

Our Lady Star of the Sea
6th Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, May 20

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

Monday, May 22

9:00AM Gertrude Abruzzee

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 AM Dominick Zizzamia

Wednesday, May 24

9:00AM Rita Gallina & Francesca Graziano
7:00PM Dorothy Grace O'Mara (Ascension Vigil)

Thursday, May 25 – Ascension of the Lord

7:00AM John Strange
9:00AM Marion Marino
12Noon Marie Cancelleri
8 PM John Calabrese

Friday, May 26

9:00AM Angelica Tricarico

Saturday, May 27

9:00AM Marie Cancelleri
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Prezelski Family
5:30PM Vincent DeMarco

Sunday, May 28

8:00AM Josephine Bocchino
9:15AM Louis Mancuso
10:30AM John Cali
12 Noon Lillian, Benedetta & Dominick Visceglia
1:15PM Nicolas & Guillermina DeJesus
7:00 PM Paul Chevront

Banns of Marriage

Third Time: John Pecoraro & Alexandra Willis
Third Time: Anthony Biagini & Michelle Faillace



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

Saturday, June 3 @ 5:30 Mass

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 21-27
 Given in Memory of

Marie Cancelleri & April Ann Stumpf

Donated by Jim & Susan Semerad
 & Anthony & Mary Jo Kling
Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 27

4:00PM B Weir
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, May 27

4:00PM A Lazzara, C Argano, A Petrocelli, B Weir
5:30PM J Cimino, F Ruggiero, A Dazio, M Lappin,
 & F Barone

Lectors –Sunday, May 28

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:15AM J Zinsley
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon T Solimeo
1:15 PM C Ambrosino
7:00 PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, May 28

8:00AM J Stanzione, M Andreola, L Bauer, P Zoltowski,
 & C Rosato
9:15AM S Hitchcock, L Capobianco, Sr. Rosemary,
 & Dcn. Quadrino
10:30AM No EMs needed
12 Noon M Sprague, G Decker, M Randazzo, MA Higgins
1:15PM J Tolento, MA Russo, A McCoy, M Recanatini, V Acri
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, C Houle, A Zuffante, G LaGrua

Altar Servers, Saturday, May 27

4:00PM E Harris, K Marchisella
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers, Sunday, May 28

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM M Esposito
10:30AM F&A Aurti
12 Noon B&M Stackhouse, P Marone
1:15PM N Cammarato
7:00PM R Faljean



Sincere Condolences

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:
Ronald Fortier, Renato Gattoni, Joseph Fareri

Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday, May 25

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass times will be the following:

Wednesday, May 24 (Vigil Mass) - 7 pm

Thursday, May 25 – 7 am, 9 am, 12 Noon & 8 pm

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not! She has built something far more magnificent than any cathedral,-- a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body, The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints into heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God Joins forces with mothers in performing this art of creation. What on God's green earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother? - Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty"

On May 13th last Saturday Pope Francis traveled to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children, Lucia de los Santos, Francesco and Jacinta. For the next six months on the 13th day of that month, Mary appeared to the children and told them to pray the rosary for world peace. She foretold that the upcoming century would see another world war and totalitarian governments would like to destroy the Catholic faith. Mary asked specifically for prayers for the conversion of Russia. The children listened, they prayed and even asked questions. "Will we go to heaven?" Mary said yes. She also said that they would be called to suffer. Francesco and Jacinta died as children at the age of 9 and 10. Pope Francis canonized these children saints. Apart from the martyrs, these are the youngest children to have been canonized.

If you go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, you will be amazed at the display of faith that has been found there during this past century. Indeed, just heading into the plaza, one passes a sample of the fall of Communism: a column from the Berlin Wall that was torn down in 1990 stands there. Also, in the outdoor statue of Our Blessed Mother is placed, from Pope Saint John Paul II, the bullet that struck him on this same date, May 13, 1981. The rosary is the weapon for peace and during this special month of May we are encouraged to pray the rosary every day. How much more now than ever in our time do we need world peace. Our Lady of Fatima intercede for us.

