

Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 1

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi
& Serrantonio Families

5:30PM Nicholas Focillo

Sunday, February 2

8:00AM Vitale, Antonino, Maria, Giuseppe
& Salvatore Cipriano

9:30AM Camille Limardi

11:00AM Michelle Scalzo

12:30PM Peter Malloy

7:00PM Giuseppe Sansalone

Monday, February 3

9:00AM Stefano Gallo

Tuesday, February 4

9:00AM Claudette & John Visilocky,
Georgiana Fazio & Rosemarie Durante

Wednesday, February 5

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola,
Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM Teresa Nargi & Annmarie Nargi-Bagah

Friday, February 7

9:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy

Saturday, February 8

9:00AM Aldo Celotta

4:00PM Salvatore Amatuzzo

5:30PM Ninfa DeRossi

Sunday, February 9

8:00AM John Leahy

9:30AM Robert J. Bauer, Jr.

11:00AM John Orfano

12:30PM Nancy Saraceno

7:00PM Karen Lescht



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 2-8, 2020

In Memory of
**The Deceased Members of the
Puglisi & Serrantonio Families**

From the Puglisi Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 8

4:00PM C Harris

5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 8

4:00PM J Butalid, M Quadriano

5:30PM G Decker, M Sprague

Lectors – Sunday, February 9

8:00AM A Medeiros

9:30AM M Coppolo

11:00AM MA Higgins

12:30PM B Weir

7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, February 9

8:00AM A Sparandera, M Molinini, M Ennis

9:30AM L Capobianco, B Barone, L Appel

11:00AM J&C Gerace, B Higgins

12:30PM S Catalano, R Ruszkowski, C Belvedere

7:00PM A Zuffante, C Houle, K Melka

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 8

4:00PM M, T & J Maresca

5:30PM J, E & C Stadler

Sunday, February 9

8:00AM S Artz

9:30AM F Surace, C Rosenberg

11:00AM P Marone, J&N Cooper

12:30PM A Monferrato

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:

**John Miller, Charles Henry Lopez,
Lucrezia DeStefano, Michael Skelly**

Sunday collection for the week of 1/19/2020:

\$14,786.23

2nd Collection – Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,632.00

God bless you for your generosity!



ADNY Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949. She may be reached via email at victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

St. Agatha's Feast Day – Wednesday, February 5

The feast day of St. Agatha will be celebrated at the 9 am Mass on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. She is the patron saint of those suffering from breast diseases as well as the patron saint of nurses. We will be distributing prayer cards & blessed medals at this mass.

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 23** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**Special Collection for Puerto Rico Earthquake
Disaster Relief – This weekend 2/1 & 2/2**

There will be a special collection taken up at all masses this weekend, February 1 & 2. This collection is at the directive of the Archdiocese of New York and will be sent to Puerto Rico to help in earthquake disaster relief. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to Super Bowl Sunday. It's the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. On Monday we will have the blessing of throats after the 9 am Mass and then the priests will visit all the children in the school to bless their throats. On Wednesday, February 5, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Agatha, the patron saint of nurses and all women suffering from breast cancer. We will have medals and prayer cards distributed after the 9 am Mass.

I am proud of our students this past week. Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful success. Also, I am proud of our parish for their support of the Blood Drive. We were hoping for 45 pints and we donated 49 pints. God bless all who participated.

On January 15, I went to visit Sister Virginia Russo, O. Carm. She is an amazing Carmelite Sister of the Aged and Infirm. Last October she celebrated her 95th birthday and is now a resident in the Mary Manning Walsh Home. There are people in your life I will never forget. On Oct 6, 1992 and June 25, 2013 she was beside the bed of the father and then my mother at the moment of their death. She has been a remarkable presence for years at the Carmel Richmond Nursing Home, when my parents became very frail. Recently, I took for the first time the Q train, or the new 2nd Avenue Subway. Ironically, it left me off at 72nd Street and diagonally across the street from the station entrance is 315 East 72nd Street, where I worked as a summer vacation relief doorman. It was more than a walk down memory lane. After my visit, I attended the 100th Birthday Mass for John Cardinal O'Connor. Bishop Edmund Whalen preached an inspiring homily and focused his remarks about Cardinal O'Connor's motto, "There can be no love without justice." A moment that inspired Cardinal O'Connor to found the Sisters of Life came when he visited the concentration camp at Auschwitz. He literally reached into the oven and felt the ashes of all the millions who died in that terrible holocaust. Christian, Jew, Muslim, outcasts; and he thought; "how could human beings be so cruel to each other?" He founded the Sisters of Life and had as their main purpose, not only the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience but also the 4th vow, to protect and promote the sacredness of all human life from natural birth to natural death. Today, there are over 100 Sisters of Life in New York, Denver, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. After Mother Agnes Donovan, SV, the superior gave her reflection on Cardinal O'Connor, there was a holy hour in the Cathedral and I was deeply moved by the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and then took the subway, ferry and train home.

Here's a wonderful poem that was sent to me about "The Train of Life".

Life is like a journey on a train ... With its stations... With changes of routes... And with the accidents... At birth, we board the train and meet our parents, and we believe that they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats! Which is very sad when you think about it! This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all the passengers... requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everything is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way – love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this; because, when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty – we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey this year on the train of life. Recap success and give lots of love. More importantly give thanks for the journey! Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

Next weekend, Father Henry Lozano, Missionary of the Poor, will be visiting Our Lady Star of the Sea. He lives in Kingston, Jamaica and works with the brothers in serving the homeless and the poor in their shelters. Another brother will be accompanying him, and they will be accepting donations after all of the Masses. If you recall, we hosted a concert of music back in 2018 and I am delighted to welcome them to our parish again. There was a 7.7 magnitude earthquake this past week off the coast of Jamaica and they are dealing with aftershocks. Let us pray for them and also the people infected with the corona virus throughout the world.

