

Our Lady Star of the Sea
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018
Announced Masses

Saturday, July 7

4:00PM Regina Riccardi
5:30PM Loretta Giarusso

Sunday, July 8

8:00AM Angelina & Vincent Sanfilippo
9:30AM Louise White
11:00AM Bart DeLauro
12:30PM Dominick Colonna
7:00PM Dr. Frank R. Pomilla

Monday, July 9

9:00AM Daniel Castellano

Tuesday, July 10

9:00AM James & Teresa Friscia

Wednesday, July 11

9:00AM Vincent DeLeonibus

Thursday, July 12

9:00AM Salvatore Gallina & Rita Gallina

Friday, July 13

9:00AM John J. Murphy, Jr.

Saturday, July 14

9:00AM Filippo Iacono
4:00PM Salvatore Sacco
5:30PM Anthony DelPriore

Sunday, July 15

8:00AM Edward & Maryann Brennan
9:30AM John Emigholz
11:00AM Stanley & Martha Pelczar
12:30PM Lawrence Calcagno
7:00PM Robert LaGrega

Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Joseph Laino & Brittany Seggio

1st Time: Donald Lutrario & Ariana Rosenthal

1st Time: Carlo Carannante & Jessica Provenzano

2nd Time: Thomas Guerin & Kelly Moore

3rd Time: Frank Prospero & Gabrielle Caldarera

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, August 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**Remember the Archdiocese of New York
Or OLSS in Your Will**

Include the Archdiocese of New York or Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in your will. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include OLSS in your will or living trust, call (646) 794-3317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
July 8-14, 2018
Given in Memory of
Lucy Leotta

Donated by Domenica Ciaravino

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, July 14

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, July 14

4:00PM M Quadrino, L Bauer
5:30PM E Burns, J Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, July 15

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM C Messina
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, July 15

8:00AM A Shirazi, C Rosato, J Stanzione
9:30AM T Strange, S Monteforte, M Iacono
11:00AM J Tolento, V Acri, J Amodio
12:30PM C Belvedere, S Catalano, B Higgins
7:00PM G LaGrua, J Limeri, A Zuffante

Altar Servers – Saturday, July 14

4:00PM K Marchisella
5:30PM N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, July 15

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito, N Shirazi
11:00AM P Marone, N Salerno
12:30PM J Oliveri, B Stackhouse
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias



Because of an early bulletin deadline due to the July 4th holiday, the totals for the Sunday 6/24/18 and Debt Reduction collections will be listed in next week's bulletin.



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.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As we remember our nation's birthday on the 4th of July, we see many graces given to us by God and many enormous challenges that face us. We are proud to be an American and we need to struggle with the hard questions that face us in the light of the Gospel.

In early June, Rev. Rick Warren, the author of "The Purpose Driven Life" and the founder of Saddleback Church in California, came to Saint Joseph's Seminary to speak to all the priests in the Archdiocese of New York about Safe Environment. The title of his talk to us was "Maintaining the Moral Integrity of the Ministry to Which God Has Called Us." He was honest, insightful and Scriptural in his points. I'd like to share with you some of what I gleaned from his notes to us priests.

1 Peter 5:2-4 "Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint, but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit, but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."

Hebrews 13:7 "Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

Acts 20:28-31 "Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure, savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away from them. So be vigilant."

Why must we be prepared?

2 Corinthians 2:11 "So that we might not be taken advantage of by Satan, for we are not unaware of his purposes."

This is the context: Satan has no new temptations, only variations. "1 John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever." So sensual lusts or lusts of the flesh are found in our passions and pleasure. Enticement for the eyes refer to our possessions and a pretentious life refers to the pride of life and positions of power and prestige. Satan has three basic temptations: to Feel; to Have; and to Be. In other words, I want to feel good even if it is in sin, I want to have the things that I see, and I want to be a god, to be envied and worshipped. This corresponds to Jesus' temptation in the desert. "Turn these stones into bread!" or satisfy my hungers; "All these things will I give to you if ...: this is a sellout, and "Jump off the Temple peak; refers to showing off. The world has a value system that is built on these three temptations. They are Hedonism: I live for pleasure; Materialism: I live for possessions; Narcissism and Secularism; I live for power and prestige. The key words that go along with this are Indulge/Sex, Increase/Salary, and Impress/Status. So what is Jesus' antidote to all of this "Deny Yourself: Love is the opposite of lust, "Follow Me": Hope fixes one's eyes on eternity and "Take up your Cross": Faith is humble trust. This leads us to the virtues of Integrity, Generosity, and Humility.

So what are the steps we need to take to protect ourselves and our staff and leaders?

1. Make my goal to complete my ministry with my integrity intact. Allow people to do a credibility check on your life.
2. Be humble and never think that I am too strong to fail. Pride goes before the fall. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.
3. Know what makes me vulnerable. I must predetermine my personal patterns of temptation so that I can avoid them. Be wary of flattery.
4. Protect the condition of your heart.
5. To ensure balance in your life, enlist the help of small teams for emotional support, spiritual accountability, and relational enjoyment.
6. I must be vigilant to guard what I allow in my mind. In other words, whatever gets your attention gets you. Never resist temptation, replace it. Change the channel. To protect my mind, I must monitor my media intake.
7. Set up the parameters and precautions that minimize my opportunity for sin.
"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." Romans 13:14.

I hope these bullet points and notes will help us this summer to refresh ourselves in the Lord.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom Devery

Pray for the Sick



Malk Ahmed, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Vincent C., Vincenza Caccano, Mario Clemente, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Herbert Gruberger, Donato Herman, Caylee Kashubo, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, John Robertson, Sr., