

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**March 26, 2017**  
**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, March 25**

**4:00PM** Deceased Members of the Puglisi & Serrantonio Families  
**5:30PM** Pat Damato

**Sunday, March 26**

**8:00AM** Joseph Arena  
**9:15AM** George A Sasso  
**10:30AM** Deceased Members of the Scuderi & Petrancosta Families  
**12 Noon** Lillian Visceglia  
**1:15PM** Luciano Di Giallonardo  
**7:00PM** Marie Cancelleri

**Monday, March 27**

**9:00AM** Vincent Visto

**Tuesday, March 28**

**9:00 AM** Marie Cancelleri & Adeline Natasi

**Wednesday, March 29**

**9:00AM** Marie Cancelleri & John Polsunas

**Thursday, March 30**

**9:00AM** Joyce Nagrate

**Friday, March 31**

**9:00AM** Luciano Di Giallonardo

**Saturday, April 1**

**9:00AM** Deceased Members of the Marsicano & Moceo Families  
**4:00PM** Louis Villiarola  
**5:30PM** Steven Pinto

**Sunday, April 2**

**8:00AM** Josephine Capitella & Paul Liu  
**9:15AM** Dora Casale  
**10:30AM** Daniel & Lucille France  
**12 Noon** Mary, John, Richard & Thomas Thompson  
**1:15PM** Lena Machiavelli  
**7:00PM** John Frank Luzzi



**Banns of Marriage**



**Second Time:** Salvatore Trovello & Rosaria Barone  
**Third Time:** Damon Kost & Laura Cappiello

**Wedding Music Workshop**

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, April 30** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**St. Braulio - March 26**

Braulio was born of nobility in Saragossa, Spain, where he became a monk at St. Engratia's and studied under St. Isidore. In 631, he was elected bishop. St. Braulio was an outstanding scholar, preacher, and defender against Arianism (a heresy denying the divinity of Christ). He helped St. Isidore in reforming the Spanish Church. He was known for his devotion to the Blessed Mother, his visions, miracles, his austerity and his compassion and aid to the poor and needy. He wrote the Acts of the Martyrs of Saragossa, numerous letters of his are still extant. St. Braulio was one of St. Isidore's closest friends despite a fair difference in age. St. Braulio's example shows that if we limit our friendship to those who are like us, we miss out on many true gifts of friendship. Having an older friend can give us perspective. Young friends offer enthusiasm and excitement, while older friends offer insight and practical experience. St. Braulio, patron of Aragon died March 26, 651. -JM

The Sanctuary Lamp for the  
 Week of March 26-April 1  
 Given in Memory of the

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

From their loving family

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors - Saturday, April 1**

**4:00PM** E Vitiello  
**5:30PM** C Losi

**Eucharistic Ministers, April 1**

**4:00PM** A Petrocelli, A Lazzara, B Weir, J Coscia, C Harris  
**5:30PM** F Barone, V Acri, J Cimino, A Maffeo & M Lappin

**Lectors - Sunday, April 2**

**8:00AM** L Bauer  
**9:15AM** MA Higgins  
**10:30AM** M Coppolo  
**12 Noon** S Gambino  
**1:15 PM** E Newborn  
**7:00 PM** G LaGrua

**Eucharistic Ministers, April 2**

**8:00AM** R Bauer, M Ennis, J Stanzione, J Perdichizzi, C Rosato  
**9:15AM** B Higgins, D Avena, Sr. Rosemary, S Hitchcock & M Andreola  
**10:30AM** B Barone, N Fallacaro, C&J Gerace & C Ordy  
**12 Noon** C Barone, C Messina, S Catalano & B Peters  
**1:15PM** A McCoy, MA Russo, M Sprague, J Tolento, N Villani  
**7:00PM** J Limeri, A Zuffante, G Decker, C Houle & A Pompei

