

Our Lady Star of the Sea
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 15

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

Monday, February 17

9:00AM Teresa Nargi

Tuesday, February 18

9:00AM Carmen Ortiz

Wednesday, February 19

9:00AM Doug Myers & the Deceased Members of the Sanfilippo & DeLuca Families

Thursday, February 20

9:00 AM Lucy Ferreri

Friday, February 21

9:00AM Anna Lungaro

Saturday, February 22

9:00AM Rita Caradonna
4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato
5:30PM John Vosilla

Sunday, February 23

8:00AM Francesco Lazzara
9:30AM Lucy Ferreri
11:00AM Evelyn Meleta
12:30PM Luigi Garofano
7:00PM Rosario & Lena Biazzo and Frank & Daniel Biazzo

*Before you
bring your gifts
be reconciled
with your
neighbor.*



Banns of Marriage

2nd 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 16-22, 2020
In Memory of
Dr. Gene Cannataro



From Jeffrey & Toni Epstein

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 22

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 22

4:00PM J Coscia, L Barbato, J Butalid
5:30PM E Burns, C Houle, M Sprague

Lectors – Sunday, February 23

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, February 23

8:00AM J Stanzione, M Quadrino
9:30AM J Gatto, G Decker
11:00AM C&J Gerace, N Fallacaro
12:30PM V Acri, S Catalano, C Belvedere
7:00PM K Melka, A Zuffante, J Bellina

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 22

4:00PM E, C & J Stadler
5:30PM P Marone, D Heidel

Sunday, February 23

8:00AM S Artz
9:30AM F Surace, C Rosenberg
11:00AM M, T & J Maresca
12:30PM J&N Cooper, 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:

**Theresa Zizzamia, Mary Bonfiglio, Amelia Fontana,
Doris Gillis**

Sunday collection for the week of 2/2/2020:

\$16,536.00

2nd Collection – Share in Our Students Success:

\$2,713.00

3rd Collection: Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief:

\$1,488.00

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,

On this President's weekend, I write to thank you for your most loving kindness and generosity to the Missionaries of the Poor. Father Henry Lozano, MOP and Brother Francis, MOP joined us for four days and they are returning to their respective mission assignments in Naga, Philippines and East Timor. It's amazing how far reaching planes can go from JFK. Brother Francis was the first to fly from JFK to Doha and from Doha to Indonesia and from Indonesia to East Timor and then have a four-hour drive on rough mountain roads to his mission. Flying on Qatar Airways, he flew east. Father Henry left at 1am on Wednesday morning and 16 hours later he will arrive in Manila on Thursday morning with Philippines Airlines. He flew West. So spanning the globe these missionaries travel to care for the poorest of the poor with joy of the Gospel and the compassion of Christ crucified. Prior to coming to Our Lady Star of the Sea, they were both at their motherhouse Monastery in Kingston. I mentioned about your generosity, and indeed, they were delighted with a little more than \$10,000 they collected. I had the opportunity to drive them both for a night-time tour of Manhattan. We visited Saint Patrick's Cathedral, then past Radio City and down Broadway into the bright lights and turning left we headed south past Greenwich Village, past Ground Zero and the Freedom Tower into the Hugh Carey Tunnel, through Brooklyn and back home. Although it was misty and traffic wasn't too bad, the awesomeness of New York left an impression upon them.

We certainly have our political differences of opinions, however we are vastly different than the tensions of the politics in other countries, where the missionaries serve. For being outspoken and no freedom of speech, one could be systemically arrested, imprisoned and tortured for maintaining the faith. It was during last Sunday, that I learned that people who are suffering from the Coronavirus, who are close to death are targets in some cases for euthanasia, or "mercy killings". We pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

This past week it has been difficult to say goodbye to several wonderful people who have been called home by God. I attended the funeral of Mary Bonfiglio, where her son, Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, gave a beautiful homily to his family and gathered friends. Her daughter Julia is very active in the Catholic Daughters of America and not only sings with our choir at the 11AM Mass each Sunday, but also ministers as one of our parish lectors.

Terry Zizzamia, also went home to the Lord, after suffering so much in her life. Tragically, her son's home on Rensselaer Avenue and Huguenot Avenue was among the 8 homes that were set ablaze in that awful fire, two weeks ago. Terry had long been a catechist in our parish and most recently the director of the "50 Plus Senior Club" where they enjoyed their gatherings and trips. She was a giver and an organizer and had great faith, may she rest in peace.

