

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2016

Announced Masses

Saturday, August 13

4:00PM Joseph & Gaetana Levantino
5:30PM Lucy & Thomas Gazzillo & Thomas Gazzillo, Jr.

Sunday, August 14

8:00AM Joyce Pizzemante
9:15AM Kevin O'Connell
10:30AM Luis Soto
12 Noon Frank Sikora
& the Deceased Members of the Sikora Family
7:00PM Maria & Mikolaj Sikorjak
& the Deceased Members of the Bielanski Family

Monday, August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM Joseph Potenza

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 AM Salvatore Luccisano

Wednesday, August 17

9:00AM Ella Milo

Thursday, August 18

9:00AM Armando & Adolorata Gaglia

Friday, August 19

9:00AM Frank Fiumano

Saturday, August 20

9:00AM Frank Fiumano
4:00PM Ann & James Levigne
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Smith Family

Sunday, August 21

8:00AM Anita Barletta
9:15AM Celeste Gartland
10:30AM Deceased Members of the
Stacey & Visconti Families
12 Noon Pat Damato
7:00PM Joseph Limeri

St. Macarius the Wonderworker – August 18

Macarius was born in Constantinople in the 9th Century. He entered Pelekete Monastery and was soon elected abbot. As a priest he opposed Emperor Leo's ban on images, and as a result was thrown into prison and subjected to torture. Under Emperor Michael, he was released from prison, but was exiled because he continued to uphold the right of God's people to make use of images. -JM



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Louis Pellegrite & Jenna Tepedino
Second Time: Salvatore Rizzo & CristiAnna Sciuto
Second Time: Peter Ciaravino & Katherine Giambrone
Third Time: Fred Rassi & Megan Overeem

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides & grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, August 28.** At this time, you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next date: Oct. 30)

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, August 16 @ 3:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (The next Healing Mass will be September 6 at 7:30 pm).



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of August 14-20
Given in Memory of
John Joseph Bonfiglio

Donated by Julie Zinsley

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, August 20

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, August 20

4:00PM C Harris, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, V Acri
5:30PM F Ruggiero, C Houle, M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, August 21

8:00AM M Andreola
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM E Newborn
12 Noon A Deliso
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, August 21

8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, C Rosato
9:15AM L Appel, J Gatto, G Decker
10:30AM B & MA Higgins, C Ordy, M Sprague
12 Noon R&F Marino, MA Russo
7:00PM S Caiazza, B Weir, M Recanatini

Altar Servers, Saturday, August 20

4:00PM E Harris, V Pavlick
5:30PM M&E Losi

Altar Servers, Sunday, August 21

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM M Esposito
10:30AM P Marone
12 Noon J Jacoby, C Carr
7:00PM R Faljean



Sincere Condolences

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

Nancy Ali, Concetta (Janette) DiCostanzo

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Joseph Arena, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Liseth Dixon, Zenia Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Anthony Galante, Antoinette Gallo, Herbert Gruberger, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Anna Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez, Thomas Vecchi **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.**

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

I am refreshed and eager to welcome a new year of graces from the Lord. Vacation was just what I needed. It takes about three days to center down and truly get into the relaxed mode and God supplied the rest, Truth, Beauty and Goodness, and dear friends to share that with. I am a happy camper.

On the first Sunday after I left I was given a suggestion to pray over and bless Miraculous Medals for all First Responders and I am happy to say that it met with such gratitude. Father Basil even texted me about this and later handed me a letter and I want to share an excerpt of this note with you.

"... Now to the reason for writing this email. Today Father Basil at the end of Mass asked if there were any Police Officers, Firefighters or First Responders at Mass and he said he would like them to come up for a special blessing. I retired a Detective from the NYPD in 2009 after 22 years, so I did not stand. My son asked me why I was not going up. So I told him that I am retired and no longer an active Officer. Father Basil after seeing that no one came up then said, 'even if you are retired', so of course I stood and walked to the front along with approximately 10 other men. We walked to the front of the church, including a gentleman in his 80's that probably retired from the NYPD in the 1970's. Father Basil then said a prayer and asked that all parishioners raise their hands and assist in the blessing. He then gave us a small envelope containing a prayer medal. While Father Basil was praying over us tears began to fill my eyes. I felt a great pride and joy plus some sadness that I am able to stand here privileged at that to be able to do so after many Hero Police Officers have been killed not only in the past years but in the past week. I guess my tears were for their children, unlike my children who are here and able to see us be blessed and thanked for our service by our parish priest. But the children of those officers will never get to see their dads again. My wife was unable to attend the 10:30 Mass today. When I went home and told her what Father Basil had done for us and how he did it, she cried! I looked at my wife and said, 'Exactly!!!'

