

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

## Announced Masses

### Saturday, March 17

4:00PM Janet Zimmer  
5:30PM Vincent & Laura Marsicano

### Sunday, March 18

8:00AM Frank Nemia  
9:30AM Nicky Chieco  
11:00AM James Fleming  
12:30PM Joseph & Josephine Massaro  
7:00PM Maria & Antonio Persichilli

### Monday, March 19

9:00AM Arnel Veracruz

### Tuesday, March 20

9:00AM Joe Costello, Kevin Hanlon & Anna Paone

### Wednesday, March 21

9:00AM Margaret Paccione

### Thursday, March 22

9:00AM Laura Randazzo

### Friday, March 23

9:00AM Dina Oswald

### Saturday, March 24

9:00AM Gladys & Kelvin Voyeau  
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi  
& Serrantonio Families  
6:00PM Jeannette Pompo

### Sunday, March 25-Palm Sunday

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri  
& Persichilli Families  
9:00AM Berta & John Matzele  
10:30AM Kelly Attarian  
12:00PM Pat Damato  
1:30PM Philip Mancuso  
7:00PM Vittorio Graziano



## Banns of Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Time: Raymond Corbett & Melissa Spina

1<sup>st</sup> Time: Christopher Scandaglia & Tamar Tamarashvili

## Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, April 22** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

## RCIA Scrutiny

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Lauren Alvarez, James Keeler, Danielle King, Brenda Koenig, Sarah Smith, Danielle Yurisov, and Luis Irizarry) will celebrate the final RCIA Scrutinies during the 11:00 am mass. These Rites are intended to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. These Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then to heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the Elects' hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. These Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. We ask you to always keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers



# The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

March 18 – March 24, 2018

Given in Memory of

**Billy Higgins**

Donated by His Loving Family

## Mass Minister Schedule

### Lectors – Saturday, March 24-PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00PM C Harris, E Vitiello  
6:00PM C Losi, F Monte

### Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 24

4:00PM B Palomba, L Barbato, L Bauer, M Quadrino,  
E Burns, J Butalid  
6:00PM C Barone, M Quadrino, S Catalano, M Lappin

### Lectors – Sunday, March 25-PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM P Zoltowski, M Andreola  
9:00AM J Zinsley, A Medeiros  
10:30AM M Newell, B Paccione  
12:00PM C Messina, L Bauer  
1:30PM MA Higgins  
7:00PM K Melka, B Weir

### Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, March 25-PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM C Rosato, J Uhlman  
9:00AM S Monteforte, A Shirazi, J Gatto  
10:30AM A Shirazi, T Strange, M Pinto, J Galletta, L Appel,  
N Fallacaro, A Maffeo  
12:00PM MA Russo, B Peters, J&C Gerace, R Marino  
1:30PM M Sprague, N Villani, A Zuffante, B Higgins  
7:00PM K Melka, A Shirazi, C Rosato

### Altar Servers – Saturday, March 24

4:00PM D Heidel  
6:00PM N, S & A Mejias

### Altar Servers – Sunday, March 25

7:30AM  
9:00AM E Gladstone, M Esposito, S Artz  
10:30AM K Marchisella, I Santatemia  
12:00PM P Marone, N Salerno, N Shirazi  
1:30PM T&M Maresca  
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias



## Sincere Condolences

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

**Elvira Crivellone, Barbara Ann Ferrante,  
Gilda Leone, Rose Fareri**

Listen to Fr. David's homilies at  
[www.fatherdavidrider.com](http://www.fatherdavidrider.com)

Sunday collection  
for the week of  
March 4, 2018  
**\$ 20,075.61**

God bless you for your generosity!



*A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Happy Saint Joseph's Day! We are more than halfway through Lent and heading toward the great feast of Easter. I wish you all the blessings of these great saints who accomplished so much in their lives and pray that through their intercession, we would acquire a sense of loving protection and openness to God's will as well as the grace of conversion and evangelization.

I have read a book, "Landscape of the Soul, a theology of place", by Robert Hamma, a former seminarian, who was a year ahead of me in my studies. He wrote this book in 1999. This little book was interesting because it piqued my interest in all the sacred places where God has touched my life and connected me especially to my roots. I realize that so many places on this green earth have been made "special, holy, and unforgettable", that just the memory of them inspires me to a place of gratitude for God's blessings in my life.

For example, I was 13 years old when I made my first trip to Ireland and met my grandmother who was still alive, 17 aunts and uncles and about 45 first cousins. One day, dad took us to a place on the banks of the Shannon River in County Offaly called Clonmacnoise. Located there was the ruins of seven monasteries that were flourishing for about 1200 years. At least a dozen times, invaders set the monastery on fire. During the Dark Ages of Europe, the monks literally kept Western Civilization alive and from there many monks went to re-Christianize Europe. None of that made an impression on me, until dad showed me the tombstones of "Devery's" which were buried there back to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century.

I felt a sense of reverence and wonder at the long line of ancestors who keep the faith. I was standing on holy ground.

Last summer, some 50 years later, I returned to the same location, this time with my nephew and niece. The acid rain had erased the Devery name off of the stone, but I remembered where it was. My sister-in-law thought that we were heading to a nightclub called "Club Mac Noise". We howled over that one. Yet the same sense of awe and gratefulness to God for my roots came back to me, like the sense of wonder when I was 13.

I hope that Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Joseph's Day would like you to the sense of your family roots and see how far we have come. It's a sense of the holy.

