

Our Lady Star of the Sea
1st Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, March 4

4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 5

8:00AM Amedeo Arena
9:15AM Angela & Joseph Matzelle
10:30AM Jaime Cucuzza
12 Noon Caroline & Philip Tanella
1:15PM Mary & Dom Biscardi
7:00PM Thomas J. Hoban

Monday, March 6

9:00AM Jaime Cucuzza

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Wednesday, March 8

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

Thursday, March 9

9:00AM Joseph Casazza, Jr.

Friday, March 10

9:00AM Salvatore J. Cafiso, III

Saturday, March 11

9:00AM John Petrizzo
4:00PM Helen & William Timmermans
5:30PM Stephen Pansini

Sunday, March 12

8:00AM Vincenza & Anthony Visconti
9:15AM Virginia & Harold Ennis
10:30AM John Calleja
12 Noon Lawrence Tuminelli
1:15PM Jerry Mignone
7:00PM Francine Trupiano



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Ralph Izzo & Stacey Snyder
First Time: Joseph Newman & Lorraine Wojcik
Third Time: Nicholas Cresci & Theresa Pioli
Third Time: Brian Kelly & Kristen Perdichizzi

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, April 30** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Welcome to Carmel-Its Rules & Charisms

The St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community will be holding a "Welcome to Carmel" day on **Saturday, March 18** in the OLSS Damato Room. The day will begin with Mass at 9 am (in the church) and will continue in the Damato Meeting room, ending at 3 pm. Fr. David Rider will be presenting. Coffee and lunch will be provided. Donation is \$20 per person. **All reservations must be received by March 11.** Make checks payable to St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community and mail to Ms. Louise Monaco, 33 Goller Place, SINY 10314. For more information, contact Maria at 718-356-1886.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of March 5-11
Given in Memory of
John Strange
From Chris & Donna Ferreri

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 11

4:00PM B Weir
5:30PM F Monte

Eucharistic Ministers, March 11

4:00PM A Pompei, G Decker, J Coscia, A Petrocelli, & J Uhlman
5:30PM F Ruggiero, M Lappin, N Villani, A Dazio, & V Acri

Lectors –Sunday, March 12

8:00AM M Higgins
9:15AM R LaMonica
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon C Messina
1:15 PM A Medeiros
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, March 12

8:00AM M Andreola, A Sparandera, J Stanzione, P Zoltowski, & M Ennis
9:15AM S Hitchcock, L Capobianco, J Gatto, Sr. Rosemary, & J Zinsley
10:30AM T Strange, E&G Riozzi, C Ordy, N Fallacaro
12 Noon F&R Marino, S Catalano, A Maffeo
1:15PM J Tolento, MA Russo, M Sprague, B Nicholson, & M Recanatini
7:00PM E Bellina, C Houle, A Zuffante, G LaGrua, & K Melka

Altar Servers, Saturday, March 11

4:00PM V Pavlick, J Oliveri, F Surace
5:30PM C&C Nieves, D Heidel

Altar Servers, Sunday, March 12

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:15AM G&S Artz
10:30AM P Marone
12 Noon B&M Stackhouse
1:15PM
7:00PM S&N Mejias

Sincere Condolences



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

Adeline Natasi, Veronica Doyle, Gertrude Scaffiddi,
Victor Sciarappa, Raymond N. Buchheit,
Geraldine Pesiri

RCIA – Rite of Election

This Sunday, March 5th, five of our Catechumen (those preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church) **Laura Rosenberg-Ball, Charles Karen, Teneisha Thomas, Michael Colon and Isabella El Amrani** and all catechumen from the Diocese will gather at St. Patrick's Cathedral together with their godparents to celebrate the Rite of Election. These Catechumen will be chosen, accepted, and elected by Cardinal Timothy Dolan to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They will sign their names into the Book of the Elect. After this ritual, they are no longer known as catechumen, but "the Elect." We extend our congratulations to all of them for their dedication and hard work on their journey to become Catholic.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the First Sunday of Lent. We are challenged once again by the themes that are found in the readings of Sacred Scripture of Genesis, Paul's Letter to the Romans and Saint Matthew's account of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert.