Finally, Doris Gillis, a member of Holy Child Parish, was with her daughter, Sister Margaret Michael Gillis, of the Daughters of Saint Paul at the moment of her passing into the loving arms of God. She was a real character. She grew up in an orphanage with the Good Shepherd Sisters and eventually became a nurse. She had tremendous faith and a heart for single people who had nowhere to go for holiday celebrations. She cooked for many of these folks and invited them to a feast in her home. I enjoyed the pamphlet photo of her with two bundles in her arms, loaves of Italian bread and a bouquet of roses. I was honored to preach the Gospel at her funeral Mass last Tuesday. When Sister Meg gave the eulogy, I resonated with her comment. "I know that when Mom met Jesus, she probably asked Him, 'Can I have this dance!'" During my time at Holy Child, Elaina Pecora, who was our Principal of Pre-School, would also gather scores of people to rehearse and perform an annual Dinner Theatre Event. My brother and his family were involved before I came to Staten Island in 2000. And there backstage, opening and closing the curtains, was Doris Gillis. She loved to smile and encourage nervous singers, (me included). To get jitters out of me, we danced the "Jitter Bug" to the music onstage. Also, if you ever showed up to donate blood for the New York Blood Bank, there she was giving hugs and welcoming and thanking everyone who came. One time, during a Blood Drive at Holy Child, I distinctly remember the roof in the gym was leaking water badly. It was dripping incessantly, so Doris, put out an inflatable baby wading pool catch the drops. I was getting more agitated as I was giving blood, and when Doris recognized that she came over to me and I couldn't get angry seeing her smiling face and hearing say. "It'll be alright". Oh the joys of being a pastor! Leaks, Lochs and Leases, the jewels in our crown of glory! May Doris, Terry, Mary and all who cross over into eternal life be blessed with His glory forever. It's been a joy serving you.

God Bless,

Father Tom Devery

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The Cardinal's Appeal supports needy parishes. The *Cardinal's Appeal* provides parishes that are most in need with the resources they require to minister to all the faithful. Most recently, the *Appeal* extended assistance to 33 parishes for operational expenses, which included updated HVAC equipment, reinforced structures, as well as beautiful, safe spaces in which to gather for fellowship and prayer.

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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.**

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Legion of Mary offers the Pilgrim Statue of the 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".

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.

Presidents' Day – Monday, February 17

The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 17 for the Presidents' Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 9 a.m.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Come see the difference a Catholic School can make! Join us for Touring Tuesday, on Tuesday, February 18 from 9-11 am. Come see all the wonderful things OLSS has to offer your child!

• Just a reminder...there will **not be** school bus service on Thursday, February 20, 2020.

• School will be closed in honor of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17 & on Friday, February 21. Enjoy the LONG weekends!

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 19 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: **3/10, 4/14**. 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 24 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 call Carol at 917-621-7814.

OLSS Baby Bin



The OLSS Pro-Life Committee Baby Bin is 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.

Choose Life

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held on **Thursdays, February 27 & March 5 from 6-7 PM** in the OLSS Athletic Center for all players which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players, \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & \$125 for siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

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.

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 23, March 8 & 22, (**NO CLASS ON APRIL 12**),

April 26, May 10 & 24

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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Stolzenhaler 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 Stolzenhaler Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more 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

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

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign

40 Days for Life is a 40-day campaign of peaceful, prayerful presence that aims to end abortion in our community by changing hearts and minds. All individuals and families are invited to stand (or sit) with us in silent witness and prayer. This prayerful, silent presence speaks volumes in helping moms in need of alternatives to abortion. We will also pray for and be in solidarity with all who have experienced the heartache and pain of losing a child.

Wednesday, February 26 to Sunday, April 5

7 am to 7 pm

SI University Hospital North, 475 Seaview Ave, SI, NY 10305

Sunday, Feb. 23 – Kick off Mass & gathering at St. Charles Church (200 Penn Ave, SI, NY 10306)

1:15 pm Mass with Bishop O'Hara as main celebrant
2pm – 4 pm – Orientation/Rally in the School Auditorium

Saturday, March 7 – FREE movie - **Unplanned** at 3 pm & 5 pm at Holy Child Religious Ed Bldg.(4747 Amboy Rd, SI, NY 10312)
Coffee will be served. All are welcome!

Like and Share Facebook Page: 40 Days for Life Staten Island
Email 40dayssi@gmail.com for updates!

For more info, visit www.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM. If you are unable to come out, please pray & offer your sufferings for this campaign.

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**.