

Our Lady Star of the Sea
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 4, 2016
 Announced Masses

Saturday, September 3

4:00PM Lucy & Mildred Gesualdi, Dora & Edward DiAntonio
5:30PM John & Dehlia Palacios

Sunday, September 4

8:00AM Rita & Sal Cama
9:15AM Stephanie Vierno
10:30AM Anthony Sellitti
12 Noon Ella Milo
7:00PM Anne Casey

Monday, September 5

9:00AM Angelo Genova

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 AM Pat Damato, Charlanne Hannaway,
 Lorraine Antinoro

Wednesday, September 7

9:00AM The Deceased Members
 of the Scaramuzzo & Prisco Families

Thursday, September 8

9:00AM Francesco & Doris Confessore

Friday, September 9

9:00AM Morton Perlman

Saturday, September 10

9:00AM James Anderson
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, September 11

8:00AM Shawn Torre
9:15AM Thomas McComsky
10:30AM Barbara Walsh, the Deceased Members
 of the Walsh Family, & Geraldine Woodcock
12 Noon Victims of 9/11
1:15PM Kitty Manetta
7:00PM Morton Perlman



Sincere Condolences

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

*Riley Jean Pompo, James Ronald Gill,
 Francis Frazer, Gabe Verde*

Upcoming Parish News:

Labor Day Rectory Hours

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in
 observance of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 11 at the 1:15 Mass

NYPD Blue Mass- Under Mary's Blue Mantle

All police officers & law enforcement agencies are invited.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
 Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.
 Celebrant: Most Rev. John J. O'Hara

OLSS 100th Anniversary Jubilee Mass

Celebrant: Timothy Cardinal Dolan
 Sunday, September 25 at 2 p.m.

OLSS 100th Anniversary Jubilee Gala

Hilton Garden Inn
 Sunday, October 2 at 5 p.m. - \$125 per person

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
 Week of September 4 -10
 Given in Memory of
Morton Perlman

Donated by the Barone Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 10

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers, September 10

4:00PM C Barone, A Lazzara, A Maffeo, J Uhlman,
 E Vitiello, & M Sprague
5:30PM C Bottiglia, C Houle, A Pompei, F Ruggiero,
 & J Cimino

Lectors –Sunday, September 11

8:00AM M Higgins
9:15AM E Newborn
10:30AM M Coppolo
12 Noon A Deliso
1:15PM MA Higgins
7:00 PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, September 11

8:00AM M Ennis, M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, C Rosato,
 & A Sparandera
9:15AM S Hitchcock, L Capobianco, Sr. Rosemary, J Gatto,
 & A Pompei
10:30AM B Barone, N Fallacaro, J&C Gerace & C Ordy
12 Noon E&G Riozzi, F&R Marino, B Nicholson
1:15PM M Recanatini, A McCoy, B Higgins, MA Russo,
 & C Messina
7:00PM G LaGrua, A Zuffante, K Melka, G Decker,
 & S Caiazza

Altar Servers, Saturday, September 10

4:00PM V Pavlick
5:30PM C&C Nieves

Altar Servers, Sunday, September 11

8:00AM
9:15AM J Mele
10:30AM G Monreale, G Gulotta
12 Noon B&M Stackhouse, P Marone
1:15PM J Jacoby
7:00PM E Tedesco

Altar Server Training

We will begin Altar Server training on **Saturday, September 10th** at
11 a.m. for 4th Grade and above. If you would like to be an altar
 server, please leave your name with Philip Oppenheim or Joseph
 Petillo in the Sacristy after Mass– or call the Rectory.

Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study

Luke: My Spirit Rejoices – Evening Session Added

The Thursday morning scripture study of Luke will begin on **Thurs,**
Sept. 8 from **10 – 11:30 a.m.** in the Rectory Basement. An additional
 evening opportunity has been added, beginning on **Thursday,**
October 6 from **7:30 pm – 9:00 pm.** The text is from RENEW INT'L
 and costs \$30. We will also use the NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, which
 will be available for purchase for \$5. Sign up forms are available in the
 Rectory. Please fill it out and return it with either \$30 for the text only or
 \$35 for the text and bible, in an envelope marked "Sr. Jean". All checks
 should be made payable to OLSS. Space is limited. Please do not
 delay if you are interested.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

On this Labor Day Weekend, we bid a fond farewell to the wonderfully warm summer breezes and prepare to embrace the 2016-2017 academic year. On this special weekend we honor and remember all the bread winners of each household who work long and arduously to provide a living for their families and a good foundation in their faith. I often reflect on the sacrifices that my parents made so that we children could have a good education and a solid understanding of our faith. The same holds true for today.

Just a simple reminder that we will return to celebrating the **1:15 PM Mass** next Sunday and we would like who tote back packs to school to come and bring them to that Mass for a special **back pack blessing** upon this year's learning. It was wonderfully received last year.

Sister Jean Wagner, PBVM will be conducting a course in the Gospel of Saint Luke for adult faith formation and there will be two sessions on Thursdays starting on September 8 at 10 AM and October 6 at 7:30PM in the rectory basement. Sister Jean has been teaching on Staten Island for over sixty years. Her gifts were acclaimed especially by those attending RCIA last year. The syllabus for her course comes from Renew International. Please consult the bulletin for further information. Seating is limited.

I was a bit unclear about who's preaching for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady Star of the Sea Jubilee Mass on Sunday September 25th at 2PM. Cardinal Dolan will both offer the Mass and proclaim the homily that day. All are invited to meet and greet His Eminence in church after Mass.

On this Sunday September 4, 2016, our Holy Father, Pope Francis will canonize Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She has had exhibited extraordinary grace, courage and devotion to Christ. In the recent movie about her, "The Letters", it was discovered that for over 50 years, Mother Teresa suffered from a high degree of desolation in the spiritual life, as Saint John of the Cross would have called it, "the dark night of the soul". This was discovered posthumously after her death. All the more reason to see with whom Christ abundantly blessed the Missionaries of Charity who number over 4000 sisters worldwide and have given themselves over to a fourth vow, poverty, chastity, obedience, and free service to the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa responded to a call within a call. She heard the voice of Jesus ask her to refuse not what he would ask of her. That turned out to be leaving the Sisters of Loretto and establishing a new congregation in Calcutta. The people were nearly all Hindu and at first she suffered many rejections and brush offs, but she persevered and eventually won the Nobel Peace Prize. She spoke about the evil of abortion to the National Prayer Breakfast gathering in Washington, and she didn't mince words. She saw the root of violence in a world that refuses to love the unborn child. Her ministry put her in touch with so many poor people and so in all her convents and houses of her community beneath the Cross in the Chapel you will find these words of Christ, "I Thirst". Christ is thirsting on the Cross for our love and her community is seen as taking up the challenge to slake the thirst of Christ. Here's an excerpt of an interview Mother Teresa gave on a very difficult topic:

Q. How can we believe in a good God when there is so much suffering around us?

A. Suffering in and of itself is useless, but suffering which is a share in the Passion of Christ is a marvelous gift for human life. The most wonderful of gifts is that we can share in Christ's Passion.

Q. How? Is suffering a gift?

A. Yes, and it is a sign of love because it was chosen by the Father to show us that he loved the world by giving up his Son to die for us. In that way, through Christ's life, suffering proved to be a gift, the greatest gift of love, because through suffering our sins were atoned for.

Q. Our sins?

A. Yes, above all, our sins. That's why we come back to the same thing. If we admit that we are sinners and we need forgiveness, then it will be very easy for us to forgive others. But if I don't admit this, it will be very hard for me to say, "I forgive you." no matter who comes to me.