In the Book of Genesis, we find ourselves with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise. For one, brief, shining moment, we had it all. Paradise, the right relationship and friendship with God. There we found plenty of food, beautiful creation and there was no shame. Then along comes the devil and he is a liar, a tempter and a con artist. People have debated this question for years, was it the apple that got Eve, then Adam in trouble? No, it wasn't the apple, but the pair beneath the tree (it's an old joke!). The question raised up and down the history of the human race comes from God. Why are you hiding? What are you hiding from? The introduction of fig leaves and covering our shame prompts God to deduce, Adam & Eve are guilty of disobedience. So after the Fall of Adam and Eve, comes the question: How do we get back into paradise? How do I overcome shame and return in to a right relationship with God and one another?

The Holy Season of Lent is a call from the Lord: Come, let us return to the Lord, He will heal us, He will bind up our wounds. Why is this season important? Because through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we discover our own self-deceit and we are invited to repent of our sins. Jesus will bring us back into Paradise by becoming our Savior, our suffering servant, our final means to get reconciled with God and each other. Mary, the Mother of God is the New Eve and Jesus is the New Adam leading us back into Paradise. We need to be in prayer to ponder this mystery of our faith.

In the Letter to the Romans, we are reminded that sin and death came into the world through the disobedience of one man, but it would be reversed through the obedience of one man, Jesus. Jesus paid the price for all our sins. This was precisely His mission; he came and still comes to set us free.

In today's Gospel, we are reminded that even Jesus, at His Baptism, was reminded by the Father's voice and the presence of the Holy Spirit; that he is indeed, Son, Chosen and Beloved. At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus goes into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. Lent is 40 days, and in the desert all the false self is stripped away. Yet once again, as in the Garden of Paradise, the devil comes to tempt Jesus. Jesus was tempted to satisfy his hunger, but no, we do not live on bread alone but every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus was tempted with wealth, fortune and power. So are we, all the time, "Save yourselves," is also a temptation. I don't need God, I'm self-sufficient. But Jesus says no, He will enter public life, a Messiah who is a suffering servant to the loving will of the Father, and not the devil's taunts. Jesus is tempted to false worship, but he responds, No! He will only worship the Father in Spirit and truth. So what is the false idol that overtakes our life? Is it wealth, hoarding riches, not sharing with the needy and poor? Is it looking out only for ourselves and not forgiving others? Is it pride, on our reputation or position in authority and looking down on others? The Temptation of the Devil is alive and well and we can become easily duped. However, when we fast from wine, beer, meat on Fridays, chocolate, sumptuous six course meals, we empty ourselves of our self and hunger for the only satisfying one who lead us back into Paradise. We don't have to wait for rigor mortis to set in to gain Paradise. We can draw closer to Christ, especially in Confession, Mass, Stations of the Cross or an hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 9PM to 9AM on a Friday night into early Saturday morning. Let us draw near to Christ, who hungers, fasts, resists temptation and in an act of unspeakable love and obedience died on the Cross and rose again, to set us free. May this Lent be a springtime to help you become re-rooted in Christ's love and mercy!

On Monday March 6 in O'Mara Hall at 7PM, the National Guard will be offering a presentation on Preparation for Weather Disasters. Insights that have been gained from Hurricane Sandy will be shared. All are welcome.

Father Basil on Monday Evening, March 13 at 7PM will be offering Mass with many of his Nigerian brother priests to pray for his home town of Kafanchan, and the surrounding villages of the state of Kaduna in Northern Nigeria. The Fulani herdsmen are a group of nomads who have been looting and setting fire to homes and killing people in large numbers. At this point, many of the Nigerian priests' families and friends have been spared but all have been threatened and need God's protection. So please join us.

After that Mass at 8PM there will a "Show and Tell" in the D'Amato Room in the Athletic Center for the people who traveled this past year to the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica. All are invited. We will welcome Greg Lemieux, a FOCUS missionary at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. FOCUS stands for Fellowship of Catholic University Students. Greg joined us for two years on our mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica. He will have just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be a spirited gathering.

The Nocturnal Adoration committee of Our Lady Star of the Sea has requested that during the Fridays of Lent following the Stations of the Cross, that there be Eucharistic Adoration in the small chapel from 9PM to 9AM. This sacrifice is powerful especially during the Holy Season of Lent.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be present during each of the 10:30 Masses of the Lenten Season for rites of ongoing conversion, and following the homily, will be presented to the congregation. Let us pray for these wonderful people who are preparing for full reception into the Catholic Church during the Easter Season.