**Altar Servers, Saturday, April 1**

**4:00PM** E Harris, V Pavlick, F Fulbrook  
**5:30PM** N Cammarato, D Heidel

**Altar Servers, Sunday, April 2**

**8:00AM** N Shirazi  
**9:15AM** J Bell  
**10:30AM** M Mattioli  
**12 Noon** G Vassallo, G Marino  
**1:15PM** J Oliveri  
**7:00PM** L&PJ Caiazzo

**Sincere Condolences**



The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:  
**Kate Piazza, Arnel Veracruz, Francis Pisano, Mary Ann Carrao, Debbie J. Quinto, Jim Weaver**

**Items to be Memorialized**

There are several liturgical items available to be memorialized. If you would like to have an item memorialized for your loved one, please call the Rectory and leave a message for John Manetta.

**RCIA 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny - March 26 @ 10:30 am Mass**

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (**Charles Karen, Tenisha Thomas-Hohausler, Laura Ball-Rosenberg, Michael Colon, and Isabella El-Amrani**) will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 10:30am mass. These Rites are intended to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. These Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then to heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the Elects hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. These Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. We ask you to always keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers.

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

There's a great hymn that came out several years ago and it fits in perfectly with our Lenten Readings for this Sunday, "Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord", by Michael W. Smith. The lyrics are, "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory, pour out your power and love as we sing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy!'"

When Samuel, with a horn of oil in his hands, went to anoint and find a king for Israel, all David's seven brothers were presented and he wasn't even home - as the youngest, he was out tending sheep as a shepherd. Yet the Lord chose him, He anointed him King of Israel and from his lineage would come the Messiah, Jesus. You see, God sees not with appearances but into the heart. The same can be seen in today's Gospel. The man born blind is cured by Jesus and is radically questioned by the Scribes and Pharisees, even his parents too. We have the cliché "There is none so blind, as they who will not see". The same can be said for the blind man, who is fully restored and fully given the light of day. His sin is removed and he is seeing with the eyes of faith.

We welcome this weekend Fr. Tom Fenlon, a spokesperson from Catholic Relief Service. Father Tom Fenlon is a retired priest from the Archdiocese of New York and has had several assignments in his career. At one time, he was stationed at Saint Charles on Staten Island. I met him as a newly ordained when he was in the Hudson Valley living at Saint Mary's Parish in Newburgh and serving three different Hispanic Communities. He was pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Harlem, and most recently at Saint Augustine's - Our Lady of Victory Church in the Bronx. He has been preaching all across the country on behalf of Catholic Relief Services and the tremendous work that they accomplish worldwide.

My main purpose in writing this week is to drum up support for our Parish Mission, called "REVIVE- FAITH EVERY DAY". On **Monday April 3, Tuesday April 4, and Wednesday April 5 from 7:30 to 9 pm**, we will be conducting a parish mission for our cluster parishes of Saint Joseph - Saint Thomas, Saint John Neumann, and Our Lady Help of Christians.

REVIVE has goals. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Jesus commissions the apostles to "Go and make Disciples..." providing the Church with its fundamental mission. Recognizing that our diverse population contains people at various stages of their spiritual journey, REVIVE seeks to provide an opportunity for everyone to take a step closer to Christ by experiencing His grace and love through the preaching of the Word. We want to attract the many people who have stopped going to church and invite them to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. We will be looking also to the future development of ministry leaders at each of the cluster parishes. Finally, there is the goal of connecting each parish member with the many resources that the Archdiocese of New York has to offer.

Father Victor Hoagland, C.P., a Passionist priest, will be the main presenter each evening and there will be a combined choir and a personal testimony from a lay witness Monday and Tuesday. Confessions will be available, and on Wednesday, the final night of the Mission, the celebration of the Eucharist will take place along with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

REVIVE is a great opportunity for Catholics to hear the preaching of God's Word and to be touched by the story of someone else's faith journey. It is also an opportunity for those in ministry to take a break from serving and to receive God's grace in a special way.