Q. What should we do when suffering comes to us?

A. Accept it with a smile.

Q. Accept it with a smile?

A. Yes, with a smile, because it is the greatest gift that God gives us.

Q. What? To smile?

A. To smile at God. To have the courage to accept everything that he sends us, and to give to him what he asks of us with a big smile.

Words, hard words coming from our newest Saint. Saint Teresa of Calcutta, please pray for us.

Blessings,

Father Tom Devery



OLSS 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner-Dance RSVP

Sunday, October 2 from 5 pm-10 pm

Nicotra's Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn (1100 South Avenue, SINY)

Tickets - \$125 per person - **Please submit RSVP with payment by September 15.**

Individual tickets are WELCOME and encouraged. Tables will be arranged in groups of 10.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

I would like to reserve _____ seats for the 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance.

Check enclosed for _____ (at \$125 per person).

Please return form and payment to the Rectory. Make checks payable to OLSS.



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Joseph Arena, Baby Noah, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Zenia Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Anthony Galante, Antoinette Gallo, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Roberta Meringolo, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Anna Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez, Thomas Vecchi **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 **Tues, September 6 @ 7:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Service will be Sept. 20 at 3:30 pm).*

Banns of Marriage



First Time: John Cody & Noreen Canavan

First Time: Jon Florida & Lila Carlino

First Time: Christopher Bannon & Nicole Gaske

Second Time: Matthew Mitrovich & Ashley Benitto

Second Time: James Ledger & Melissa Vitale

Second Time: Kevin Carr & Shannon Hermansen

Third Time: Patrick Terranova & Genna Palacios

Third Time: Matthew Manzi & Gina Lombardo

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides & grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, October 30.** At this time, you will be able to select your wedding music.

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS Soccer Registration

The **FINAL** day for open registration is **Wednesday, September 7 from 6-7 pm in the OLSS Athletic Center.** Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory for the 16-17 Season. Registration fees \$200 for SIYSL players, \$150 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$125 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for reg. form and more details.



RECRUITMENT/OPEN HOUSE

CUB SCOUT PACK 5

Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Cub Scouts will be held on **Fridays, September 16th & 23rd, from 7 to 9 PM** in OLSS O'Mara Hall. Cub Scouts Grades 1 to 5: Registration Fee (including dues): \$100 if paid by 10/28 or \$120 if paid after 10/28 (\$150 for two siblings). For more information, please contact Mike Barzal, Cubmaster at 917-642-5498, email cubmasterpk5si@gmail.com or visit our website at www.pack5si.com. Please make checks payable to Pack 5.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 5

Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Boy Scouts will be held on **Tuesdays, September 13th & 20th, from 7 to 9 PM** in OLSS O'Mara Hall. Boys Scouts Grade 6-11: Registration Fee (including dues): \$135 if paid by 10/25 or \$150 if paid after 10/25. For information please contact Robert Ciraola, Scoutmaster, cell 917- 805-7621 or e-mail scoutmaster@troop5si.com or visit our website at www.troop5si.com. Please make checks payable to Troop 5.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

As we enjoy these last few days of summer, here are some reminders for the start of the 2016-2017 school year:

***Thursday, September 8** is a full day for students in grades 1-8.

* School will begin at 8:10 am and dismissal is at 2:50 pm. Doors will open at 7:50am.

*All students must be in complete summer uniforms.

*Bus service will be available for children in grades 1-8.

*Kindergarten students should arrive at 9am on September 8, and will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

*There will NOT be bus service for kindergarten students until **Monday, September 12.**

*We will continue to use the drop off line for morning arrival. The drop-off line is for you to STOP & then DROP your children off at school.

*ALL parents should enter the grounds from the Amboy Road entrance by the rectory and continue to the main entrance of the school.

*Pull as far down as possible in the driveway, two doors will be open for the children to enter the school, the main entrance and the doors closest to Amboy Rd.

*DO NOT try to pass other cars that are dropping off as the children will be exiting the cars.

