

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 27

4:00PM Anthony Onorato
5:30PM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.

Sunday, January 28

8:00AM Peter L. Sirico
9:30AM Kathleen Rafferty
11:00AM Anthony Amato
12:30PM Antoinette Vulpi
7:00PM Elizabeth Ortiz

Monday, January 29

9:00AM Kerry & Anna O'Day

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 AM Daniel Nelson

Wednesday, January 31

9:00AM Frank Marotta

Thursday, February 1

9:00AM Matthew & Matthew Lawrence Settembrino
and Yvonne & Philip Cascio

Friday, February 2

9:00AM Richard Famiglietti

Saturday, February 3

9:00AM Joseph & Theresa Sutera
4:00PM Crescenza Pesce
5:30PM Janice Blanchard

Sunday, February 4

8:00AM Teddy Klinkosz
9:30AM Frank Pepe
11:00AM Michele Scalzo
12:30PM Marissa C. Kelly
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Ferrigno Family

Banns of Marriage

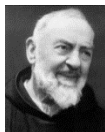


1st Time: Theodore Clohessy & Erica Skiba
1st Time: Joseph Epifani & Angelique Donato

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 25** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Pilgrimage to National Center for Padre Pio



On **Tuesday, April 10**, there will be a Pilgrimage to the **National Center for Padre Pio** in Barto, PA. The bus will leave from the OLSS Athletic Center at 7AM and depart from the Shrine at 3:00PM. The day will consist of a tour of the Padre Pio Spirituality Center and Our Lady of Grace Chapel, the center staff will speak about Padre Pio and pray the Rosary. Other activities will include: Veneration with the Relic and the Blessed Oil, a short film before touring the St. Pio Museum, free time for private prayer and visit to the gift store. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person, which includes lunch buffet and snack/water in the bus.

You can register and pay for the Pilgrimage in the Rectory, cash or check payable to OLSS Church. **NO REFUNDS!**

For further information, please call **Maria & Deacon James Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadrino@gmail.com.**

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

January 28-February 3, 2018

Given in Memory of

John Orfano

Given with love by his family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 3

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 3

4:00PM L Barbato, E Vitiello, J Uhlman, M Quadrino
5:30PM E Burns, M Lappin, F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, February 4

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM B Weir
7:00PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, February 4

8:00AM L Bauer, M Molinini, S Monteforte, J Stanzione
& C Rosato
9:30AM B Barone, L Capobianco, A Shirazi, T Strange
& M Sprague
11:00AM J Amodio, B Paccione, E&G Riozzi & C Ordy
12:30PM C Belvedere, B&MA Higgins, B Peters & N Villani
7:00PM C Barone, G Decker, K Melka, A Zuffante
& J Bellina

Altar Servers – Saturday, February 3

4:00PM F Surace, D Cavicchio
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers – Sunday, February 4

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM P Marone, G Gulotta
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse
7:00PM C Nieves



Sincere Condolences

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

Rosina Basile, Loretta Dolan, Marilyn Fett



Winter Blood Drive

Sunday, January 28 from 9 am – 3 pm
In O'Mara Hall

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding our winter blood drive on Sunday, January 28 from 9 am to 3 pm in O'Mara Hall. To be eligible to donate, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 16 years of age with parental consent. If you are 76 or older you are required to have a physician's note of approval. Please ensure you have a photo ID. Remember, each pint of blood collected helps save 3 lives. Please help us reach our goal of 45 pints. Come give the greatest gift of all.....LIFE!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As I write this, it is an amazing 44 degrees outside. After the cold snap earlier this month, it almost felt like a spring breeze today. I am aware that there are many people down for the count with the flu. I am praying daily for healing and quick recovery. It's a nasty strain this year.

