

Our Lady Star of the Sea
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017
Announced Masses

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of February 19 – February 25
Given in Memory of
Carmella Heidel
From Her Loving Family

Saturday, February 18

4:00PM Peter Levantino
5:30PM Angelo Ugenti

Sunday, February 19

8:00AM Anthony Rupolo
9:15AM Richard Klein
10:30AM Domenick DeLuca
12 Noon Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano
1:15PM John Cali
7:00PM Marie Spinosa

Monday, February 20

9:00AM Gilbert Bob Powell

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 AM Annamarie Tobin

Wednesday, February 22-Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00AM John & Carmela Mastellone

Thursday, February 23-St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

9:00AM Charles V. Puleo

Friday, February 24

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

Saturday, February 25

9:00AM Pat & Frances Rizzo
4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato
5:30PM MaryAnn Casale

Sunday, February 26

8:00AM Eleanor Lucid
9:15AM Sidney Stacey, Jr.
10:30AM Assunta DiMeo
12 Noon Melissa Lapani
1:15PM Stephen Pinto
7:00PM Michael Giordano

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 25

4:00PM B Weir
5:30PM A Deliso

Eucharistic Ministers, February 25

4:00PM E Vitiello, J Uhlman, G Decker, & C Barone
5:30PM J Cimino, F Ruggiero, A Dazio, M Lappin & V Acri

Lectors –Sunday, February 26

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:15AM J Zinsley
10:30AM F Monte
12 Noon A Medeiros
1:15 PM C Messina
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, February 26

8:00AM A Sparandera, R&L Bauer, J Perdichizzi & C Rosato
9:15AM D Avena, L Capobianco, B&MA Higgins & J Gatto
10:30AM B Paccione, T Strange, C Ordy, L Appel & B Barone
12 Noon F&R Marino, E&G Rizzo, & N Villani
1:15PM J Tolento, MA Russo, G LaGrúa, M Recanatini,
& B Peters
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, C Houle, A Zuffante & J Limeri

Altar Servers, Saturday, February 25

4:00PM K Marchisella, V Pavlick
5:30PM E Losi, N Cammarato

Altar Servers, Sunday, February 26

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM G&S Artz
10:30AM P Marone
12 Noon G Marino
1:15PM
7:00PM B&M Stackhouse



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Nicholas Cresci & Theresa Pioli

First Time: Brian Kelly & Kristen Perdichizzi

Second Time: Robert Brennan & Antonella Vitulli

Third Time: Andrew Terrana & Theresa DiBartolomeo

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, February 21 at 3:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (*The next Healing Mass will be March 7 @ 7:30 pm.*)



Sincere Condolences

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

Frank Pasciuta, Baby Dax Olsen, Angela Fragale

Attention Monsignor Farrell HS Alumni!

All Monsignor Farrell High School alumni are invited to attend Mass on **Wednesday mornings** in the Farrell chapel during regular school days. Mass begins at **7:45 am** and is followed by a continental breakfast in the Faculty Dining Room. There is no charge to attend, and all alumni are welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with many of your Farrell friends and classmates, as well as with the present students. For more information, call Kevin Fair at 347-721-1544.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

A Belated Happy Valentine's Day. Happy Presidents Day Weekend and welcome to the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lent is late this year. Actually it begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st and Easter this year will be celebrated on April 15, 2017.

Last weekend and this weekend I am speaking at all the Masses about the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. This is a sacrificial offering that is collected from all the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York that helps in paying for the following groups of people. It subsidizes the men preparing for the priesthood in Cathedral House of Formation and Saint Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, the retirement home of our priests in the O'Connor and Egan Residences, the retirement of our religious women, the operation of our Catholic Center and Chancery Offices in Manhattan, Catholic Charities agencies and helping to maintain poor struggling parishes. Our goal was reduced from \$195, 000 to \$179,000. I just received word that we have collected already over \$24,000. I know that you have been most generous in the past and I am asking that you prayerfully consider what you are able to give now. May God reward you for your donation to the Cardinal's Appeal. Since Lent is late this year, we are making this request at this time. Thanks again, in advance, I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

There was an ad in a diocesan newspaper when Bishop Barber of Oakland, California was a kid. It sat in his wallet for over 40 years and nearly was totally disintegrated before it was reprinted.

"The priest ... no matter where he is located, the diocesan priest has to be a sharer of secrets, the carrier of burdens and the fountain of consolation, and the pillar of strength. Solitary, he is called father by thousands; poor he enriches the lives of thousands, weak, he gives strength to thousands; unimportant, he does things each day, whose importance cannot be told by any tongue on earth. He is never too busy to hear another's sorrows; often too busy to realize his own burdens. He is a 24 hour a day man. He is called from his dinner; awakened from his sleep; disturbed at his prayers. He is at the beck and call of any of his people. He is the target of God's enemies, the magnet of the needy. Occasionally he attracts attention; but usually he works unnoticed and un-acclaimed while he does the noblest work on earth--- keeps Christ in the lives of the people."

