

Our Lady Star of the Sea
4th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, May 6

4:00PM Andres & Olga Rosado
5:30PM Deceased Members of the
 Maye & McGowan Families

Sunday, May 7

8:00AM Thomas J. Hoban
9:15AM Angelina D'Alessio
10:30AM Anthony Mineo
12 Noon Giovanni, Salvatore & Margherita Busacca
1:15PM Daniela Lajac-Pavlik
7:00 PM Robert V. & Florence Gorgoglione

Monday, May 8

9:00AM Jack Sofia

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 AM Lee & Rita Leyton

Wednesday, May 10

9:00AM Marie Cancelleri & Catherine Accardi

Thursday, May 11

9:00AM Marie Cancelleri & James R. Martin

Friday, May 12

9:00AM Eleonora Pennino

Saturday, May 13

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Petrosino
 & Vola Families
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

Banns of Marriage



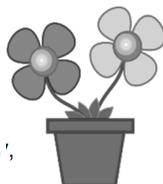
First Time: John Pecoraro & Alexandra Willis
First Time: Anthony Biagini & Michelle Faillace
Second Time: Andrew Carroll & Jill Lavara
Second Time: Thomas Berardi & Victoria Perrotto
Third Time: Thomas Izzo & Krystie DeCicco

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.

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!



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of May 7 - 13
 Given in Memory of
Billy Higgins

Donated by His Loving Family
Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 13

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, May 13

4:00PM L Barbato, C Harris, Sr. Rosemary, A Petrocelli,
 & J Uhlman
5:30PM F Ruggiero, M Lappin, N Villani, A Dazio,
 & F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, May 14

8:00AM M Higgins
9:15AM R LaMonica
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon C Messina
1:15 PM A Medeiros
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, May 14

8:00AM M Andreola, A Sparandera, J Stanzione, P Zoltowski,
 & M Ennis
9:15AM S Hitchcock, L Capobianoc, J Gatto, M Randazzo,
 & R LaMonica
10:30AM T Strange, E&G Riozzi, C Ordy, B Paccione
12 Noon B Peters, F&R Marino, C Barone, Dcn. Quadrino
1:15PM J Tolento, MA Russo, M Sprague, V Acri,
 & Dcn. Quadrino
7:00PM E Bellina, C Houle, A Zuffante, G LaGrua, J Limeri

Altar Servers, Saturday, May 13

4:00PM E Harris, D Cavicchio
5:30PM C&C Nieves

Altar Servers, Sunday, May 14

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM M Esposito
10:30AM F&A Aurti
12 Noon G Marino, G Vassallo, M Mattioli
1:15PM N Salerno
7:00PM R Faljean, E Tedesco



Sincere Condolences

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

Joan P. Brennan

Legion of Mary at OLSS

Monday, May 8 at 7:30 pm

The Legion of Mary is a group of lay people who strive to achieve a greater love for Jesus and Mary through prayer then bring the fruit of that prayer to others by doing service through assignments of Apostolic work. The newly forming Legion of Mary group in this parish will receive their duties from the Pastor, Father Tom Devery. The Legion is a perfect way of fulfilling our Baptismal obligation of loving God and spreading His Gospel message to our brothers and sisters, under the guidance of Our Blessed Mother Mary. If you are looking for a wonderful spiritual experience of charity in action, why not give the Legion of Mary a try? We are excited to announce that our first meeting will be on **Monday, May 8th at 7:30pm** in the Damato meeting room in the Athletic Center. Everyone is welcome: the only requirements are a love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her Church and a desire to put your wonderful faith into practical action.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

During this Easter Season, we are reminded of how the Risen Christ lives in His people. Last week, a dear friend, Sister Antonia Maguire, FMSC went home to God after more than 43 years as prison chaplain at Taconic State Prison and the women's prison at Bedford Hill. She influenced my ministry to the incarcerated in 1978. Here is a written tribute by her closest friend, Sister Laura Morgan, FMSC.

"Since 1977, Sister Antonia has preached the Gospel loudly with her actions behind bars: in segregated units, in solitary cells, in keep-locked caves, and in prison nurseries. She has brought Jesus to secured hospital wards, waiting rooms, morgues, and funeral parlors. Her presence at baptisms, weddings, and family reunions reminds many that God is alive and working in the lives of all people who thirst for Him. She is the harbinger of His Good News when spirits are low and fears are oppressing, when children are lost in a careless foster parent system, when loved ones are fighting for life and others have gone home to God, when AIDS become a reality in the depths of one's own existence and when injustice prevails and common respect is much too hard to find. Sister Antonia, follower of Saint Francis, is sometimes the only instrument of peace when hatred grows and festers and sneaks through the razor-wired walls of a secured state prison. She stands tall and powerful as she picks up the shattered pieces of fractured lives, lives scarred by the hatred of an abusive spouse, violent parents, punitive teachers, scheming co-workers, selfish drug dealers, and unfit friends. It is here that her gentle smile, her warm embrace, and her closeness with the One who loves her... sows love.

Incarcerated men and women are hurt, they are injured by those who have loved them, by a harsh and selfish society that has taken them for granted, by acquaintances that have led them astray and abandoned them behind secure walls. They have been hurt by peoples' indifference, greed, anger and lust. They have been raped of their dignity and stripped even of their name. They are in pain. Compassion and caring and inner strength teach these "numbered" men and women that forgiveness is real and indeed possible in the midst of deep pain. One who has known the joy of being forgiven ... sows forgiveness, with joy.