I am sorry for this long email but my thanks cannot be shared in a few words. I want to express my sincere thanks to Father Devery for putting in place the best Parish Staff I could have ever wished for. I am so honored to be a member of OLSS. Please express my thanks to Father Devery, Msgr. Bartley, Father Basil, Father Mendy, and Father David for all they do for us and the way they reach each and every one of us through their thought, prayers and personal experiences that they share with us. I so appreciate them all! I don't know who in the rectory reads all the emails for the OLSS website so please, I ask that this email be sent to all of our Parish clergy. And be shared however they would like, with whoever they would like to share my thoughts. Just as we were thanked and blessed today I believe they deserve the same thanks for what they do for all the parishioners of OLSS. Once again a special thanks to Father Basil for his blessing upon us today. Thank You!!"

What a wonderful homecoming to receive! Bishop John O'Hara called me on vacation to say that he would like the have a "Blue Mass" for all First Responders for all Police, Firefighters, First Responders and Law Enforcement. He was delighted at what we did and wants to have a Staten Island wide celebration for these dedicated people. So on Monday evening, September 12th at 7:30 PM this Mass is for them and their families. In the weeks ahead will be publicizing this.

May I gently remind you that the Gala Dinner for our 100th Anniversary will be held on Sunday October 2nd at the Hilton Garden Inn. Please make a reservation and join us!

With Blessings and a Grateful Heart for all you are and all you do,

Father Tom Devery



OLSS 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner-Dance RSVP

Sunday, October 2 from 5 pm-10 pm

Nicotra's Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn (1100 South Avenue, SINY)

Tickets - \$125 per person - Please submit RSVP with payment by September 15.

Individual tickets are WELCOME and encouraged. Tables will be arranged in groups of 10.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

I would like to reserve _____ seats for the 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance.

Check enclosed for _____ (at \$125 per person)

Please return form and payment to the Rectory. Please make checks payable to OLSS.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

As we enjoy these last few weeks of summer, here are some reminders for the start of the 2016-2017 school year:

- ***Thursday, September 8** is a full day for students in grades 1-8.
- * School will begin at 8:10 am and dismissal is at 2:50 pm. Doors will open at 7:50am.
- *All students must be in complete summer uniforms.
- *Bus service will be available for children in grades 1-8.
- *Kindergarten students should arrive at 9am on September 8, and will be dismissed at 1:30pm.
- *There will NOT be bus service for kindergarten students until **Monday, September 12**.
- *We will continue to use the drop off line for morning arrival. The drop-off line is for you to STOP & then DROP your children off at school.
- *ALL parents should enter the grounds from the Amboy Road entrance by the rectory and continue to the main entrance of the school.
- *Pull as far down as possible in the driveway, two doors will be open for the children to enter the school, the main entrance and the doors closest to Amboy Rd.
- *DO NOT try to pass other cars that are dropping off as the children will be exiting the cars.
- *If an adult needs to get out of the car for any reason, (this includes getting backpacks from the trunk of your car) we are asking that you **PARK** the car and **WALK** your child to the front door.
- ***The school office will be open from 9-2 beginning August 29th.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – Meetings will resume in September. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – A new session of “*It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*” will begin in the fall, date and time TBD. For all your immediate bereavement needs, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number, and someone will get in touch with you.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be Thursday September 8 at 7:30 PM in the Rectory and new members are always welcome. We are reading *Mother Teresa of Calcutta - A Personal Portrait* by Fr. Leo Massburg. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society –Meetings for the Holy Name Society will resume in September. For more information please 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.

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. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Stolzenhaller Council's Annual Charity Golf Outing

Monday, September 19, 2016 at the South Shore Golf Course
7 am Breakfast, 7:15 am Registration, 8 am Shotgun Start
12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles
Lunch on the turn included/Dinner served at 1 pm
Cost: \$140 per golfer. For more information, call Karl Emigholz, Chairman at (646) 662-2034

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS Soccer Registration

The **FINAL** two open registration days for OLSS Soccer will be **Thurs., August 25 & Wed., September 7 from 6-7 pm in the OLSS Athletic Center**. Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory for the 16-17 Season. Registration fees \$200 for SIYSL players, \$150 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$125 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration form and more details.



