

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, April 8

4:00PM Berta & John Matzele
6:00PM Gary Carter & Amelia Newborn

Sunday, April 9

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

Monday, April 10

9:00AM John Nolan

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 AM Kelvin Voyeau

Wednesday, April 12

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Holy Thursday, April 13

9:00AM Morning Prayers
8:00 PM *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, April 14

9:00AM Morning Prayers
12-2 PM Last Confessions before Easter
3:00 PM *The Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday, April 15

9:00AM Morning Prayers
8:00PM *Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:30AM Joseph & Sophie Iorio & John & Jane Graziano
9:00AM Frances Maffeo
10:30AM Guido Maurino, Sr.
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Gersbeck Family
1:30PM Sophie, Katarina & Paul Srogi
NO 7:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

Lent 2017

Fast & Abstinence: Good Friday, April 14th is a day of 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Reconciliation Monday is Monday, April 10th from 3 pm to 9 pm in the church. There will also be confessions held in every church in the Archdiocese during this time. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, April 14th from 12 NOON to 2 PM.

Stations of the Cross: On Good Friday, April 14th, we will hold meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ in word and song through the Eyes of His Mother Mary at 8 PM in the Church.

Holy Week Movie: *The Passion of the Christ*

Join us Sunday, April 9 at 8:15 p.m. in OLSS O'Mara Hall for a special Holy Week viewing.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of April 9-15
Given in Memory of
Cathy Decker
From Bob & Eileen O'Connor

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, April 15 – Easter Vigil

8:00PM C Harris, E Newborn, B Paccione, K Melka,
G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers, April 15 – Easter Vigil

8:00PM L Barbato, M Lappin, B Peters, M Molinini, C Ordy

Lectors – Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday

7:30AM M Andreola
9:00AM S Gambino
10:30AM M Newell
12 Noon A Deliso
1:30 PM L Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers, April 16 – Easter Sunday

7:30AM J Perdichizzi, J Stanzione, C Rosato
9:00AM D Avena, J Gatto
10:30AM L Appel, M Sprague, C Ordy
12 Noon C Messina, MA Russo
1:30PM N Villani, R Bauer, A Zuffante

Altar Servers – Saturday, April 15

8:00 PM S&N Mejias, N Shirazi

Sunday, April 16

7:30AM N Shirazi
9:00AM S&G Artz
10:30AM D Heidel, K Marchisella, L&PJ Caiazza
12Noon V Pavlick, P Marone, N Shirazi
1:30PM

Easter Schedule 2017

Holy Week

Reconciliation Monday, April 10th – 9 AM Mass

Confessions will be heard from 3 PM to 9 PM

Tuesday, April 11th – 9 AM Mass

Wednesday, April 12th – 9 AM Mass

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday – April 13th

9 AM Morning Prayers
8 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 14th

9 AM Morning Prayers
3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Communion Service)
8 PM Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 15th

9 AM Morning Prayers
8 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 16th

Masses are at: 7:30 AM, 9AM, 10:30 AM,
12 NOON & 1:30 PM
(Additional Parking available in the
municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue)

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

A blessed Holy Week to all of you! I want to thank all the people who have helped making our Cluster Parish Mission a success, and most especially Father Victor Hoagland, CP. There was a wonderful turnout and I am grateful to my brother priests for their involvement and availability for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

You will have noticed that the Palm Sunday Mass schedule has been extended to handle the Mass crowds plus the Reading of the Passion. We began on Sunday Morning with the 7:30 AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12 Noon and 1:30PM and 7PM. It's my hope that after July 1st, the Sunday Schedule will be adjusted so that the parking lot will not be a zoo and that there will be a chance for people to leave Mass and arrive for the next Mass with a 90 minute time between liturgies. In July, the Mass schedule will be as follows: 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM, 12:30PM and 7PM. There will be also be weekly baptisms at 2PM. We have a very large parish and so seeking to make life less stressful in the parking lot.

On Palm Sunday night after the 7PM Mass in O'Mara Hall there will be a showing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ". I have heard from people that they found this too graphic, too violent and some were frankly afraid to watch this even alone at home. I know that the content is tough to watch. However, the Passion of Jesus was not pretty and the sacrifice of being with Christ in this visual and visceral depiction helped my focus on the depth of love with which Christ died for me. I hope this becomes part of our Holy Week prayer.

Holy Week has several components and I would like to highlight what they are. From sun down on Holy Thursday to sun down on Good Friday is day one. From sun down Good Friday to sun down Holy Saturday is day two. From sun down Holy Saturday to sun down Easter Sunday is day three. We call this in the liturgy of the Church the Paschal (Passover – Easter event) Triduum (Three Days). It is the most solemn and sacred time of our Church year.

At 9AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Eucharistic Celebration will not be offered, but rather Tenebrae (Service of Light). The Tenebrae is basically the Morning Prayer and Office of Readings of the Church that is celebrated by priests, monks, nuns in the breviary, or Liturgy of the Hours. The extras involve the Candelabra of 15 candles that are extinguished after the psalm is read or the chanting of the readings from the Book of Lamentations. It takes approximately one hour and this sacred time helps start our day and prepare for the great events that will be celebrated later in the day.

