

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 10, 2017**  
**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, September 9**

**4:00PM** Dora & Edward DiAntonio & Mary Hughes  
**5:30PM** Mary Schiera

**Sunday, September 10**

**8:00AM** Christopher Amoroso  
**9:30AM** Elizabeth "Betty" Pappas  
**11:00AM** Pasquale Zanfardino  
**12:30PM** Paul Sheeran  
**7:00 PM** Adrienne Sienicki & Antoinette Bartuccelli

**Monday, September 11**

**9:00AM** Deceased OLSS Members of 9/11

**Tuesday, September 12**

**9:00 AM** Marie Cancelleri & Dolores Ewald

**Wednesday, September 13**

**9:00AM** Auggie & Josephine Walsh

**Thursday, September 14**

**9:00AM** Geraldine Woodcock

**Friday, September 15**

**9:00AM** Angelo Ugenti

**Saturday, September 16**

**9:00AM** Joseph Arena  
**4:00PM** Scott Freundlich & Richard Rauch  
**5:30PM** Leonard Wanglund

**Sunday, September 17**

**8:00AM** Susan Francese  
**9:30AM** Deceased Members of the Castelucci  
 & Gagliardi Families  
**11:00AM** Deceased Members of the Newborn Family  
**12:30PM** Raymond Donnelly  
**7:00 PM** Jack Sofia

**Banns of Marriage**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time:** Calogero Carollo & Dana Gualtieri  
**1<sup>st</sup> Time:** John Blohm & Rosanna Rago  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Time:** Michael Ferrante & Jennifer Martins  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Time:** Michael Guarnaccia & Ashley Tolino  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Time:** Steven Favorito & Cheryl Fink  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Time:** Louis Conklin & Brittany Muraca  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Time:** Kurt Larsen & Christina DiCarlo  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Time:** Theodore Marotta & Amanda Lando

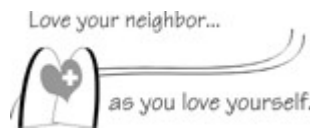
**Wedding Music Workshop**

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, October 29** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**Archdiocese of New York**

**Announcement of Child Protection**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or layperson serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Dcn. George Coppola at 917-861-1762 or via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



**The Sanctuary Lamp for the**  
**Week of September 10-16**  
 Given in Memory of  
**Christopher Amoroso**

From your Loving Family

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, September 16**

**4:00PM** S Gambino  
**5:30PM** A Pompei

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 16**

**4:00PM** J Butalid, E Burns, C Harris, A Petrocelli  
 & B Palomba  
**5:30PM** J Cimino, C Houle, C Losi, N Villani & M Andreola

**Lectors – Sunday, September 17**

**8:00AM** P Zoltowski  
**9:30AM** J Zinsley  
**11:00AM** C Messina  
**12:30PM** R LaMonica  
**7:00 PM** A Medeiros

**Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, September 17**

**8:00AM** M Ennis, C Rosato, J Stanzione, A Sparandera  
 & K Drisco  
**9:30AM** S Monteforte, Sr. Rosemary, T Strange, MA Higgins  
 & S Hitchcock  
**11:00AM** R Ruzzkowski, B Paccione, C Ordy, A Maffeo  
 & Dcn. Quadrino  
**12:30PM** V Acri, B Peters, J Prato, M & Dcn. Quadrino  
**7:00PM** J Galletta, G LaGrua, K Melka, M Recanatini  
 & J Limeri

**Altar Servers, Saturday, September 16**

**4:00PM** D Cavicchio  
**5:30PM** C&C Nieves

**Altar Servers, Sunday, September 17**

**8:00AM** J Bell  
**9:30AM** M Esposito  
**11:00AM** F&A Aurti, N Salerno  
**12:30PM** G Marino, G Vassallo, M Mattioli  
**7:00PM** R Faljean, E Tedesco



**Sincere Condolences**

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

**Russell Harvey, Richard Mazzaferro,**  
**Patricia L. Arige, George Viano, Lori Ann Hemmy**

**Healing Service**

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

**RCIA - Come Experience God's Love**

Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? 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. RCIA will change your life. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – [jlimeri@aol.com](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Well I want to wish all our students all the choicest blessings of this new year.

This past Friday I had the pleasure of offering Mass for the students and teachers of Our Lady Star of the Sea School and to welcome them to the 2017-2018 academic year. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and lead the staff and faculty and students in this most wonderful year. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle them with the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth".

These have been difficult times with the threats coming from North Korea, the clean-up efforts of Houston and Louisiana, and now the impending arrival of Hurricane Irma.

The Lord is testing us with a call to greatness and generosity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering the effects of this strong weather season. I have friends in the Houston area and I haven't heard from them and then I remember how difficult times were here four years ago when Hurricane Sandy wiped out electricity, gas and washed away many homes. I am grateful for all the prayers that being offered.

