

Our Lady Star of the Sea
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, February 25

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

Monday, February 27

9:00AM Joseph Dolcemasclo

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 AM Annmarie Riley

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Anthony Bellifore
9:00AM Marie Cancelleri
12Noon Tom Maira
8:00PM Leonard Borg

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

9:00AM Cynthia Crane

Saturday, March 4

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
& Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 5

8:00AM Amedeo Arena
9:15AM Angela & Joseph Matzelle
10:30AM Jaime Cucuzza
12 Noon Caroline & Philip Tanella
1:15PM Mary & Dom Biscardi
7:00PM Thomas J. Hoban

Banns of Marriage

Second Time: Nicholas Cresci & Theresa Pioli
Second Time: Brian Kelly & Kristen Perdichizzi
Third Time: Robert Brennan & Antonella Vitulli



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.

Ash Wednesday – March 1

Ashes will be distributed during the following times:

Masses:

7 am, 9 am 12 Noon, and 8 pm

Services:

3:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Ashes will only be distributed to those who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd grade and above). Small children will be given a special blessing.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of February 26 – March 4
Given in Memory of
Anita Piazza

From her beloved husband & children
Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 4

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

Eucharistic Ministers, March 4

4:00PM A Maffeo, G Decker, A Petrocelli, J Coscia,
& C Harris
5:30PM F Barone, R LaMonica, J Cimino, M Andreola,
& M Lappin

Lectors –Sunday, March 5

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

Eucharistic Ministers, March 5

8:00AM R Bauer, M Ennis, M Molinini, J Perdichizzi,
& C Rosato
9:15AM B Higgins, D Avena, Sr. Rosemary, S Hitchcock,
& J Prato
10:30AM B Barone, N Fallacaro, C&J Gerace, & C Ordy
12 Noon C Barone, C Belvedere, S Catalano, C Bottiglia,
& B Peters
1:15PM A McCoy, MA Russo, M Sprague, B Nicholson,
& N Villani
7:00PM J Limeri, A Zuffante, K Melka, C Houle, & B Weir

Altar Servers, Saturday, March 4

4:00PM E Harris, K Marchisella
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers, Sunday, March 5

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



Sincere Condolences

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

**Joseph Lupia, Martha Schneider, Elaine Korkowski,
Vincent Ottaviano**

Healing Mass

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

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 3 at 9:00 p.m.** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, March 4 at 9 a.m.** **Eucharistic Adoration is also available in the OLSS daily chapel every Mon-Thurs from 12pm-5 pm.**

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

We are in the home stretch before the great season of Lent. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1st with Ash Wednesday and we will travel the road with Christ all the way to Easter Sunday, which for us this year is April 16. The Old English word for Lent meant "spring time". We are like the professional baseball players, who come out of their wintertime and enter into spring training. What are we training for? We are training to become intensified in our Catholic Faith, to embrace the reality of the Cross in our lives, repent of our sins, put our faith in love into action in our behavior and through our acts of charity. The three classic characteristics of Catholics during Lent is prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

People give up chocolate, wine, beer, broccoli, scotch, and steak and call that fasting. As a reminder, for people between the ages of 16-59, fasting is most appropriate during Fridays in Lent. During the Fridays of Lent we are asked not to eat meat. This is not so that we all just run to Red Lobster and gorge ourselves on expensive fish, but instead that we fast from rich foods and take the money that we would have spent and use that money to give alms (donations) to the Cardinal's Appeal, charities and or people in financial distress. Rather than getting into a major resolution over what to give up for Lent, why not ask the question, "What am I giving over to Christ for Lent?" Ideally, we are to deepen our spirituality. One form of fasting that recently makes sense is giving up "Facebook", or all the time we spend on social media. Perhaps we can attend a Bible Study, or pay a visit to Alba House – Saint Paul's Center and buy a good book on spirituality. Here are some recommendations:

Unbound, by Neal Lozano

Sacred Fire, by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Miracles Do Happen, by Sister Briege McKenna, OSC

Online, you can have access to great Catholic teaching, movies, classes and books by logging into FORMED.ORG. The parish password is 9F33RR.

There are groups of parishioners that are meeting to learn more about sacred scripture. The Renew International Program did a commentary on the Gospel of Saint Luke. People are gathering in the rectory basement on Thursday Mornings from 10AM to 11:30AM and a second group gathers from 7:30PM to 9PM. There is also a group of parishioners meeting to speak about topics relating to faith called "The Sons and Daughters of Mary," they gather at 10AM on Friday in the basement of the rectory. Also on Sunday Mornings from 7AM to 8:30AM, there is a Men's Prayer Group that meets to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church, Lauds, and to break open the Word of God, which is that Sunday's Scriptures. Therefore, if any of these groups fit into your timetable it is a wonderful chance for small Christian community to form, strengthen, and inspire one another.

