

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 10

4:00PM Helen & William Timmermans
5:30PM Ralph Moceo

Sunday, March 11

8:00AM Amedeo Arena
9:30AM Salvatore J. Cafiso, III
11:00AM Vincenza & Anthony Visconti
12:30PM Mary, Dominick & Dorothy Biscardi
7:00PM Anthony Medeiros

Monday, March 12

9:00AM Jerry Mignone

Tuesday, March 13

9:00 AM Frank Fiumano

Wednesday, March 14

9:00AM Janet Corney

Thursday, March 15

9:00AM Harry J. Skeggs

Friday, March 16

9:00AM Dr. Frank Pomilla

Saturday, March 17

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani
4:00PM Janet Zimmer
5:30PM Vincent & Laura Marsicano

Sunday, March 18

8:00AM Frank Nemia
9:30AM Nicky Chieco
11:00AM James Fleming
12:30PM Joseph & Josephine Massaro
7:00PM Maria & Antonio Persichilli

Banns of Marriage

3rd Time: William Carney & Jaclyn Magee



Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, April 22** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



RCIA Scrutiny

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Lauren Alvarez, James Keeler, Danielle King, Brenda Koenig, Sarah Smith, Danielle Yurisov, and Luis Irizarry) will celebrate the 2nd of 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 11:00 am mass. These Rites 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

March 11 – March 17, 2018

Given in Memory of

Florence Rubin

Donated by the Limeri Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 17

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 17

4:00PM L Barbato, C Barone, A Petrocelli, E Vitiello
& A Lazzara
5:30PM A Dazio, M Lappin, F Barone & C Houle

Lectors – Sunday, March 18

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM M Newell
7:00PM B Weir

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, March 18

8:00AM M Molinini, J Stanzione, C Rosato, L Bauer
& S Monteforte
9:30AM B Barone, S Hitchcock, E Burns, L Appel & A Shirazi
11:00AM C Ordy, V Acri, J Amodio & R Ruszkowski
12:30PM C Belvedere, B Peters, C Messina & M Quadrino
7:00PM G LaGrua, M Sprague, A Zuffante, K Melka
& A Pompei

Altar Servers – Saturday, March 17

4:00PM D Cavicchio, J Oliveri
5:30PM E Losi, D Heidel

Altar Servers – Sunday, March 18

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM S Artz, I Santatemia
11:00AM G Gulotta, P Marone
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse
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 Basirico, Frank Ianacci

Listen to Fr. David's homilies at
www.fatherdavidrider.com

Sunday collection
for the week of
February 25, 2018
\$ 18,247.11

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

In January and February we conducted a Life in the Spirit Seminar and we culminated this with praying for a greater release of all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which is called the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit". I would like to explain just what these gifts are.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's way of becoming present in a way that is different for each one because only He knows us in our inner part and how to act upon our unique personality. Where does the grace we experience in the Baptism in the Spirit come from? It comes directly from God, not the one who is laying hands and praying and not from anyone else who is around.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit refers to the seven graces bestowed upon Catholics who follow their faith correctly. The gifts, which include wisdom, piety, fear of the Lord, understanding, counsel, fortitude and knowledge are outlined in Isaiah 2:2-3.

The Gift of Wisdom is the ability to discern right from wrong and to seek justice. Wisdom speaks to the ability to use good judgment, and is grounded in life experience, reflection and integration of life's hard lessons. Catholics believe that one way to practice this gift is to view the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The Gift of Understanding is the gift of discernment and insight. It helps followers to correctly perceive situations. Catholics teach that understanding can be practiced through learning their faith, and praying for, as well as carrying out God's purpose in life.

The Gift of Counsel refers to the ability to both give and receive good advice, to guide and be guided by others, to encourage and be encouraged. Followers of the faith are taught that if they remain spiritually righteous, others will look up to them and seek their counsel. A way to benefit from this gift is to seek out church elders and religious and priests who can provide spiritual guidance in time of need.

The Gift of Knowledge refers to being able to educate oneself and build up a base of information from which we then operate in the world. The bible encourages followers to employ virtues and knowledge for the good of humanity.

The Gift of Fortitude is another word for strength and refers to spiritual rather than physical strength. Fortitude is the ability to commit to God despite temptations or external pressures to the contrary. Fortitude is also the ability to endure suffering and hardship in the name of following God's commandments. Catholics put their relationship with Christ first and foremost as the center of their lives.

The Gift of Piety is another word for devotion and is the demonstration of our commitment to faith. A pious person is one who lives a sin-free, moral life and who surrenders their own will to that of God. Catholics believe that piety involves stepping out of your own way in order to follow God's calling.

