

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 28, 2016**  
**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, August 27**

**4:00PM** Anna & Gaetano Vallone and Mary & Frank Finn  
**5:30PM** Vincent Vigneri

**Sunday, August 28**

**8:00AM** Michael Porzio & Deceased Members of the Porzio Family  
**9:15AM** Donald Bennett  
**10:30AM** Giuseppe & Elizabeth Iacoviello  
**12 Noon** Michael J. Molinari, Jr.  
**7:00PM** Jeffrey Capretta & Frank Garone

**Monday, August 29**

**9:00AM** Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brullo

**Tuesday, August 30**

**9:00 AM** Donald Bennett

**Wednesday, August 31**

**9:00AM** Joseph Amato

**Thursday, September 1**

**9:00AM** Peter Ford

**Friday, September 2**

**9:00AM** Flavia Laterza

**Saturday, September 3**

**9:00AM** James Anderson  
**4:00PM** Lucy & Mildred Gesualdi, Dora & Edward DiAntonio  
**5:30PM** John & Dehlia Palacios

**Sunday, September 4**

**8:00AM** Rita & Sal Cama  
**9:15AM** Stephanie Vierno  
**10:30AM** Anthony Sellitti  
**12 Noon** Ella Milo  
**7:00PM** Anne Casey

**Bl. Margaret of Louvain, Virgin/Martyr – September 2**

Margaret was born in Belgium in 1207 and worked at an inn owned by Aubert. Aubert and his wife sold the inn in preparation of entering religious life. During their last night at home, they were slain. When Margaret returned home, the murderers proposed marriage if she would keep silent about the murders. When Margaret refused, they cut her throat and threw her into a river. She was eighteen years old. Margaret's body was discovered and taken to St. Peter's Church in Louvain, Belgium and buried there. Many testimonies of miracles at the tomb were filed. Today many innocent people are murdered in the drug trade and gang wars and the refusal to align with criminals could result in the crown of martyrdom. -JM

**Banns of Marriage**



**First Time:** Matthew Mitrovich & Ashley Benitto

**First Time:** James Ledger & Melissa Vitale

**First Time:** Kevin Carr & Shannon Hermansen

**Second Time:** Patrick Terranova & Genna Palacios

**Second Time:** Matthew Manzi & Gina Lombardo

**Third Time:** Louis Pellegrite & Jenna Tepedino

**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 Mass**

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tues, September 6 @ 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (The next Healing Service will be Sept. 20 at 3:30 pm).

**The Sanctuary Lamp for the**  
**Week of August 28-September 3**  
**Given in Memory of**  
**Michael J. Molinari, Jr.**

From Your Loving Mom & Dad

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, September 3**

**4:00PM** F Monte  
**5:30PM** F Barone

**Eucharistic Ministers, September 3**

**4:00PM** L Barbato, V Acri, C Biondolillo, V Cermenello-Caruso  
**5:30PM** M Lappin, A Dazio, C Houle

**Lectors – Sunday, September 4**

**8:00AM** M Andreola  
**9:15AM** MA Higgins  
**10:30AM** B Paccione  
**12 Noon** A Deliso  
**7:00 PM** K Melka

**Eucharistic Ministers, September 4**

**8:00AM** C Rosato, J Stanzione, M Ennis  
**9:15AM** Sr. Rosemary, J Gatto, B Higgins  
**10:30AM** C Ordy, N Fallacaro, E&G Riozzi  
**12 Noon** B Peters, C Barone, S Catalano  
**7:00PM** A Zuffante, M Sprague, G LaGrua

**Altar Servers, Saturday, September 3**

**4:00PM** E Harris, K Marchisella  
**5:30PM** M & E Losi

**Altar Servers, Sunday, September 4**

**8:00AM**  
**9:15AM** J Mele  
**10:30AM** R Ruskowski, C Trang  
**12 Noon** G Vassallo, P Marone  
**7:00PM** L&PJ Caiazza

**Sincere Condolences**



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

**Rosa Badalamenti, Madeline Ranieri, James Ronald Gill, Pablo Monzon, Ann DeFalco**

**Pray for the Sick**



Barbara Allen, Joseph Arena, Baby Noah, 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, Agnes Yncilino **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 found this article from Father Vlado Bizjak entitled "Spiritual Growth and Disappointment," something worthwhile to ponder.

