

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 3

4:00PM Crescenza Pesce
5:30PM Janice Blanchard

Sunday, February 4

8:00AM Teddy Klinkosz
9:30AM Frank Pepe
11:00AM Michele Scalzo
12:30PM Marissa C. Kelly
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Ferrigno Family

Monday, February 5

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
and Joseph & Theresa Falloccaro

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 AM Theresa Stavola

Wednesday, February 7

9:00AM James Roche

Thursday, February 8

9:00AM Dr. Frank Pomilla

Friday, February 9

9:00AM John McCrudden

Saturday, February 10

9:00AM Grace D'Angelo
4:00PM Edith Ponzi
5:30PM John Anderson

Sunday, February 11

8:00AM Marco Leone
9:30AM Michael Pallante
11:00AM John Orfano
12:30PM Richard Rauch
7:00PM Daniel Carlucci

Banns of Marriage

1st Time: John Maio & Santina Caruso

2nd Time: Theodore Clohessy & Erica Skiba

2nd Time: Joseph Epifani & Angelique Donato

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.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of

February 4-February 10, 2018

Given in Memory of

Anthony & Mary Melka

Donated by the Melka Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 10

4:00PM S Gambino
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 10

4:00PM A Petrocelli, J Coscia, C Harris, A Pompei
& B Palomba
5:30PM J Graziano, M Graziano, A Maffeo, J Cimino
& A Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, February 11

8:00AM C Ambrosino
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM A Deliso
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, February 11

8:00AM A Sparandera, M Ennis, A Shirazi & M Quadrino
9:30AM J Gatto, S Hitchcock, M Iacono & L Appel
11:00AM N Fallacaro, J Tolento, C&J Gerace & C Ordy
12:30PM MA Russo, A McCoy, R Ruskowski, C Messina
& S Catalano
7:00PM E Bellina, G LaGrua, K Melka, C Houle & B Weir

Altar Servers – Saturday, February 10

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

Altar Servers – Sunday, February 11

8:00AM N Shirazi, E Gladstone
9:30AM S Artz, I Santatemia
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:

**Giuseppe De Rosalia, Rosemarie Durante,
Nancy McManus, Cettie Sobkowski, Loretta B. Pompa**

**Day of Reflection at OLSS
sponsored by
The Archdiocesan Union
of the Holy Name Society**

The Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society-Richmond Division will be holding a Day of Reflection on **Saturday, February 10** in the Damato Meeting Room of OLSS. The day will begin at 9:00 am with a healing mass, breakfast and lunch will be served, and Fr. Tom Devery will lead in spiritual discussions and confessions. The day will end with the OLSS 4:00 pm vigil mass. The cost is \$25 per person and the whole family is welcomed to participate. Seats are limited. To reserve your seat call Steve Bilardi at 917-892-3017

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Msgr. Dermot Brennan, my Glee Club Director at Cardinal Hayes HS, who has inspired many vocations, is now retired and around 87 years old. In 1969, he wrote a letter of recommendation for me to enter the seminary. When he was growing up in the shadow of Columbia University and attended Corpus Christi Church, he had a friend from his apartment building who made it big – the comic George Carlin. Although their views were complete opposites on faith and in many other areas of their lives, they shared many similarities, as you can see by reading the following:

An observation by George Carlin:

“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more but have less, we buy more but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge but less judgment, more experts yet more problems, more medicine but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much and spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast and get up angry, stay up late, get too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too much.

We have learned how to make a living but not a life. We’ve added years to life but not life to years. We have been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We have conquered outer space but not inner space. We have done larger things but not better things.

We have cleaned up the air, but polluted our soul. We have conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more but learn less. We plan more but accomplish less. We learned to rush but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast food and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses but broken homes. These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies and pills that do everything from cheer to quiet to kill. It’s a time when there is much in the showroom and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose to share this insight or just hit delete.

Remember to spend time with your loved ones because they are not going to be around forever. Remember to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you with awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember to give that warm hug to the person next to you, because that is the only treasure that you can give with your heart and it doesn’t cost you a cent.