May the Lord bless on all your travels this week,

Father Tom Devery

Opening of the 2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, February 25th at 9:45 am**. Because of our large parish, at this time, you may only 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.

2021 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 2021 calendar when selecting dates.**

Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, John Dawidowicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Mario Garafola, Vincenza Gialluisi, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Amy M., Steven Morvillo, Pauline Orfano, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White. **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, February 4 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, February 18 at 3:30 pm.**

Altar Serving at OLSS

"I GO UNTO THE ALTAR OF GOD,

THE GOD THAT GIVES JOY TO MY YOUTH" Psalm 43.

The Altar Server Ministry at OLSS allows you to serve your parish. When you serve at the altar, you serve the community and you show commitment to church and God. Young men and women from First Holy Communion through 12th grade may participate in this ministry. This ministry is ancient in the church and is derived from the Acolyte sub order.

On August 12, 2001, Pope John Paul II spoke to more than two thousand young men and women altar servers gathered in Rome. He believed as an Altar Server, you will be more than helpers. "...you are servers of Jesus Christ...you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus..."

God does not call strangers. He calls friends. If he is calling you to serve, please answer by contacting Deacon James & Maria Quadriano @ 917-417-5728.

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.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- There is a mandatory Communion Meeting for 2nd grade parents on Monday, February 3 at 7:30 pm in the church.
- Good luck to the OLSS Varsity Cheer team who will be competing at Nationals in Orlando next week. We pray that they do their best and have a safe trip!

• Thank you to our teachers, students and parents' association for a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. It was a week filled with fun, service and prayer. Thank you to all who contributed to our Pet Supply Drive!

• **OLSS 2020-2021 Registration will be as follows:**

- February 5 – Open Registration for Pre-K 3 & 4 from 9-11 am.

- February 6 – Open Registration for K-7 grades from 9-11 am.

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

• Congratulations to our Value of the Month recipients for January. The value for January was **perseverance** and was awarded to: **Vanessa Pristavec, Jessica Todd, Ava Costagliola, Matthew Iacovelli, Dylan Venetsky, Cassandra Ampo, Jack Gomez, Ian Jamieson, Ava Wilson, Lyric Falcone, Christian Misseri, Lucia Galante, Elliana Catello, Victoria Buttaro, Nicolas Galante, Isabella Gugliucci, Arya Seddio and Michaelanthony Esposito.**

OLSS School Radio Bingo Fundraiser

Thursday, February 13, 2020

7-11 pm in O'Mara Hall

\$45 per person includes admission, bingo cards, & light refreshments. To reserve your seat, please call Joielynn Rugg at 718-608-4775.

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 - Every Sunday at 2 pm

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

February 9 & 23, March 8 & 22

12 Noon 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.

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 28** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Ginny at 718-356-6611.

Bereavement Group– A new session of “*It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*” will begin Wednesday, February 5 at 7 pm in the OLSS Rectory and will run through March 25. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to call Veronica at 347-620-8484 for more information.

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.

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 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/4, 2/18**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Knitting & Crochet Group – Meets on the 1st & 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/5, 2/26**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

Watercolor Painting Group – Join us for a relaxing morning. No prior skills needed. Please bring your own watercolor paint, watercolor brush and watercolor paper. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/11, 3/10**. For more information, contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

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

Legion of Mary – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, February 3 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory**. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium” or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

Stolzenhaller Columbiettes

A Vibrant Catholic Women’s Service Organization

Looking for a way to get involved in parish and Columbiette events? Enjoy social activities? Want to enrich your Catholic faith? Join the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more information.

FORMED - The Catholic Faith - On Demand

Watch, listen and read. Anywhere, anytime at www.Formed.org FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children’s programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

Advent Giving Basket Thank You

On behalf of Eden II Programs, I would like to thank your parishioners for the generous holiday donations of clothing and men’s essentials to our Carlton group home.

Eden II Programs is committed to providing much needed funds to programs and services that support individuals with autism. Donors like you make this vision a reality.

On behalf of the eBoard of Directors, I thank you for your ongoing support; it is a key component of our success!

Warmest regards,

Joanne Gerenser, PhD, CCC-SLP

Executive Director, Eden II

Volunteer Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please see the Sacristan after Mass or stop in the Rectory office Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30 pm. (One gift per family, please.)

Thank You

✓ Mark Your Calendar

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, February 7 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, February 8 at 9 am**.

Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, February 8 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.

Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

Sisters of Life Event - Healing After Abortion

The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. There is always hope. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: February 8 & March 21. For more dates locations, and confidential registration or just to talk with a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

REBOOT – A Life Changing Event with Chris Stefanick

Thursday, February 13 from 7 to 9:30 pm
Holy Family Church (Msgr. Glynn Center)
366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314

Tickets \$25 per person. To purchase tickets, please call 718-761-6663 or visit www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, February 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm
Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314)

Do you have a friend or family member cohabitating? Join us on St. Valentine’s Day as Tony & Rosanna Jimenez “Witness to Love” in a program that brings cohabitating couples back to the church in sacramental marriages (Ages 18-42 only). All ages welcome for Confessions at 7 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30 pm and talk at 8:15 pm. There will also be an after-event fellowship at Jimmy Max Bar/Restaurant.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

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 or message them at their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium”.

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 **February 6**.