

Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 5

4:00PM Dominick Zizzamia
5:30PM Jeanette DiCostanzo

Sunday, August 6

8:00AM Jeanie Berntsen
9:30AM Patrick O'Connell
11:00AM Domenico & Isabella Grieco
12:30PM Deceased Members of the DiBuono Family
7:00 PM Joseph DeMarco

Monday, August 7

9:00AM Giuseppe Ruffino

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 AM Madeline Manzolillo

Wednesday, August 9

9:00AM Giuseppe & Elizabetta Iacoviello

Thursday, August 10

9:00AM Luigi Caccano & Theodore Gallo

Friday, August 11

9:00AM John J. Murphy, Jr. & Renee Steinbuck

Saturday, August 12

9:00AM William Bedford
4:00PM Angela Stacey
5:30PM Joseph & Gaetana Levantino

Sunday, August 13

8:00AM Anita Barletta
9:30AM Kevin O'Connell
11:00AM Lillian Visceglia, John & Theresa Caruana
12:30PM Dorothy Medina
7:00 PM Renee Vivolo



Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Michael Perez & Donna Moschella

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, August 27** 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 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at 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 August 6-12
Given in Loving Memory of
Joseph DeMarco

Donated by Frances DeMarco

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, August 12

4:00PM S Gambino
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, August 12

4:00PM G Fiumefreddo, J Butalid, M Sprague,
M & Dcn. Quadrino
5:30PM J Cimino, J Uhlman, F Ruggiero, A Dazio,
& Dcn. Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, August 13

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM C Messina
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, August 13

8:00AM M Ennis, J Stanzione, M Molinini, L Bauer,
& M Andreola
9:30AM K Drisco, M Iacono, G Decker, S Hitchcock,
& MA Higgins
11:00AM E&G Riozzi, C Argano, C Ordy, & J Tolento
12:30PM V Acri, A McCoy, F&R Marino, & MA Russo
7:00PM J Limeri, M Recanatini, J Galletta, E Bellina,
& G LaGrua

Altar Servers, Saturday, August 12

4:00PM K Marchisella, V Pavlick
5:30PM N Cammarato, D Heidel

Altar Servers, Sunday, August 13

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM J Bell, M Esposito
11:00AM P Marone
12:30PM M Mattioli, J Oliveri
7:00PM R Faljean



Sincere Condolences

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

Margaret Filosa, Giuseppe Iacono, Charles LaBarbera

BLOOD DRIVE – THIS Sunday, August 6
Emergency Blood Shortage!

Each blood donation helps save 3 lives!

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be hosting its biannual blood drive **THIS SUNDAY on August 6, 2017 in O'Mara Hall from 9am – 3pm**. Please bring your New York Blood Center donor card, if you have one, as well as picture ID. In order to donate you must weigh at least 110 lbs., and be between the ages of 16-75. If you are 16 years old, you will need parental consent. If you are older than 75, you will need a physician's note stating you are eligible to donate. Please make sure to have a good meal and drink plenty of fluids **PRIOR** to coming to donate. Please set aside an hour for your donation.



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

"God always gives us what we want", so said the homilist at a Mass one day. It always seems that we don't want Him every Sunday, though. We don't want Him on vacation; we don't want Him when something "better" comes along on weekends. We seem to have on our planners upcoming parties, family gatherings, baby showers, wedding showers, fishing, sailing, hunting & shopping trips, and Citifield, or Yankee Stadium tickets. All these things are good but we still can make room for Jesus at one of the 7 Masses offered here each weekend. Showing up for a Baptism, a Wedding or even a funeral does not exempt us from our Sunday Obligation to come to Mass and receive Jesus. We do find time to make it to soccer, softball, dance recitals, summer sports camp, birthday parties, then there's time for shopping for clothes, Top Tomato, Alfonso's, Shop Rite, Key Food, Costco etc. Think of all we can do with the other 167 hours of the week. We find the time to get to doctor's appointments, counseling appointments, to get our hair done, our nails done, then there's the chiropractor, and work on the car to be done. We joined a gym and there's getting our 10,000 steps a day, as well as pumping iron. The smart phone needs upgrading, the dog needs grooming, the kids need beach time, a trip to the Disney Store, Toys R Us and we can't forget Ralph's ices. There's a trip to Nana's for dinner, or brunch with all the friends or cousins. All these things are good things, but it inevitably leaves us with the excuse that the weekends are just too full - there's no time for God. Sunday is the Lord's Day. It is meant to be a day of Sabbath rest, relaxation, refreshment; to put down the work of our hands, our minds and our hearts and be re-created in Christ. Commandment #3 states - Remember keep holy the Sabbath. For us that means not abstaining ourselves from Mass.

We hear the argument all the time; well I can sit home and watch Mass on television or read my Bible alone at home. There's tons of excuses. Sadly, the misperception that exists among many is the Holy Communion is just a symbol. It's not really Jesus. That's a number lie is Satan's tool box. The next lie is this, "Oh, I have time, I'll go back one day". What if tomorrow never comes? We could become so easily duped into using the excuse, "I am so busy." The fact that remains is that the Real Presence of Jesus is waiting for us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity and the power of His saving Word, He literally transforms our lives when we open our hearts to Him.

Well if that's what you want, then God gives you all the freedom in the world. However, when the time comes to meet God, will He have time for you? You didn't want him in this world, why would you want Him in the next? Think about it. The bare minimum is one hour a week at Mass. Just because you are baptized and even confirmed Catholic, that does not make you grow in the Spirit if you are always trying to have it your way. Pope Benedict was correct in declaring that there is a dictatorship of relativism in our culture. We want to have it my way. If it's not on the radar, then I don't get to it. I have become so egocentric that I've completed the acronym for EGO - I "Ease God Out" of my life. I might be preaching to the choir but I am reminded each weekend that we are the living Body of Christ, not Burger King. If we need to brush up on our faith, we have many resources that will help us come and return to the Lord.