When Anthony Gorgia was awarded his Masters in Philosophy from Saint John's University and Carmine Caruso was awarded the crest of Cathedral Seminary House of Formation at the completion of their studies there, there was a speech given by Father Joseph Kelly. He is retiring as the Spiritual Director for the seminarians. He was honored at the Convocation Ceremony. In his acceptance speech he mentioned how his mother cared for an elderly woman in her nineties who lived in White Plains, NY and how she was a witness to the miracle of the torrential rain and then the spinning sun and the amazing dryness of all 70,000 pilgrims gathered for the last apparition of the Blessed Mother in Fatima. Father Kelly went to film his interview with her. She spoke softly and then when she recalled her experience of the apparition, she became so excited that she began the description of the miracle in Portuguese. Although Father Kelly didn't understand her, it was apparent to him that she knew that Mary was definitely there. I recall Bishop Dominic Lagonegro telling us that he had aunts and uncles who witnessed the miracle of the sun at Fatima in 1917. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother the rosary every day for an end to world conflicts, violence, persecution and hacking terrorism.

This weekend we welcome to our Masses the staff from Corona Drug Rehabilitation Center on Staten Island. They will speak about their work in caring for people struggling with substance abuse. They desire to remove the shame of this addiction and offer concrete help to people and their families that are caught in its grip.

I am so grateful to all the 2nd grade students who were so enthusiastic and wonderfully prepared for their First Holy Communion. None of the heavy rains last Saturday dampened their spirits or distracted them from participating fully at Mass. Parents, once again, please continue to reinforce their faith and let them come along with yourselves every week to the table of the Lord.

*God Bless You,
Father Tom Devery*

In Appreciation

The Justice Development and Peace Caritas office of the Catholic diocese of Kafanchan on behalf of the bishop, the clergy, religious and the entire lay faithful of the catholic diocese of Kafanchan wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$5,954 USD from you through the Rev. Basil Akut for the support of the survivors of the Fulani Herdsmen attacks in Southern Kaduna.

We received this kind gesture with deepest appreciation and pray that the good lord will continue to bless your effort and reward you a hundredfold.

Our kind regard to your entire parish community as we look forward to more of this kind of cooperation in the lord's vineyard.

Please be assured of our prayers and good wishes now and always.

Yours truly,

+Most Rev. Joseph D. Bagobiri, Catholic Bishop of Kafanchan
Rev. Fr. Aaron Emmanuel Tanko, JDPC Coordinator

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Our talented school artists will have their work on display on Monday, May 22 from 6-7 pm, at our Art Show. Thanks to our art teacher, Mrs. Alesi, for putting this art exhibition together.

• 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

Please call the Religious Education office at 718-984-1885 for more information about registering for 2017-2018.

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.

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 September 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

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

Registration will be held : Sunday May 21st & June 4th from 9am to 2pm in the school entrance

OLSS Soccer Pictures

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

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 is available for widows to come together and share their experiences together. The next meeting will be **Thurs., June 1** 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 OLSS Legion of Mary meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Dining Room.

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, Jamie Seaman, Alex Sepiol, Robert Stranberg Sr., James Ledger, William Massi **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 Mass

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

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





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 307 families have made pledges totaling \$127,585. We are at 71% 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: _____

✓ Mark Your Calendar

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.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, June 2nd 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Join us Friday, June 2nd for the Feast of the Sacred Heart when Maria Giura will present on St. Pope John Paul II's letter, "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women," how it pertains to all women, and how men can find a deeper reverence for of their own vocation by understanding women's. The event will begin at 6:30 PM with music and confession, followed by Mass at 7 PM. Dinner and talk will follow. Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY)

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.

Learn more about our amazing Catholic faith by reading one (or more) of Fr. David's recommended books. All books can be ordered on Amazon.com or purchased/ordered through Barnes & Noble or the Alba House.

1. *Rediscover Catholicism*, by Matthew Kelly
2. *Waking Up Catholic: A Guide to Catholic Beliefs for Converts, Reverts, and Anyone Becoming Catholic*, by Chad Torgerson
3. *Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons?*, by Matthew Pinto
4. *Why Do Catholics Do That? A Guide to the Teachings and Practices of the Catholic Church*, by Kevin Orlin Johnson
5. *Catholicism for Dummies*, by John Trigilio



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 28, June 11 & 25 (please see below for further dates)

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 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, 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**.