"One contemporary social myth is to be successful, anytime and everywhere. Politicians have to be perfect or they have to resign, products must work perfectly or business crashes; children must not disappoint their parents – they have to meet all their expectations. In our country it is not so rare to learn of the case that an adolescent kill himself as a result of feeling like a failure before his family. He cannot accept or bear the burden of disappointment.

Then it is the Church. Also she must be perfect, especially bishops and priests, they should not disappoint the world who wants and needs and example of holiness. Maybe we Catholics, as children of our time, also infected with this virus in the way we look on our spiritual and everyday life. We know about the pressure to be good and to be successful in the eyes of our parents, relatives, neighbors, priests and bishops.

Every human being is and has first to be fascinated. Animals cannot do it, they cannot admire, wonder and be fascinated. Man can and should do it. Some say that wondering is the beginning of philosophy. A child admires the almightiness of his parents. They are ideal and represent the ideal world. They teach him to be good, virtuous, successful and holy. At first he doesn't distinguish between illusion and fantasy. Maybe it's the child's first disappointment when he realizes that Santa isn't real.

Later on people are fascinated many times, by a wonderful experience of traveling or of pilgrimage, by knowing a new inspiring man or woman who they want to follow or be their friend. When someone falls in love, he is fascinated by the other. A boy loses his mind, his girl loses hers as well, he is then her Prince Charming. Their brain produces an image of a perfect man or woman with whom they are ready not only to spend their entire life, but also die for. Anyhow, they will be quite happy with their person for their entire life and there is nothing imperfect in this human being.

Why then are some people too excited and too fascinated? There are many reasons. A reason behind can be dissatisfaction with themselves, bad self-image, weak and unstable identity. Feelings of their own weakness or incapacity pushed them to search for an ideal solution or promise outside. All their hopes and dreams are idealized in a perfect image, created by their own. Common sense or not, reason has no effect. There is an ideal other person (partner, brother, saint, bishop or God) or an ideal possession (money, miracle) that can solve all problems with an ease.

When fascination passes – and this, as a rule, happens every time – people are like woken up from a dream. If until now nobody or nothing has disappointed us, maybe we are still in a dream of childish idealization. The battle to grow spiritually and personally still didn't begin. Only what fascinated us first, can really disappoint us. Something what we hoped in and what we idealized. Soap bubble of perfect produced in our mind bursts and rainbow colors end up in a drop on the floor.

Disappointment comes as a rule, because of rational thinking. Fascination is mostly irrational an emotional thing. Reason helps us to see that our ideals are relative, not absolute. Objects of our idealization don't solve our problems as we expected. We realize that we expected from something or someone things that he or she cannot give. This experience is hard, but very necessary.

We have to be skeptics in front of over exaggerated idealizations. Our world is not black and white and neither are people. There is no perfect saint or perfect sinner. There is one ideal alone – God. But even God can disappoint us. Not because He is not perfect, but because we have a distorted image of Him and eventually He doesn't act as we idealistically want or hope.

Everything we have hope in has to disappoint us, even God! It is a necessary step in our spiritual life. There is no spiritual growth outside of the paschal mystery. And this paschal mystery passes, as we know, the passion and death. Only then the resurrection comes. There is not resurrection without death and in the same way disappointments have to come along the way for everything that fascinated us.

We have to be disappointed by the things we love the most. First, we are disappointed with our parents, friends, and other close people or those that we count on, our authorities, bishops, judges and politicians. We have to be in a way disappointed also by the Church, by the priesthood, by different pastoral approaches we counted on. Finally, the hardest one is to be disappointed by God and faith.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI speaks about politics. One of the important roles of Christianity as separated from the state and politics is to demythologize politics. The state and politics can quickly bet attributes of omnipotence and promise the impossible. People love to believe in a better future. Christianity sobers down politics and it shows, that we cannot expect too much from this world.

Finally, disappointment for man is God (Jesus) Himself. Many people leave the faith because they have too idealistic of expectations from it. As soon as he stops fulfilling all their desires, they turn away. In the Bible itself, we can find many bitter disappointments, even Jesus' closest friends were tempted. Many wonder over Jesus' remaining behind in the Temple: "Son why have you done this to us?" Judas in his disappointment betrays Jesus and then, disappointed by himself and his sin, commits suicide. Peter, disappointed by Jesus speaking about his suffering, wants to stop him and finally ends up denying him and in so disappointed himself. Many disciples, disappointed by Jesus speaking of the Eucharist, were grumbling and turned their backs on him. The cross was the final of Jesus' disappointment for all, only few people were left on Calvary.