Broken people forget how to have faith. Haunting memories of abuse and rape and fighting and drunkenness and anger and ugliness overtake the hidden sparks of light which are burrowed in one's heart. Doubt prevails... there is no light, there is no hope, there is no chance to change and become anything more than a locked up criminal. It is the compliment, the pat on the back, the genuine smile and the warm safe hug, the extra mile that Sister Antonia takes that leads the doubting and despairing soul to stop and recognize a spark of hope within a tomb of darkness. The presence that never lets the darkness overtake one's life... sows light.

Prison is the womb of sadness, the place where joy is left on the doorstep and happiness is barricaded away for a long, long time. When the days are gloomy and the only news is bad, when the letters aren't written and the visits never happen, when loved ones die, and children become ill, when caring becomes obsolete and life loses its meaning... there is sadness, there is hopelessness, there is despair. And when an inmate feels so far down that there is nowhere else to go, it is the little bits of "perfect joy" that brings a real Franciscan presence to God's truly injured people. The affirmation that comes from "Happy Birthday" or "Your hair looks nice today"; from a simple "thank you" for a deed so often gone unnoticed, from a special prayer for a pressing need, and mostly, from a woman, generous, caring, and devoted; from a follower of Francis who always puts herself last and God's chosen ones first, a real companion of the Father, working from a wheelchair, spreading little bits of sunshine all along a shaded path...sowing joy.

It is a rare gift in this world to find someone who genuinely understands people especially when they feel they are so complex and confused that no one could ever look beyond the mess they feel they have made of themselves and love them. In a correctional environment, inmates, numbered people, feel alone and misunderstood. In such an atmosphere, no one fights for you, only with you. Solitude is safety, distance provides protection, and isolation fosters peace. Sister Antonia's affirming presence draws women to trust her, to open their hearts and share their deepest feelings with her and to wholeheartedly believe that she unconditionally cares for them. She respects who they are, what their stories tell, where they've been, and she gently leads them to believe in the beauty she sees within them. She sees the sculpture hidden in the stone of rejection and by her actions and care she becomes the instrument releasing the beauty that has always dwelt within... she understands.

Each week, after we have celebrated the Liturgy, Sister Antonia reminds the women that there are so many hurting people behind prison walls. She missions them to the cell blocks with the mandate to BE KIND TO EACH OTHER. She never tells them to out and preach, convert, teach or admonish... she instructs them to be who they have become: transformed, loving, vibrant, caring children of a Father who created them to be who they have become. As builders of God's kingdom, they obey the words of our great Saint Francis of Assisi and "show themselves joyfully in the Lord, cheerful, and suitably gracious" (Rule of Francis 1221).

To many friends of Sister Antonia Maguire, FMSC, we are mostly thankful to God for sharing her with them. She wasn't sure she would ever get involved in this ministry. It was toss of the coin. After 66 years a religious and 43 years in prison, God won the toss."

– Sister Laura Morgan, Provincial of the Peekskill Franciscans.

A Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Tom Devery

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Please note: Change of date

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Sunday, June 18 at 2 pm**. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact the rectory for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, **May 19th**. The event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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.

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 **289 families** have made pledges totaling **\$115,780**. We are at 65% 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: _____

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Earth Day activities set the stage for the OLSS Pre-K students to share a wonderful learning experience with the students of the seventh grades. The 7th grade students guided their young colleagues through a learning experience that blended multiple media and techniques, which were geared to support students' understanding of plants, seeds, and the growth cycle of plants. At OLSS School, the students grow in their understanding of stewardship of the Earth from a very young age. Based on the enthusiasm on the part of all the students during this activity we can be confident that our planet and our future will be in good hands!

• Our annual Plant Sale is Thursday, May 11 for grades K-8 and on Friday, May 12 for Pre-K-4.

• The Parents' Association is sponsoring Movie Night on Friday, May 12. They will be showing a family friendly movie (TBA) on the big screen, under the stars! This is a fair share event and for OLSS families only.

• Ride the wave to success! Registration for Our Lady Star of the Sea School is ongoing for grades PreK3-7. 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 have 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:

- We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- 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 two 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 register 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, Janice Blanchard, Sarah Brodine, Serafina Carlone, Dominick D'Argenio, John DeLuca, Cindy Diaz, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joey Hale, Anthony Medeiros, Anne Merlino, Lily Monaco, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Jerry Porta, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Melissa Randazzo & Baby, 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.)*

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



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:

\$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

ArchCare TimeBank Enrollment Session

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 info or to register, email archcaredtimebank@archcare.org, call 844-880-4480, or visit archcaredtimebank.org.



Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, May 12 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. We will complete *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., May 17 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 7:30pm. in the Rectory.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets every Friday from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Legion of Mary – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, May 8 at 7:30 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room.

Special Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Weekend of May 13 & 14



The Office of the Cardinal
1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear friends in the Lord:

The completion of the Trinity Dome, in preparation for the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the *National Shrine* in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place on this Mother's Day.

The *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly one hundred years ago. Mary's Shrine, also known as America's Catholic Church, is an authentic reflection of the diversity of the cultures and ethnicities of the United States and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church as evidenced in the more than eighty chapels and oratories dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

This one-time national collection for the Trinity Dome offers all of us an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by honoring our Catholic heritage and entrusting ourselves and our families to the Mother of God.

Please be as generous as you can.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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 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.