Rev. Rick Warren, the pastor of Saddleback Church, in California, comments on these hurricane disasters with an article about one of his co-pastors, Tom Holladay.

*"Tom Holladay, teaching pastor at Saddleback Church, offered some words of hope to the flood victims in Houston, Texas with an article that appeared on the Fox News website. Holladay can empathize with the people in Texas and Louisiana who have lost everything because his home was covered by 9 feet of water when a levee broke, flooding Marysville, California in 1986.*

*Holladay says his family needed to quickly learn four simple truths in order to maintain hope during the recovery, which must be measured in years, not months. These truths are also a guide for how we can reach out to victims of the flood.*

*People will find hope in gifts that provide for their basic needs*

*Holladay says he appreciated the single woman who gave up her apartment to give his family a place to temporarily live, when a truck brought meals for all the workers, and when a church replaced his pastor's library. Your church could offer hope by providing pastors who need help ministering to their congregations with items they can give to others. Or, you could help a pastor get back to his full capacity by providing for his needs.*

*People will find hope in the prayers that we pray*

*Holladay says people in a crisis need others to pray for them because, often, they are so busy they barely have time to pray. Our congregations can pray consistently over the next year or more for the people put in crisis by this flood.*

*People will find hope by trusting God one day at a time*

*Holladay says God gave him the strength and hope he needed each day. He says hung onto God's promise from Nehemiah 2:20, The God of Heaven will give us success; we his servants will start rebuilding. Consider how you can help a local pastor teach his congregation to trust God one day at a time.*

*People will find hope in long-term volunteers*

*Holladay says it was a blessing to see volunteers who kept helping in the recovery months and years after the flood. He notes that Saddleback Church is making plans to send teams to help with the recovery over the next several years."*

On Monday, we remember the events of September 11, 2001. It has been sixteen years since that dreadful day of disaster and yet in the hearts of so many families it has been one long day of unending loss. Our nation changed that day and we still need healing and God's grace to be inspired for our future. Prayer once again does help.

This weekend the Archdiocese is asking all pastors to take up a collection to help in disaster relief.

Also this weekend the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt will be offering chance books for their motherhouse in Blauvelt, New York. 60 years ago, I began the first grade at Saint Luke's School in the Bronx. They were the teachers and role models of my faith since 1957. They are now dear friends and provide a powerhouse of prayer for my ministry. So thank you for whatever help you can provide.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the birthday of Anthony Gorgia, now in Rome at the Pontifical North American College Seminary, and also it's the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since we are all under her mantle, we trust in her intercession for all of us these days.

Blessings and peace,

*Fr. Tom Devery*

### **Pray for the Sick**



Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Charles Boland, Sarah Brodine, Christine C., Serafina Carlone, Victor Cervone, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lamantia Thomas Lanza, James Ledger, Dolores Lucardi William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Robert Stranberg Sr., Dustan Vasquez, Lisa Vasquez, Sarah Weathers  
**Please Note: Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.**

### **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**



Please see the following information if you are interested in joining a choir. All rehearsals are held in the church. If you would like to join a choir, please come to the rehearsal.

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

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours.

## SPORTS NEWS

### OLSS Soccer Registration

Opening Day will be **Saturday, September 16**. Registration forms may still be dropped off at the Rectory for the 2016-17 Season. Registration fees \$200 for SIYSL players, \$150 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$125 for siblings. Visit the website [www.olsssoccer.com](http://www.olsssoccer.com) for reg. form and more details.



## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- Thank you to all our students, parents and teachers for a great beginning to the new school year!
- A BIG shoutout to the students and teachers of OLSS on the great scores achieved on the New York State ELA and math exams. Our scores have risen significantly over the past two years, and across the board we outperformed NYC public schools!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2017-2018 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.

### 2017-18 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Monday, Sept. 11	Grade 7	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Grade 2	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 14	Grades 5 & 6	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Grade 1	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 20	Grades 1-7	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Grade 8	3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 5	Special Needs	(A) 3:45 – 4:15 pm (B) 4:30 – 5:00 pm

## CUB/BOY SCOUT NEWS

**CUB SCOUT PACK 5** - Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Cub Scouts (Grades 1-5) **Fridays, September 15th & 22nd**, in O'Mara Hall, from 7 to 9 PM. Registration Fee (including dues): \$110 **if paid by 10/20** or \$140 if paid after 10/20 (\$190 for two siblings). For more info, contact Anthony Limone, Cubmaster at 347-739-3747, or e-mail [cubmasterpk5olss@gmail.com](mailto:cubmasterpk5olss@gmail.com). Please make checks payable to Pack 5.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 5** - Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Boy Scouts (Grades 6-11) **Tuesdays, September 12th & 19th**, in O'Mara Hall, 7 to 9 PM. Registration Fee (including dues): \$135 if paid by 10/24 or \$150 if paid after 10/24. For info contact Robert Ciraola, Scoutmaster, cell 917-805-7621, e-mail [rciraola@si.rr.com](mailto:rciraola@si.rr.com) or visit [www.troop5si.com](http://www.troop5si.com). Please make checks payable to Troop 5.

