

Our Lady Star of the Sea
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, September 7
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, September 8
8:00AM Fred Stiehl
9:30AM Margaret Smith
11:00AM Richard Mazzaferro & Stephanie Hare
12:30PM Yolanda Composto
7:00PM Florence Rubin

Monday, September 9
9:00AM Carlo Vernieri, Sr.

Tuesday, September 10
9:00AM Summer Marie Semerad & Jaime Seaman

Wednesday, September 11
9:00AM Deceased Members of OLSS – 9/11 Victims

Thursday, September 12
9:00 AM Salvatore Gallina & Rita Gallina

Friday, September 13
9:00AM Jaime Seaman & Dominick Zizzamia

Saturday, September 14
9:00AM Connie Gersbeck
4:00PM Marie Cancelleri
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, September 15
8:00AM Robert Saitta
9:30AM Jaime Seaman & Dominick Zizzamia
11:00AM Deceased Members of the Newborn Family
12:30PM Kathleen Kennedy
7:00PM Marc Fusillo & Judith Fusillo

Banns of Marriage



- 1st Time:** James Ward & Alexandra Balsamo
1st Time: Joseph Flynn & Grace Scarmato
2nd Time: Ralph Konecny & Rachel Fernandes
2nd Time: Frank Pesce & Christine Purelis
3rd Time: Thomas Markowski & Jaimie Reitano

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, October 27** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS



Interested in joining a choir? Please see below and come to the rehearsal to join. All rehearsals are held in the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Children who are in the 1st through 6th grade are eligible. Rehearsals are Mondays, at 3:45 PM, beginning 9/9.

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: The Traditional Choir sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays, and is open to members 18 years or older. Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6 PM, beginning 9/9.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7 p.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. If you are going into the 7th Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
September 8-14, 2019

In Memory of
Jaime Seaman

Donated by Mom, Dad & Candace

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 14

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM A Deliso

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 14

4:00PM J Butalid, L Bauer
5:30PM A Maffeo, M Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, September 15

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM F Monte
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM B Weir
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, September 15

8:00AM M Molinini, A Shirazi, A Sparandera
9:30AM L Capobianco, S Monteforte, M Iacono
11:00AM N Fallacaro, G Decker, J Amodio
12:30PM C Belvedere, B Peters, S Catalano
7:00PM C Barone, K Melka, J Limeri

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 14

4:00PM J, E & C Stadler
5:30PM J Habib, J Oliveri

Sunday, September 15

8:00AM A Monferrato
9:30AM F Surace, S Artz
11:00AM M, T & J Maresca
12:30PM N & J Cooper
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

Frank Nerone, Camille Limardi, Walter Osborn

Sunday Collection for the week of 8/25/19:

\$12,351.87



2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:

\$3,786.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Solemn Eve of Remembrance Mass

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Our Lady of Pity Church (1616 Richmond Ave, SI, NY)

Sacred Music by Maura Molloy begins at 7 pm,
followed by concelebrated Mass at 7:30 pm,

Bishop John J. O'Hara – Celebrant & Homilist

Sponsored by the Univ. of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Staten Island
Each year the Catholic community on Staten Island gathers on the evening of September 10 to remember the souls lost in the September 11 terrorist attacks. Please join us as we remember the victims and ask our Lord for peace and consolation.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This is a "State of the Parish" letter in bullet form:

- Roofers are finishing up with OLSS School. Next comes the solar panels. The parking lot has been sealed and striped this summer.
- Thank you: Summer Camp Counselors, roofers, road pavers, maintenance staff for cleaning and repairing our Church, our School and Athletic Center. School begins this week.
- We note that it is our 60th year of Our Lady Star of the Sea School.
- Blessing of the Backpacks will be at the 5:30 pm Mass on September 7, and at the 12:30 pm Mass on September 8. Blessing of the Sneakers will be September 14 & 15.
- On Saturday, September 14 from 9:30- 11:30 am a seminar on Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease will be offered.
- Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign has raised \$1.4M of the \$2.1M Goal. We are near 70%. The Campaign will be completed by Thanksgiving.
- There will be forthcoming a financial report. The fiscal year ended 8/31/19.
- We are once again sponsoring our annual Christmas Tree fundraiser. Application form is located in the bulletin.
- Father Basil Akut has permission from the Archdiocese to serve this year at OLSS. He will not be transferred at this time.
- Carmine Caruso begins his 3rd Theology Year at Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA. Katie Nicosia commences her Postulancy with the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm in Germantown, NY in October. Sister Christine Sorrentino, PVMI is a first year novice with the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate in Marycrest Convent in Monroe, NY. Father David Rider, is appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Church in Monroe, NY.
- Michael Pinto is now the organist for the Saturday evening Masses.
- The Stolzenhaller Council of the Columbiettes are sponsoring an Evening With Sinatra – Dinner/Dance on October 26 in O'Mara Hall.
- The Blue Mass will honor all NYPD and all first Responders at OLSS with Bishop John O'Hara on Thursday, October 17 at 6 pm, with refreshments to follow in O'Mara Hall.
- The Prayer Groups, Bible Study Groups, Senior Citizen Groups, Bereavement, Knitting and Crocheting group, Creative Writing Seminar, Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Legion of Mary, Sons & Daughters of Mary, WINGS Widows & Widowers, Stella Maris Rosary Makers are all welcoming new membership.
- The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in September, please contact the rectory to set up an interview with Joe Limeri. This invitation is for all children and adults who are seeking to be Baptized, join the Catholic Faith, and/or prepare for the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. April 11 is the date for the Easter Vigil when people are welcomed into full Communion.
- Parents' Meeting for 1st Reconciliation is Monday, November 4th at 7:30 pm in the Church, and Monday, February 3, 2020 for 1st Communion.

As we await this year's adventure of activity, blessings and God's merciful graces, we call upon Our Lady Star of the Sea to lead and guide us across the vast ocean of possibilities. We are such an active and generous parish. We have our challenges with faith in such a turbulent world. However the struggle, the promise of Christ is ever with us, "I will be with you always until the end of the age."

I am most grateful for your patience and generosity as we participate in the Renew and Rebuild Campaign for the Archdiocese of New York. We have included in this campaign the Cardinal's Appeal goals for 2018 and 2019. We will have dreams and goals yet to achieve and priorities to set as we strive to complete this year. Be assured of my prayers, deep appreciation and gratitude as we follow the call of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

God bless you for your kindness and goodness to our parish. It's a pleasure to serve you.

Father Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Thank you to our students, teachers, staff, parents and Parents' Association board members for a great beginning to the school year! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year.

- **Just a reminder....**The doors to the school open at 7:50 and the bell rings at 8:05. Dismissal is at 2:50.
- Bus service for kindergarten students will begin on Monday, September 9th.
- Pre-K4 will begin on Monday, September 9 and Pre-K3 will begin on Tuesday, September 10.
- We will continue to use the morning drop off line. This drop off line is to STOP and DROP off your children. Please do not get out of your car at drop off. If you need to walk your child to the front door, please park in the lot. At dismissal, the gate will remain closed until the lot is clear of ALL children. No car is permitted to move until the security guards open the gate.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2019-2020 is available by calling the Religious Ed Office. 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.

2019-20 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Monday, September 9	Grade 7	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, September 11	Grade 2	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, September 12	Grades 5 & 6	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 17	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, September 18	Grade 1	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 18	Grades 1-7	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Grade 8	Follow Schedule
Thursday, Nov. 7	Special Needs	(A) 3:30 – 4:00 pm (B) 4:15 – 4:45 pm

CUB/BOY Scout News

CUB SCOUT PACK 5-Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Cub Scouts (Grades Kindergarten thru 5th) will be on **Fridays September 13 & 20 in O'Mara Hall from 7-9 pm**. Registration Fee (Dues Included): Single Scout: \$150, Two Scouts: \$250, Three Scouts: \$300 if paid at time of Registration. Cash, Money Orders, Paypal (Paypal.me/pack5), & Venmo accepted. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED. Contact Cub Master Anthony Limone at cubmasterpk5olss@gmail.com for more info.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 5-Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Boy Scouts (Grades 6-11) will be on **Tuesdays, September 10 in O'Mara Hall & September 17 in the Damato Meeting Room from 7-9 pm**. Registration Fee (including dues): If paid by 10/15, Single Scout: \$150, Two Scouts: \$250, Three Scouts: \$300. If paid after October 15, \$175, \$275, \$325, respectively. For information contact Robert Ciraola, Scoutmaster, cell 917-805-7621 or e-mail rciraola@si.r.com or visit our website at www.troop5si.com. Please make checks payable to Troop 5.

Pray for the Sick

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, September 17 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, October 1 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 7:30 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, September 9 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. Upcoming dates: **September 17**. 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: **September 25**. 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.

St. Edward Food Pantry-Volunteers Needed!

St. Edward Food Pantry at Mt. Loretto is in need of volunteers to distribute non-perishable food to the needy on Staten Island. OLSS is responsible for the 3rd week of the Month on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hours are 10 am to 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer 3 hours per month, please call Louise or Sr. Priscilla at 718-984-1625.

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.

Chair Yoga – Wednesdays, September 11 & October 9 at 11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Writing Memoir – Monday, September 16 @ 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

Book Club – Thursday, September 19 & October 17 at 8 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

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.

5th Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2019 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 & payment to the Rectory:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2019 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

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

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.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**



OLSS STAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS

The OLSS Star Players will be holding auditions for the winter production of **"Bah Humbug! A Christmas Tale."**

Singing & Acting Auditions: Monday September 16 & Thursday, September 19 from 6-9 pm in O'Mara Hall.

Singers - Come prepared with a Christmas song. **Actors** - Children will be given a short monologue upon arrival to rehearse before auditioning.

Dance Auditions: Friday, September 20 from 6-9 pm in Damato Mtg Room (Dress to dance, dancers will learn a combo)

Show Dates: November 22, 23, 24

(Must be available for all show dates)

Goretti Group Event

Friday, September 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, 10314)

Join us as Fr. Zack Swantek shares about God's healing power in today's afflicted culture for young adults (ages 18-42 only). All ages welcome for confessions at 7 pm with Mass at 7:30 pm followed by an after-event fellowship at Jimmy Max Bar/Restaurant.

You're invited to **Alzheimer's & You!**

Things every family/caregiver should know....

Saturday, September 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 am

The Historic Old Bermuda Inn (301 Veterans Rd West, SI, NY) Monsignor Peter G. Finn & The Vicariate of Staten Island invite you to attend a free presentation of "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia" by Guest Speaker Della Frazier-Rios, RN MS of NYU Langone Health. The Seminar will begin promptly at 9:30 am & complimentary continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by leaving a message at 718-356-2867. (Please leave name & number of people attending **slowly & clearly** on answering machine. No calls will be returned, rest assured your space will be saved.)

St. Simon Stock

Lay Carmelite Community Meeting



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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Staten Island CDA court generally meets once a month. Our Blessed Mother invites you to spend some time in a rewarding organization! The 1st meeting of the new season is **Tues., Sept. 10th @ 12noon** in the Msgr. Murphy Meeting Room, lower level of the St. Clare Lady Chapel (110 Nelson Ave.), with Mass at 11am in the Chapel. New members from **all** parishes are welcome! Please contact the St. Clare parish office for more information at (718) 984-7873 or email StClareCDA@aol.com.

ADNY Witness Formation Day

Have you ever thought about praying outside of an abortion facility, but felt unsure or fearful to take the first step? Join us for a day conference that will inspire you to say YES!

Saturday, September 21 from 9am – 2:30 pm
Church of St. Rita's (281 Bradley Ave, SI, NY)

Guest Speaker Fr. Fidelis, CFR

According to a former Planned Parenthood manager, when there is a person praying outside of an abortion facility, the no-show rate can go up 70%. The day includes Mass at 9 am, coffee, snacks and lunch provided. Suggested \$10 donation at the door. To register, please visit <http://bit.ly/WitnessDays>. If you have questions, please call 646-689-2613 or email sr.virginia.joy@archny.org.