We want to encourage you to think about someone - a friend, a family member—who might be reluctant to join you here at Church. Ask them to come on the first or second day and just experience what REVIVE has to offer. I look forward to seeing you all there.

God Bless you.

*Fr. Tom Devery*

### **LENT 2016**

**Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm and from 5 to 5:30 pm. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 NOON to 2 PM.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent.

**Lenten Love Offering:** Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. **Please return your love offering boxes to the Church on the weekend of April 1 & 2, the weekend before Palm Sunday.**

### **LENTEN CLUSTER MISSION**

*HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S PURPOSE FOR US?  
JOIN US FOR REVIVE!*



**WHEN: April 3-5 from 7:30 to 9 pm**

**WHERE: Our Lady Star of the Sea**

**MORE INFO & RSVP: Visit [www.FaithEveryDay.com](http://www.FaithEveryDay.com)**

We're all looking for answers. At Revive, we'll talk about finding them - and how to better live our faith every day. Through three evenings of song, reflections and sacraments, we will focus on faith beyond Sunday morning.

**REVIVE US** that your people may **REJOICE IN YOU.** - Psalm 85

## The Cardinal's Appeal Supports

### PREPARING THE CLERGY

with \$2.5 MILLION

**SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP** requires many years of study and spiritual preparation. Let us show our seminarians that we support them, and are proud of their decision to dedicate their lives to serve the people of God.



#### 2017 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. Our Lady Star of the Sea continues to make progress towards meeting our goal of **\$179,500**. To date, approximately **207 families** have made pledges totaling **\$70,070**. We are at **39%** of our goal.

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!

[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- New York State ELA exams will be given to students in grades 3-8 on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday of this week.
- Congratulations to all those children who participated in the science fair this week. Thanks to Mrs. Grimaldi and Mrs. Jordan for organizing this event.
- Although Pi Day, 3.14 became a snow day, OLSS students were able to finally celebrate on Thursday. Thanks to Mr. Lama and Mrs. Larsen for a fun and educational day!
- Come see all the wonderful things happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School! Please join us on Tuesday, April 4 from 9-11 am for Touring Tuesday. Registration is ongoing for grades K-8. Call the school office at 718-984-5750, for more information.

#### ArchCare Representatives at OLSS

Representatives from ArchCare, the Staten Island PPS, and other community-based partners will be in the church lobby after all Masses on the weekend of **April 1-2** to present information on a new program that is being implemented on Staten Island. The ACE (ArchCare Community Engagement) Project will bring health and wellness activities to parish and faith-based communities. The ArchCare TimeBank is a free program open to everyone that will strengthen the parish community by helping parishioners exchange volunteer services. Please stop by next weekend and take advantage of this new opportunity.

#### Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Augustino, Dominick D'Argenio, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Chelsea Dutton, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Melissa Randazzo & Baby, Caesar Russo, Alex Sepiol **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.**

#### No Healing Mass in April

There will be **NO Healing Mass in April** due to the Cluster Mission. However, there will be an anointing of the sick on **Tues, April 4** at the mission, which is from **7:30-9 PM**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (*The next Healing Service will be April 18 @ 3:30 pm.*)

#### OLSS Trip to Sight & Sound Theater - *Jonah*

Join in a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater production of *Jonah* in Lancaster, PA on **Saturday, April 22, 2017**. Pick-up location will be OLSS Athletic Center parking lot at 9 AM. Ticket and transportation for Adults \$100, Children \$56 (does not include meal). For more information, please contact Rosanne at 347-820-3947 or Paul at 732-533-8567.

#### Thank you from Fr. Basil Akut

My dear OLSS family,

On behalf of my bishop, Joseph Bagobiri of the Kafanchan Diocese, and my fellow Nigerian priests who concelebrated at the Mass of prayer for peace for Kafanchan diocese here in our parish, Monday, March 13, 2017, we would like to thank you for all your support, contributions of time and energy, and your generous donations of \$5,560. The event was successful.