One of the most profound resources, of course, is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The grace of conversion helps us grow in our faith. There are many ministries in the parish that would welcome your presence and talents. There is also a wonderful internet resource called "Formed" (www.formed.org) which invites us to upgrade our learning about our faith. Our Lady Star of the Sea Church has a special parish code '9F33RR'. You can log into Sacrament Classes, the Wild Goose video series on the Holy Spirit, spiritual films about inspirational lives of the saints, and much more.

If you want Christ to be Lord and Savior of your life, talk to Him, ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill you with His Power and New Life. All relationships are fueled by the Holy Spirit. In Holy Communion, God forgives, heals, instructs, empowers, feeds our soul and blesses us on our way. Join us if possible for 9AM Mass every day. On Saturday, our Mass Schedule is 4PM and 5:30PM and on Sunday, Masses are offered at 8AM, 9:30 AM, 11AM, 12:30PM and 7PM. God always gives us what we want, if you hunger and thirst for Jesus, then come and be satisfied. The Kingdom of God is within you when you join us for Mass.

Being a Catholic is a 24/7 calling to daily conversion. Trust and surrender to Jesus, He is waiting for us to come home and return to His great love.

Recently, Monsignor Finn was advised by one of the local Staten Island pastors that a Polish seminarian from a diocese in Texas and a Hispanic layman, both claiming to be missionaries, visited a parishioner possibly seeking financial assistance. Another pastor confirmed that this happened at his parish as well. Then they went to the this particular rectory, and asked to be able to spend the evening on chairs on the outside porch. Neither of them had any official documentation or identification to present to the pastor; nor did they have any luggage or bags. As a result, Monsignor Finn sent an alert to all Staten Island pastors to be advised of this and to please alert the parishioners to this situation.

May God bless you,

Fr. Tom Devery



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- The school office will be closed through August 28. If you need to get in touch with anyone in the office, please call 718-984-5750 to leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.
- There are still openings for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please call the school office to schedule a meeting and tour.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is CLOSED for the summer.

The next date for registering your child for Religious Education will be on Tuesday, September 5 at 11:00 am.

OLSS CYO Basketball Registration

OLSS Sports has updated their website - they are now offering Online Registration for all sports activities. Registration for the 2017-2018 Basketball Season is now open. Please visit the web site at olssbasketball.com and click the "Click Here to Register Now" button to complete your online registration. Please make sure to review the new social media policies. Registration for the Fall 2017 Intramural season will also be available online in the coming weeks.

OLSS Soccer Registration

Registration forms may be dropped off at the Rectory for the 17-18 Season. Registration fees \$200 for SIYSL players, \$150 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$125 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration form and details.



OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP

Currently running through Friday, August 18th

9:00am – 3:30pm

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

Camp Pricing:

Full Day - \$260 Weekly, \$85 Daily

Half Day - \$185 Weekly, \$50 Daily

Extended Days Available!

Camp is 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

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. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – Meetings will resume in September. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Widowed Club – A group is available for widows and widowers to come together and share their experiences. The meetings will resume in September. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – There will be a new session beginning in the fall. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

Book Club - OLSS Book club meetings will resume in September. Consult the bulletin for further details or contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wed., September 6 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.

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, August 7 at 7:15 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. There will be Guardian Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily chapel from **12 Noon – 5 pm on Friday, August 11**. The Legion of Mary would like to visit anyone who is homebound to bring communion or just to sit and keep company.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, 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 Dawidocz, John DeLuca, Cindy Diaz, Jeanette Dvile, Chelsea Dutton, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lamantia Thomas Lanza, William Massi, Anthony Medeiros, Anne Merlino, 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.**

Healing Service

Due to August 15 being a Holy Day of Obligation, this month's healing service will be on **Tuesday, August 15 following the 8 pm Holy Day Mass**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30 pm.**

Cluster Corner

Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times – 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

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



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; we are only **\$16,460** away from our goal of **\$179,500**. Please prayerfully consider making a donation.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal
1011 First Ave., 14th Floor Donor Database Center
New York, New York 10022-4112

Suggested total pledge: 5 Monthly Payments of:
 \$5,000.....\$1,000
 \$2,500.....\$500
 \$1,000.....\$200
 \$500.....\$100
 \$250.....\$50

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parish _____

E-Mail _____

Total Gift _____ Amt Enclosed _____

Balance _____

Choose your payment method:

Personal check payable to: **The Cardinal's Appeal**

Credit Card (complete below): American Exp – Visa – MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Amt \$ _____

Please charge:

One Time Amt of \$ _____ OR \$ _____ each month for _____ months.

Signature: _____

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

August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place in the Church. **Baptism Ceremonies will take place EVERY Sunday at 2 pm. Classes will remain the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 12 Noon.**

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



Five Flags Flea Market – Vendors Needed!

Saturday, August 19 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Holy Child Gym - \$25 a table

For more information, call Marjorie Pugliese at 347-600-6237



Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus Conheeny Golf Classic

Monday, September 25, 2017

at the South Shore Golf Course
 (200 Hugenot 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).

Sponsorship Opportunities available!

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

SAVE THE DATE!

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 & Deacon James Quadrino at 917-417-5728

or email maria.quadrino@gmail.com.

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 **September 7**.