Remember to say “I love you” to your partner, and your loved ones but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! Give time to share the precious thoughts that are in your mind. And always remember that life is not measured by the number of breaths that we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.”

George Carlin and his wife died in 2008, but his words are still relevant for today.

Remember this on Valentine’s Day, February 14, ironically Ash Wednesday: Ashes or Chocolates? Psalm 95:8 says, “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”

Blessings,

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be as follows: **Pre-K 3** on Monday, February 5, **Pre-K 4** on Wednesday, February 7 and for those entering grades **K-8** on Thursday, February 8, between the hours of 9 and 11 am on all days.

• Congratulations to our **Value of the Month** Recipients! The value for January was self-discipline and was awarded to: Aiden Hockenberry, Steven Marinelli, Cheyanne Walker, Mossimo Guinta, Jenna Zieris, Soren Anderson, Joseph Taormina, Malea Lorenzo, Anthony Vollaro, Sean Gilbert, Erin Taravella, Davy Robbins, Alexa Marcolini, Bailey Tuzzo, Francesca Costabile, James Sofia, Anthony Taormina and John Mahoney.

• This week showed how special our Catholic school is as our children learned, served, led and succeeded! We had lots of fun, collected items to send to an Army battalion stationed in Kuwait, showed off our talents, shared the good news of Catholic education, honored our wonderful teachers and ended our week at Mass together. Thank you to the students, teachers and parents of OLSS who helped to make Catholic Schools Week 2018 so special!

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held in O'Mara Hall on **Thursday, February 8 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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 16 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 8** 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, February 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 5** at 7:30 pm in the **OLSS Rectory**. 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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

Life in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Life in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel

Dates: February 13 & 20 from 7-9 pm

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

Will Seminar: Planning Your Legacy

FREE SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL, ESTATE PLANNING, HEALTH CARE PROXIES, POWER OF ATTORNEY, LIVING TRUSTS AND PROBATE.

Writing a will isn't the most pleasant of tasks. That might explain why so many adults avoid this cornerstone of estate planning. According to an AARP survey, 2 out of 5 Americans over the age of 45 don't have a will.

But creating a will is one of the most critical things you can do for your loved ones. Putting your wishes on paper helps your heirs avoid unnecessary hassles, and you gain the peace of mind knowing that a life's worth of possessions will end up in the right hands.

What is a Will? What happens if I die without a Will? What is a Health Care Proxy or a Power of Attorney? Who should I name as my executor? What if there are minor children or grandchildren? How often does a Will need to be updated? Please join us for a free tutorial to answer these and other questions for you.

When: Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 PM (After 4 PM Mass)

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea – O'Mara Hall

Speaker: Joanne Seminara, Esq., GRIMALDI & YEUNG LLP

RSVP: (646) 794-3317 or email dawn.elwood@archny.org

Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study

Matthew: Come, Follow Me

The Thursday morning scripture study of Matthew will begin on **Thursday, February 8 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** in the Rectory Basement. The text is from RENEW INTERNATIONAL and costs \$25. We will also use the NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, which will be available for purchase for \$5. If you are interested, sign up is available in the Rectory. Please bring either \$25 for the text only or \$30 for the text and bible, in an envelope marked "Matthew". All checks should be made payable to OLSS. Space is limited.

OLSS Movie Night

Friday, February 9th at 7:00 pm

in O'Mara Hall

The Song of Bernadette

Bring your family to experience the movie about the Holy Mother's apparitions to a peasant girl.

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

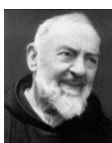
James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondillo, Sarah Brodine, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, John Leahy, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Rosemary McGraw, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Monaco, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, February 20 at 3:30 pm.**

✓ Mark Your Calendar

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.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles Movie Night

Thursday, February 22 at 7:15 pm

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, 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.

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 March 25 or April 1)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

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

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.

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 **February 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**.



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