

Our Lady Star of the Sea
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 16

4:00PM Alex Palatnick

5:30PM Anthony Healy

Sunday, February 17

8:00AM John Petruzzo

9:30AM Giuseppe Pesce

11:00AM Brian Colgan

12:30PM Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano

7:00PM Giovanni Lobasso

Monday, February 18

9:00AM Anita Zuffante

Tuesday, February 19

9:00AM Carmela Bottalico

Wednesday, February 20

9:00 AM Patrick Walsh

Thursday, February 21

9:00AM Alberto Ingravallo

Friday, February 22

9:00AM Rita Caradonna

Saturday, February 23

9:00AM Marie Pisciotta

4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato

5:30PM John P. Cali

Sunday, February 24

8:00AM Luis Tirado

9:30AM Giovanni Iacono

11:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Henry Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus Council &
Columbiette Auxiliary Council

12:30PM Luigi Garofano

7:00PM Deceased Members of the Ferrigno Family

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Vincent Ventafredda & Lisa Weber

1st Time: Oleg & Oksana Kulyak

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 17** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Presidents' Day - Monday, February 18

The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 18 for the Presidents' Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, February 19 at 9 a.m.

Archcare TimeBank at OLSS

TimeBank (Volunteer) Enrollment Session

February 19th at 6:30pm in the Damato meeting room. Registration required! Call or email Laura at (917) 716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** 📞 Help fight loneliness in homebound seniors by calling or visiting them.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 17-23, 2019

In Loving Memory of

Lucius & Ambrose Akut

Donated by Fr. Basil Akut

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors - Saturday, February 23

4:00PM E Vitiello

5:30PM L Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday, February 23

4:00PM J Coscia, C Harris, J Butalid, M Sprague
& A Pompei

5:30PM C Losi, J Cimino, E Burns, C Houle & M Lappin

Lectors - Sunday, February 24

8:00AM P Zoltowski

9:30AM S Zisblatt

11:00AM M Pinto

12:30PM S Gambino

7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, February 24

8:00AM J Stanzione, M Molinini, M Ennis & M Quadri

9:30AM J Gatto, S Hitchcock, L Appel & A Shirazi

11:00AM B Paccione, C&J Gerace, R Ruzskowski
& J Tolento

12:30PM C Messina, B Peters, S Catalano, MA Russo
& C Belvedere

7:00PM G LaGrua, K Melka, A Zuffante, J Bellina
& M Randazzo

Altar Servers - Saturday, February 23

4:00PM D Cavicchio, N Shirazi

5:30PM D Heidel, N Shirazi

Altar Servers - Sunday, February 24

8:00AM E Gladstone

9:30AM S Artz, T&M Maresca

11:00AM J Oliveri

12:30PM G Vassallo, A&S Velazquez

7:00PM S, N & A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

**Louis Vascellaro, Marguerite Curcio, Mary Carboni,
Elena Vitale, Robert O'Connor, NYPD Det. Brian Simonsen**

Sunday collection for the week of 2/3/19:

\$16,650.14

2nd Collection - Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,727.00

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Remember last year when we hosted the visit of the Missionaries of the Poor from Kingston, Jamaica? Well, from Tuesday, February 26 to Monday, March 4, I will be joining a group of about 20 people to make a mission trip and assist the Brothers and Sister Missionaries of the Poor in their work among the poor and helpless in five of their facilities. Please keep us in your prayers.

