

Our Lady Star of the Sea
5th Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, April 1

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

Monday, April 3

9:00AM Marylou Barreto & Gloria Ungaro

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 AM Anthony & Emily DeLuca

Wednesday, April 5

9:00AM Peter & Ida Manetto

Thursday, April 6

9:00AM Marie Bellach

Friday, April 7

9:00AM Frank Fiumano

Saturday, April 8

9:00AM Michael & Margaret Iacono
4:00PM Berta & John Matzele
6:00PM Gary Carter & Amelia Newborn

Sunday, April 9 - PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM Raymond Perry
9:00AM Ignazio Catanzaro
10:30AM Mary Ferguson
12 Noon Henry Foy
1:30PM Maria & Bonifacio Lopez
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
 & Persichilli Families



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Antonio Fuentes & Lauren Caporicci
Third Time: Salvatore Trovello & Rosaria Barone

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. Francis of Paolo - April 2

Francis was born in 1416 in Calabria, Italy to a very poor but virtuous family. After spending a year with the Franciscans, he took up solitude. By age 20, two others joined to share his devout exercises. They lived in three cells and a chapel – this was the foundation of the Order of Minims. The first of several monasteries was built in 1454. King Louis XI of France had an inordinate fear of death, and tried everything to forestall the inevitable, including prayers and pilgrimages. Louis appealed to the Pope. Francis arrived at the French court in 1482. He told the King “the lives of kings and subjects are in the hands of God alone.” Over the next 4 months, St. Francis helped the King to prepare for death. He died peacefully in Francis’ arms on August 30, 1482. St. Francis shows that we should not be paralyzed by fear, but rather we should not put off doing good deeds, saying kind words, or forgiving those who hurt us. -JM

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of April 2-8
 Given in Memory of
Chester & Blanche Matuszewski
& Robert Matuszewski
 From Anne Matuszewski

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, April 8 – PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00PM C Harris & F Monte
6:00PM C Losi & A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, April 8 – PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00PM L Barbato, E Vitello, M Randazzo
6:00PM C Losi, C Houle, J Cimino, M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, April 9 – PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM P Zoltowski & J Perdichizzi
9:00AM L Bauer & M Pinto
10:30AM M Coppolo & B Paccione
12 Noon C Messina & A Medeiros
1:30 PM B Weir & G LaGrua
7:00 PM K Melka & R LaMonica

Eucharistic Ministers, April 9 – PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM M Andreola, J Stanzione, C Rosato
9:00AM D Avena, J Gatto, R Bauer, A Zuffante
10:30AM J Zinsley, A Petrocelli, E Newborn, A Maffeo
12 Noon L Appel, B Peters, S Catalano, C Barone, MA Russo
1:30PM N Villani
7:00PM K Melka

Altar Servers, Saturday, April 8

4:00PM D Heidel
6:00PM E Losi, C&C Nieves

Altar Servers, Sunday, April 9

7:30AM N Shirazi
9:00AM M Esposito
10:30AM M Mattioli, K Marchisella, L&PJ Caiazzo
12 Noon V Pavlick, P Marone, N Salerno
1:30PM
7:00PM S&N Mejias



Sincere Condolences

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:
Beth Ann Arcipoli, Laura Randazzo, Leif Hansen

RCIA Scrutiny – 10:30 a.m. Mass

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Charles Karen, Tenisha Thomas-Hohausler, Laura Ball-Rosenberg, Michael Colon, and Isabella El-Amrani) will celebrate the 3rd and final RCIA Scrutiny during the 10:30am mass. The Gospel reading used this Sunday is from John 11:1-45 – The Raising of Lazarus. These Scrutinies 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.

Holy Week Movie:
The Passion of the Christ
Sunday, April 9 @ 8:15 p.m.
OLSS O’Mara Hall

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

There's a growing excitement as we approach the end of Lent and the glorious liturgies of Holy Week, culminating in the Easter Vigil, where our Elect will be baptized and along with our candidates for Holy Communion and Confirmation. They will be fully initiated into the life of the Church. They will be fully equipped to live the Christian life.

This Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, our Cluster 4 parishes are invited at 7:30-9PM to come and join us for the *REVIVE* mission, with Father Victor Hoagland, a Passionist Father and prayers and testimonies from our laity. Bring a friend.

On Palm Sunday Evening at 8:15 PM in O'Mara Hall, there will be a viewing of Mel Gibson's "**The Passion of the Christ**". If you have been fearful of watching this alone, come and join with us. It is graphic and stirring and yet a realistic presentation of what Jesus suffered for us all. For me it sets the tone for Holy Week.

Last Tuesday's reading from the Prophet Ezekiel gave us a vision of the Temple in Jerusalem and from its four gates flowed healing waters that became a river of life and all fruit bearing trees grew alongside the banks of this river. All this healing water was flowing from the Temple, the immediate place of God's presence among us. While reflecting on this, Father David in his homily gave a truthful teaching on the tactics, the reality and the strategy of the Devil. The Catholic Church teaches strongly that the Devil is real. We say for example in our Nicene Creed, "We believe in God the Father almighty the creator of all things visible and invisible." The devil may be invisible but he is real. Now we have Halloween images of a man in a red costume with pitchfork, horns and a hair tail. But that's not what the devil is. The Devil was vanquished at the moment of Jesus' death on the Cross, but he still has power and manifests himself in the four following ways. The Devil has so many subtle ways of leading us away from God.

First of all the word "devil" or "Diabolo" means to **separate and divide**. The devil's whole strategy is to divide and conquer, to separate and cast people apart from each other. Jesus on the other hand, came to unite us, to call us to communion and community. The Devil is the "**Father of Lies**" as is mentioned in the Bible. He is a deceiver, cunning and battles for the mind to believe and maintain the falsehoods.

Think of the ways the devil is battling for the minds of people today. "I don't believe in God anymore." "If there were a God, this would not have happened." "Oh, I don't have to go to Church every Sunday. I can stay home and read my bible". "The Church is all about money and rules, they are not about getting us to heaven." We see the devil's evidence in the breakdown of marriages, the rancor and anger expressed to one another, the lack of forgiveness and all the demons that go along with that, addictions, viewing pornography, alcoholism, gambling, drug addiction, extreme shopping and materialism, the cursing, the gossip, the unforgiveness, an over inflated ego, "It's all about celebrating me". There is no evidence of faith or humility.

The devil is also called "**The Accuser**". Always criticizing, finding blame, pointing the finger at others; all these are a part of the devil's strategies.

Finally the devil is called "**A Murder and cause of all violence**".

When interpreting the vision of Ezekiel and the River of Life flowing from the Temple, today the Temple is the Church, and the river of Life is the Sacraments. Each of the sacraments offer a healing remedy and the grace needed to live in the truth and grow in the ways of freedom and justice. While the world seems to be losing its grasp on reality with regard to listening to God's word and recognizing His life giving remedy for sin and death, we're invited to come to a Cluster Mission to uncover, discover and recover.

I began this Lent asking the Lord to make this a meaningful and holy season. I know that every opportunity to grow and take nourishment is offered to us the Church and all the sacraments of forgiveness and reconciliation and healing. So if we find ourselves disillusioned, divided, argumentative, not at peace, confused and depressed, full of anger and accusation, harboring thoughts of violence and murder; then guess whose message you have been duped into.

The Church is not Burger King, "Have it your way". It's Christ's presence leading us into glory, freedom and wholeness.

So, if it is the Cluster Mission, the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8PM, the All Night Adoration Vigil coming before God between 9PM and 9AM on Friday nights, 9AM Weekday Mass, Sunday Mass, Reconciliation Monday April 10th from 3-9PM when all priests will be getting ready for Easter, attending the Morning Prayer Tenebrae at 9AM Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or welcoming the RCIA candidates on Holy Saturday Night, all these events are pointing to one great reality - **Jesus is Lord**. Jesus conquered sin, suffering, and death and defeated the Devil.

On Easter Morning, we will renew our Baptismal Promises and profess our Faith in the Father Almighty who has created all things visible and invisible. And we will kick the devil out of this parish and welcome in the glorious reign of the Risen Christ Victorious!

That's my hope for the rest of Lent and Easter.

God Bless you,

Fr. Tom Devery

Pray for the Sick



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

Anointing of the Sick – April 4th

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.*)

LENT 2016

Fast & Abstinence: The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

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 14th from 12 NOON to 2 PM.

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

Lenten Love Offering: This weekend we ask that you return your love offering boxes to the Church. Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need.

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: 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*

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- The Bread of Life Drive is in full swing! Please send in nonperishable food items, no glass jars please, with your child this week.
- During this Lenten season, our 7th & 8th graders participated in a Baby Bottle campaign for the Cross Road Foundation. Donations are due on Tuesday, April 4. Mite boxes for the missions will be collected this week.
- 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.

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

April 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

Please note: there will be no class or ceremony on April 9.

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.



The Cardinal's Appeal Supports

RETIRED PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

with \$3 MILLION

Lifetime of spiritual service

We are grateful for the lifelong dedication and spiritual guidance of our priests. Through the Appeal, the Saint John Vianney Center for Retired Clergy, Egan Pavillion and Our Lady of Consolation residences can comfort our leaders as they once comforted and served us.

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 **235 families** have made pledges totaling **\$84,010**. We are at **47%** of our goal.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

**The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal
1011 First Ave.**

**14th Floor Donor Database Center
New York, New York 10022-4112**

(212) 371-1011 Ext. 3300

Suggested total pledge: 5 Monthly Payments of:

\$5,000	\$1,000
\$2,500	\$500
\$1,000	\$200
\$500	\$100
\$250	\$50

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parish _____

E-Mail _____

Total Gift _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Balance _____

Choose your payment method:

Personal check payable to: **The Cardinal's Appeal**

Credit Card (complete below): American Exp – Visa – MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Amt \$ _____

Please charge:

One Time Amt of \$ _____ OR \$ _____ each month for _____ months.

Signature: _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for September 2017

All students currently attending our program will receive re-registration forms during the month of April. Please return the forms to your child's teacher or mail to the Religious Education office **before May 18, 2017** to take advantage of our reduced rates. Anyone needing evening classes must return their re-registration form no later than **May 4, 2017**.

Please bring the following required documents to registration:

- We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- First Holy Communion & Penance Certificate, if the sacrament has already been received.

Registration fees BEFORE May 18, 2017 are:

Day Sessions: \$225 for one child; \$300 for two or more children
Wednesday Evenings: \$275 for one child; \$375 for 2 or more children

Registration fees AFTER May 18, 2017 are:

Day Sessions: \$275 for one child and \$350 for two or more
Wednesday Evenings: \$325 for one child; \$425 for two or more

FIRST GRADE & NEW REGISTRATIONS

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish prior to registering in the Religious Education Program. Proof of Parish registration is required (envelope number).

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Quaglia at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

Registration for **First Grade** and **New Registrations** will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on the following dates:

First Grade and New Registrations Only

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - 4:30PM - 5:30PM
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - 4:30PM - 5:30PM

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.

Widows Club - A new group will be available for widows and widowers to come together and share their experiences together. The next meeting will be **Thurs., April 27** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

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**. Pick-up location will be OLSS Athletic Center parking lot at 9 AM. Ticket & 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.

OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



Wednesday, July 5th
thru Friday, August 18th

9:00am - 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th 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 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

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.

