

Our Lady Star of the Sea
5th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, May 13

4:00PM Adalberto Salvatore
5:30PM Madalyn T. Castelucci

Sunday, May 14

8:00AM Joseph & Sophie Iorio
 & John & Jane Graziano
9:15AM Teresa, Frank & Olga Merola
10:30AM Gladys Voyeau
12 Noon Mom, Dad & Joan DiFiore
1:15PM Beatrice DiDomenico & Frances Maffeo
7:00 PM Jose E. DeJesus

Monday, May 15

9:00AM Emilio Stucchio

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 AM Joseph Rispoli

Wednesday, May 17

9:00AM Lucille Ventrelli

Thursday, May 18

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Carey, Fitzgerald
 & Loftus Families

Friday, May 19

9:00AM Rita Ranieri

Saturday, May 20

9:00AM Clifford Walling
4:00PM Lenny Galati
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, May 21

8:00AM Sr. Helene Foley, SCC
9:15AM Josephine DiBello
10:30AM Mario Fischetti
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Quinn
 & Battcock Families
1:15PM Patrick Vulpi
7:00 PM Dominick Zizzamia



Banns of Marriage



Second Time: John Pecoraro & Alexandra Willis
Second Time: Anthony Biagini & Michelle Faillace
Third Time: Andrew Carroll & Jill Lavara
Third Time: Thomas Berardi & Victoria Perrotto

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, June 25** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS



Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2017 will be honored here at OLSS on **Saturday, June 3rd at the 5:30 Mass**, celebrated by Rev. Thomas Devery in the Cardinal's name, followed by a reception in O'Mara Hall. All eligible couples who are registered parishioners and who have been registered for at least a year should call the Rectory by **Wednesday, May 24th** between 9 am – 4 pm and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of May 14-20
 Given in Memory of
Marie Cancelleri

Donated with love from your heartbroken children
 and grandchildren

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 20

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, May 20

4:00PM L Barbato, C Harris, E Vitiello, A Lazzara, J Coscia
5:30PM C Losi, J Cimino, M Andreola, A Pompei

Lectors –Sunday, May 21

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM L Bauer
10:30AM E Newborn
12 Noon A Deliso
1:15 PM MA Higgins
7:00 PM A Medeiros

Eucharistic Ministers, May 21

8:00AM J Perdichizzi, L Bauer, J Stanzione, C Rosato,
 & A Sparandera
9:15AM D Avena, Sr. Rosemary, J Zinsley, J Prato, L Appel
10:30AM C Argano, C&J Gerace, B Paccione, Dcn. Quadrino
12 Noon M Sprague, G Decker, C Messina, C Barone,
 & Dcn. Quadrino
1:15PM C Houle, A McCoy, J Tolento, & MA Higgins
7:00PM A Zuffante, G LaGrua, M Recanatini, J Limeri

Altar Servers, Saturday, May 20

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

Altar Servers, Sunday, May 21

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:15AM G&S Artz
10:30AM G Gulotta, P Marone
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 families of:

Marion Marino, Dominick Colonna, Janice Blanchard

ArchCare TimeBank Enrollment Session
Monday, May 15 at 6 pm in Damato Mtg Room

The ArchCare TimeBank is a **FREE** community resource open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. When someone needs a hand, the ArchCare TimeBank makes a member-to-member connection to fill that need. There will be an enrollment session on **Monday, May 15 at 6 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information or to register, email archcaretimebank@archcare.org, call 844-880-4480, or visit archcaretimebank.org.



Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Mother's Day! God bless all our Moms, living and deceased. Years ago, I heard a saying, "God couldn't be everywhere, so He invented Moms"! For the loving, nurturing, guiding, admonishing, hard-working cleaning, feeding, praying, selfless serving and never forgetting aspect of your great love – we your children thank you and honor you today. The greatest of all is our Blessed Mother Mary, and in this month of May, her month, we entrust all our mothers to her prayers for perseverance. We also honor Saint Ann, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Rita of Cascia, Saint Monica, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Saint Zelia Martin, Saint Gianna Molla - all were wives and mothers of heroic virtue and greatly influenced the world around them and us today. We especially remember mothers who are single, widowed, infirm, adopted and elderly. May you be honored a hundredfold today and always!

Last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd" Sunday. Each of the three-year cycle of reading for that Sunday highlight the protection, vigilance and direction of the Good Shepherd in guiding the sheep to green pastures and safeguarding them from all harm. This past weekend the focus was Jesus saying, I AM THE GATE. He enters the sheep pen, calls each of the sheep by name and since the sheep listen to the sound of his voice they will be sure to follow him. Also during this weekend, we traditionally are reminded by the leaders of our Church to focus on the universal call to holiness and in particular, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate, and I would include praying for the vocation to Holy Matrimony. We need sacramental couples to give witness to God's loving goodness and create a home atmosphere where the voice of Jesus is respected, heard and prayers are offered. It is from holy, faith-filled families that good vocations to the Church come.

I am delighted that Father David gave a testimony and witness to the happiness he has had these last three years. I echo that for my 40 years of priestly service coming this November. Concretely we need to pray. For all who didn't hear Father David's homily last Sunday, he implored all our parishioners to pray one "Hail Mary" every day for vocation. It takes he said, "14.6 seconds" to reverently pray one Hail Mary. God will provide.

Following on this theme, we sadly discovered that a letter was sent to the people of Saint John Neumann Parish mentioning that as of July 1, 2017, there will be no more sacraments offered in their parish. They have been invited to join the parish family of Saint Joseph and Saint Thomas Church in Princes Bay. This is the sad reality that the day has come that we do not have enough Archdiocesan Priests to cover all of our parishes. I've mentioned this before that in 1977 when I was ordained, there were approximately 1250 Archdiocesan Priests to serve 409 parishes, seminaries, Chancery Office, Chaplaincies to Hospitals, Prisons, Military, and to serve in Education. Today, May 14, 2017, there are 350 priests active and 175 priests who are over 75 years of age and retired. Places where once the rectory held four or five priests are down to one, and one priest may have as many as two or three parishes. It is extraordinarily rare that we still have four priests living within the parish boundaries and that Fr. Jim Mayzik, SJ comes from Fairfield University each week to offer one Sunday Mass.

This is to underscore the need for prayers for vocations. It isn't that God is not calling people, He certainly is. The reality of many young people is that they are generous of heart and spirit, but the need to pay off large college loans and the secularization of our culture is making the response to the Call to Priesthood and Religious Life counter-cultural at best and met with lots of family and peer resistance.

It takes a lot of bravery to say "Yes" to Jesus. That is why I want to honor this week Anthony Gorgia and Carmine Caruso, who have completed their Philosophy studies and Pre-Theology education and will be leaving the Cathedral House of Formation in Douglaston, Queens for the major seminary. Anthony will begin in July in Assisi, Italy for an immersion program in Italian for three months before beginning at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City. This is a 5-year program and he will spend his first 2 years overseas. Carmine will begin in Weston, Massachusetts, not far from Boston at the Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary for delayed vocations. The men in his house are between the ages of 40 and 65, and are from all over the USA. They will have their course of study there for the next four years. With our prayers and God's help in May of 2021, these men will be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of New York.

On May 27, 2017 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, 5 men will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Dolan. Among them is Deacon Reynor Santiago. Reynor served as a summer seminarian at OLSS last year and had his first taste of rectory living and parish life. Since most of his family hail from the Philippines, it's not likely that his father will be able to attend. However, we will be hosting his First Mass of Thanksgiving and we will follow with a reception where he will give his First Blessings to our parishioners. This will happen on Sunday, May 28 at the 10:30 AM Mass with the reception to be in O'Mara Hall. If you are free, please come and join in this most wonderful event for our parish history. I have been honored to receive the call to vest Reynor for the 9AM Ordination at Saint Patrick's Cathedral during the Ordination Rite on Saturday, and he has asked me to preach the homily at his First Mass of Thanksgiving.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd promised us that he would never abandon his flock, yet he needs us to be attentive to His voice and pray. May the blessings of this Easter Season be yours.

God Bless,

Fr. Tom Devery



Mother's Day Plant Sale

Boy Scouts from Troop 5 will be selling beautiful and reasonably priced Mother's Day plants after the 4 & 5:30 Mass on **Saturday, May 13** and after all but the 7 PM Mass on **Sunday, May 14**. Stop by to pick up a nice gift for Mom!



OLSS Soccer Pictures

Soccer photos will be taken on **Monday, May 15** in O'Mara Hall and on **Monday, May 22** in the Damato Mtg room. Check olsssoccer.com for your team's scheduled time.

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)



Camp Pricing:

Full Day: \$260 weekly, \$85 daily

Half Day: \$185 weekly, \$50 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

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

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. **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 sponsoring 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 SCHOOL NEWS



- Happy Mother's Day to all our moms! Thank you for trusting us with your children and for all you do for OLSS. Enjoy your special day!
- Our 2nd graders will be honoring Mary at their May Crowning on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:15 pm. All second graders must wear their communion outfits.
- Ride the wave to success! Registration for Our Lady Star of the Sea School is ongoing for grades Pre-K3-7. Please contact the school office at 718-984-5750 to schedule a tour or for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for September 2017

All students currently attending our program 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.

Please bring the following required documents to registration:

- a) We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- b) A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- c) 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 2 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).

Registration for **1st Grade & New Registrations** will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on:
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 4:30PM - 5:30PM

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.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brodine, Serafina Carlone, Dominick D'Argenio, John DeLuca, Cindy Diaz, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Anthony Medeiros, Anne Merlino, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Jerry Porta, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Melissa Randazzo & Baby, Fred Reyes, 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.**

Healing Service

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

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, May 26 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 to come together and share their experiences together. The next meeting will be **Thurs., May 18** 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 June 1**, 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., June 7 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.

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 **Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

✓ Mark Your Calendar


Marian Conference

Join in a Marian Conference on **Saturday, May 20 from 9 am – 5:30 pm** at Notre Dame Academy High School (134 Howard Ave, SI, NY). Adults \$35 per person, children Free. All proceeds will aid Good Counsel Home and Pro-Life Elderly & Homebound Club, Inc. For information or to register call 646-662-3914.

St. Francis Catholic Singles

St. Francis Catholic Singles for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY) on **Thursday, May 25** beginning at 7:30 pm with the Ascension Thursday Mass, followed by a talk by Dr. Fred Herron, Executive Director of the Mariandale Retreat and Conference center. For more info, visit facebook/StFrancisCatholicSingles, www.sgspsi.org, or email sfcssi@gmail.com.

Cross Road Foundation Brunch & Fundraiser

 The Cross Road Foundation will be holding their annual **Garden of Life Brunch & Fundraiser**, on **Sunday, June 11th at the Excelsior Grand (2380 Hylan Blvd.) from 11 AM to 1 PM**. Bishop Peter J. Byrne will be honored with the John Cardinal O'Connor Guardian of Life award. Individual tickets are \$30 per person. Please RSVP by calling 718-556-3474 or visiting www.crossroadfoundation.org.

Calling Ladies and Gents in their "Golden Years"

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court St. Clare cordially invites you to attend a **Golden Age Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, June 20, 2017**, at 1:00pm, in the St. Clare School Auditorium. For information and to Reserve your seat, please contact Juliette by June 1st at StClareCDA@aol.com or Event Coordinator, Joan (718) 984-9832.

2017 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. OLSS continues to make progress towards meeting our goal of **\$179,500**. To date, approximately **297 families** have made pledges totaling **\$120,305**. We are at **67%** 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

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: _____

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, May 25 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 **June 1**.

Cluster Corner – 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