The Cross, the disappointment, surely doesn't have to be the final word as it is not in the paschal mystery. But sadly, many people stay there for the rest of their lives. Once disappointed they lose their faith and live in bitterness. This is the biggest mistake ever. We have to understand that disappointments must come as a step in our growth toward a full spiritual and human maturity. It is nothing with being disappointed. It is meant so. And it is meant to learn from such experience. We are still tempted to leave God, priesthood, parish life because we are disappointed. But we are called to grow up. Some of us are more prone to idealism and live in the clouds; others are hard realists without any faith. We need to put together the emotional power of fascination and rational sober reality of life. We have to stop swinging between them.

Fascination is a gift. It gives us many beautiful experiences, peoples, feelings of being accepted and gifted. We have to be fascinated, emotionally fulfilled. This a good and necessary legacy for hard times. Disappointments are also gifts, helping us to stay sober and rational. If we learn how to live in balance and acceptance of both we will find Easter morning, the completion of the Paschal Mystery and a new step in our spiritual maturity".

I know this is deep and I thank you for hanging in there to read this.

Finally, in our first **1:15 PM** Sunday Mass on **September 11<sup>th</sup>** we will have the **Blessing of Backpacks** for all students returning to school. If you would like to have a special blessing on this school year for your children, please attend and bring your backpack.

Blessings,

*Father Tom Devery*



# OLSS 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office will reopen on **Tuesday, August 30.** Registration for 2016-2017 will take place on **Tuesday, August 30 from 11 am – 1 pm & Tuesday, September 6 from 11 am – 1 pm.** You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and your parish envelope number when registering for Religious Education. If you are not a parishioner and would like to register, please visit the Rectory from 9 am – 4 pm Monday – Friday or call 718-984-0593.

### 2016-17 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Monday, Sept. 12	Grade 7	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 14	Grade 2	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 15	Grades 5 & 6	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Grade 1	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 21	Grades 1-7	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Grade 8	3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 13	Special Needs	(A) 3:45 – 4:15 pm (B) 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 718-984-1885.

## SPORTS NEWS

### OLSS Soccer Registration

The **FINAL** day for open registration is **Wednesday, 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](http://www.olsssoccer.com) for registration form and more details.



## OLSS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Journal



A commemorative keepsake journal will be published for the parish's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.** Camera ready ads should be sent on a white background to [olssparish@si.rr.com](mailto:olssparish@si.rr.com). **(Please send as a .jpg or .png file)**

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** –The next meeting will be **Friday, September 9 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** – A new session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 14 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, 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** – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, September 21 at 8 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information please call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

August 28, September 11 & 18 (**No Class on 9/18**)  
October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 11

**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning in September, Baptism Ceremonies will take place at 2:15 PM. Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Mtg Room of the Athletic Center. Please note, there will be no Baptism Class on 9/18.

## 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** The **person requiring the certificate** must see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.

## 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

- Enjoy a trip to the at the **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**. Includes round trip transportation, full course meal, dessert, show, tax & gratuity all at one price. The next trip will be for Rock & Roll USA 9/24 @ 6:30pm & 9/25 @ 2:30pm. For pricing and further info, call Donna 718-967-4224 or Jane 718-605-3128. Please RSVP ASAP to reserve your seat.
- **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.



## Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study

### Luke: My Spirit Rejoices – Evening Session Added

The Thursday morning scripture study of Luke will begin on **Thursday, September 8 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** in the Rectory Basement. Due to inquiries for an evening session, an additional opportunity has been added, beginning on **Thursday, October 6 from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm.** The text is from RENEW INTERNATIONAL and costs \$30. We will also use the NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, which will be available for purchase for \$5. If you are interested, sign up forms are available in the Rectory. Please fill it out and return it with either \$30 for the text only or \$35 for the text and bible, in an envelope marked "Sr. Jean". All checks should be made payable to OLSS. Space is limited. Please do not delay if you are interested.

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### Stolzenhaler 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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 with payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email [olsshns@gmail.com](mailto:olsshns@gmail.com) or call 984-0593.

**Please return this this form and payment 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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