

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2016
Announced Masses

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13

8:00AM Angela Imperato
9:15AM Gerard Capriolo
10:30AM Joseph O'Connor & Peggy McNamara
12 Noon Marco Fusillo
1:15PM Deceased Members of the Quinn Family
7:00PM Rose & Guy Fiorentino

Monday, November 14

9:00AM Marianna Battaglia

Tuesday, November 15

9:00 AM Carl Petrovato

Wednesday, November 16

9:00AM Mary Short

Thursday, November 17

9:00AM George Garafolo

Friday, November 18

9:00AM Michael Faraci

Saturday, November 19

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
 & Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro
4:00PM Felice Vario
5:30PM Rose Christino

Sunday, November 20

8:00AM AnnaMarie Tobin
9:15AM James Motola
10:30AM Carmine Gelormine
12 Noon Anna O'Connor & Joseph O'Connor
1:15PM Guy & Rose Fiorentino
7:00PM Robert Santiago

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207-1231 - November 17

Elizabeth found great joy in a marriage arranged for her at age 4 to Louis IV, the Landgrave of Thuringia. The couple had fallen in love in their childhood. They were passionately in love; she would hold his hand at night while he slept. She bore him two girls and a boy. They were extremely happy. Elizabeth built a hospital and once vacated her bed for a leper. She constantly gave food to the poor. In 1227, Louis died of the plague – Elizabeth screamed and raved for days throughout the castle. She cried, "All that was joyful in the world is now dead to me." The worst was yet to come. Her brother-in-law threw her and her children out. She then became a 3rd order Franciscan. With remarkable humility, she submitted to the harsh and unreasonable discipline of her confessor; as she put it, she "rose after his chidings like grass that a stream has bent." She died two years later in 1231, at the age of only twenty-four. -JM



Banns of Marriage

First Time: Brian Millman & Joanna D'Amico

Second Time: Errol Novello & Donna Ferrante

Second Time: Matthew Wilcox & Kristine Dimayuga

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, December 18** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of November 13-19
Given in Memory of
Pasquale Zanfardino

Donated by his loving wife and children

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, November 19

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers, November 19

4:00PM L Barbato, J Coscia, C Harris, C Biondolillo,
 A Petrocelli, & C Argano
5:30PM F Barone, C Houle, M Lappin, F Ruggiero
 & M Andreaola

Lectors – Sunday, November 20

8:00AM M Higgins
9:15AM MA Higgins
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon B Weir
1:15 PM R LaMonica
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, November 20

8:00AM M Molinari, J Perdichizzi, C Rosato, J Stanzione,
 & P Zoltowski
9:15AM D Avena, L Capobianco, J Gatto, S Hitchcock,
 & B Higgins
10:30AM B Barone, C Ordy, T Strange, C&J Gerace,
 & M Sprague
12 Noon C Bottiglia, S Catalano, B Nicholson, J Tolento,
 & M Haran
1:15PM V Acri, A McCoy, MA Russo, G LaGrua, & A Pompei
7:00PM S Caiazza, A Zuffante, M Recanatini, C Barone,
 & E Bellina

Altar Servers, Saturday, November 19

4:00PM D Cavicchio
5:30PM M & E Losi

Altar Servers, Sunday, November 20

8:00AM J Bell
9:15AM G Artz
10:30AM G Gulotta, C Trang
12 Noon B & M Stackhouse
1:15PM G Vassallo
7:00PM L & PJ Caiazza

Sincere Condolences



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

**Bridget Barresi, Vincent Vista, Frances Laiuvaro,
 Eugene John Castelle, Louisa Gangemi**



Thanksgiving Mass

Food Collection for the Needy

The principal Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 PM**. Let us give thanks as a community for all our blessings. The Boy Scouts will be collecting non-perishable foods for the pantry at Project Hospitality such as canned vegetables & fruits, cereals, pastas, canned meats, beans, tuna & peanut butter, which will be picked up after Mass. There will be a daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th at 9 AM. **If you know of a needy family who could use some help for the holidays, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. All calls will be kept confidential.**

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given to our parish in these past weekends. We had the "Trunk or Treat" put on by the OLSS Parents' Association, an amazing gathering of Halloween Holiday Fun. If you missed it, we even had the original "Bat Mobile", not to mention the well decorated Pirate Ship, All the cars, costumes and candies delighted our young people and we made a memory for them that was beyond imagining. I am truly amazed by the creativity.

