

Our Lady Star of the Sea
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 3

4:00PM Karen J. Madory
5:30PM Muriel & Kathleen Wanglund

Sunday, August 4

8:00AM Edward & Maryann Brennan
9:30AM Patrick O'Connell
11:00AM Antoinette Papa
12:30PM Lillian Visceglia & Theresa & John Caruana
7:00PM Lucy Peters

Monday, August 5

9:00AM Thomas Smith, Sr.

Tuesday, August 6

9:00AM Ambrose Akut

Wednesday, August 7

9:00AM Domenico & Isabella Grieco

Thursday, August 8

9:00AM Salvatore Basile & Frank LoCascio

Friday, August 9

9:00AM Joseph DeMarco

Saturday, August 10

9:00AM Thomas Smith, Sr.
4:00PM Joseph & Gaetana Levantino
5:30PM John & Tillie Forestieri

Sunday, August 11

8:00AM Anthony Hanlon
9:30AM Kevin O'Connell
11:00AM Regina Lamonica
12:30PM Dorothy, Dominick & Mary Biscardi
7:00PM Giovanni Citarelli

Banns of Marriage



3rd Time: Joseph Corrado & Ginamarie Napoli

Wedding Music Workshop

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

Sunday Collection for the week of 7/21/19:

\$13,179.79

2nd Collection – Propagation of the Faith:

\$3,158.00

God bless you for your generosity!



This weekend, learn more about the St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community
 Are you being called to a fuller life with Jesus? St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community invites you to join their community meeting on September 21 at 9:15 am in the Rectory at St. Adalbert's Church. Please call Maria at 718-356-1886 for more information.



The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
August 4 – August 10, 2019
 Donated In Memory of

Luis Soto

Beloved Father & Loving Husband
 Donated by: Rei D'Agostino

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, August 10

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, August 10

4:00PM J Butalid, L Bauer
5:30PM E Burns, M Quadriano

Lectors – Sunday, August 11

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM C Messina
12:30PM F Monte
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, August 11

8:00AM M Ennis, A Shirazi, A Sparandera
9:30AM L Capobianco, S Monteforte, M Iacono
11:00AM L Appel, B Paccione, M Sprague
12:30PM C Belvedere, B Peters, MA Russo
7:00PM G LaGrua, A Zuffante, K Melka

Altar Servers

Saturday, August 10

4:00PM N Shirazi, J Habib, D Heidel
5:30PM J, E & C Stadler

Sunday, August 11

8:00AM S, N & A Mejias
9:30AM J, T & M Maresca
11:00AM J Oliveri, P Marone
12:30PM N & J Cooper
7:00PM A Monferrato



Sincere Condolences

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

**Louise Capano, Julie LaFiura, Josephine Bruno,
 Robert Arciero**

Summer Blood Drive

This Sunday 8/4 from 9am – 3pm

Each presenting donor receives a free T-Shirt

Our Lady Star of the Sea will hold the summer blood drive on Sunday, August 4 from 9 am to 3 pm in O'Mara Hall. To be eligible to donate, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 16 years of age with parental consent. If you are 76 or older you are required to have a physician's note of approval. Please ensure you have a photo ID. Remember, each pint of blood collected helps save 3 lives. Please help us reach our goal of 45 pints. Come give the greatest gift of all.....LIFE!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

It seems like such a long time since I have written a pastor's letter to all of you. The past several weeks there have been inserts in our parish bulletin announcing the progress of our Renew and Rebuild Campaign. Last Sunday I was directed to speak at all the Masses about our progress of raising \$1,325,000 in pledges, which represents 63% of our parish goal of \$2.2 million. I am happy to report that we are closing in on 75% of our goal, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our parishioners. I know that this is a sacrificial gift, but keep in mind, God cannot and will not be outdone in generosity.