*If an adult needs to get out of the car for any reason, (this includes getting backpacks from the trunk of your car) we are asking that you **PARK** the car and **WALK** your child to the front door.

SAVE THE DATE - Grade 8 Parents only – there will be a Fashion Show meeting **Monday, September 12 at 9 a.m.** in the **Damato Mtg Room** with the members of the Parents' Association.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2016-2017 will take place on **Tuesday, September 6 from 11 am – 1 pm.** You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and your parish envelope number when registering for Religious Education. If you are not a parishioner and would like to register, please visit the Rectory from 9 am – 4 pm Monday – Friday or call 718-984-0593. For questions, please call the Religious Ed office at 718-984-1885.

2016-17 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Monday, Sept. 12	Grade 7	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 14	Grade 2	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 15	Grades 5 & 6	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Grade 1	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 21	Grades 1-7	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Grade 8	3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 13	Special Needs	(A) 3:45 – 4:15 pm (B) 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, September 9 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 – A new session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* will begin on **Wed., September 14 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

Book Club – The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory and new members are always welcome. We are reading *Mother Teresa of Calcutta - A Personal Portrait* by Fr. Leo Massburg. 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 **Wednesday, September 21 at 8 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, please 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.

OLSS 100th Anniversary Jubilee Journal



A commemorative keepsake journal will be published for the parish's 100th Anniversary Gala on October 2, and we invite your family or business to be a part of this momentous occasion.

JOURNAL AD SIZES AND PRICE LIST

(Please select ad size)

___ Gold Page \$250 ___ Silver Page \$150

___ Full Page (5½ x 8) \$100 ___ Half Page \$60

___ Quarter Page \$30

(Please fill out below section)

NAME/COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT/SUITE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Attach your business card or ad copy along with a check made payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, and mail or drop it off at the Rectory, 5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10312. The Ad deadline is **Monday, September 19th**. Camera ready ads should be sent on a white background to olssparish@si.rr.com. (Please send as a .jpg or .png file)

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Stolzenhaller Council's Annual Charity Golf Outing

Monday, September 19, 2016 at the South Shore Golf Course
7 am Breakfast, 7:15 am Registration, 8 am Shotgun Start
12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles
Lunch on the turn included/Dinner served at 1 pm
Cost: \$140 per golfer. For more information, call Karl Emigholz, Chairman at (646) 662-2034

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Comedy Night FUNdraiser

Thursday, September, 29 – 6:30 pm

To support its various charities, Staten Island's Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Clare is hosting an evening of laughter, food, baskets, and fun with a nationally known comedian, Rob Magnotti. The Comedy Night Dinner is \$55 per person and will be held in the St. Clare School Auditorium in Great Kills. Tickets on sale now! For more information, contact Joann Lamberti, 718-966-1425 or JoannLamberti@yahoo.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 Ceremony & Class Dates

September 11 & 18 (No Class on 9/18)
October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 11

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Ceremonies will take place at 2:15 PM. Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Mtg Room of the Athletic Center. Please note, there will be no Baptism Class on 9/18.

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

- Enjoy a trip to the at the **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**. Includes round trip transportation, full course meal, dessert, show, tax & gratuity all at one price. The next trip will be for Rock & Roll USA 9/24 @ 6:30pm & 9/25 @ 2:30pm. For pricing and further info, call Donna 718-967-4224 or Jane 718-605-3128. Please RSVP ASAP to reserve your seat.
- **Pilgrimage to Holy Door for Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** Saturday, September 17, (9 am – 3 pm) Basilica of Regina Pacis, Brooklyn, NY. Fliers are available at the Rectory. Please contact Donna Pellizzi at 718-967-4224 or Jane Campbell at 718-605-3128 for more information.
- **Our Lady Help of Christians** 19th Annual Parish Golf Outing – Wed., Sept. 21 at South Shore Golf Course. For more information, call 718-317-9772.

2nd Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2016 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. Trees must be reserved no later than October 1st. 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 - 2016 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 OLSS