I want to thank Ronnie Peterson and Rei D'Agostino for organize the November 4th Mass of Remembrance for all the parishioners who had a funeral Mass during the past year here at Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Mass was held last Friday evening and in a simple, yet beautiful gesture, each name was read aloud and then a family member carrying a candle with their name proceeded to the baptismal font and placed it there for the duration of the Mass and then a red rose was handed to that family member. The readings, the music, and even the invitation to join the Bereavement Group on Wednesdays at 7:30 in the rectory was extended by Carmine Caruso, now a seminarian. After the Mass, many family members came to personally thank me for the opportunity to come and pray in this manner. It was a very moving liturgy.

The Seton Foundation and Ms. Denise who spoke at all our Masses this past weekend have touched our hearts with the dedication and love each special child receives from age 2.9 years old to 21 years old. You once again supported this most noble and worthy cause with tremendous generosity and for this I am truly pleased and appreciative.

Last Saturday evening at the Staaten Catering Hall there was a wonderful evening presented by the Knights of Columbus to honor Past Grand Knight from the Stolzenhaler Council, Karl Emigholz. Representatives from all civic political offices send citations, proclamations and perhaps the most moving and surprising was the honor Cardinal Dolan gave to Karl for his dedication and increasing membership in Knights.

Christopher West, from "The Theology of the Body" wrote in his blog this week about the Harvard Men's Soccer Team and what happened after their sexually insulting emails were discovered. "After school officials discovered a series of vulgar and sexually degrading 'scouting reports' that the men had circulated about new recruits on the women's team, the men's team was banned from play for the rest of the season. The swift action taken by the school may signal a new stage in the cultural conversation about sexual objectification and the depravity of so-called "locker room talk". Let's hope Harvard goes further in a self-examination of its policies, practices and of course offerings that play right into the sexual chaos and pornographic mindset of the culture.

I was especially impressed with the women's soccer team's response. As my friend and colleague in ministry put it, this should be plastered all over ESPN.

'Finally, to the men of the Harvard Soccer and any future men who may lay claim to our bodies and choose to objectify us as sexual objects, the words of one of us, we say together: 'I can offer you my forgiveness, which is – and forever will be – the only part of me that you ever claim as yours.'"

The Variety Show, "As Time Goes By," has been postponed from this weekend to a future date. I regret having to make this decision, but understanding that this is also a Veteran's Day holiday weekend, ticket sales were less than expected and we want all this talent to get our best support in the future.

Now with the election over and the campaign ended, we need to pray for healing and unity in our nation. The people have voted and elected Donald Trump our next president, our 45th. I hope and pray the principles of Religious Freedom and the Right to Life will be safeguarded in our land. May God continue to bless the United States of America for years to come.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Tom Devery

SAVE THE DATE! **OLSS 4th Annual Christmas Fair**

Saturday, December 3 from 3 pm to 7 pm & Sunday, December 4 from 9 am to 5 pm in O'Mara Hall. For more info on being a vendor, contact Marilee at 718-619-3098.

2016 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 3

(immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass)

Refreshments immediately to follow in the Damato Meeting Room



Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Zenia Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, 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, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez, Thomas Vecchi **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.**

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- All are invited to attend an educational forum, presented by Alicia Reddy, Addiction Angel, on **Monday, November 14 at 7pm** in O'Mara Hall, to learn ways to combat the drug epidemic on Staten Island.
- Touring Tuesday – Please join us this **Tues., November 15**, to see all the great things that are happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Prospective parents are invited to tour our school and see OLSS in action from **9-11am**. We look forward to seeing you!
- The 1st quarter ends on November 16th.
- Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place on **Tuesday, November 22**. Please send in nonperishable foods, no glass jars please, so we can help those families in need right here on Staten Island.

OLSS SPORTS

SPORTS VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 8th annual OLSS SPORTS Valentine's Dance Fundraiser will take place on **Saturday Feb. 4th** from **7pm-1am** in the Athletic Center. This is an adult only event. Tickets are \$30/person and includes a catered buffet, DJ, photo booth, door prizes, raffles and more! Tables of 10 or more can be made, or we can add you to any table. Help support the sports program! For more info, contact Kris Zieris at 917-499-3942.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club –The next meeting will be **Friday, November 18** 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 – Bereavement meetings will resume in January. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, and would like to speak with a bereavement counselor, please call the Rectory.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday December 1 at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We will begin our next selection which is *Winning The Battle Against Sin- Hope Filled Lessons From The Bible* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ (The Word Among Us Press). For more info, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, December 7 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.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, November 15 at 3:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (*The next Healing Mass will be Dec. 6 @ 7:30 pm.*)

A Word of Thanks



Dear Fr. Tom,

Thank you so very much for allowing us to conduct our Baby Bottle Campaign at OLSS this year. With donations at the door and 329 bottles returned, we were able to raise \$10,552.84.