I have an unusual request. I need six conga drums. Actually, I just need the loan of them for March 3 and March 4. These are not the bongo drums but the longer stand up drum. The ones that Ricky Ricardo played in *Love Lucy*, when he sang "Babaloo". Why? Well we are hosting a religious concert and retreat night during Lent with Father Richard Ho Lung, Missionaries of the Poor, about 10 singers and one other priest from Kingston, Jamaica. I had an email from Brother Ronel, MOP, his secretary and it seems that singers would have to pay an extra fare to carry their drums on the plane. It would take up another seat on JetBlue, so they are asking ahead of time to borrow some when they come. Therefore, if anyone can give me a lead on this I would appreciate it. If you have one at home and are not using it, that would be fine too.

This week we are in the middle of the Life in the Spirit seminar on Tuesday evenings in our church. I was delighted to see 50 people attend the last session. The theme this past week was on "New Life in the Spirit" and the testimony was presented by our own Deacon Jim Quadrino. I am so grateful for his willingness to be open and share his faith journey. The highlights of the evening are the small group discussions and the fellowship that occurs after that talk.

This week we welcome the New York City Blood Bank and their hope is that in O'Mara Hall this Sunday they would be able to obtain at least 45 pints of blood. The blood of one person can supply the needs of three patients. If you are over 110 lbs. and over the age of 17 and in good health you are most welcome to donate a pint of blood. From 9AM to 3PM they will be present in O'Mara Hall. The hospitals are overloaded with people during this time and blood is short supply so we are helping to fill a critical need.

I would like to invite people to join us at 10 am on Thursday mornings starting on February 8, 2018 in the basement of the rectory for the bible study on the Gospel of Saint Matthew. The workbooks will be ordered like the last time from Renew International and the cost is \$25 for the seminar. Please contact the rectory. More details are in the bulletin as well. I look forward to breaking open God's Word and sharing the faith with those who attend. This is really the dream of Sister Jean Wagner. She told me that before she died she wanted to present these bible studies so that in the future those who attend could be empowered to form groups of their own. She must be smiling down from heaven upon us.

I want to mention that if anyone is suffering from the post-traumatic stress of having undergone an abortion; there is a retreat for healing the wounds of so many women who have been so hurt. If you GOOGLE "The Sisters of Life" and scroll down with their ministries you will discover times and places where the sisters have healing retreats for people who need this. In 1984, John Cardinal O'Connor founded the Sisters of Life to safeguard the dignity of all human life and these sisters take a fourth vow, besides poverty, chastity and obedience to safeguard the dignity of all life. Help is available.

May the Lord continue to bless you and fill you with his enduring love,

Fr. Tom Devery





OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

• Happy Catholic Schools Week! OLSS is a great place to learn, serve, lead and succeed! Thank you to all our parents for supporting Catholic education!

• Here's what some of our students have to say about attending Our Lady Star of the Sea School:

"We get to pray and help each other at OLSS. We go to church every First Friday, and we always have lots of fun together."

-Dominique and Ella, 3-1

"The teachers at Star of the Sea give the students a great education and prepare us for high school."

-Carmine, 6-2

"In our school, the teachers and kids are really nice. We like going to First Friday mass and listening to the priests' homilies. We also like when Fr. David comes to our class to teach us more about our religion. We love to play basketball for our school."

-Ashley & Gianna, 4-1

"I came to OLSS in the 4th grade and it was the best decision of my life so far. Everyone here is so understanding, and I feel I got a great education."

-Sean, 8-2

• Congratulations to **Madison Sanders** and **Michael DeStefano**, of Class 4-2, who both won \$100 in the God Demands Love art contest sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. Their artwork showing that Muslims, Christians and Jews all recognize that God demands love and tolerance of religious diversity, was submitted by our art teacher, Mrs. Jeanne Alesi.

• Come see OLSS in action on Touring Tuesday! Join us for an open house on **Tuesday, January 30** from **9-11 am**. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

• Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be as follows: **Pre-K 3** on Monday, February 5, **Pre-K 4** on Wednesday, February 7 and for those entering grades **K-8** on Thursday, February 8, between the hours of 9 and 11 am on all days.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 2 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 and widowers to come together and share their experiences. The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 8** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings will begin a new session at a future date. 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.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, February 7 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm 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, January 29** at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. The LOM is responsible for Friday adoration and prays an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. They also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation. For more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

Life in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Life in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel

Dates: January 30, February 13 & 20 from 7-9 pm

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

Caregiver Seminar Series – Final Session!