The Gift of Fear of the Lord can be interchanged with awe or reverence, which encourages followers to pray and have devotion to God. Fear of the Lord is apparent when followers try not to do anything that would cause themselves to be separated from God.

The Nine Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Gift of Prophecy - when a person gives God's message for the community or for an individual.

The Gift of Tongues - when one speaks in a prayer language unknown to him and yields to praise, and worship and glory.

The Gift of Interpreting Tongues - when one person, after hearing another person yielding to the gift of tongues, gives the general meaning of what the person said, or a response to what has been said.

The Gift of Healing - enables the person to be an instrument of God to bring about the well-being of another person, whether, spiritual, psychological, or physical.

The Gift of Faith - enables the person at a given moment, without human reasoning or any sense of doubt, to ask or to speak in the name of Jesus in such a way that what he says or asks must come to pass. This is the kind of faith that can move mountains.

The Gift of Miracles - is a passing manifestation of God's power whereby some obstacle is removed or some opportunity is seized in a very special way, so that it could only come through God's intervention into human affairs. This gift is a sign of God's presence and power working sovereignly and therefore, often a source of belief to all.

The Word of Wisdom - whereby a person has the ability to value spiritual things over worldly things. This gift helps us view the world through God's perspective and the light of our faith. It instills a desire to contemplate the things of God.

The Word of Knowledge - whereby a person is granted an insight into God's plan in a given situation and is enabled to put this into words of advice or of direction.

The Gift of Discernment - whereby a person is enable to know the source of an inspiration or action, as to whether it came from the Holy Spirit, his own human spirit, or from the evil spirit.

As we make our Lenten journey, may God fill you and renew with you all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Have a blessed week.

Father Tom Devery



OLSS DOLPHIN



SUMMER DAY CAMP

****REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD MARCH 10 & 11 FROM 11 AM – 2 PM IN THE OLSS GYM LOBBY****

Camp will run from **Monday, June 25th**
thru Friday, August 10th

from 9 am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade
in September 2018)

**Register on 3/10 & 3/11 or before April 18 to
Receive the Early Bird Pricing Special:
(Must be paid in full by April 18 to qualify)**

July 4th Week - \$210

\$240 full day-weekly & \$85 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly & \$50 half day-daily

Register after April 18th
Regular camp rates apply:

July 4th Week - \$235

\$270 full day-weekly & \$95 full day-daily

\$190 half day-weekly & \$55 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

Gaga game, organized games & more!

Weekly Theme Days

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo, Camp Director:
linsoap@aol.com

LENT 2018

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, March 30th from 12 NOON to 2 PM.

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

Lenton Love Offering: 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. **Please return your love offering boxes to the Church on the weekend of March 17 & 18, the weekend before Palm Sunday.**



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

• Thank you to Christine Rabbena and Marilee Amodio, our Fashion Show chairladies, and all those who worked with them to make our annual Fashion Show a huge success!

• Collection of food for the Bread of Life Drive will begin on Monday, March 12 and continue through Friday, March 23.

• Our next Touring Tuesday is on Tuesday, March 13th from 9-11 am. Come see all the wonderful things happening in our school. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brodine, Vincenza Caccano, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Anthony Cangelosi, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Rosemary McGraw, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Mary Ellen Olszewski, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, 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, Jamie Seaman, 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, March 20 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 pm.**

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 – jilimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 23 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, March 15** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– The next session of “*It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*” has begun and will continue on Wednesdays 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.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, April 4 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 pm in the Chapel.

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, March 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

By His Wounds We Are Healed

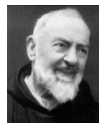
Women’s Day of Recollection

March 24, 2018 from 10 am – 3 pm

Notre Dame Academy (134 Howard Ave, SI, NY 10301)

Mass Celebrant – Fr. David Rider. Day includes prayer service, music, presentations, discussions, fellowship, food, door prizes and giveaways. Cost: \$25. Presented by Catholic Mental Health Professionals. RSVP to Laura Bonamo at 347-273-1290 or info@cognitivetherapysi.com.

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.

****Please note that we are taking a waiting list because we have filled the first bus, and should we have enough interest, we will reserve a 2nd bus. If you are interested in attending, please call the Rectory.**

For further information, please call Maria & Deacon James Quadriano at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadriano@gmail.com.

OLSS Soccer



Open Soccer Registration will be held in the **OLSS Athletic Center on Wednesday, March 14 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 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.

OLSS Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Program

OLSS Sports is currently accepting registration for the CYO Baseball/Softball season. Boys and girls in grades K-8 are welcome to join. To register, please go to olssbasketball.com, select Baseball from the dropdown and follow the instructions for the on line registration.

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

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.



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