You came despite the snowstorm that was looming over us that day and for that, we are immensely grateful. We hope you enjoyed the Nigerian food. Words cannot express how I feel.

Thank you once again. Your kindness is truly appreciated by me and all of us in Kafanchan diocese.  
May God replenish your efforts with abundant blessings. Amen.  
Sincerely, Fr. Basil Akut

#### Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, April 7 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Bereavement Group** – There will be a new session beginning in the fall. 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.

**Book Club** - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday April 6, at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We are reading *Fearless: A Catholic Woman's Guide to Spiritual Warfare* by Sonja Corbitt. 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., April 5 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

#### ✓ Mark Your Calendar

##### Archdiocese of New York - Men's Conference

###### *Faith Every Day*

Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 11 am – 5:30 pm  
St. Joseph's Seminary - 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY  
\$50 per person - To register or learn more, visit  
[www.archnymensconference.eventbrite.com](http://www.archnymensconference.eventbrite.com)

##### Knights of Columbus Meet & Greet for OLSS parishioner Edmund Newborn, Candidate for 2017-2018 New York State Warden

Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 1:15 Mass

followed by reception from 2:30 - 6:30 pm in O'Mara Hall  
We hope you will join us for an evening of fraternity, celebration and support of Ed. Come and enjoy the delicious food catered by Patrizia's of Staten Island. Cost is \$35 per person and includes hot buffet, beer, wine, soda, dessert, coffee and tea. There will be raffle baskets and 50/50 too! For more information and reservations, please contact Billy Caputo, PGK at 718-967-9384.

##### St. John Villa Academy presents "9-5"

**Thursday - Saturday, April 6-8 at 7 pm**

Admission \$12 in advance & \$15 at door. For more information or to RSVP, please call Irma Cruz at 718-442-6240 ext. 6240 or email [icruz@sjva.org](mailto:icruz@sjva.org).

##### Women's Day of Recollection

The Catholic Mental Health Professionals presents a Women's Day of Recollection on **Saturday, April 8 from 10 am – 3 pm** at Notre Dame Academy High School (134 Howard Ave, SI, NY). The day will include a Mass celebrated by Fr. David Rider, talks, music, guided meditation, sharing and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Cost: \$25 per person, payable by check to Notre Dame Academy. RSVP to 347-273-1290 or [info@cognitivetherapysi.com](mailto:info@cognitivetherapysi.com).

# OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
thru Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
in September 2017)

**Register before April 18 to Receive the  
Early Bird Pricing Special:  
(Must be paid in full by April 18 to qualify)**

\$230 full day-weekly  
\$75 full day-daily  
\$170 half day-weekly  
\$45 half day-daily

**Register after April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Regular camp rates apply:**

\$260 full day-weekly  
\$85 full day-daily  
\$185 half day-weekly  
\$50 half day-daily

## Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am  
Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm  
(At an additional hourly rate)

Camp will be held on the OLSS campus:  
**5411 Amboy Road SI, NY 10312**

**\*\*Bring your own Lunch and Snack\*\***

### Indoor Activities Include

Arts and Crafts  
Dance  
Computers

### Outdoor Activities Include

Soccer  
Organized games & more!

### Weekly Theme Days



To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo,  
Camp Director: [linsoap@aol.com](mailto:linsoap@aol.com)

## Cluster Corner

### Cluster Parish Mass Times

**Our Lady Help of Christians** – 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

**St. John Neumann** - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.  
Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM  
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

**St. Thomas the Apostle** - 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

**Church of St. Joseph** - 16 Poplar Ave.  
Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM  
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

### Cluster Events

**Cluster Parish Mission**-Monday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 5  
from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.



## 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 Class & Ceremony Dates

March 26, (Please note: there will be no class or ceremony  
on April 9) April 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

**PLEASE NOTE:** Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the  
Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies  
take place at 2:15 PM in the Church.

## 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  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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 **Thursday, April 27 at 7 pm**  
in the Damato Meeting Room. 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 **April 6**.