CYO Basketball Registration

Registration for the 2016-2017 CYO Basketball season can still be dropped off in the OLSS Athletic Center on Mon. Aug. 15 & Tues. Aug. 16 between **6-10 PM**. The fee will be \$350 for one child, \$550 for two & \$650 for three or more. **There is an additional fee for all 8th grade** registrations in the amount of \$165 which will cover 3 Tickets for a Brooklyn Nets game where the players will play a game on the court versus another parish. Registration is open to Girls and Boys in grades 1-8. (HS registration will not take place until October.) Tryouts for grades 3 thru 8 will begin **Tuesday, September 6th**. The tryout schedule will be made available & posted at the time of registration. ****REGISTRATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE GRADE IS FULL**** If you need additional information you can send an email to info@olssbasketball.com.

OLSS Intramural Basketball Registration



Registration for the Fall and Winter sessions of our Intramural Program will take place during all of the CYO registrations. You can download a form and fee schedule from www.olssbasketball.com and bring it to the gym any weeknight. There is someone at the front desk to take your form at all times. Intramurals are open to boys and girls in grades K-8. Any questions, email us at info@olssbasketball.com.

OLSS 100th Anniversary Jubilee Journal



A commemorative keepsake journal will be published for the parish's 100th Anniversary Gala on October 2, and we invite your family or business to be a part of the book.

JOURNAL AD SIZES AND PRICE LIST

(Please select ad size)

- ___ Gold Page \$250
- ___ Silver Page \$150
- ___ Full Page (5½ x 8) \$100
- ___ Half Page \$60
- ___ Quarter Page \$30

(Please fill out below section)

NAME/COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT/SUITE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Attach your business card or ad copy along with a check made payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, and mail or drop it off at the Rectory, 5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10312. The Ad deadline is **Monday, September 19th**. Camera ready ads should be sent on a white background to olssparish@si.rr.com. (Please send as a .jpg or .png file)

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 Ceremony Dates

August 14, 21, & 28, September 11 & 18
October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 11

PLEASE NOTE: Baptisms in August will take place at 1:15 pm.

Classes will take place the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not spend one hour with me?



OLSS Weekly Adoration Mon-Thurs

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each week, Monday through Thursday in the OLSS Chapel from 12 Noon – 5 pm. Volunteers, or Adorers, sign up for one hour shifts to sit with our Lord during this time. We welcome you to sign up for any one hour that would suit your needs. If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration, we invite you to do so. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer, please call Carol Ordy at 917-536-8576.

Holy Child Perpetual Adoration 24/7

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Holy Child Church holds eucharistic adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are in urgent need of adorers for Saturdays at 1:00 AM & Wednesdays at 3:00 AM. If you think you might be able to answer the call and fill one of the above hours which are in need of coverage immediately, please pray and ask Our Lord for guidance and contact either Sal Lavanco at 718-948-6048 or Diane Conzo at 718-605-6112.

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 7:15PM

Addiction Angels – There will be a Sibling Support Group meeting on **Tues., Aug. 16 at 7 pm** in the **Damato Mtg. Room**. The next Parent Support Group meeting will be **Thurs., Aug. 18 at 7 pm** in **O'Mara Hall**. 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 **September 1**.

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

- Two enjoyable events at the **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**. Includes round trip transportation, full course meal, dessert, show, tax & gratuity all at one price. For pricing and further info, call Donna 718-967-4224 or Jane 718-605-3128. Please RSVP ASAP to reserve your seat.
 - ❖ Rock, Roll & Soul - 8/21 @ 2:30pm
 - ❖ Rock & Roll USA 9/24 @ 6:30pm & 9/25 @ 2:30pm
- **Pilgrimage to Holy Door for Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** Saturday, September 17, (9 am – 3 pm) Basilica of Regina Pacis, Brooklyn, NY. Fliers are available at the Rectory. Please contact Donna Pellizzi at 718-967-4224 or Jane Campbell at 718-605-3128 for more information.

2nd Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2016 Advent Season. Each tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. Trees must be reserved no later than October 1st. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return to the Rectory. Any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this form to the Rectory as soon as possible:

Our Lady Star of the Sea - 2016 Christmas Tree Drive
5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312

_____ **Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.**

- _____ Memorialized for deceased
_____ Dedicated to loved ones- living
_____ Personal Family Christmas Greeting

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____
Address _____
City, Zip _____
Phone Number _____
Email _____

_____ *Check Enclosed for \$250, payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea*