

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27, 2019

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, October 26**

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Giarusso  
& Melani Families

5:30PM Mario Schiera

**Sunday, October 27**

8:00AM Frank Ricciardi

9:30AM John & Pauline Nesi

11:00AM Charles Taverniese

12:30PM Warren R. Johnsen

7:00PM Rose Babstock



**Monday, October 28**

9:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy

**Tuesday, October 29**

9:00AM Lionel, Rita & Karen Leyton

**Wednesday, October 30**

9:00AM Christopher Roland

**Thursday, October 31**

9:00 AM Anne & Paul Sheeran

7:00 PM **All Saints Day Vigil Mass** –  
Vincent & Laura Marsicano & Ralph Moceo

**Friday, November 1-SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

7:00AM Eugene O'Byrne

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Hayes  
& Lapetina Families

12Noon Jose Arroyo

8:00PM Vincent M. DiDomenico  
& Beatrice & Vincent A. DiDomenico

**Saturday, November 2**

9:00AM Marie Riccardi

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Mineo Family

5:30PM Rose Vitale

**Sunday, November 3**

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri  
& Persichilli Families

9:30AM Alfred Austin

11:00AM Thomas & Agnes Dowd, Thomas Dowd Jr.  
& Charles Dowd

12:30PM Joseph & Christina Simione

7:00PM Tony Flynn

**Banns of Marriage**



2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Daniel Temborski & Elena Haber

3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Ernest Caristo, III & Patricia Etri

**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.

**Cross Road Foundation's Baby Bottle Campaign**

Members of the Cross Road Foundation are in the lobby and at each entrance for their annual baby bottle campaign. The funds collected from this weekend will go to helping families facing unexpected pregnancies on Staten Island. You may either take a baby bottle home and fill it with a donation, bring it back to Mass the weekend of **11/9 & 11/10**, or leave a donation with them after the Mass this weekend.



The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

October 27-November 2, 2019

In Memory of

**George, Mary & Stephanie Vierno**

Donated by George & LoriAnn Vierno



**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, November 2**

4:00PM C Harris

5:30PM F Monte

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, November 2**

4:00PM J Coscia, E Vitiello, J Butalid

5:30PM A Dazio, C Houle, E Burns

**Lectors – Sunday, November 3**

8:00AM A Medeiros

9:30AM M Coppolo

11:00AM MA Higgins

12:30PM A Deliso

7:00PM B Weir

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, November 3**

8:00AM M Andreola, M Ennis, C Rosato

9:30AM V Acri, B Barone, S Monteforte

11:00AM L Appel, C Ordy, B Higgins

12:30PM S Catalano, A Maffeo, MA Russo

7:00PM C Barone, J Bellina, J Limeri

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, November 2**

4:00PM F Surace

5:30PM P Marone

**Sunday, November 3**

8:00AM J&N Cooper

9:30AM S Artz

11:00AM T, M & J Maresca

12:30PM A Monferato

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:

**Joseph Antonakos, Anthony Gasparo,  
Vincent Gallo, Anne Rider**



**Sunday Collection for the week of 10/13/19:**

**\$14,455.11**

**God bless you for your generosity!**



**Solemnity of All Saints**

**Friday, November 1**

**Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times**

Thursday, October 31 (Vigil Mass) 7 pm

Friday, November 1 – 7 am, 9 am, 12 NOON, 8 pm

**All Souls Remembrance Forms**

Please return the "All Souls Remembrance" forms to the church as soon as possible and write the names of your deceased loved ones on the form. Please use these forms, not the collection envelope to record the names. These memorial forms will be placed in our sanctuary in the Basket of Remembrance during the month of November.

## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

It seems like it's been "donkey's years" since I penned a Pastor's Letter. We have been having the inserts about the Renew and Rebuild Campaign in the bulletin. I am happy to announce that we are over 80% of our parish goal of \$2,090,000. I am so deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish and I pray that God will pour out abundant blessings for your sacrificial gift.

Last Friday, as a surprise to our Principal, Mrs. Jeannine Roland, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, who were incidentally newly Confirmed by Bishop John O' Hara two days before, gathered outside the front of the school and we blessed and planted a memorial tree in honor of her son Christopher Roland, whose birthday was Saturday. It came as a sweet surprise.

I sat down recently and filled out the names of all the beloved deceased family and friends that will be placed in our Memorial Basket before the pulpit during the month of November. I could write a book of names just remembering those wonderful people who left a special place in my heart. On November 1<sup>st</sup> the Church will celebrate All Saints and on November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of All Souls. Here at Our Lady Star of the Sea we will honor all the faithfully departed who had a funeral this past year with a special Mass of Remembrance on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. I hope you are free to come and join us. I want to thank the members of our Bereavement Ministry and Music Ministry who are planning this event.

I mentioned that all our 8th grade students, both in our school and in our School of Religion recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop John O'Hara in his wonderful homily held up the heroic example of the late Det. Steve Mc Donald. He was paralyzed over 30 years ago due to a gunshot wound that happened in Central Park on July 12, 1986. Steven didn't let himself just get depressed, but through the ministry of Cardinal O'Conner, accepted the call to be a "Missionary of Mercy and Forgiveness." Steve traveled literally the world giving testimony to the need for forgiveness and faith. I know that Steve's impression came deep into the lives of Class of 2016, when just before the graduation of all the Catholic Schools on Staten Island, he spoke to the young people here and reminded us that we are all special in God's eyes and that we are made in the image and likeness of God. I hope one day, the Church will take up his cause and declare him a saint.

In preparing for my homily last week, I came across a quote that has lingered with me. The Gospel was all about the necessity of praying always and not losing heart. The quote simply said, "Worrying is worshipping your problem. Praying is surrendering your problem to God". How true!

I have on order a tiny book, only 100 pages but a powerful reflection from Bishop Robert Barron, from Word of Fire. The book is called, *Letter to a Suffering Church*. I have ordered for the periodical racks in the vestibule of our Church, 100 copies. In his forward, Bishop Robert Barron writes: "*This book is a cry from the heart. I am a lifelong Catholic and I've been a priest for over thirty- three years and a bishop for four years. I have dedicated my life to the Church. The sexual abuse scandal has been for me and for millions of other Catholics and especially the victim-survivors, lacerating.*

*I have written this book for my fellow Catholics who feel, understandably, demoralized, scandalized, angry beyond words, and ready to quit.*

*What I finally urge my brothers and sisters in the Church to do is to stay and fight—and to do so on behalf of those who have suffered so grievously at the hands of wicked men."*

I hope you'll read this and be filled with hope. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Blessings and God's Peace,

Father Tom Devery

## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• God bless our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who received the sacrament of Confirmation on October 23. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to take the TACHS exam on November 8.


- Winter uniforms begin on Friday, November 1.
- There is a mandatory Reconciliation Meeting for all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents on Monday, November 4 at 7:30 pm in the church.
- Get a head start on your Christmas shopping...please join us on Saturday, November 9 for our Holiday Fair!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### 2019-20 Religious Education Starting Date

Thursday, Nov. 7 Special Needs (A) 3:30 – 4:00 pm  
(B) 4:15 – 4:45 pm

### Knitting & Crocheting Group Rectangle Campaign

 You are invited to participate in the annual rectangle campaign at OLSS! 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. 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. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule. Any questions, please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

### Pray for the Sick



John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, John Dawidowicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Herbert Gruberger, Steven Morvillo, Elaine Parks, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo. **Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.**

### Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, November 19 at 3:30 pm.**

### Mass of Remembrance

for OLSS Beloved Deceased of 2019

Friday, November 8 – 7:30 pm in the Church

### 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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.



## High School Open Houses

St. Joseph by the Sea-Boys	October 27	1:00pm-4:00 pm
St. Joseph Hill Academy	October 27	11:30pm-2:30pm
St. Peter's	November 3	1:00pm-4:00 pm

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, November 1** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry, President at 718-317-1801 or Ginny at 718-356-6611.

**Bereavement Group**– A new session of “It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing” has begun and will continue Wednesdays at **7:30 pm** in the OLSS Rectory through November 13. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us or call Veronica at 347-620-8484 for more information.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, October 28 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** – Come and learn how to make rosaries. No prior skill needed, all the material is supplied. The rosaries will be sent to missionaries all over the world. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **11/5, 11/19, 12/3 & 12/17**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.


**Ave Maria Knitting & Crochet** group – Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4 & 12/18**. 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.

### 1st Friday Adoration

 There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month it will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, November 1 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, November 2 at 9 am.**

### Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, November 2 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church   
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.

## 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, & 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

**Cluster News:** Kids' Club at SJST SJN is having a Veterans Day service project on November 8 from 6:15 to 7:30pm. Anyone interested should email [OurParishKids@gmail.com](mailto:OurParishKids@gmail.com).

✓ Mark Your Calendar

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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. A limited number of trees remain and must be reserved **as soon as possible**.

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](mailto: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

October 27, November 10 & 24, December 8 & 22

**12Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room**

**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.

### 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 [laifano@archcare.org](mailto:laifano@archcare.org).

**Writing Memoir Workshop**– Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room.

### Staten Island 40 Days for Life

**Thursday, October 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**  
Planned Parenthood (23 Hyatt St., SI, NY 10301)

Join us for a peaceful and educational presence outside of Planned Parenthood. Pray to end abortion in our community and to change hearts and minds. Bring your rosaries! For more info contact [40days.statenisland@gmail.com](mailto:40days.statenisland@gmail.com) or 917-882-6713.

### Hearing Our Heroes Veteran's Barbecue

**Sunday, November 3 from 1-5 pm**

**Monsignor Farrell HS Gym (2900 Amboy Rd, SI, NY)**

The young men of Monsignor Farrell HS cordially invite veterans and their families to their annual Veterans Appreciation Barbecue. Free to all United States Military Veterans \$5 suggested donation at the door for non-veterans. Please RSVP by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> to [dmissina@msgfarrellhs.org](mailto:dmissina@msgfarrellhs.org) or call 718-987-2900.

### MEN OF CHARACTER IN TODAY'S WORLD ADNY MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Saturday, November 2 from 10am to 5pm**

SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center, Purchase, NY

A day for Catholic men to gather together for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and practical insights on how to live their faith. Featuring: Joe Sweeney, New York Times best-selling author and accomplished business professional, TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN, Archbishop of New York, & Ryan Holladay, Pastor, Lower Manhattan Community Church. \$30 in advance. To register, visit [www.adnymensconference.eventbrite.com](http://www.adnymensconference.eventbrite.com).

### Addiction Angel presents *Scared Straight:*

A forum to help make children aware of the horrific effects of drug abuse!

OLSS-O'Mara Hall

**Tuesday, November 5 at 7 pm**

For more information or if anyone is in need of help, please contact Alicia Palermo Reddy – Addicion Angel at 646-404-0637.

### White Mass for Healthcare Professionals

**Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm**

**at St. Theresa's Church (1634 Victory Blvd, SI, NY)**

**Celebrant: Msgr. William Belford**

A special mass to recognize the contribution of health care professionals in the spirit of St. Luke, author of the Gospel and beloved physician. A special Blessing of the Healing Hands will be given. For more info, contact [info@cognitivetherapypsi.com](mailto:info@cognitivetherapypsi.com) or 347-273-1290.

### Fr. John C. Drumgoole Columbiette's Annual Indoor Holiday Fair

**Sunday, November 24 from 9:30 am to 4 pm**

**Fr. John C. Drumgoole Knights of Columbus Council Hall  
(397 Clarke Ave, SI, NY 10306)**

Get a jump on your Christmas gift shopping! Tables will feature wreathes, cosmetics, dolls, jewelry and much, much more! Refreshments and fresh baked goods will be available too. Don't miss the fun. For more information, please call Dot at 718-698-0673.