

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 24

4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato
5:30PM Clementina Buccini

Sunday, February 25

8:00AM Joseph Galano
9:30AM Donna Nappi
11:00AM Jean McCusker
12:30PM Luigi Garofano
7:00PM Carmello Tinnerello

Monday, February 26

9:00AM Dominic Dimaggio

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Prezelski Family

Wednesday, February 28

9:00AM George Viana

Thursday, March 1

9:00AM Michael Lavanco

Friday, March 2

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Civello
& Petrocino Families

Saturday, March 3

9:00AM Ralph Moceo
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Angela & Joseph Matzelle

Sunday, March 4

8:00AM Mary Schiera
9:30AM Rosa & Salvatore Pallante
11:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
& Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro
12:30PM Caroline & Philip Tanella
7:00PM Helena Pichnarczyk



Banns of Marriage

1st Time: William Carney & Jaclyn Magee

3rd Time: Jorge Suero & Jillian Kelly

3rd Time: Karl Emigholz, Jr. & Alison DiGregorio

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 25-March 3, 2018

Given in Memory of

Anita Piazza

Donated with love
by her beloved husband & children

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 3

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 3

4:00PM E Burns, J Butalid, A Pompei, A Petrocelli
& C Messina
5:30PM A Dazio, M Lappin, N Villani & V Acri

Lectors – Sunday, March 4

8:00AM L Bauer
9:30AM C Ambrosino
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM A Medeiros

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, March 4

8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, J Stanzione, C Rosato
& P Zoltowski
9:30AM B Barone, L Capobianco, J Gatto, T Strange
& S Hitchcock
11:00AM R Ruszkowski, E&G Riozzi & C Ordy
12:30PM J Amodio, C Belvedere, B Higgins & M Quadrino
7:00PM C Barone, G Decker, B Weir, J Limeri & A Zuffante

Altar Servers – Saturday, March 3

4:00PM K Marchisella, N Shirazi
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou,

Altar Servers – Sunday, March 4

8:00AM E Gladstone
9:30AM M Esposito
11:00AM F&A Aurti
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse, P Marone
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

Jeannine Nappo, Joseph Zaza, Brian Colgan

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, March 2 at 9:00 p.m.** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, March 3 at 9 a.m.** **Eucharistic Adoration is also available in the OLSS daily chapel every Monday-Friday from 12-5 pm.**



Sunday Collection

for the week of
February 11, 2018

\$16,099.61

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This is the Second Sunday in the season of Lent and from the scriptures, we learn the tough lesson about obedience and sacrifice. In our first reading, we see the heart wrenching moment when Abraham and Isaac are gathering wood for the sacrificial fire. Can you imagine after all Abraham went through to have a son, to travel from his well-established home in Ur of the Chaldees (Iraq) and be told to sacrifice his first born son as a holocaust? It must have devastated him. Other pagan cultures up and down the ages would have the horrible practice of giving back to the gods their first-born child, but not Israel. Was God testing Abraham's faith and obedience even if this was the most counter intuitive request from God? Abraham trusted and was about to carry out the unthinkable act of killing his son when suddenly the angel of the Lord prevented him from doing that. He passed the test. God saw in such an extreme moment of obedience how loyal and steadfast his chosen one was.

The whole theology of sacrifice is wrapped up in the notion that blood is the source of all life. Take away one's blood and they die. Blood contained the property of blessing or fertility. So when we give our lifeblood to our children, our commitment to holiness and especially in receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Real Presence of God, we become co-sharers of the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary.

In the Gospel today, we are invited to climb to the Mount of Transfiguration with Peter, Andrew, James and John and experience Jesus in a way they never saw him before: totally glorified. You would think that in that wonderful vision of Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus, it would be about victory; fulfillment of God's plan. Indeed it was, but it defined that Jesus' ministry was about to come to an end, and from that moment, Jesus had to resolutely obey the Father's will and travel to Jerusalem to die on that cross for us. Jesus' sacrifice is predicted while the apostles are coming down from that mountain-peak experience. Jesus knew what love it would take to sacrifice himself for all of us. When the blood of bulls, goat, cattle, sheep, oxen, turtle doves or even pigeons was not enough to be a sacrifice, it would only be through the God-Man, Jesus. His blood shed was the ultimate and total sacrifice needed to rid the world of sin, suffering and to conquer even death itself.

The Eucharist we participate in is an unbloodied re-presentation of Jesus at Calvary. The priest acting in the person of Christ offers bread and wine to God the Father through the miracle of transubstantiation. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that all being is made up of substance and accidents. Substance is its essence and accidents are its secondary characteristics. For example, a table has a substance of a table, but the accidents are that it is wooden, mahogany, and a place for dining. At Mass, the accidents: hosts and wine in the chalice are not changed. However, at the time of the Consecration of the Mass they indeed are **transubstantiated** to become the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. This is why we adore the REAL PRESENCE of Christ when we receive Him. When we reserve the Eucharist in the tabernacle, we genuflect or profoundly bow before it. Jesus is real there.

Do you know that we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday through Friday from 12 Noon to 5PM here at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church? Adoration is also available 24/7 at Holy Child Church's Divine Mercy Chapel which is located on the right side of their vestibule. Stop by, come for a visit and pray this Lent.