One of the most important features of Lent is repentance and going to confession. We will make every effort all throughout Ash Wednesday and the Saturdays of Lent to have priests available in Church to hear confessions. Last year, it was a unique privilege to welcome hundreds of people on Ash Wednesday. On that day in a very public way, we all identify by being sinners, as we accept the mark of ashes on our foreheads. "Remember, O Man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "Repent and believe in the Holy Gospel". "Turn from sin and believe in the good news." This is the prayer that is said when we are receiving ashes.

It has always struck me that we should target this day, more than ever, since people come to accept the call to conversion. Whenever the sacrament of confession was available, the people who were "Surprised by mercy" have edified me. So come then and during Lent as well.

A most important event will occur on the week before Holy Week, April 3, 4, & 5, when we will host the Cluster Parish Mission. The Parishes of St. John Neumann, St. Joseph & St. Thomas and Our Lady Help of Christians are invited for a three evening parish mission conducted by Fr. Vincent Hoagland, CP (a Passionist Father), myself, Fr. Tom Devery and a witness from a local married couple. There will be a chance for confessions and there will be the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The graces of this mission will be enormous. So please mark your calendar and do not miss out. The mission will take place from 7:30 to 9pm in our church.

In addition, every Friday evening during the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 8 PM in the church. We will have the chance to make the journey with Jesus through the way of the Cross, participate in his passion and death, and await the resurrection.

As the Sundays of Lent unfold, we will also be praying and supporting our catechumens and candidates for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation who will be received into the Church on the Vigil of Easter, Holy Saturday evening, April 15th. There are over 25 people who in preparation. Some will be received on Easter, and some on Pentecost. As you can see, there are many opportunities to draw closer to Christ this Lent.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You, because by your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."

Blessings,

Fr. Tom Devery

Day of Reflection at OLSS

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, March 4** 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 and the day will end with the 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

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held in the Athletic Center on **Thursday, March 2** from **6-7 PM** for all players, including PeeWee, 3 yr. olds, & SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for

SIYSL players & \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms & more details. Registrations also may be dropped off at any time at the Rectory. **Please note:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to re-register in the spring.

The 2017 Cardinal's Appeal has begun!



"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" -- Galatians 6:10

As disciples of Christ, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus taught us. It is only with your help that the Cardinal's Appeal continues its good work in our communities. Through our ministries and charities the Cardinal's Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in faith.

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 **134 families** have made pledges totaling **\$39,305**.

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!

www.cardinalsappeal.org

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Good luck to our 8th graders who are competing in the 2nd Annual Robotics Competition at St. Joseph by the Sea High School on Monday, February 27th!
- Registration for Catholic High Schools is Wed., March 1st.
- The Supernovas of Our Lady Star of the Sea School are reaching new heights! A recent activity was the incredibly popular "egg drop" competition. Supernova teams were charged with designing space capsules for Egbert their "astronaut" using only index cards, file folders, scissors, and a choice of tapes! Thirty teams entered a capsule into a series of drops of increasing heights to determine the best design. Incredibly, five teams designed capsules that protected Egbert through every drop!
- Join us for our next Touring Tuesday, on Tuesday, March 14. Registration is ongoing for grades K-8. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

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.**

OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD
MARCH 11 & 12 FROM 10 AM – 1 PM
IN THE OLSS GYM LOBBY



Wednesday, July 5th
thru Friday, August 18th

9:00am – 3:30pm

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

Register on 3/11 & 3/12 or 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 18th 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

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Janice Blanchard, Norma Bolanos, Jennifer Bonica, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Thomas DiRago, 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, Gloria Pinnola, 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. Names on this list will be on until March 12 and then will be removed unless we hear from the family to continue.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 10 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., March 1 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 **Wed., 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.

Consider the lilies...



... do not be anxious.

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Welcome to Carmel-Its Rules & Charisms

The St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community will be holding a “Welcome to Carmel” day on **Saturday, March 18** in the OLSS Damato Room. The day will begin with Mass at 9 am (in the church) and will continue in the Damato Meeting room, ending at 3 pm. Fr. David Rider will be presenting. Coffee and lunch will be provided. Donation is \$20 per person. **All reservations must be received by March 11.** Make checks payable to St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community and mail to Ms. Louise Monaco, 33 Goller Place, SINY 10314. For more information, contact Maria at 718-356-1886.

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.

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, **(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, March 30 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.**