Saturday February 3 at 12 Noon in OLSS Damato Meeting Rm

In addition to prayer, what else are you doing to take care of yourself while caring for others?

Come to hear some concrete measures to learn the impact of self-care on overall health and what actions to take to maintain your balance and protect your physical and emotional resilience. Dr. Herbert Benson of the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital calls this "Remembered Wellness." For more information, please call Diane Hopkins, RN, MA at 718-948-7824.

Will Seminar: *Planning Your Legacy*

FREE SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL, ESTATE PLANNING, HEALTH CARE PROXIES, POWER OF ATTORNEY, LIVING TRUSTS AND PROBATE.

Writing a will isn't the most pleasant of tasks. That might explain why so many adults avoid this cornerstone of estate planning. According to an AARP survey, 2 out of 5 Americans over the age of 45 don't have a will.

But creating a will is one of the most critical things you can do for your loved ones. Putting your wishes on paper helps your heirs avoid unnecessary hassles, and you gain the peace of mind knowing that a life's worth of possessions will end up in the right hands.

What is a Will? What happens if I die without a Will? What is a Health Care Proxy or a Power of Attorney? Who should I name as my executor? What if there are minor children or grandchildren? How often does a Will need to be updated? Please join us for a free tutorial to answer these and other questions for you.

When: Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 PM (After 4 PM Mass)

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea – O'Mara Hall

Speaker: Joanne Seminara, Esq., GRIMALDI & YEUNG LLP

RSVP: (646) 794-3317 or email dawn.ellwood@archny.org

Adult Faith Formation Scripture Study

Matthew: Come, Follow Me

The Thursday morning scripture study of Matthew will begin on **Thursday, February 8 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** in the Rectory Basement. The text is from RENEW INTERNATIONAL and costs \$25. We will also use the NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, which will be available for purchase for \$5. If you are interested, sign up is available in the Rectory. Please bring either \$25 for the text only or \$30 for the text and bible, in an envelope marked "Matthew". All checks should be made payable to OLSS. Space is limited.

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 information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.



Pray for the Sick

James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondillo, Sarah Brodine, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Corread, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Rosemarie Durante, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, John Leahy, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Rosemary McGraw, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Mary Ellen Olszewski, 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, Msgr. Peter Smith, Margaret Smith, Eleanor Spaguolo, Robert Stranberg Sr., Michelle Surreys, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, February 20 at 3:30 pm.**

✓ Mark Your Calendar

OLSS Sports Valentine's Dance

When: OLSS February 3 from 7pm-1am

Where: OLSS Athletic Center

What: Catered Dinner, DJ, Door Prizes, Raffles,

Photo Booth & More!

Cost: \$30/Person

RSVP: To book a table or be seated, Please call 917-903-3825 for more info.

Goretti Group Event at Holy Family Church

Friday, February 2 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Join us for a life-changing experience as Joseph LaRocca answers questions about your most important relationships and uses his background as a counselor to at-risk teens to show us "The Basic Ingredients to Love: How to Change Emotional Loss into Emotional Gain." Music and confessions at 6:30 PM, Mass with Fr. David Rider at 7PM, followed by dinner and talk. Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314.

Attention: Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring

A Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

The *Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools* will take place on **Saturday, February 3, 2018** from 9 AM to 1:30 PM at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. *Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired* from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us.

Where: Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

55 Ryder Road - Ossining, NY 10562

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9 am to 1:30 PM

Who: Catholic Teachers in Public Schools throughout the Archdiocese of NY

A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to help defray the cost. For more information: contact the Regional Office at Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org or 914-965-0490.

Listen to Fr. David's homilies at
www.fatherdavidrider.com

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 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Ceremonies

EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm

(Please note there will be NO Baptisms on March 25 or April 1)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

January 28, February 11 & 25,

March 11 (NO Class on March 25), April 8 & 22

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th 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.

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

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 **February 15 at 7 pm** in the Pat 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 **February 1**.

Cluster Corner

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