May God bless you!
Fr. Tom Devery

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice



The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our 10 counties. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

Suggested Total Pledge	5 Monthly Payments of	Daily Sacrifice of
\$500	\$100	\$3
\$250	\$50	\$2
\$150	\$30	\$1
\$100	\$20	\$0.66

2.6 Million

Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York

WHAT CAN YOU GIVE?	YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:
\$2 - a granola bar	93,480 Religious Ed Students
\$3 - a latte	17,037 Confirmations
\$30 - movie tickets for two	3,487 Marriages
\$50 - a new pair of shoes	170 Retired Diocesan Priests
\$100 - a night out for two	86 Seminarians
	12 Offices and Ministries

2017 Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all of the families who have made a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.

Our Lady Star of the Sea continues to make progress towards meeting our goal of **\$179,500**.

To date, approximately **159 families** have made pledges totaling **\$46,205**. We are at 26% of our goal.

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!
www.cardinalsappeal.org

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Preparation for Weather Disasters Presentation

The New York Army National Guard will be in O'Mara Hall on **Monday, March 6 at 7 pm** where they will hold a presentation on preparation for weather disasters.

Mass for Peace in Nigeria

with Fr. Basil & his Nigerian Brother Priests
Monday, March 13 at 7 pm in Church

Jamaica Mission Trip Show & Tell

Monday, March 13 at 8 pm in Damato Meeting Room



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- Congratulations to our 8th Graders who competed in the 2nd Annual Robotics Competition at St. Joseph-by-the-Sea High School on Monday, February 27th! We brought two teams to the competition, and 8-1, the Nebulizers, were awarded the Copper-ation Award for outstanding cooperation and teamwork, while 8-2, Team Cyber Team, came in 2nd overall! We are so proud of you!
- Join us for our next Touring Tuesday, on Tuesday, March 14. Registration is ongoing for grades K-8. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

OLSS SOCCER



The FINAL night for Open Registration will be **Thursday, March 23** in the Athletic Center. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players & \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms & more details. Registrations also may be dropped off at any time at the Rectory. **Please note:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to re-register in the spring.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Robert Bauer, Janice Blanchard, Norma Bolanos, Jennifer Bonica, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Thomas DiRago, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Dawn Dutton, Zenia Enciso, Cristina Fico, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Isabel Gondrey, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, James Ledger, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Gloria Pinnola, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez **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. Names on this list will be on until March 12 and then will be removed unless we hear from the family to continue.**

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tues, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Service will be March 21 @ 3:30 pm.)*

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 10 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The next session of "It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing" will begin on **Wed., March 8 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday April 6, at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We are reading ***Fearless: A Catholic Woman's Guide to Spiritual Warfare*** by Sonja Corbitt. 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., March 8 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

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

OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD
MARCH 11 & 12 FROM 10 AM – 1 PM
IN THE OLSS GYM LOBBY



Wednesday, July 5th
thru Friday, August 18th

9:00am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade
in September 2017)

**Register on 3/11 & 3/12 or before April 18 to
Receive the Early Bird Pricing Special:
(Must be paid in full by April 18 to qualify)**

\$230 full day-weekly
\$75 full day-daily
\$170 half day-weekly
\$45 half day-daily

**Register after April 18th
Regular camp rates apply:**

\$260 full day-weekly
\$85 full day-daily
\$185 half day-weekly
\$50 half day-daily

Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am
Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm
(At an additional hourly rate)

Camp will be held on the OLSS campus:
5411 Amboy Road SI, NY 10312

****Bring your own Lunch and Snack****

Indoor Activities Include

Arts and Crafts
Dance
Computers

Outdoor Activities Include

Soccer
Organized games & more!



Weekly Theme Days

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo,
Camp Director: linsoap@aol.com

Cluster Corner

Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.
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

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.
Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 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

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.
Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

Cluster Events

Cluster Parish Mission-Monday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 5
from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

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 Class & Ceremony Dates

March 12 & 26, (**Please note: there will be no class or ceremony on April 9**) April 23,
May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place at 2:15 PM in the Church.

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.

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 **Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room. 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 **April 6**.