Please extend our gratitude to your parishioners for their support. Be assured that these funds will be well used as we continue to assist new and expectant mothers in need. Again, we offer our sincere thanks for your heartfelt support of our foundation.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Carbonaro
Executive Director
Cross Road Foundation

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Star Players

(formerly CYO Players)

present

Reason for the Season

in

OLSS O'Mara Hall

Show Dates & Times

Friday, December 9 – 7:30pm
Saturday, December 10 – 1:00pm
Saturday, December 10 – 7:30pm
Sunday, December 11 – 2:00pm

Tickets

\$15 per person at the door
or call Maryann at 917-817-7463
to reserve in advance.

Directed by: Melissa Kane & Nicole Colonna
Assistant Directors: Stephanie Langella & Dana Cavello
Musical Director: Rob Butler
Choreographers: Marie Causi & Therese Causi



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. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

Meditation Mondays at St. Joseph Retreat Center

November 14th and December 12th from 7:30-9:00 PM

An invitation for you to be refreshed, renewed and restored. It's an evening to kick back, relax and let go of stress. The evening consists of faith sharing, reflection and prayer. The evening wouldn't be complete without coffee and dessert. Come journey with others and experience a deeper, exciting personal relationship with God. Fee: \$10 per session. (This is a monthly Event taking place on the second Monday of the month. Attendees do not need to attend all sessions.) Facilitated by Grace Daquila. St. Joseph Retreat center is located at St. Joseph Hill Convent, 850 Hylan Blvd., SINY 10305. For more info, call 718-720-1097 or visit www.sjretreatcenter.org.

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

November 13 & 27, December 11,
January 8 & 22, February 8 & 22

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.

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 – The Parent & Sibling Support Group meetings will both meet on **Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm** in the **Damato Mtg. 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 **December 1**.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles Pumpkin Pie Game Night

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS), for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, St. NY 10314 on **Thursday, November 17, at 7:15 pm** for Pumpkin Pie Game Night! Join us for an exciting evening of games, pumpkin pie and cider. For more information, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, email sfcssi@gmail.com or check our website: www.sgspsi.org.

Project Hospitality's Poor People's Dinner

The Poor People's Dinner to benefit Project Hospitality will take place on **Monday, November 21 at 6:00 pm** at the Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn. Join in a simple meal of soup, bread and water to show your support for poor and hungry neighbors in our community. Tickets are \$75 for individuals, \$50 for senior citizens and \$35 for students. For info, call Debra Falco at 718-448-1544 ext. 101 or email debra_falco@projecthospitality.org.

Ignatian Spirituality – St. Clare Church

All are welcome to participate in the next session of "Ignatian Spirituality," which will be held on **Saturday, December 3rd at 10 am** in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Rd.) at St Clare's parish.

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 Activities

St. John Neumann Kidz Klub Christmas Crafts - Saturday, November 26th from 10am - 12pm in the parish hall. Spirit-filled stories, music, and beautiful projects. \$8 pre-registered; \$10 at door. Email sjnkidz@gmail.com for more info.



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS FAIRS

St. Joseph-St. Thomas

Old Fashioned Christmas Fair – Fri. Nov. 18th 3 pm to 9 pm,
Sat. Nov. 19th 9 am to 9 pm, Sun. Nov. 20th 10 am to 5 pm.
Hundreds of basket prizes. 50 Maguire Ave. 718-356-0452.

Sts. Peter & Paul & Assumption

Annual Christmas Fair on **Saturday, November 19** from **10 am to 4 pm** at the school of St. Peter-St. Paul, 129 Clinton Ave (2 blocks from Snug Harbor). No Admission fee. For more info, call 718-727-2672.

Fr. John C. Drumgoole K of C Council #5917 Columbiettes

Get a "jump" on your Christmas Gift shopping! Come to our annual indoor fair on **Sunday, November 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Don't miss the fun at **Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council Hall, 397 Clarke Ave, SINY**. For more information, please call 718-698-0673.

Msgr. Farrell High School

Sunday, December 4 from **10 am – 5 pm**. Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family, free parking. 2900 Amboy Rd. For additional info, contact farrellchristmasfair@gmail.com.