This was the Sunday back in 2001 that I had introduced Perpetual Adoration to the Holy Child Parish family. I mentioned that there is no place it seems where we can get absolute silence. Our lives are one constant commercial of needs, deeds, and stress filled moments. We need to pray. So as Jesus asked the apostles on Holy Thursday night in the Agony of the Garden, "Can you not stay awake one hour with me? Watch and Pray." Adoration affords Christ the consolation of our sacrifices united to His to bring healing, peace and answers to our prayers. We need to refigure, configure and be transfigured. Well, the response was overwhelming. 350 people signed and by Divine Mercy Sunday, the week after Easter, in 2001, we began, and except for snowstorms, it's been going on day and night ever since. Do you know that this has been the greatest joy and wonder of my pastoral life seeing people to pray and learn for themselves how powerful God is? It wasn't because I said so, they discovered for themselves. Therefore, I invite you this Lent to sacrifice your time and come and adore the Lord.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom Devery



God will provide
the lamb
for the offering

PS - We welcome the Missionaries of the Poor and Father Richard Ho Lung, MOP. Please plan to join us for their concert at 7PM this Saturday in our church.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- The Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a fundraiser in order to raise awareness for Rare Diseases. The NJHS will build awareness, raise funds and share personal stories of those dealing with rare diseases with the school community. Our website features two stories about our own students who are living with a rare disease. The event will run until February 28, World Rare Disease Day, with a school wide dress down day.
- Smile.....Spring pictures will be on Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27.

OLSS SOCCER



Soccer Registration is still open for Spring 2018 which includes 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 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.

Give the Gift of Sight!

Sons of Italy, Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno Lodge #212, Staten Island, will be collecting used eyeglasses, sunglasses, costume jewelry and old hearing aids. These items are recycled or sold to provide eyeglasses to Eyes for the Needy and The Gift of Sight Organization. There is a box marked for donations in the entrance to the church where the food is collected. The box will be collected in two weeks. Please donate your old glasses and pass the word onto family and friends. If you are interested in collecting, please email capodanno212@gmail.com for a kit.

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

Opening of the 2019 Mass Book

The 2019 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, February 27th 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.

2019 OLSS Mass Request Form (please fill out completely)

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 2019 calendar when selecting dates.



OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



****REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD MARCH 10 & 11 FROM 11 AM – 2 PM IN THE OLSS GYM LOBBY****

Camp will run from **Monday, June 25th thru Friday, August 10th** from 9 am – 3:30pm
(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade in September 2018)

Register on 3/10 & 3/11 or before April 18 to Receive the Early Bird Pricing Special: (Must be paid in full by April 18 to qualify)

July 4th Week - \$210

\$240 full day-weekly & \$85 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly & \$50 half day-daily

Register after April 18th Regular camp rates apply:

July 4th Week - \$235

\$270 full day-weekly & \$95 full day-daily

\$190 half day-weekly & \$55 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

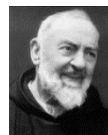
Outdoor Activities Include

Gaga game, Organized games & more!

Weekly Theme Days

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo, Camp Director:
linsoap@aol.com

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.

****Please note that we are taking a waiting list because we have filled the first bus, and should we have enough interest, we will reserve a 2nd bus. If you are interested in attending, please call the Rectory.**

For further information, please call Maria & Deacon James Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadrino@gmail.com.



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, Anthony Cangelosi, 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, Dominic D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Rosemary McGraw, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, 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, March 6 at 7:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, March 20 at 3:30 pm.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 9 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, March 1** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, 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 **Wednesday, February 28 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.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, March 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 Chapel.

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 26 at 7:30 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. 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.

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, 1 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



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.



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 Palm Sunday, March 25 or Easter Sunday, April 1)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

February 25, March 11 (NO Class on March 25),

April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Goretti Group Event

Friday, March 2 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Join us for as Weronika Janczuk shares the harms of In Vitro Fertilization from a scientific and theological point of view as she shares a healthy alternative found in the Fertility Education & Medical Management (FEMM) program that is revitalizing women's health care. There will be no Mass this month with optional parish Stations of the Cross at 7PM. Dinner will begin at 7:30 PM followed by the talk at 8:15 PM. Holy Family church (366 Watchogue Rd, 10314).

SI Catholic Youth Celebration

All 8th through 12th grade students are welcome to the fourth annual SI Catholic Youth Celebration, at Moore Catholic HS (100 Merrill Ave.) on **Sunday, March 11** from 12 Noon to 5 PM. The theme for the day is "You're Not Alone." Food, fellowship, and music will be provided as well as 4 PM Mass with Bishop O'Hara. Registration is required at <https://oymny.org/sicyc> or by email to cyminsi@gmail.com.

By His Wounds We Are Healed

Women's Day of Recollection

March 24, 2018 from 10 am – 3 pm

Notre Dame Academy (134 Howard Ave, SI, NY 10301)
Mass Celebrant – Fr. David Rider. Day includes prayer service, music, presentations, discussions, fellowship, food, door prizes and giveaways. Cost: \$25. Presented by Catholic Mental Health Professionals. RSVP to Laura Bonamo at 347-273-1290 or info@cognitivetherapysi.com