This is the time of the year when most people are susceptible to colds, the flu, infections; all these illnesses I combine under the term "the Winter Crud". I've been carrying a bug too since the New Year; that just doesn't want to let go. It started in the sinus and then post nasal drip and then a dry hacking cough and so on and so on. God bless the world of chicken soup, antibiotics, probiotics, and yet it's time to turn to God and say, "Ok Lord, now what?" I'm uniting my struggles with the Cross of Christ and ask Him to use these sacrifices for whomever needs these graces. I know this may sound like I am a whiner, since I know firsthand how many people have it much worse than I. I am more aware and united to the people in our parish who are dealing with cancer treatments, living with children who are on the spectrum of autism, parishioners dealing with depression and mental illness, addictions, and the whole host of people who are elderly and homebound at this time of year. Then there are people suffering financially and out of work which more strain upon the family: all sorts of suffering.

In being not totally well and feeling pretty yucky, God is showing me how to have more compassion and showing me how I need to take better care of myself. If you are a beloved caregiver, my prayers go out to you. It takes real patience, faith and tremendous compassion to give generously of our time and energy to help lift up those who are not well. Be assured that each day, you too are being prayed for.

Recently we priests, received a blog from Cardinal Dolan about events in the Archdiocese and he's perspective of how things are going. He mentioned that he will be in Rome to have special meetings with other Cardinals and then travel to Assisi for his own personal retreat. He asked for prayers for his mother Shirley Dolan, who lives in Ballwin, Missouri, outside of Saint Louis. She is elderly and recently had a fall. She is now in a skilled nursing care facility and it's difficult to have to be so far away. She is an amazing woman of heroic faith, so please keep her in your prayers as we pray away, the blues, the blahs, and welcome the blessings of this time of year.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Just a reminder, there will NOT be bus service for OLSS students this week.

• The Harlem Wizards Slamtastic Fundraiser is Sunday, February 19th, at 6p., at the College of Staten Island. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.harlemwizards.com Join the fun while raising funds for our school!

OLSS 2017 Fashion Show

"Treasures of the Deep"

Please join us for an exciting evening filled with dinner, music, fabulous fashions and raffles!

Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 pm

Hilton Garden Inn (1100 South Ave.)

\$65 per person

RSVP to 718-984-5750

Parishioners are encouraged to take out a journal ad by calling Christine at 201-452-5998.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Janice Blanchard, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Dawn Dutton, Zenia Enciso, Cristina Fico, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Isabel Gondrey, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, James Ledger, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez **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.**

Opening of the 2018 Mass Book

The 2018 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, February 28th 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.

2018 OLSS Mass Request Form

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 2018 calendar when selecting dates.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 24 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– The next session of "It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing" will begin on **Wed., February 22 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday March 2 at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. Our next selection is **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 **Wednesday, March 8 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

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

February 26, March 12 & 26, 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.

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. It will bring you closer to Jesus. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.

Jane B. Thompson Pro-Life Essay Contest

Open to students 7th grade through 12th grade, with first prize of \$100 in 3 age groups: 7th-8th grades, 9th-10th grades, and 11th-12th grades. Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. Mail original essay (& keep a copy) on or before **April 1** to: Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc., P.O. Box 60520, SINY, 10306. For more info, call 646-662-3914.



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Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please join us. All are welcome.

One-day retreats are being offered

St. Joseph's Seminary:

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow:

Saturday, April 1, 2017

One-day retreat is from 9:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

Scholarships are available.

To register online, www.emfgp.org/archny, or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator for Parenting and Family Life Education: susan.disisto@archny.org or (646) 794-3191

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

St. Joseph-St. Thomas Chinese Auction – Thursday, March 2 at the Excelsior Grand. Doors Open at 6:45 p.m. \$65 per person includes dinner, dessert, wine & soda and starter raffle package (\$25 value). For information and reservations email chineseauctionsjst2017@gmail.com or call 201-206-3165. RSVP required by Feb. 25.

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

Saint Francis Catholic Singles

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS), for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, SI, NY 10314 on **Thursday, February 23, at 7:15 pm** for "Confession 101: From the Early Church to the Present." Just in time for Lent, Fr. Angelo Micciulla will discuss how the sacrament of confession began and how it was done from the early Church until it was developed into what we have today. For more information, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, email sfcssi@gmail.com or check our website: www.sqspsi.org.

St. Peter's Boys High School Chinese Auction

St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its annual Chinese Auction on **Friday, March 3** in the school gym, 200 Clinton Ave. Doors open at 6:00 PM. There will be numerous raffles, refreshments and prizes. Admission: \$5 – anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.

St. Louis Academy Alumni Reunion

There will be an "all years" reunion of SLA alumni at the Staaten on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. We are looking for ALL alumni. Please pass the word along. For more information, please contact Patti Lampo Sobkowski (patticake323@gmail.com), Colleen Finnegan Whelan (colleenfwhelan@msn.com) or if you prefer, call Janet Kelly at 646-209-3412 for more information. Please help spread the word!!

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
OLSS 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, desert, 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.

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 and sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Thursday, March 23 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 **March 2**.