## OLSS STAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS

The OLSS Star Players will be holding auditions for its winter production of *"It's Never too Early for Christmas."*

**Singing Auditions: Tues., Sept 12 & Wed., Sept. 13** from 6-9 pm (Come prepared with a Christmas song)

**Acting Auditions: September 12 & 13 from 6-9 pm.**  
(Children will be given a short monologue upon arrival to rehearse before auditioning)

**Dance Auditions: Thurs, September 14** from 6-9 pm  
(Dress to dance, dancers will learn a combination)

**Show Dates: November 10, 11 & 12**  
(Must be available for all show dates)

All auditions will be held in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center and are first come, first serve. Auditions are open to children ages 4 through college.

## 2017 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have sacrificed and donated to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. This year, **491** OLSS families donated a total of **\$173,120** towards our goal of \$179,500. God Bless you for your generosity.

## CLUSTER PILGRIMAGE

to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy  
(in Stockbridge, Massachusetts)  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**



\$40 per person (includes the price of the bus, please bring your own lunch and refreshments). Bus will leave OLSS Athletic Center Parking lot at 6 am, and will depart the Shrine at 3:30 p.m. for the return trip home. Register and pay for the pilgrimage at the OLSS Rectory. Please make checks payable to OLSS. For further information, please call Maria & Dcn. Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or email [maria.quadrino@gmail.com](mailto:maria.quadrino@gmail.com).

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, September 15 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Widowed Club** – A group is available for widows to come together and share their experiences together. The next meeting will be **Thurs., September 21** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Bereavement Group**– There will be a new session beginning on **Wed., Sept. 27 at 7 pm in the Rectory**. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we invite you to join us.

**Book Club** The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thurs., Sept. 14, at 7:30 PM** in the OLSS Rectory. Our next selection is *Fatima for Today: The Urgent Message of Hope* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.E.R. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**Holy Name Society** – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wed., Oct. 4 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

**Faith-Sharing Group** – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

**Legion of Mary** – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, September 11 at 7:15 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. There will be Guardian Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily chapel from **12 Noon – 3 pm on Friday, September 15**. The Legion of Mary would like to visit anyone who is homebound to bring communion or just to sit and keep company.

## Cluster Corner

**Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians** – 7396 Amboy Rd.

**Mass Times** Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, 4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 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



## OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the 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 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

**Baptismal Ceremonies-EVERY SUNDAY** at 2 pm

### Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22,  
November 12 & 26, December 10

**PLEASE NOTE:** Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Baptism Ceremonies take place in the Church EVERY Sunday at 2 pm.

## 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

### Yard Sale Fundraiser for Batten Disease

1044 Edgegrove Avenue

September 15, 16, 17 & September 22, 23, 24

9 am to 5 pm each day. All proceeds go to research.



## Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus

### Conheaney Golf Classic

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

at the South Shore Golf Course  
(200 Huguenot Ave, SI, NY 10312)

7 am Breakfast, 7:15 am Registration, 8 am Shotgun Start

12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles

Lunch on the turn included/Dinner served at 1 pm

Cost: \$140 per golfer (includes dinner & open bar).

For more information and for reservations,  
call Karl Emigholz, PGK, Chairman at (646) 662-2034



## CDA - Fall Basket Auction FUNdraiser

**Sunday, October 1 - 2:30 pm**

The Staten Island court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host a Fall Basket Auction FUNdraiser on **Sunday, Oct. 1**. Doors open at 2:30 pm in the St. Clare Cardinal Cooke Center (downstairs) 110 Nelson Ave. \$10 pp admission provides opportunities for Fun, Food, & Fabulous Prizes! Court St. Clare meets monthly & welcomes new members to serve our community. Please contact the parish office for more information (718) 984-7873 or email [StClareCDA@aol.com](mailto:StClareCDA@aol.com).

## Blue Mass- Under Mary's Blue Mantle

All active and retired police officers, law enforcement agencies & all First Responders are invited to attend and dress in uniform.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Most Rev. John J. O'Hara

## Rosary Crusade

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In this historic year of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary's apparitions at Fatima, we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 9:45 am** in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Please contact Sabrina at 347-871-3737 for more information.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2017 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 form & payment to the Rectory:**

*Our Lady Star of the Sea*

*2017 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

## 12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays 5:30PM

AA \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays 8:15PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays 10AM

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 4PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 4PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Fridays 4PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM

PILLS ANONYMOUS \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 6:30PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Fridays 6:30PM

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 8:00PM

AL-ANON \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 5:30PM

**Addiction Angels** – There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **September 25 at 7 pm** in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

**12 Step Night of Reflection:** Every first 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 **October 12**.