

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 10

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

Monday, February 12

9:00AM Frank Biazzo

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 AM Mildred Paturzo

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Salvatore & Rita Cama
9:00AM Philip Matteo
12Noon Dolores DeStefano
8:00PM Louis Clementi

Thursday, February 15

9:00AM Rose Tankus

Friday, February 16

9:00AM Joseph Galano

Saturday, February 17

9:00AM Dominick Palumbo
4:00PM Claire Miura
5:30PM Anthony Castaldo

Sunday, February 18

8:00AM Carmelo Denaro
9:30AM Annette Criscitelli
11:00AM Louis Bove
12:30PM Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano
7:00PM Debbie Stallone

Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Jorge Suero & Jillian Kelly

1st Time: Karl Emigholz, Jr. & Alison DiGregorio

2nd Time: John Maio & Santina Caruso

3rd Time: Theodore Clohessy & Erica Skiba

3rd 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.

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Ashes will be distributed during the following times:



Masses:

7 am, 9 am 12 Noon, and 8 pm

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

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 11-February 17, 2018

Given in Memory of

Vincent Sarullo

Donated by Eleanor & Vincent Palmeri

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 17

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 17

4:00PM E Burns, J Butalid, G Decker, A Petrocelli & C Harris
5:30PM R Marino, C Losi, A Dazio, M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, February 18

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM M Newell
12:30PM A Medeiros
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, February 18

8:00AM J Stanzione, C Rosato, P Zoltowski, A Shirazi & M Ennis
9:30AM B Higgins, L Appel, J Gatto, S Monteforte & T Strange
11:00AM C Ordy, V Acri, J Tolento & J Amodio
12:30PM A McCoy, MA Russo, B Peters & M Quadrino
7:00PM G LaGrua, A Zuffante, M Sprague, A Pompei & C Houle

Altar Servers – Saturday, February 17

4:00PM D Cavicchio, E Gladstone
5:30PM P Marone, N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, February 18

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito
11:00AM N Salerno, G Gulotta
12:30PM G Marino, G Vassallo, M Mattioli
7:00PM C Nieves



Sincere Condolences

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

Salvatore Di Stefano, Jonathan Miller,
Raymond V. Russo, Rudolph Corcillo, Raffaella Cosentino

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

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time and this Wednesday is Valentine's Day, which ironically, is also Ash Wednesday, a day of abstinence and fasting as we prepare for the great season of Lent.

On Saturday February 3, the Catholic Church in The Gambia, Africa rejoiced in the Ordination and installation of their new bishop, our own Bishop Gabriel Mendy, C.SSP. The name of his diocese which encompasses his whole country is Banjul and I am sure that he is overjoyed if not overwhelmed by this transition in his life. Please keep him in your prayers.

I apologize for not being present to the Parents Meeting for the 2nd graders preparing for their First Holy Communion later this spring. May I invite you to listen online to www.fatherdavidrider.com: Homilies: "Is your faith greater than the devil's."

I am grateful to all who attended the Saturday workshops on caregiving and the wonderful insights that were shared from Mrs. Diane Hopkins. We need to keep her and those who attended in our prayers, since caring for the frail and elderly and infirm is a heavy cross to carry.

The Life in the Spirit Seminar will take a big leap of faith as the many participants are prayed over for "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit". This is a term that means we ask the Lord to fully unleash all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit that were given to us in our Baptism and Confirmation but have lied dormant within us. It's "New Life" and a powerful demonstration of God's presence within us and with us in our daily lives. I want to honor the service team of this Seminar: Maria Ugenti, Marie Ferro, Deacon Jim and Maria Quadrino, Barbara Bennett and Romi Verdera.

I have been asked by Cardinal Dolan to attend a 14-day program for wellness for our priests and be a part of an evaluation process. This will begin February 12-25th. I will be in Pennsylvania during this time.

You may have noticed on the doors of the church and the poster in the vestibule of our church the image of Father Richard Ho Lung, MOP and his singers from the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica. On the weekend of February 25th, he will preach and invite us to attend the concert and evening of prayer at our parish on Saturday, March 3 at 7PM. The cost will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

I also understand that there is great need for Eucharist Adorers at Holy Child Church's Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel. These following times are most needed to find adorers to commit one hour of silent prayer. There is an URGENT need, meaning no one is available, for Tuesday 12AM and Saturday 11AM.

The following have at least one adorer and they are searching for a second guardian of the Eucharist to commit to that time.

SUNDAY: 12 AM, 12PM, 5PM, 6PM, 7PM, 11PM

MONDAY: 6AM, 10AM, 1PM

TUESDAY: 12AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 6AM, 8AM, 5PM, 11PM

WEDNESDAY: 12AM, 5AM, 6AM, 2PM, 5PM, 9PM, 11PM

THURSDAY: 3AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 1PM, 2PM, 10PM, 11PM

FRIDAY: 1AM, 3AM, 5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 10AM, 6PM, 10PM

SATURDAY: 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 10PM

Please contact our rectory or Holy Child Parish and be totally blessed in your holy hour.

Consecration to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

Virgin of Fatima, New Eve, Spouse of the Holy Spirit. We consecrate our lives, our families and our parish to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. We ask you to help us be sparks that will enkindle in this world the great fire of love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

May His innocent blood continue to plead for our salvation in the most holy sacrament of the altar; May His Eucharistic light pierce the darkness of our minds; may His Eucharistic power heal and transform the lives broken by sin. May His Eucharistic Love bring unity and peace to the Church; and through your maternal and queenly intercession may the Lord Jesus Christ take up his Eucharistic Reign of Holiness and Love in every human heart. Amen

May the Lord continue to bless you and deepen your faith this Lenten season!

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Come see all the wonderful things happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School! Join us for our Touring Tuesday Open House on Tuesday, February 13 from 9-11 am. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for further information.

• All children from grades 2-8 will receive ashes in school on Ash Wednesday.

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held in O'Mara Hall on **Thursday, February 22 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

Life in the Spirit Seminar

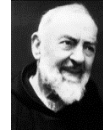
This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Life in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel

Dates: February 13 & 20 from 7-9 pm

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

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.

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 Biondolillo, 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 Corread, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidowicz, 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 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 Service

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

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 22** 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, 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 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 12 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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, ‘If you wish you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition.

Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he!

Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke ‘If you wish...’ He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he!

May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened. Lent is God’s gift to me this year.

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

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 11 & 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

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.

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**.