

Our Lady Star of the Sea
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, October 14

4:00PM Christopher Amoroso & Andre Graziano
5:30PM Anthony Carlucci

Sunday, October 15

8:00AM Joseph DeLuca
9:30AM Thomas DeLuca
11:00AM Franca Friscia
12:30PM Nicholas & Carol Barbaro
7:00 PM Thomas Cullen

Monday, October 16

9:00AM Joseph Casazza, Jr.

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 AM Sal Caruso

Wednesday, October 18

9:00AM Joseph Levantino

Thursday, October 19

9:00AM Julia Ann (Jewel) Vassallo

Friday, October 20

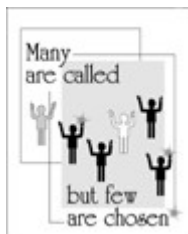
9:00AM Jean Bradley

Saturday, October 21

9:00AM John Strange
4:00PM Joseph Samaritano & Dora & Edward DiAntonio
5:30PM Mario Schiera

Sunday, October 22

8:00AM Edward & MaryAnn Brennan
9:30AM Deceased Members of the Gannon Family
11:00AM Warren Johnsen
12:30PM Antoinette & Patrick Vulpi
7:00 PM Jennieann Maffeo



Banns of Marriage



1st Time: George Rodriguez & Maria Scutotto
3rd Time: Michael Rosario & Brittany Mejia

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, October 29** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



Live in the house of God
 all the days of your life

Maryknoll Missioner this weekend at OLSS

We welcome Father Michael Duggan, a Maryknoll Missioner who will speak at some of the Masses today on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Maryknoll is the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Maryknoll's task is to bring God's Word to foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Gospel, not in word alone, but in practical and concrete actions – by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless and comforting the oppressed.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of October 15-21
 Given in Memory of
Nicola Circolone

Donated by Eugenia Chiarello & Sal Provenzano

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, October 21

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, October 21

4:00PM C Barone, J Coscia, A Lazzara, G Decker & L Barbato
5:30PM A Dazio, C Losi, F Ruggiero, J Uhlman & B Palomba

Lectors – Sunday, October 22

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM C Messina
12:30PM A Deliso
7:00 PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, October 22

8:00AM M Molinini, M Randazzo, M&Dcn. Quadri
9:30AM A Shirazi, L Capobianco, J Gatto, M Iacono & Dcn. Quadri
11:00AM L Appel, E&G Rizzo, J Tolento & N Fallacaro
12:30PM B Peters, C Belvedere, S Catalano, A McCoy & MA Russo
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, C Barone, J Limeri & G LaGrua

Altar Servers, Saturday, October 21

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

Altar Servers, Sunday, October 22

8:00AM N Shirazi, E Gladstone
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM P Marone
12:30PM G Vassallo, G Marino, N Salerno
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:

June V. Sanna, Sean Butler, Marie Russo

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, October 17 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 pm.**

Project Hospitality
2017 Harvest Gala

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm
 Hilton Garden Inn (1100 South Ave, SI, NY 10314)

Tickets: \$150 per person

Msgr. Jeffrey Conway will be receiving the Eleanor & Paul Proske Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to the Poor

For more information call (718) 448-1544, Ext. 101 or email debra_falco@projecthospitality.org

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

I want to wish all Italian Americans a blessing on your heritage and culture and your faithfulness to the Church on this past Columbus Day Weekend. I recognize that there has been controversy even about his statue in Columbus Square. We need to take pride in our family roots and realize how much sacrifice went into making our country great with each cultural background. He paved that way for us all to discover America and bring our best gifts and talents to this great land.

Last week I had the pleasure of encountering a great human being, who had a tremendous influence in the lives of many people. She is Kathy Hollywood, former Sister of the Presentation, who taught for years at Moore Catholic High School. Several of our OLSS teachers and even our principal knew her and were inspired with her zeal. She is now living in Prescott, Arizona and still participates in the Board of Directors Meetings at Moore Catholic HS. As I listened to her speak, she related a story that was quite simple and yet profound.

