

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, March 18

4:00PM Ella Milo
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Antorino
 & Guido Families

Sunday, March 19

8:00AM Joann Muscarella-Megala
9:15AM Frank Frazer
10:30AM Frank Fiumano
12 Noon Lillian & Charles Tuminelli & Teresa & Leo Colonna
1:15PM Salvatore Joseph DeMarco
7:00PM Dominick Zizzamia

Monday, March 20

9:00AM Dora Casale

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 AM Tommy Cullen

Wednesday, March 22

9:00AM Billy Higgins

Thursday, March 23

9:00AM Marilyn Loscacco

Friday, March 24

9:00AM Kelvin Voyeau

Saturday, March 25

9:00AM Dave Nelligan
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi
 & Serrantonio Families
5:30PM Pat Damato

Sunday, March 26

8:00AM Joseph Arena
9:15AM George A Sasso
10:30AM Deceased Members of the Scuderi
 & Petrancosta Families
12 Noon Lillian Visceglia
1:15PM Luciano Di Giallonardo
7:00PM Marie Cancelleri

Banns of Marriage



First Time: Salvatore Trovello & Rosaria Barone
Second Time: Damon Kost & Laura Cappiello
Third Time: Ralph Izzo & Stacey Snyder
Third Time: Joseph Newman & Lorraine Wojcik

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.

MEET Rev. Thomas Fenlon

and LEARN more about Catholic Relief Services

Fr. Thomas Fenlon from Catholic Relief Services will be visiting OLSS to speak at all our masses next weekend, March **25 & 26**. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in more than 100 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States. Fr. Fenlon is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of the poor overseas and to provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS. For more information about Catholic Relief Services visit www.crs.org.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of March 19-25
Given in Memory of
Dominick DeFeo & Rose DeFeo
With Love from their Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 25

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM A Deliso

Eucharistic Ministers, March 25

4:00PM A Lazzara, L Barbato, J Uhlman, A Petrocelli
 & J Coscia
5:30PM J Cimino, F Ruggiero, A Dazio, M Lappin & V Acri

Lectors –Sunday, March 26

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:15AM J Zinsley
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon M Newell
1:15 PM C Ambrosino
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, March 26

8:00AM J Stanzione, R&L Bauer, J Perdichizzi & C Rosato
9:15AM D Avena, L Capobianco, B&MA Higgins & J Gatto
10:30AM E&G Riozzi, T Strange, L Appel & B Barone
12 Noon F&R Marino, A Maffeo, N Villani & M Randazzo
1:15PM J Tolento, MA Russo, A McCoy, M Recantini
 & B Nicholson
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, C Houle, S Caiazzo & G LaGrua

Altar Servers, Saturday, March 25

4:00PM D Cavicchio
5:30PM E Losi

Altar Servers, Sunday, March 26

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:15AM G&S Artz
10:30AM G Gulotta
12 Noon B&M Stackhouse
1:15PM G Vassallo
7:00PM L&PJ Caiazzo



Sincere Condolences

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

Elvira Massa

RCIA – 1st Scrutiny, March 19 @ 10:30 am Mass

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Charles Karen, Tenisha Thomas-Hohausen, Laura Ball, Michael Colon, Isabella El-Amrani) will celebrate the 1st of 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 10:30am 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.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

What a week that has been, blizzard snowfall, the Our Lady Star of the Sea Fashion Show, Saint Patrick's Day parade on a Friday in Lent and being able to eat meat and all the reshuffling of schedules and shoveling aches and pains. Winter is still with us.

As you enter our Church there is poster of Cardinal Dolan and the reminder for our Lenten almsgiving to support the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. Please, if you haven't done so, be as generous as your means allow. Thank you in advance.

Happy Feast of Saint Joseph! Since this Feast falls on a Sunday in Lent, this year the universal church celebrates Saint Joseph's Day on Monday, March 20th. We honor the foster father of Jesus, the husband of Mary, that faithful and just and righteous servant of the Lord, who listened to God and did His will. The most remarkable aspect of Joseph's life is that he is never quoted in the Scriptures. We learn of him through the evangelists who wrote the Gospels, especially Saint Luke. We know from Saint Matthew that he was of the house of David and his genealogy is recorded in Saint Matthew, being born of Matthan, Saint Joseph, was a carpenter and as such he must have passed on his trade and skills to Jesus. Back in the day, carpenters did more than just woodwork, or making furniture, they were called upon to work in tile and brick and stone and masonry. Saint Joseph has been also called the patron of happy death. Although it is never mentioned in Sacred Scripture, tradition maintains that he predeceased both Jesus and Mary. May Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary, the Universal Patron of the Church and foster father of Jesus lead us in faith and justice.

Today marks the half way mark in our Lenten Journey. Both Exodus and Saint Matthew's Gospel have a similar link in that the nation of Israel under Moses and Jesus in Samaria are both thirsty. They are looking for "living water". Since the climate was hot, dry and often very dusty, to find potable water was a necessity for life. We see the people of Israel grumbling and complaining to Moses. The journey through the Sinai Desert was so long. This place called the "Promised Land" must have seemed like an impossible dream. Scripture Scholars tell us that the journey could have been accomplished in about two months, but in fact Israel wandered for 40 years. How disheartening this must have been. However Israel needed to be formed into a people who weren't rebellious or 'stiff necked' to God. They needed to listen to God's voice, follow his commandments and enter into the Promised Land after having learned many lessons from their leaders. The journey is a wonderful theme to ponder during our season of Lent.

Life is a journey of faith. From the womb to the tomb, God is offering us to be saturated with His Holy Spirit. We need water to live. Think of how miserable our life would be without our daily cups of coffee, our hot shower, our ice cubes that refresh our drink, our cars wouldn't be cleansed or even our laundry done if there were no water. Baptism primes the pump of our faith life into Christ. We need to be fed the Eucharist each week. Someone once said, "Seven days without Holy Communion leaves one weak".

Today we hear in the Gospel Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well gives us a clear indication, that Jesus was thirsty. He wasn't only thirsting for water but for lost souls. Why was the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well at high- noon. For one thing the well is the place where women gather and perhaps her past with five husbands would bring about much gossip. She must have felt ostracized. Also Samaritan women have nothing to do with Jewish men. They simply wouldn't have conversed. Yet Jesus looks beyond the prejudices of the day and sees her thirst for acceptance, warmth and friendship. She receives not only that but she learns from Jesus how she might change her life, become a well up spring of conversion and new life. Rather than just rebuking Jesus she sees that he is a man, a prophet, and more than a prophet someone sent by God to set her free. Ironically Jesus was leaving Samaria to pass through onto Jerusalem where he would lay down his life for everyone. Jesus cried out from the Cross, "I Thirst". Jesus would slake the thirst of all the thirsting souls seeking comfort, meaning and purpose in life and come to be present for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will come to us this Easter and Pentecost and yet were preparing this Lent for our affirmation of our Renewal of Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday.

May the Woman at the Well and wandering Israelites lead us to the "living Waters" of our faith. May God bless you during this holy season of Lent.

Fr. Tom Devery

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Augustino, Dominick D'Argenio, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Bea Nicholson, Caesar Russo **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.**

Items to be Memorialized

There are several liturgical items available to be memorialized. If you would like to have an item memorialized for your loved one, please call the Rectory and leave a message for John Manetta.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, March 21 at 3:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be April 4 @ 7:30 pm.)*

OLSS SOCCER



The **FINAL** night for Open Registration will be **Thursday, March 23 from 6-7pm** in the Athletic Center. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players & \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms & more details. Registrations also may be dropped off at any time at the Rectory. **Please note:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to re-register in the spring.



The Cardinal's Appeal Supports Our

WORKS OF CHARITY

with \$2.5 MILLION

ANSWER GOD'S CALL to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. **Jesus** reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion, and love. The *Appeal* assists with the well-being of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate through our charity efforts across the ten counties of the archdiocese.

In 2015 alone, with the help generous friends like you, Catholic Charities of New York, with the assistance of the *Appeal*, served countless people in need through 90 affiliated organizations all across New York City!

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 **195 families** have made pledges totaling **\$62,500**. We are at **35%** of our goal.

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!

www.cardinalsappeal.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club –The next meeting will be **Friday, March 24 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– The **FINAL** session of "*It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*" will be on **Wed., March 22 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. 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.

ArchCare Representatives at OLSS

Representatives from ArchCare, the Staten Island PPS, and other community-based partners will be in the church vestibule after all Masses on the weekend of **April 1-2** to present information on a new program that is being implemented on Staten Island. The ACE (ArchCare Community Engagement) Project will bring health and wellness activities to parish and faith-based communities. The ArchCare TimeBank is a free program open to everyone that will strengthen the parish community by helping parishioners exchange volunteer services. Please stop by and take advantage of this new opportunity.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Congratulations to our 8th Graders for the wonderful job they did at the Fashion Show! Special thanks to our chairladies, Christine Rabbena and Marilee Amodio, and all the committee members who worked so hard to make the night a success!
- Due to the recent snowstorm, our Pi Day celebrations have been moved to March 23.
- Just a reminder – students in grades 3-8 will be taking the New York State ELA Exam on March 28, 29 & 30.
- 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

**Knights of Columbus Meet & Greet
for OLSS parishioner Edmund Newborn,
Candidate for 2017-2018 New York State Warden
Sunday, April 2, 2017 – 1:15 Mass
followed by reception from 2:30 – 6:30 pm
in OLSS O'Mara Hall**

We hope you will join us for an evening of fraternity, celebration and support of Ed. Come and enjoy the delicious food catered by Patrizia's of Staten Island. Cost is \$35 per person and includes hot buffet, beer, wine, soda, dessert, coffee and tea. There will be raffle baskets and 50/50 too! For more information and reservations, please contact Billy Caputo, PGK at 718-967-9384.

Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile

The Holy Name Society of Monsignor Farrell High School will be hosting the 5th Annual Father John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Msgr. Farrell High School. We ask that all former students attend this event in order to honor this stellar educator, who dedicated over 40 years of service to our school and the community. Anyone interested in participating in this event can go to www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile to download and complete the registration form. Please contact John Fox at jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org for further details.

Women's Day of Reflection

The Catholic Mental Health Professionals presents a Women's Day of Reflection on **Saturday, April 8 from 10 am – 3 pm** at Notre Dame Academy High School (134 Howard Ave, SINY). The Day will include a Mass celebrated by Fr. David Rider, Talks, Music, guided meditation, sharing and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Cost: \$25 per person, payable by check to Notre Dame Academy. RSVP to 347-273-1290 or info@cognitivetherapysi.com.

Sisters of Charity 200th Anniversary

Do you remember a Sister of Charity who taught you? Did you work side-by-side with a sister in a health care of childcare service here on Staten Island? Do you feel inspired or uplifted when you recognize the impact the Sisters of Charity have had on Staten Island since their beginnings here in 1853? Join the Sisters and the Staten Island Community in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity in New York. Luncheon at the Staaten, **Saturday, April 29th from 11:30 am to 3 pm**. To make reservations or obtain information, visit www.scny.org or call 718-549-9200 ext. 239.

OLSS Trip to Sight & Sound Theater production of Jonah

Join in a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater production of Jonah in Lancaster, PA - where the stories of the bible come to Life! **Saturday, April 22, 2017**. Pick-up location at OLSS Athletic Center parking lot at 9 AM. Ticket and transportation for Adults \$100, Children \$56 (does not include meal). 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

Day of Recollection with Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR at Our Lady Help of Christians – Saturday, March 25 from 9 am to 1 pm. This day will be held to spiritually prepare us for Consecration to Jesus through Mary and the 100 year celebration of Fatima. RSVP to Gail at 646-673-7483 or to Connie at 347-273-1290.

Cluster Parish Mission-Monday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 5 from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

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

March 26, (Please note: there will be no class or ceremony on April 9) April 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

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.

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 Meeting Room. 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 **April 6**.