Last Monday, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11 and the World Day of the Sick. I recall four years ago, being in Lourdes on this important feast day. There were nearly 900 priests gathered with the Bishop of Lourdes to offer Mass in their underground basilica, which can hold about 25,000 people. What amazed me besides the faith of all the “malads”, (the term used for the people sick on stretchers and wheelchairs) was the army of volunteers that assisted them around the shrine. I was also impressed with the bishop offering the Mass and preaching in five languages. He was fluent in French, Spanish, Italian, English and German. During his homily he spoke eloquently how the chief ministry of Jesus was healing, and how every pilgrim to Lourdes is touched with a specific grace from Mary and Jesus. Perhaps it's the grace of acceptance. Perhaps it's the grace of sacrificial offering, and uniting their sufferings with the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Perhaps they receive the grace of inner conversion, which is usually the greatest healing of all, the real gift of inner peace. I am so aware that here in our parish we have many homebound, frail, elderly, people on dialysis, many recovering one day at a time from their addictions, many enduring the treatments of chemotherapy and/or radiation. Many have allergies, breathing issues and some are recuperating from knee or hip replacement. All of these special people are so close to Our Blessed Mother and her beloved Son. We remember you daily at Mass. It is encouraging and powerful to see so many come to our Healing Services and Healing Masses. This next Tuesday (2/19) at 3:30PM we will gather for our next healing service.

I am also aware of the power of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament in years past was commonly referred to as “the Last Rites”. People ought to receive this if they are advanced in years and feeling the serious effects of old age. Also people with chronic illness. During our healing Masses and healing services, this sacrament is offered. It gives not only strength and courage but also the complete forgiveness of sins. This is why only a priest or a bishop has the authority to administer this sacrament. If you are going to have surgery and commence medical treatments, please see the priest after Mass and we would be happy to minister this sacrament of the Lord's healing touch.

Also, if there is an elderly person who is not able to get to Church, please call the rectory and we can have an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist come to your home and bring Jesus to them.

In the devotional book *Jesus Calling*, the reflection and prayer for February 5 was particularly poignant. I would like to share it with you.

Seek My Face, and you will find not only My presence but also My peace. To receive My peace, you must change your grasping, controlling stance to one of openness and trust. The only thing you can grasp without damaging your soul is My hand. Ask My Spirit within you to order your day and control your thoughts, for the mind controlled by the Spirit is Life and Peace.

You can have as much of Me and My Peace as you want, through thousands of correct choices each day. The most persistent choice you face is whether to trust Me or to worry. You will never run out of things to worry about, but you can choose to trust Me no matter what. I am an ever present help in trouble. Trust Me, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. (Romans 8:6; Psalm 46:1-2)

If you Google the following article, you will be inspired: “Bishop Robert Barron visits Amazon.” Also, visit www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily. This website is run by Bishop Barron and is a major resource for my homily preparations.

Enjoy Presidents' Day weekend and be assured of my prayers,

Fr. Tom Devery

Notice Regarding OLSS Mass Live Stream

Due to a recent power outage, the equipment that streams the OLSS Mass on a daily basis was damaged. The stream will be out of order for approximately 2 weeks in order for the part to be repaired. We thank you for your patience and understanding while this matter is being taken care of.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zioe Grace Comito, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Zeina Encico, Florence Fitzgerald, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginie Ledwon, Ann Mannino, William Masel, John McNamara, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, John Robertson, Sr., Anthony Ruggario, Caesar Russo, Msgr. Peter Smith, Ann Strandberg, Benjamin Thomasen, George Weir, Mona Williams, Michael Wright, Teresa Zizzamia **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, February 19 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 pm.**

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 more information, please contact Joe Limeri at jlimeri@aol.com or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Opening of the 2020 Mass Book

The 2020 Mass book will open on **Wednesday, February 27th at 9:45 am**. Because of our large parish, at this time, you may request up to **THREE** Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory, since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

2020 OLSS Mass Request Form (please fill out completely)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Requested Mass Date/Time: Mass Intention for (Name):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sunday (& Saturday Vigil) Masses are \$20.
Weekday Masses are \$15.
Please use a 2020 calendar when selecting dates.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to those students who made the Principals' List for the 2nd Quarter! The list is posted outside of Mrs. Roland's office.

- Our Lady Star of the Sea is sponsoring a TACHS program from July 8 through July 26, 2019 to help students prepare for the Catholic High School entrance exam. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.
- Just a reminder...school will be closed Monday, February 18 and Friday, February 22. Enjoy the long weekends!