The Holy Week Liturgy is actually one three day long Mass. On Holy Thursday at 8 PM, in a most solemn way we celebrate the night when Jesus instituted the priesthood and the Mass. There is the washing of the feet of 12 disciples. There is the procession after Mass to the Altar of Repose in O'Mara Hall where the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved and adoration will be held until midnight. The Church leaves in silence on Holy Thursday. The altar is stripped after Holy Thursday Mass.

On Good Friday, at 3 PM, the priests enter wearing Red Vestments in silence and solemnly prostrated themselves on the floor of the Sanctuary. There is an opening prayer, the readings recall the suffering and abandonment of Jesus at Calvary and the Passion of St. John's Gospel is read. There will be 10 specified intentions prayed for in the Universal Prayer, or Prayer of the Faithful. Then there will be the unveiling of the Cross, as the celebrant sings, "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which has hung the Savior of the World... Come let us worship". We will be then invited to venerate or kiss the Cross, while the choir sings. After the Lord's Prayer and Lamb of God is prayed, the deacon will carry the Blessed Sacrament back into the church for the distribution of Holy Eucharist. There will be a concluding prayer and the priests will leave once again in silence.

On Good Friday evening at 8 PM, there will be a special Stations of the Cross, presented by the Mothers and Sons of our parish, and hosted by the Religious Education. Once again, all are invited to participate.

Following Saturday Tenebrae, there will be flurry of sacristans to prepare for the mother of all liturgies at 8 PM, the Easter Vigil Mass, which is approximately 3 hours long. There are 5 great movements of the Mass: Part 1 is The Blessing of the Easter Fire and the carrying of the Easter Paschal Candle into the Church and the singing of the Easter Proclamation, The Exultet. Part 2, The 5 readings of the Old Testament highlighting Salvation History and then the singing of the Gloria. There will be a solemn procession with Alleluia's to the Risen Christ and the Gospel. I will preach the Homily. Part 3 is the Liturgy of Baptism, Confirmation, and reception into fullness of communion for all our Elect and RCIA candidates. Part 4 is the renewal of the Church Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with the Holy Water. Part 5 is the Liturgy of the Eucharist with our newly received elect and candidates reception of Holy Communion for the first time. It is a glorious night filled with joy and music and faith.

Many people understandably can't join us for all but even you can make part of the Holy Week liturgies. Each and every one of them a facet of the diamond and precious jewel our faith is in the Risen Lord Jesus. May God bless you all!

We join with the whole world proclaiming, "Jesus is Risen!", and our response, "Indeed He is Risen".

Fr. Tom Devery



Sincere Condolences

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

**Sheila Czarnomski, Agnes Pampinella, John Ianniello,
Helen Del Zoppo, Margaret Sabino**

Healing Service

There will be a **healing service on Tuesday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be May 2 @ 7:30 pm.)*



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Robert Augustino, Catherine Biondolillo, Janice Blanchard, Serafina Carlone, Dominick D'Argenio, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Chelsea Dutton, Herbert Gruberger, Anthony Medeiros, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, 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.**



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Matthew Medaglia & Jennifer Reinhart
First Time: Leonardo Sancì & Alessandra Troiano
First Time: Ronald Shatilla & Maria Sciandra
First Time: Michael Lombardo & Jennifer White
First Time: Daniel Clark & Danielle Daprian
Second Time: Antonio Fuentes & Lauren Caporicci

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.



The Cardinal's Appeal Supports Our

NEEDY PARISHES with \$4 MILLION

Our Parishes are the lifeblood of the archdiocese. The Cardinal's Appeal supports our spiritual homes during times when they cannot support themselves. Funds raised by the Cardinal's Appeal assisted 85 parishes in need last year. Your gift helps tend to the spiritual needs of our Catholic communities.

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 **248 families** have made pledges totaling **\$96,410**. We are at **54%** 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 _____ Amt 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: _____



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- Wishing all our OLSS families a blessed Palm Sunday.
- Just a reminder....there will NOT be bus service for OLSS students on Wednesday, April 12th.
- The New York State Math Exams, for children in grades 3-8 will take place on May 2, 3, & 4.
- Report cards will be viewable to the parents by the end of the school day on April 26th.

OLSS SOCCER

Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory for all players which include PeeWee, 3YO, and SIYSL players. Fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. Visit www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall you do NOT need to register again in the spring.



OLSS J.V. Cheerleading Tryouts Tuesday, April 25th & Wednesday, April 26th (Must attend BOTH days!)

From 4-6 pm at Athletic Edge Gym (10 Nassau Place)
 We welcome girls entering 4th, 5th, & 6th grades in September, 2017. Please wear shorts and sneakers. For more information, call Elaine 917-797-3941 or Ronnie 718-757-1846.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for September 2017

All students currently attending our program have received 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



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

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club –The next meeting will be **Friday, April 21 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 May 4**, at 7:30 PM in the OLSS Rectory. New members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* by Neal Lozano. 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., May 3 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

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

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. **PLEASE NOTE: Beginning July 2, 2017**, Baptism Ceremonies will take place EVERY Sunday at 2 pm. Classes will remain the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 12 Noon.

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.

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, 2017**. Pick-up location will be OLSS Athletic Center parking lot at 9 AM. Ticket and 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
through Friday, August 18th
9:00am – 3:30pm

Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th grade in Sept. 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

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, April 27 at 7 pm** in the 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 **May 4**.