

Our Lady Star of the Sea
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 8

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

Monday, February 10

9:00AM Edith Ponzi

Tuesday, February 11

9:00AM Richard Rauch

Wednesday, February 12

9:00AM Robert O'Connor

Thursday, February 13

9:00 AM Mildred Patruzo

Friday, February 14

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

Saturday, February 15

9:00AM Anna Lungaro
4:00PM Rosa, Salvatore & Michael Pallante
5:30PM Calogero Saturini

Sunday, February 16

8:00AM Ninfa DeRossi
9:30AM Anna Lungaro
11:00AM Vincenzo Puleo
12:30PM Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Blase, Trivone
& Lopez Families



Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Joseph Amato & Kelly DePietro

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.

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 Quadrino @ 917-417-5728.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 9-15, 2020



In Memory of
John J. Leahy

From Your Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 15

4:00PM L Bauer
5:30PM A Deliso

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 15

4:00PM A Petrocelli, C Harris, B Palomba
5:30PM J Uhlman, A Dazio, N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, February 16

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM M Andreola
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, February 16

8:00AM M Ennis., J Stanzione, C Rosato
9:30AM J Gatto, J Zinsley, S Monteforte
11:00AM C Ordy, M Quadri
12:30PM MA Russo, B Higgins
7:00PM C Barone, J Bellina, J Limeri

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 15

4:00PM J Habib
5:30PM M, T & J Maresca

Sunday, February 16

8:00AM E, C & J Stadler
9:30AM F Surace, C Rosenberg
11:00AM J&N Cooper
12:30PM S, N & A Mejias
7:00PM A Monferrato, S Artz



Sincere Condolences

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

**Sonia Rivera, Michael Stucchio,
Isabella Pinto, Carolina Billalba, Madeline Pascale,
Sebastiano Buzzetta**

Sunday collection for the week of 1/26/2020:

\$14,513.92

2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:

\$3,523.00

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.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Last week we had Catholic Schools Week. There were many varied activities showcasing the wonderful work of our students here at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. However, the icing on the cake was the wonderful surprise last Friday morning when the Parents Association of our school came and decorated the classroom doors of all our grades with a creative design honoring the staff and students. I was amazed at the artistry of these designs. Ideas ranged from fortune cookies, to balloons, F-R-I-E-N-D-S, coffee cups and mugs declaring "We love you A LATTE." This is just to name a few. As I wandered through the halls to see this spectacular scene, I met Mrs. Jeannine Roland, our principal, who was touring the school with a prospective Mom. I mentioned to her, "You chose a great day to visit us." This is a special place to be. I was equally surprised to see the 8th graders reading to a group of first graders in the D'Amato Room. I picked up from Mrs. Patti Gandelman, our assistant principal, that the parents came the evening before and did their decorating and this has had a profound effect on the teachers. Rightly so, they felt so uplifted and honored. The whole project couldn't have cost that much, but the impact went way beyond that. Kudos to our Parents Association. You can feel the love and dedication when you step into our school.

This weekend at all the Masses we welcome Father Henry Lozano, M. O. P., and a brother of the Missionaries of the Poor, who are stationed in Kingston, Jamaica. There are over 300 Brothers just in Jamaica alone, that come from Indonesia, India, Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Belize, Haiti and Jamaica. They take a vow to serve the poorest of the poor in their shelters. Last year, sadly there was a fire in one of their shelters for homeless and challenged men. Similar to the terrible fire that occurred on Huguenot Avenue and Rensselaer Avenue, a fire had started down the block and travelled to their shelter. One poor man was killed by the fire and 69 others were displaced. You may remember how, two years ago, a group of singers accompanied Father and Brother for a musical concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea. They will be speaking about ways to help them in their mission. On March 10-16, there will be a group of 17 New Yorkers who will travel to Kingston, Jamaica and pray with the brothers and serve their residents. I will be joining them.