Today at Mass there was a moving homily given about a mother and her son. He always wore his favorite tee shirt. She hated seeing him wear it and would often say to him, "You're not leaving this house with the same old shirt, wear something else." He would ignore her and wear it anyway. One day she got a call from the hospital that her son was admitted after a terrible car accident. When she arrived and saw that he wasn't dead, she was so glad to see that he was wearing that same shirt. She thought to herself, "If he had died, I'd have to bury him wearing that shirt because that's how people would remember him. She was so grateful that he was alive, the shirt didn't matter.

The homilist spoke about how we love some people more when they die because we have no more expectations made for them. We love them unconditionally. This is how God loves us, without expectations. So "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind and your whole strength, and the second commandment is like the first, love your neighbor as yourself."

May this unconditional love of God bless and keep you this Lent.

Know you are all in my prayers,

*Father Tom Devery*

**OLSS SCHOOL NEWS**



- Collection of food for the Bread of Life Drive continues through Friday, March 23. Please send in non-perishable foods (no glass jars, please) to help out our fellow Staten Islanders who are in need.
- Our annual Book Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys' Basketball Team who won the CYO State Championship! We'd also like to congratulate our Debs Cheerleading Team on their first place win as Island Champs! We are so proud of ALL our basketball and cheer teams!

*By His Wounds We Are Healed*  
**Women's Day of Recollection**  
**March 24, 2018 from 10 am - 3 pm**  
**Notre Dame Academy (134 Howard Ave, SI, NY 10301)**



Mass Celebrant – Fr. David Rider. Day includes prayer service, music, presentations, discussions, fellowship, food, door prizes and giveaways. Cost: \$25. Presented by Catholic Mental Health Professionals. RSVP to Laura Bonamo at 347-273-1290 or [info@cognitivetherapysi.com](mailto:info@cognitivetherapysi.com).

## LENT 2018

**Fast & Abstinence:** The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

**Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm and from 5 to 5:30 pm. The last confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 NOON to 2 PM.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent.

**Lenton Love Offering:** This weekend we ask that you return your love offering boxes to the Church. Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need.

### Palm Sunday



Masses on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
4 PM & 6 PM

Masses on **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 NOON,  
1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Palms will be distributed at ALL MASSES  
(Additional Parking available in the  
municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue)

### Reconciliation Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Confessions will be heard continuously from **3 to 9 PM** at every parish in the Archdiocese of New York. You may go to any parish during this time. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive this Sacrament during this Lenten Season!

### Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brodine, Vincenza Caccano, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Anthony Cangelosi, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, 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, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Rosemary McGraw, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Salvatore Micciulla, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Mary Ellen Olszewski, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, John Robertson, Sr., Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Jamie Seaman, 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 Service

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

*Unless a grain of wheat falls and dies...  
it remains just a grain.*



## OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



Camp will run from **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**thru Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

from 9 am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
in September 2018)

**Register before April 18 to Receive the Early  
Bird Pricing Special:  
(Must be paid in full by April 18 to qualify)**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Week - \$210  
\$240 full day-weekly & \$85 full day-daily  
\$175 half day-weekly & \$50 half day-daily

**Register after April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Regular camp rates apply:**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Week - \$235  
\$270 full day-weekly & \$95 full day-daily  
\$190 half day-weekly & \$55 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**  
Gaga game, organized games & more!

### **Weekly Theme Days**

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo, Camp Director:  
[linsoap@aol.com](mailto:linsoap@aol.com)

### OLSS Soccer

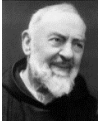
 **FINAL** Open Soccer Registration will be held in the **OLSS Athletic Center on Wednesday, March 28 from 6-7 PM** for all players which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website [www.olsssoccer.com](http://www.olsssoccer.com) for registration forms and more details. Registrations may 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.

### OLSS Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Program

OLSS Sports is currently accepting registration for the CYO Baseball/Softball season. Boys and girls in grades K-8 are welcome to join. To register, please go to [olssbasketball.com](http://olssbasketball.com), select Baseball from the dropdown and follow the instructions for the on line registration.

## UPCOMING EVENTS at OLSS

### 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.

**\*\*Please note that we are taking a waiting list because we have filled the first bus, and should we have enough interest, we will reserve a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus. If you are interested in attending, please call the Rectory.**

For further information, please call Maria & Deacon James Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or [maria.quadrino@gmail.com](mailto:maria.quadrino@gmail.com).



### Vocations Summit

**Monday, April 16**

**7 pm to 8:30 pm**

#### OLSS Pat Damato Meeting Room

Interested in learning more or have questions about the priesthood and the religious life? Join in a Vocations Summit intended for students 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school!

Come listen to those who have answered God's call including: Fr. David Rider, Fr. Chris Argano, Sr. Theresa Marie, PVM, Sr. John Paul, CFR, and Sr. Margaret Michael, FSP. For more info, contact Joe LaRocca at 646-244-4333 or [josephclarocca@icloud.com](mailto:josephclarocca@icloud.com).

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 23 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, April 19** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Bereavement Group** – The next session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* has begun and will continue on Wednesdays 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.

**Holy Name Society** – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, April 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 pm in the Chapel.

**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, March 19 at 7:30 pm** in the **OLSS 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.

## 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 Palm Sunday, March 25 or Easter Sunday, April 1)

### Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

(NO Class on March 25), April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27

**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



### A Night of Music & Memories V

Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 pm

CSI Center for the Arts (2800 Victory Blvd. St, NY)  
Featuring Larry Chance & the Earls, The Flamingos, Stan Zizka's Del Satins, 1910 Fruitgum Company and The Super Girls Group. Visit CFAShows.com or call 718-982-2787 for tickets. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Wounded Warriors Project.

## 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** – This group offers Parent & Sibling support meetings for families battling addiction. 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 12**.

## 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, 1 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