It seemed that many years ago, Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J. was invited to give the commencement address to the graduating class of Regis High School in Manhattan. When the time came for him to speak, everyone was anticipating his words, since he was a poet, a social justice advocate and had been arrested several times for his stance on anti-war protests. He approached the microphone and gave just seven words. "Know where you stand, and stand there". That was it, he sat down like Jesus in the temple in Capernaum; and everyone in the audience fixed their eyes on him. Just seven words that were simple and profound. I have been thinking about this ever since I heard her recount this story.

Then last Friday I saw a video of General Jay Silveria, Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs. He had assembled all the staff and faculty of the academy on stage. He was outraged at the incident in their prep school in which racial slurs were written on a message board: "The N word go home."

"If you are outraged by these words then you are in the right place. That kind of behavior has no place in the prep school, in the USAFA, or in the Air Force. You should be outraged, not only as an airman but as a human being. The appropriate response to the horrible language and horrible idea is a better idea. So that's why I am here and all the people on the staff are here. That's why there are all here because we have a better idea. Some of you may think that what happened in the prep school doesn't apply to us. I would be naïve to think that everything is perfect here. We would naïve to think that we shouldn't discuss this topic. We would also be tone deaf to think that we don't know the backdrop of what's going on in our country, like Charlottesville and Ferguson, the protests in the NFL. That's why we have a better idea. One of those ideas is that the Dean brought people together to discuss Charlottesville; because what we should have is a civil discourse and talk about these issues. That's a better idea. We received outstanding feedback about that session about Charlottesville. I have a better idea and it's about our diversity. It's about the power of that diversity of all of you, all 4000 of you, the power of a diverse group. The power that we come from all walks of life, all races and all backgrounds, gender and all make up, all upbringing. The power of that diversity makes us that much more powerful. And that's a much better idea than small thinking and horrible ideas. We have an opportunity to look at our institution, all 5500 of us, our institution, and our values. This is our institution and no one can take away our values. No one can write on a board and question our values. No one can take that away from us.

So just in case you are unclear as to where I stand on this topic; I want to leave you with my most important thought today. If you can't treat someone with dignity and respect, you need to get out. If you can't teach someone from another gender, whether it's a man or a woman with dignity and respect, then you need to get out. If you demean someone in any way, then you need to get out. If you can't treat someone from another race or another color skin with dignity and respect, then you need to get out. Reach for your phones, I'm serious, reach for your phones, grab your phones so that you can videotape this, so that you can have it and you can use it. So that we can have the moral courage together, all of us on the staff tower and all of us lining the glass in this room. This is our institution, if you need it and you need my words, keep these words. You use them, share them and talk about them: If you can't treat someone with dignity and respect, then get out."

There's man who took a mighty stand. "Know where you stand, and stand there".

This weekend we welcome a Maryknoll Missioner who will speak to us about the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Thank you for your generosity and now our prayers, especially the rosary is needed for Puerto Rico, the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. May Our Lady Star of the Sea lead us and guide us into unity. AMEN.

Fr. Tom Devery

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- Msgr. Farrell High School** (2900 Amboy Rd., SINY)
Sunday, October 15 from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
- St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School** (5150 Hylan Blvd, SINY)
Girls-Sunday, October 15 from 1 pm - 4 pm
Boys-Sunday, October 22 from 1 pm - 4 pm
- St. John Villa Academy High School** (25 Landis Ave, SINY)
Saturday, October 21 from 11 am - 3 pm
- Fontbonne Hall Academy** (9901 Shore Rd, Brooklyn, NY)
Saturday, October 21 from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- St. John Villa Academy High School** (25 Landis Ave, SINY)
Saturday, October 21 from 11 am - 3 pm
- Notre Dame Academy High School** (134 Howard Ave, SINY)
Sunday, October 22 Time: 1 pm - 4 pm
- St. Joseph Hill Academy High School** (25 Landis Ave, SINY)
Sunday, October 29 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- St. Peter's Boys High School** (200 Clinton Ave, SINY)
Sunday, October 29 from 1 pm - 4 pm

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



Our annual coat drive takes place on Wednesday, October 18th. All coats collected will be given to needy families right here on Staten Island. Please send in gently used coats, in children or adult sizes, with your child on the 18th. PreK-3 students may bring their donations in on Tuesday, October 17th.

