

Our Lady Star of the Sea
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, November 11

4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Mario Schiera

Sunday, November 12

8:00AM Denise Graves
9:30AM William Diffendale
11:00AM Summer Marie Semerad
12:30PM Deceased Members of the
Quinn & Battcock Families
7:00 PM Ann Marinaccio

Monday, November 13

9:00AM Marie Cancelleri

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 AM Marie Cancelleri & Mary Vierno

Wednesday, November 15

9:00AM Domenico & Isabella Grieco

Thursday, November 16

9:00AM John Strange

Friday, November 17

9:00AM Jane McNally

Saturday, November 18

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Carey, Fitzgerald &
Loftus Families
4:00PM Lucia & Benedetta Palomba & Beth Ann Archipoli
5:30PM Nicholas Alessi

Sunday, November 19

8:00AM Paul Chevront
9:30AM Rocco Morro
11:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro
12:30PM Lillian Visceglia & Rose Nattoli
7:00 PM Francine Trupiano

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Albert Danza & Leandra Manfredini
2nd Time: Igor Yakovlev & Ashley Yelverton
3rd Time: Nicholas Pompo & Kathryn Krause

Wedding Music Workshop

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



**Thanksgiving Mass
Food Collection for the Needy**

The principal Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 PM**. Let us give thanks as a community for all our blessings. The Boy Scouts will be collecting non-perishable foods for the pantry at Project Hospitality such as canned vegetables & fruits, cereals, pastas, canned meats, beans, tuna & peanut butter, which will be picked up after Mass. There will be a daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd at 9 AM. **If you know of a needy family who could use some help for the holidays, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. All calls will be kept confidential.**

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of November 12-18

Given in Memory of

**Deceased Members of the Healy & Ennis
Families**

Donated by Owen & Ginny Healy

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, November 18

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, November 18

4:00PM C Messina, A Pompei, A Lazzara, G Decker
& L Barbato
5:30PM F Barone, C Houle, F Ruggiero, J Uhlman
& B Palomba

Lectors – Sunday, November 19

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM A Medeiros
7:00 PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, November 19

8:00AM M Quadrino, A Sparandera, M Randazzo
& M Andreola
9:30AM A Shirazi, L Capobianco, B Barone, M Iacono
11:00AM J&C Gerace, E&G Riozzi & N Fallacaro
12:30PM R Marino, C Belvedere, S Catalano, A McCoy
& MA Russo
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, A Zuffante, J Limeri & G LaGrua

Altar Servers - Saturday, November 18

4:00PM D Cavicchio
5:30PM C Nieves, P Marone

Altar Servers - Sunday, November 19

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito
11:00AM N Salerno
12:30PM G Marino, G Vassallo, M Mattioli
7:00PM E Tedesco



Sincere Condolences

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

**Anna Reinhart, Daniel Castellano, Marie Grasso,
Victims of the shooting at
First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas**

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, November 21 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm.**

**Happy 65th Anniversary
Stolzenhaller Columbiettes**

Today at the 9:30 am Mass we recognize and congratulate the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes on the 65th Anniversary of their founding! If you would like more information on being a part of this wonderful Catholic organization, please contact Past President Sue Cook at 908-242-1844.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Well it seems that we skipped from summer into winter this week with the cool breezes, and colder temperatures. I want to thank all the parish family that helped me celebrate my 40th anniversary last weekend. I was thrilled beyond belief with the participation and the music at the 12:30 PM Mass. There was a special anointing of the Holy Spirit upon us and I am so grateful to God. He has been so good to me and He deserves all the thanks and praise. It was wonderful to gather with family, former parishioners and friends. One surprise was my earliest friend from my old neighborhood, Richie Cortellini. He was born three weeks after me and he drove all the way from Milan, Michigan to surprise me. I am in the middle of getting out thank you notes. It was a small world coincidence that on that first Saturday in November, when we 11 men were ordained, that Msgr. Fred Berardi concelebrated the 9am Mass that day. I told the congregation, "We are both a lot less nervous than 40 years ago."

I heard a story from Sister Maureen Colleary, FSP that came from Bishop Mc Elroy, who is an auxiliary bishop in the San Francisco Archdiocese. It seems that he was giving a keynote address to the faithful of the northern California dioceses on Pope Francis and his emphasis on Pastoral Ministry. He gave an example of being flexible and pastoral in this given situation. When Father Mc Elroy was a much younger priest, he was working with Archbishop Quinn of San Francisco and he received a telephone call from a woman who said that she was a member of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. She said that they had arrived in town a week earlier, and were giving circus performances, and that one of their circus troop members died suddenly from a heart attack. They needed a priest to come and offer a funeral Mass, at the Circus, in between their two shows. Father Mc Elroy gave the usual Catholic response. The normal place for funerals was in a Catholic Church. The woman caller responded, "That's true, but if you check Canon Law, there is an exemption for circuses. Since we are travelling all the time and since circuses have enjoyed the good graces of the Catholic Church for centuries, that there was an exemption in Canon Law, check it out and I'll call back later." Then she hung up. Father Mc Elroy was confused.

What Father Mc Elroy discovered was that this indeed was true. So since he was free, he offered to go and offer the funeral Mass in the middle of the circus big top.

He said that when he arrived he saw that the entire troop were all in costume and even the animals came and were in attendance. He wanted to laugh because it all seemed so comical to him but he held back. He was met with great respect and the deceased member was an animal trainer. He discovered that the animals too were in mourning. They weren't performing as they should. Father Mc Elroy said that he preached on total reliance on God. After the Mass, several of the circus entertainers were extremely grateful. They said they were indeed a family and relied on everyone to set up, take down and then perform at their best.