I am happy to see all the children report each morning for Our Lady Star of the Sea Summer Camp. I am so grateful to Camp Director Linda Fusillo and her cadre of counselors and assistants that help our youngsters have a great time, despite the truly hot weather we are having this summer. Speaking of hot weather, when I returned from my vacation time, I discovered that the air conditioning unit in the rectory basement had broken, and is being replaced. Secondly, it seems that some of the panels in the front stained-glass window of our church depicting the Resurrection of Christ have buckled. The company that installed the window is returning in order to make the repairs needed. It is amazing how much the weather has impacted our lives. We were blessed not to have had black outs or brown outs, or worse yet the extreme weather that much of Europe had endured without air conditioning.

During my time with friends in Florida, I had the occasion to visit Apalachicola, Port St. Joe, Cape San Blas and Mexico Beach in the Panhandle region of Florida. I was deeply moved by the amount of destruction Hurricane Michael had afflicted on the people of that region. Not only were many trees snapped in two, looking like broken bread sticks, but homes were simply washed out to sea and the immensity of damage now 10 months later is staggering. Much press coverage was given for about two or three months, but now it seems it's the forgotten coast. My friends, Brian and Megan had little to no damage to their home but they have a huge shed and have allowed people to store tons of furniture, tools, and salvageable items. Since insurance companies have been slow to restore people's homes, many are still living in camper trailers waiting for assistance.

Generally, the Gulf of Mexico is quiet and tranquil but on the day I went to the coast, I saw how rough the tide was since super storm Brian had churned up the Gulf that weekend I visited there. The people are exhausted and still stress after the catastrophic damage was done last October 10th. We need to pray for all the people who live near the coast down there.

"Act locally and think globally", was a bumper sticker sign I once saw. This weekend we have the opportunity to support the Emergency Blood Drive that will be held in O'Mara Hall this Sunday from 9AM to 3PM. The folks of the New York City Blood Center have informed us of a tremendous need for blood donations. We hope to be able to contribute up to 45 pints of blood this weekend.

During the month of August, we welcome back Father Antony Alfred from his visit back home to his family in Sri Lanka. Father Joseph Roesch, MIC will stop by for a few days and Bishop Gabriel Mendy will arrive later in August to Staten Island sometime after the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother on August 15th. This will be his first visit back to the United States since he returned home to Gambia to become the Bishop of the Gambia.

Since we are half way through the summer; let us not forget to give the Lord time in prayer and in Eucharist so as to reap the graces of this wonderful season.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Father Tom Devery



Pray for the Sick

Raymond Beshara, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Amanda D., Zioe Grace Comito, Paul Cutroneo, John Dawidowicz, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Lisa Dunne, Zeina Encico, Nancy Gallo, John Gerace, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Thomas Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Gladys Lombardi, Lorraine M., Cecilia Malerba, Ann Mannino, Lorenzo Marinelli, William Masel, John McNamara, Anne Merlino Maryann Monachino, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Stephen Paccione, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, Anthony Ruggario, Caesar Russo, Thomas Smith, Msgr. Peter Smith, Dawn Stahlecker, 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 Mass

There will NOT be a Healing Service in August.
The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, September 3 at 7:30 pm.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be Friday, September 20 at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

WINGS - (for Widows & Widowers) The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18 at 1 pm in the Rectory. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– The next group session of the Bereavement ministry will be begin in the fall. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

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 – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, August 5 at 7:30 pm** in the **Chapel**. Please join them to say the Rosary and stay for the meeting if you wish. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

The Legion of Mary offers the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to visit your home. To arrange a visit call Marie 917-459-4121.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – The 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. **August 6 & 20**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Crocheting and Knitting– The 1st & 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: August 7 & 28. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

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



• The school office will be closed during the month of August. If you need to get in touch with the office, please call 718-984-5750 to leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. The school office will reopen on Monday, August 26 at 9am.

• The TENTATIVE 2019-2020 school calendar has been posted on the school's website. All dates/events are subject to change.

• Registration is ongoing for students in grades 1-7. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*The Religious Education office will be
CLOSED until Tuesday, September 3.*

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 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Ceremonies

Baptisms are conducted EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm.

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22, October 13 & 27,
November 10 & 24, December 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.

OLSS Knitting & Crocheting Group Annual Rectangle Campaign



OLSS has begun the annual knit or crochet rectangle campaign. The rectangles will be joined together to make afghans for the homeless and others in need through the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal shelter. Your participation will provide comfort and warmth to people in need during their most difficult times. Last year 40 blankets were donated thanks to your hard work and participation. Donations of knitted or crocheted rectangles from will be accepted now **through December 31**. Donations of yarn are also greatly appreciated. Any thickness yarn, size of needle, hook, any color or pattern may be used to complete the rectangle, **but they must be 7" x 9"**. **If we do not have uniformity of size**, it is extremely difficult to assemble the rectangles into finished blankets. To crochet or knit perfect rectangles, cut a cardboard template 7 inches by 9 inches. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule. Any questions, please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

OLSS Soccer Registration



Registration forms may be dropped off at the Rectory for the 19-20 Season. Registration fees are \$225 for SIYSL players, \$175 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$150 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for the registration form and more details.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

OLSS Baby Bin



The OLSS Pro-Life Committee has set up a Baby Bin in the lobby at the main entrance of the church to accept donations of diapers, wipes and other essentials for newborns. Items collected will be sent to the Cross Road Foundation and the Good Counsel Home both on Staten Island. Please check the bin for a list of the items that can be accepted. Disposable diapers and wipes are especially needed. God bless you for your generosity in supporting the Gospel of Life.

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 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Archcare TimeBank at OLSS

The ArchCare TimeBank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages. The TimeBank is a great community program that offers services and workshops that interest our members. Volunteers are needed to make friendly calls and visits to those who are lonely. To RSVP to any of these events, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Writing Workshops with George - Monday August 5 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room.

Chair Yoga – Wednesday, August 14 at 11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Games & Ice Cream Social – Monday, August 26 at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome to attend this social gathering and learn more about ArchCare's TimeBank, RSVP to Laura.

St. Maria Goretti Group Events

Young Adult Mass & Talk

Friday, August 9 from 7 to 9:30 PM

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, 10314)

Come hear as Debbie Sucich shares about what it means to be a consecrated virgin living in the world. All ages welcome for Mass at 7 PM with confessions at 6:30 PM followed by faith, food, & fellowship for young adults ages 18-42. Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314.

2019 "Race for the Chaste" 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 17th from 10-11 am

Midland Beach Boardwalk/Lincoln Ave/Lot #9

All families, teams and individuals are invited to be a runner, walker, or prayer warrior to help continue the Goretti Group's mission on Staten Island, sharing the good news about God's plan for authentic life and love. For more info or to register online, visit www.thegorettigroup.org and click the New York logo or email ny@thegorettigroup.org.

**OLSS DOLPHIN
SUMMER DAY CAMP**

**Running thru Friday, August 9th
from 9 am – 3:30pm**

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade in Sept. 2019)
Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y3of2wu7>
(a processing fee will be added for online registration)

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

12 Step & Community Meetings

- ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
- AA _____ Sundays 8PM
- _____ Mondays 10AM
- _____ Tuesdays 4PM
- _____ Thursdays 4PM
- _____ Fridays 4PM
- _____ Saturdays 7:30PM
- 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 **September 5**.

Addiction Angels – There is a Parent & Sibling support group for families battling addiction. 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

**Staten Island Right to Life's
Annual Bishop Ahearn Memorial
Life March and Motorcade
Saturday, August 31, 2019**



immediately following the 9 am Mass at OLSS

The march will process from OLSS to Staten Island University Hospital South (375 Seguire Ave, SI, NY). For more information, please contact the Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc. at 646-662-3914, sirighttolife@yahoo.com, or visit statenlandrighttolife.weebly.com. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present. Choose Life!

**Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus
Conheaney Golf Classic**



Monday, September 23, 2019

at the South Shore Golf Course
(200 Hugenot Ave, SI, NY 10312)

7 am Breakfast

7:15 am Registration

8 am Shotgun Start

12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles

San Gennaro feast lunch on the turn included

Steak Dinner served at 1 pm

Cost: \$150 per golfer (includes dinner & open bar).

Sponsorship Opportunities available!

For more information and for reservations,
call Karl Emigholz, PGK and Chairman at (646) 662-2034.