Reminders:

- Saturday, October 21 – Grade 1 Promise Mass**
at 5:30 pm in OLSS church
- Monday, October 23 – Grade 2 Reconciliation Meeting**
at 7:30 pm in the church.
- Wednesday, October 25 – Confirmation @ 4 pm**
Dismissal at 1 pm (There will be lunch and bus service.)
- Thursday, October 26 1 pm Dismissal due to Religious Ed**
Confirmation (There will be lunch and bus service.)
- Friday, October 27 – Trunk or Treat** for OLSS students at 6 pm
- Saturday, October 28 – Grade 6 Mass of Commitment**
at 5:30 pm in OLSS Church

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondillo, Sarah Brodine, Christine C., Serafina Carlone, 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, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lamantia Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, 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., 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.**

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, October 20 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 **Thurs., October 19** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings are held in the rectory on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The next meeting will be **Oct. 18**. 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, November 8 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 7:30p.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, October 16 at 7:30 pm** in the **OLSS Chapel**. If you are interested in joining the Legion or the auxiliary, please attend one of the meetings. There will be Guardian Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily chapel from **12 Noon – 5 pm on Friday, Oct. 20**. The Legion of Mary also offers to bring communion to or just to sit and keep company with anyone who is homebound. Please contact Carol at 917-621-7814 for more information.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Interested in joining a choir? Please see below and come to the rehearsal to join. All rehearsals are held in the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Children who are in the 1st through 6th grade are eligible. Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 3:45 PM.

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: The Traditional Choir sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays, and is open to members 18 years or older. Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6 PM.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7 p.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. If you are going into the 7th Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours.

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



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 (excluding Nov. 5)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

October 22, November 12 & 26, December 10

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

St. Clare's Employment Group

Thursday, October 19th, at 7:30 PM

"My Perspective on a Successful Job Search" - John Donnelly, Vice President Operations, JP Morgan Chase. All jobseekers and their family members are invited. One on one advisement is also available on an appointment basis. Please call the St. Clare Rectory at 718-984-7873 for further information.

White Mass

For Healthcare Professionals and students

The Catholic Mental Health Professionals of Staten Island are sponsoring a Mass for Healthcare Professionals and students. The "White Mass" (named for the white coats worn by medical professionals) will be held at Richmond University Medical Center Chapel (lobby) on **October 23, 2017 at 12:00 Noon**. Honorees are Dr. Jessie Saverimuttu, MD and Dr. Timothy Sullivan, MD. Join us in celebrating the contributions of health care workers of all faiths. A special Blessing of the Healing Hands will be bestowed during the Mass. Refreshments to follow.

University Hospice Training

Are you a good listener? Caring? University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. This care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who address emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patients and their families. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as, visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities, the Addeo Hospice Residence, or in the hospital. Volunteers are also an essential part in our office and with our special projects. If interested, please call 718.226.6458. The next volunteer training will be held on **Saturday, October 28th** at University Hospice, 78 Meisner Avenue, SI, NY 10306.

Respect Life Vicariate Life Chain

The Staten Island Respect Life Vicariate invites everyone to join them in the annual Respect Life Month Life Chain on **Sunday, October 29 from 2:30 to 3:30 PM** at the corner of Hylan Blvd. and New Dorp Lane. Bring a rosary to peacefully pray for the respect for life of the unborn.

3rd Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2017 Advent Season. Each tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. **Please reserve trees ASAP.** Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return with payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this form and payment to the Rectory as soon as possible:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2017 Christmas Tree Drive

5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312

Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

Memorialized for deceased

Dedicated to loved ones- living

Personal Family Christmas Greeting

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*Check Enclosed for \$250,
payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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 **October 19 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 **November 2**.