After the Mass a woman who was a trapeze artist said to Father Mc Elroy, "I know what total reliance on God is. You see, twice a day, when I let go of the bar and fly through the air; I have to trust that my partner will grab my wrists and save me from falling into the net." He said that would have never dreamed that this could happen and when it did, it was very holy and reverent.

After 40 years of ministry in the Church, I have seen a number of changes, at times, these have been challenging, but trusting in the Lord, and doing what Jesus would do is the best way of growing in pastoral ministry.

This weekend we observed Veterans Day and all the women and men who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom. We remember as well last Sunday's tragedy in Texas where so many innocent people were gunned down in Church. May God protect us all from gun violence.

Once again, thank you and God bless.

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Come see all of the wonderful things happening at OLSS! Join us for our first Touring Tuesday of the school year on Tuesday, November 14th from 9-11 am. Prospective parents are invited to tour our school and see OLSS in action. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.
- Report cards will be viewable to parents on Monday, November 20, 2017. Parent/Teacher conferences will also be held that day. Dismissal will be at noon.
- Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place on Tuesday, November 21. Please send in non-perishable foods, no glass jars please, so we can help those families in need right here on Staten Island.
- Our annual Bake Sale will take place next weekend in O'Mara Hall. Please stop by after mass for a tasty treat!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be a make-up Reconciliation Meeting for 2nd Grade parents on Monday, December 4th at 7:30 pm in the Daily Mass Chapel in the Church.

Ladies Retreat

Day of Prayer at Loyola Jesuit Center
Morristown, NJ
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Prepare yourself for Christmas and treat yourself! Get away for a day! This Day of Prayer is an opportunity to get a taste of the Loyola retreat experience. Days of prayer are Ignatian mini-retreats in semi-silence from 9:30 am to 3 pm and include a light breakfast and lunch, Reconciliation and Mass. The bus will leave OLSS Athletic Center at 7:30 am and will be back around 5 pm. Cost: \$70 per person cash or check made to OLSS. NO REFUNDS. Any questions, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadrino@gmail.com.

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 (excluding Dec. 24 & Dec. 31)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

November 12 & 26, December 10 (no class-12/24)

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, November 17 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 **Thurs., November 16** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings are held in the rectory on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The next meeting will be **November 15**. 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, December 6 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 7:30 pm 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 **Monday, November 13 at 7:30 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. There will be Guardian Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily chapel on Friday, November 17 from Noon to 5 pm. We will pray an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. We also offer the pilgrim virgin of Fatima for home visitation. We will bring her to your home. She usually stays one week, but this is flexible. The Legion of Mary also offers to bring communion to the homebound. If you are interested in joining the Legion or the auxiliary, please attend one of the meetings or contact Carol at 917-621-7914 for more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home.

Pray for the Sick



James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brodine, 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, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, Marilyn Maiorana, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, 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.**

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

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, 4 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

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Coaches Care Fund Annual Dinner Dance

The Coaches Care Fund is holding its Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser on **Friday, November 17, 2017** from 7-11 pm at the Old Bermuda Inn. Tickets are \$80 per person for a 4-course dinner, open bar, DJ & raffles. This year they will be presenting The Seton Foundation with a donation and **honoring OLSS Parishioner Damon Testaverde** for his work with the Seton Foundation and his continued support of the Coaches Care Fund. If you are interested in attending, purchasing a 50/50 ticket (\$50 per ticket – only 200 being sold – one winner \$5K) or donating in any capacity, please visit www.coachescarefund.org or call Michael Cortese at [917-968-9280](tel:917-968-9280).

Project Hospitality

Poor People's Dinner

The Poor People's Dinner to benefit Project Hospitality will take place on **Monday, November 20 at 6 pm** at the Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn. Join in a simple meal of soup, bread and water to show your support for poor and hungry neighbors in our community. Keynote Speakers will be Conor & Mayor Patti Ann McDonald, the son and wife of the late NYPD Officer Steven McDonald. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$50 for senior citizens and \$35 for students. For tickets and reservations, call Chris Hellstrom at 718-448-1544 ext. 116 or email Christopher.hellstrom@projecthospitality.org.

Christmas Fair

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Our Lady Queen of Peace School will be hosting their annual Christmas Fair on **November 18, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.** The Fair will consist of Basket Raffles, Home Décor, Jewelry tables as well as Santa's Wheel of Fortune, Santa's Secret Straws, Santa's Arts and Crafts and much more. The fair is located in the gym of OLQP and is located on Cloister Place, between 3 Street and Richmond Road.

Archcare TimeBank Enrollment Session

November 27, 2017 at 6:30pm

Join us at Our Lady Help of Christians School Gym (23 Summit St.) for an enrollment session of the Archcare TimeBank program on Monday, November 27 at 6:30 pm. The TimeBank is a great community program where neighbors help neighbors. The ArchCare TimeBank is FREE and 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. Please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org to RSVP.

3rd Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2017 Advent Season. Each tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. **There are a limited number of trees left. Please reserve trees ASAP.** Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return with payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this this form and payment to the Rectory as soon as possible:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2017 Christmas Tree Drive

5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312

__ Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

_____ *Memorialized for deceased*

_____ *Dedicated to loved ones- living*

_____ *Personal Family Christmas Greeting*

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

__ Check Enclosed for \$250,
payable to *Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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 **November 16 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 **November 30**.