & Sabrina Miglino

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 5 - 11

Given in Memory of

**Deceased Members of the Puglisi &
Serrantonio Families**

Donated by Your Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, November 11

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, November 11

4:00PM J Butalid, E Burns, C Harris, A Petrocelli
& L Barbato
5:30PM M Lappin, J Cimino, N Villani, A Maffeo & A Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, November 12

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM C Ambrosino
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, November 12

8:00AM M Molinini, C Rosato, S Monteforte, L Bauer
& P Zoltowski
9:30AM J Zinsley, L Capobianco, Sr. Rosemary, MA Higgins
& S Hitchcock
11:00AM J Tolento, R Ruszkowski, C Ordy, M Sprague
12:30PM V Acri, S Catalano, B Peters, M Quadrino
7:00PM C Barone, J Galletta, K Melka, M Recanatini
& J Limeri

Altar Servers - Saturday, November 11

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

Altar Servers - Sunday, November 12

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:

Anthony Chiusano, Arthur Zelhof, Eileen Mary White

Healing Mass

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



Congratulations Fr. Tom!

Sunday, November 5th is Fr. Tom Devery's 40th Jubilee anniversary of his priestly ordination. We thank him for his service and commitment to our Lord and to our parish!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad". It is with profound thanks and praise to Almighty God that on this day, November 5th, 1977 through the imposition of the hands of Terence Cardinal Cooke, I was ordained a priest to serve the people of God of the Archdiocese of New York. Today is my 40th anniversary!

When I recall the joy and excitement of that time I realize how blessed I am. Today at 12:30PM, I will offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass and praise Jesus for such a sublime gift. I share this day with Msgr. Fred Berardi, Father Frank Borkowski, Father John Duff, Monsignor Kevin Nelan, Monsignor Emmet Nevin, Father Robert Staar, and Father Robert Verrigni. My deceased classmates Father Steve Kelly and Father Kenneth Marks enjoy the heavenly liturgy. Please pray for us that as we grow in our vocation, that we may be faithful as He is faithful to us.

I found this poem on Facebook, it's a poem written by 92 year old Wanda Goines, "***The Gift and the Jewel***". I dedicate this to all the elderly who have revealed so much wisdom to me throughout my life.

I looked in the mirror and what did I see but a little old lady peering back at me; with bags and sags and wrinkles and wispy white hair, and I asked my reflection, 'How did you get there?'

You once were strait and vigorous and now you are stooped and weak when I tried so hard to keep you from becoming antique.

My reflection's eyes twinkled and she solemnly replied, 'You are looking at the gift-wrap and not the jewel inside, a living gem and precious of unimagined worth, unique and true the real you, the only you on earth.

The years have spoiled your gift-wrap with other things more cruel, it should purify and strengthen and polish up that jewel.

So focus your attention on the inside, not the out, on being kinder, wiser and more content and more devout.

Then when your gift wrap is stripped away, your jewel will be set free to radiate God's glory through all eternity."

Last Friday and Saturday I was joined with Deacon James Quadrino on a trip up north to see Carmine Caruso, now a 1st year theologian at Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary, in Weston, Massachusetts, just 15 minutes from Boston. He is content and happy there and joins many men who have had amazing careers before entering the seminary and who are presently there studying for the diocesan priesthood from all over the USA and Puerto Rico.

A classmate of Carmine's, Peter Sheffer, is also studying to be a priest for the Fall River, Massachusetts Diocese. Peter was a cadet at West Point, Class of 1983, served a full career in the Army and then taught in Jerusalem when the "hound of heaven" came calling for him to become a priest. During our visit, we were treated to a class in Patristics, The Early Church Fathers and Mothers and their influence in forming monastic communities. The professor was Father Michael Alfano, a Boston Archdiocesan priest. Once again, it's a small world, back in 1982-1983, Fr. Alfano was fresh out of Georgetown University when he was hired to teach at Monsignor Farrell High School by Msgr. Peter Finn. Carmine shared with me an image that sums up priesthood, which he heard on a recent retreat.

Priesthood can be compared to a box of pencils. This is how:

1. Remember to trust in the hand of the one who holds you, (Jesus). You are but a pencil in His hand.
2. Leave your mark with that pencil on every person you meet. You will be etched into so many people's lives.
3. Remember all pencils come with erasers. We all make mistakes but God allows you to erase, correct and start over.
4. The sharpening of a pencil is always a painful process. When we are sharpened, we strip away the old and become new, so we can continue.
5. Remember the best part of the pencil is not on the outside, it's the lead that's on the inside. Who we are on the inside is more important than who we are on the outside.

I just want to thank you for your kindness to me. I apologize if I have offended anyone and I ask that you pray for me, as I will for you. We are moving closer to becoming the precious jewel God is making us to be. I'd do it all over again.

God Bless.

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Congratulations to Fr. Tom on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination! We are blessed to have you as our pastor!
- There is a mandatory Confirmation Meeting for parents of students in 7th grade, on Monday, November 6 at 7:30 pm in the church.
- Smile...Class Pictures are on Wednesday, 11/8 and Individual Pictures are on Thursday, 11/9. PreK-3 students will take both class and individual pictures on Thursday.
- Our Parents' Association is hosting Pasta Night this Thursday, November 9th.
- School will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. We are grateful to all the men and women who served in the armed forces. Thank you for your service!

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.

OLSS SPORTS

High school CYO pre-registration will be held on **Tuesday 11/7 & Wednesday 11/8 from 7-8:30 pm** in the OLSS Athletic Center. All students must bring a photocopy of their High School ID card to pre-registration.

Pray for the Sick



James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondillo, 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 Lamantia Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, Marilyn Maiorana, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, 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.**

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, November 10 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 16** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings are held in the rectory on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The next meeting will be **November 1**. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, November 8 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 6 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory Dining Room**. There will be Guardian Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily chapel on Friday, November 10 from Noon to 3 pm. We 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. We will bring her to your home. She usually stays one week, but this is flexible. The Legion of Mary also offers to bring communion to the homebound. 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 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 Nov. 5, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

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

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, 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



Mass Attire & Other Distractions

This is a reminder to please dress appropriately for a place of worship when attending Mass. Also keep in mind that cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off and stored away for the duration of the Mass so as not to distract yourself and others from worship. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these matters.



of

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Present....



It's Never too Early
for Christmas

in

OLSS O'Mara Hall

Show Dates & Times

Friday, November 10 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 11 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 11 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 12 – 2:00 pm

Tickets

\$15 per person at the door
or call Maryann at 917-817-7463
to reserve in advance.



Directed by: Melissa Kane & Nicole Colonna

Assistant Directors: Stephanie Langella & Dana Cavello

Musical Director: Rob Butler

Choreographers: Marie Causi & Therese Causi

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 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 – There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **November 16 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 **November 30**.