

Our Lady Star of the Sea

1st Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 9

4:00PM Joseph Casazza, Jr.

5:30PM Helen & William Timmermans

Sunday, March 10

8:00AM Salvatore Micciulla

9:30AM Margaret R. Greaney

11:00AM Rosa Fareri

12:30PM Ralph Moceo

7:00PM Rosario, Frank & Daniel Biazzo

Monday, March 11

9:00AM Salvatore J. Cafiso, III

Tuesday, March 12

9:00AM Gilda Leone

Wednesday, March 13

9:00AM Candida & Americo Molinini & Joann Nespoli

Thursday, March 14

9:00AM Albert Warshefskie

Friday, March 15

9:00AM Jerry Mignone

Saturday, March 16

9:00AM Marilyn Nasta

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Antorino
& Guido Families

5:30PM Luigi Rossetti

Sunday, March 17

8:00AM Emil Iannaccone

9:30AM Nicholas Chieco

11:00AM Brian Colgan

12:30PM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

7:00PM Louis Esposito

Banns of Marriage



2nd Time: Michael Lauro & Jessica Balestrieri

3rd Time: Joseph LaRocca & Gabrielle Pallis

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, April 28** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

March 10-16, 2019

In Loving Memory of

Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Donated by The Villani Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 16

4:00PM C Harris

5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 16

4:00PM J Butalid, L Barbato, A Pompei, A Petrocelli

5:30PM J Cimino, C Losi, B Palomba, M Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, March 17

8:00AM C Ambrosino

9:30AM M Coppolo

11:00AM E Newborn

12:30PM A Deliso

7:00PM A Medeiros

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 17

8:00AM A Sparandera, J Stanzione, M Andreola, A Shirazi
& P Zoltowski

9:30AM J Gatto, S Hitchcock, L Capobianco, T Strange
& M Sprague

11:00AM N Fallacaro, B Paccione, J Tolento, E&G Riozzi

12:30PM B Peters, N Villani, C Belvedere, R Marino
& MA Russo

7:00PM G LaGrua, J Bellina, K Melka, C Houle
& C Barone

Altar Servers – Saturday, March 16

4:00PM D Cavicchio, N Shirazi, J Habib

5:30PM N Shirazi, K Marchisella

Altar Servers – Sunday, March 17

8:00AM M Esposito

9:30AM T&M Maresca, J Oliveri

11:00AM G Vassallo, A&S Velazquez

12:30PM P Marone, I Santatemia

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:

**Henry E. Hermann, Alfonso Canteruccio, Portia D'Orazio,
Mary Marie Flora Constantino, John Russo,
Catherine Riley**

Are You In Pain From the Loss of a Loved One?

Does the thought of your departed loved one bring tears to your eyes? There is hope - a new session of the *New Day Journal: A Journey from Grief to Healing* is forming! The group will meet **Wednesdays** from **March 20 through May 8** at **7:30 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. Come find the support and strength you need to continue on your journey within a loving and supportive Christian community. For more info and to speak to someone about this important ministry, contact Veronica Petersen at 347-620-8586 or johnnpetersen@yahoo.com.

Sunday collection for the week of 2/24/19:


\$16,506.73

2nd Collection – Debt Reduction


\$4,244.00

God bless you for your generosity!





Project Hospitality



St. Joseph's Day Table Celebration

Please join us as we raise funds for the poor in honor of Msgr. Bartley

Tuesday, March 19th

6:30 AM Mass
7:30 - 10:00 AM Sicilian Dinner, O'Mara Hall

Our Lady Star of the Sea
5411 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY 10312

\$60 per person • \$100 couples
RSVP to 718-448-1544 x116

or visit <https://projecthospitality.ticketspice.com/st-josephs-day-celebration-in-honor-of-msgr-bartley>

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

A blessed Lenten Season to all of you. This word Lent is an interesting word. It comes from an old English word meaning "springtime". For the next 40 days we are invited to spring training in the basics of our faith. We are called to conversion and conversation with God. The readings from Sacred Scripture tell the story of Israel being released from slavery into freedom. We too are on a journey into deeper freedom from the slavery of addictions to wealth, pleasure, power and honor. If we can fast from these, we will fast from fear and feast on faith. If we give from our abundance in generosity, whether it be time, treasure or talent to alleviate someone's burden, we are entering into the rich love of God's mercy and love for us. Finally, we need to pray, not just say more words, but allow a conversation to deepen our relationship with God; then God will respond to us, and speak to our hearts in a way that leads us into deeper trust in His Saving Power.

The ashes that we received last Wednesday are an earthly reminder that we are dust and we shall return to dust. We are shocked into realizing that life is short and what we do with our life has eternal consequences. If you want to know where you stand with God, then ponder your answer to these two questions: How do I spend my time? & How do I spend my money? If we want joy in our lives, then the priorities that must we keep in order are: Jesus, Others and You. This spells "JOY".

On Easter Sunday, the whole Church renews our Baptismal promises. We re-commit our covenant with the Lord to live and love in His presence as we travel in this world to heaven.

Last week I had the privilege of working alongside the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica for six days. Yes, the weather was in the mid 80's and sunny, but the poverty and suffering of the poor was real and helping to relieve some of that pain was a great penance and privilege. I met a woman, Rachel from England, a food scientist and she shared with me a couple of statistics that I didn't know. She said that if the whole world could be reduced to 100 people, one in 8 would have a bank account, and only one out of 100 would have a degree in higher education. So we are tremendously blessed compared to the rest of the world.

Father Hayden, MOP and Father Henry, MOP came to me with the memories of coming to Our Lady Star of the Sea last year. They were moved by the love and compassion and generosity of our people. They too send their regards.

As we listen to the story of Jesus, shortly after his baptism in the Jordan River, he is led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days and forty nights. Lent is a time when we enter the desert of our souls and seek peace, comfort, security and identity; however, it's also a place of temptation and distraction coming from the devil. Jesus tells Satan, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God". Jesus wanted to discover how He would be a Messiah and live this public ministry and He learned that it would be as a humble suffering servant. This was not what the people expected a Messiah to be. Yet angels ministered to him in His weakness. Those same angels are willing to come to us and lead us to confession and a time of conversion and conversation with our God.

In the book, "Jesus Calling" by Sara Young, there are some words of wisdom I would like to share with you. March 5th has the following reflection: "Make friends with the problems in your life. Though many things feel random and wrong, remember that I am sovereign over everything. I can fit everything into a pattern for good, but only to the extent that you trust Me. Every problem can teach you something, transforming you little by little into the masterpiece I created you to be. The very same problem can become a stumbling block over which you fall if you react with distrust and defiance. The choice is up to you, and you will have to choose many times each day whether to trust Me or defy Me.

The best way to befriend your problems is to thank me for them. This simple act opens your mind to the possibility of benefits flowing from your difficulties. You can even give persistent problems nicknames, helping you to approach them with familiarity rather than dread. The next step is to introduce them to Me, enabling Me to embrace them in My loving Presence. I will not necessarily remove your problems, but My wisdom is sufficient to bring good out of every one of them."

Prepare during these 40 days of Lent with the sacrament of Reconciliation to fast from fear and feast on faith, and your soul will rejoice each time you give.

A Blessed Lent,

Fr. Tom Devery

LENT 2019

Fast & Abstinence: The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm and from 5 to 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross: Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent.

Lenton Love Offering: Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. The Lenton Love Offering boxes will be collected the weekend of April 6 & 7.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Mary Bonfiglio, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zioe Grace Comito, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Zeina Encico, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Ann Mannino, William Masel, John McNamara, Mary Montalti, 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, Melissa Randazzo, 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, March 19 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 pm.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 22** 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, March 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, March 11 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, 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 **March 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.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• OLSS is sponsoring a TACHS program from July 8 - 26, to help students prepare for the Catholic High School entrance exam. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

• Our annual Fashion Show is Thursday, March 28th. If you are interested in donating a gift basket, taking out an ad in the journal, sponsoring a table or would like to purchase a ticket to the event, please contact the school office for more information. We are looking forward to a great night!

• Stop by and see all the wonderful things happening at OLSS! Our next Touring Tuesday is on Tues., March 19 from 9-11 am.

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.

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

Baptisms are conducted EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm with the following exceptions: There will be no baptisms on April 14 & 21 (Palm Sunday & Easter), May 12 (Mothers' Day) or June 16 (Fathers' Day).

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

March 10 & 24, April 28 (NO CLASS on April 14), May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. Dates for Baptisms are not guaranteed until the required documents are turned into the Rectory and the date is confirmed by rectory staff.

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.

Kitchen Help Needed

The Presentation Sisters of Staten Island are looking for temporary kitchen help at their convent located at 419 Woodrow Rd, SI, NY. Please contact Mary Clarke at 718-356-2121 for more information.

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



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 ****NEW Time & Day**

The next sessions of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be from **Wednesdays March 13 & 27 and April 3 & 24** at 10 am in the Rectory Basement.

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Legion of Mary - Curia of Staten Island - ACIES

Sunday, March 24 at 4 pm at OLSS



Express publicly your Consecration to Mary in the condensed and beautiful formula - 'I am all yours, my Queen and my Mother, and all that I have is yours.'

All are welcome! Refreshments to follow.

Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile

Msgr. Farrell HS – Sunday, March 31

The Holy Name Society of Monsignor Farrell High School will be hosting the 7th Annual Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile on **Sunday, March 31** at Msgr. Farrell High School. All former students are asked to attend this event in order to honor this stellar educator, who dedicated over 40 years of service to the school and community. Anyone interested in participating and/or donating in this event should visit: <https://tinyurl.com/7thcomiskeymemorialmile> to download and complete the registration form. Please contact John Fox at Msgr. Farrell High School at jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org for further details.

Calling All Vendors!

Flea Market at Mt. Loretto - Saturday, May 18

The Franciscan Handmaids of Mary will be hosting a Flea Market on the grounds of Mt. Loretto on **Saturday, May 18** to benefit the St. Edwards Food Pantry. If you are interested in renting a table, please call Mt. Loretto and speak with Louise at 718-984-1625.

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

The front window of the church lobby has been 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: _____



OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



****REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY,
MARCH 16 FROM 11 AM – 2 PM IN**

THE OLSS ATHLETIC CTR
Camp will run from **Monday, July 1st**
thru Friday, August 9th**

from 9 am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade
in September 2019)

**Register BEFORE April 19 to Receive the Early
Bird Pricing Special:
(Must be paid in full by April 19 to qualify)**

July 4th Week - \$210

\$240 full day-weekly & \$85 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly & \$50 half day-daily

After April 18th Regular camp rates apply:

July 4th Week - \$235

\$270 full day-weekly & \$95 full day-daily

\$190 half day-weekly & \$55 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

Gaga game, Organized games & more!

Weekly Theme Days

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