This past Monday evening I had the privilege to speak the parents of all our 2nd graders about First Holy Communion and their preparation for their children during the Month of May. The question often asked is, "How many classes can you miss and how many Masses can you miss and still make their First Holy Communion." The answer is an emphatic, "No". The third commandment states "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath". For us Catholics, Sunday is the Lord's Day, and we can't absent ourselves willfully due other scheduled events. Yes, there is reasonable reasons: sickness, or perhaps you are on a cruise and there is no priest available, or you are on a journey in your car and you can't find a church. There is an App called "Mass Times" that will point our times and surrounding Catholic Churches all across our country. Other than that, being busy is not acceptable. The children see and watch everything that we say and do. They will deeply rebel if parents don't go and yet you insist that they do. That's religious abuse. I appreciate the inconvenience and the struggles for rounding up everyone to come to Mass, but over Saturday and Sunday there are 7 opportunities to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive Jesus in Word and Sacrament within a 27 hour period. We would never go 7 days without proper nourishment, laundry and clean clothes and proper hygiene. We need to feed our souls with the Bread of Life and not lead people into mortal sin.

There is a great movie based on the book of Bryan Stevenson called *Just Mercy*. I highly recommend it. It is about the recent past in the south and blacks who are innocent and incarcerated on death row. Another recommendation for the upcoming season of Lent is "Lenten Gospel Reflections" by Bishop Robert Barron and his team from Word on Fire. You can Google and order this simple paperback for your Lenten prayer time.

From March 16-19, Father Joseph Roesch, M.I.C. will conduct a parish mission from 7:30-9PM. The theme will focus on the Divine Mercy. Father Joe was ordained in our church some 27 years ago and is a Marian of the Immaculate Conception, now living in their Provincial House in Rome. Also, Project Hospitality will be hosting the St. Joseph's Feast event at Blessed Sacrament Parish on March 19 to honor the memory of Monsignor Vincent Bartley. Mass and dinner is at 5:30PM. For more information, please call the Blessed Sacrament Rectory.

I leave you with St. Brigid of Ireland's Blessing. Her feast day was February 1.

May no fire, no flame burn us. May no lake, no sea drown us. May no sword, no spear wound us. May no king, no chief insult us. May all the birds sing for us. May all the cattle low for us. May all the insects buzz for us.. May the angels of God always protect us. AMEN.

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 Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, John Dawidoicz, 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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, February 18 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm.**

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 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

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".

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Report cards will be viewable to the parents on Wednesday, February 12 by the end of the school day. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, February 14. Dismissal is at noon on the 14th.

• 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!

• The teachers of Our Lady Star of the Sea would like to send an enormous thank you to all those who took the time to make our Teachers Appreciation Day special. In the morning, imagine our delight to find each and every door uniquely decorated with so much love. Teachers and staff were roaming the halls with looks of astonishment on our faces, laughing and smiling at the beautiful and thoughtful gesture. And then, to be received with such a wonderful lunch, a bountiful dessert, and the generosity of all those gift baskets—it was overwhelming! Thank you so much to all who made this possible. It was a day we will always remember.

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.

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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– The next session of “*It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*” will be on Wednesday, February 12 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: **2/18, 3/3**. 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: **2/26, 3/4**. 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 10 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.

Meals on Wheels-Volunteers Needed!

This mission of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly, delivered through the use of volunteers, who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. We are currently feeding over 1300 seniors every day, **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!** As the demand for meals continues to increase, so does our need for volunteers. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your neighbors. Please call the Meals on Wheels of S.I. at 718-727-4435 for further information.

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 - 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer 3 hours per month, call Louise or Sr. Priscilla at 718-984-1625.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

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.

Staten Island Young Adult Night

Saturday, February 15 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church & Damato Mtg Room

Spend an hour with Jesus! Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a night of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration with live praise and worship music. Confessions will be available. The night will end with a social with wine, snacks and fellowship.

Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

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

St. Peter’s Boys HS Chinese Auction

Friday, March 6, 2020

St. Peter’s School Gym (200 Clinton Ave, SI, NY 10301)

Doors open at 6 pm, calling begins at 7:15 pm

Admission \$10 per person

Refreshments & Parking available. No children under 12 permitted, Children ages 12-18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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 date: March 21. For confidential registration or just to talk with a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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 **March 5**.

Addiction Angels – There is a Parent & Sibling support group for families battling addiction. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.