OLSS Gift Card BINGO Night!

Thursday, February 21 in O'Mara Hall

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm, BINGO starts @ 7:30 pm

Admission \$5 per person, BINGO books (to play all night) \$25
BYO food/snacks for your table. BINGO books & markers will be sold at the door. Snacks and drinks available for sale. Any questions please contact Christine at 201-452-5998.

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held on **Thursdays, February 21 & March 7 from 6-7 PM** in the OLSS Athletic Center for all players which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 8** from 1-3 pm in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

WINGS - (Widows & Widowers In a New Life Getting together Socially) The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 21** from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Living Room of the **OLSS Rectory**. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm in the Chapel.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meet 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, February 25 at 7:30 pm** in the **Chapel**. The LOM is responsible for Friday adoration and prays an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. They also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation. For more info or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **February 20**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Bible Study Group – Thursdays from 10-11:30 am in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome. For information, call Lenore at 917-642-3377.

Bible Study for the Gospel of John Beginning March 7

All are welcome to learn more about the Gospel of John. Come and interact with other adults for a greater understanding of this gospel from "the disciple whom Jesus loved." The group meets every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. For more information, call Lenore at 917-642-3377.

Donations for Memorial Window in Memory of Msgr. Vincent Bartley & Fr. Robert Poveromo

The front window of the church lobby will be etched with a rendering of Our Lady Star of the Sea in memoriam of Fr. Robert Poveromo and Msgr. Vincent Bartley. Anyone wishing to donate to this memorial may fill out this form and bring the donation into the Rectory or mail it to the Rectory at 5371 Amboy Rd, SI, NY 10312. *PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

✔ Mark Your Calendar

Growth in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Growth in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place & Time: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel from 7-9 pm

Dates: February 19 & 26

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

Archcare TimeBank at OLSS

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Materials provided for this class, all creations will be donated to Carmel Richmond Nursing Home. **Mondays March 11 & 25 at 7 pm** in the Rectory Basement.

Watercolor Painting Workshop Series

Registration with Laura is required – space is limited! Learn painting skills with Maria, during this 4 class series. **Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 10 am to 12:30 pm in the Rectory Basement.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The next session of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be from 11:45 am -1:15 pm in the Rectory Basement on **Thursday, February 21**.

Friends & Family Game Night

Monday, March 18 at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome to attend this social gathering and learn more about ArchCare's TimeBank, please RSVP to Laura.

The ArchCare TimeBank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. To RSVP to any of these events, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS)

Saint Francis Catholic Singles will host "Achieving Optimal Wellness of Mind, Body, Soul and the Importance of Prayer" a talk by Nurse Practitioner, Melissa Lanza, on **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher's Parish Community Center - 136 Midland Avenue, S.I., NY 10306. Light refreshments will be served, \$10 appreciated, at the door. For more information, email sfcssi@gmail.com. St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

St. Peter's Boys High School Chinese Auction

Friday, March 8

Doors open at 6 pm, calling begins at 7:15 pm

Admission \$10 per person

Refreshments & Parking available. No children under 12 permitted, Children ages 12-18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

February 24, March 10 & 24, April 28

NO CLASS on April 14

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. 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.

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM

AA _____ Sundays 8PM

_____ Mondays 10AM

_____ Tuesdays 4PM

_____ Thursdays 4PM

_____ Fridays 4PM

_____ Saturdays 7:30PM

PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM

AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 6PM

OA (Overeaters Anonymous) _____ 2nd Friday at 7PM

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every 1st 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 **March 7**.

Addiction Angels –There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction at 7 pm on **Thursday, February 21** in the Damato Meeting Rm. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

Cluster Corner

Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians -7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, 1 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



Our Lady Help of Christians Church- Bible Study with Fr. Halbing. Classes are every Thursday evening at 7 pm in the Lower Church. We look forward to seeing you.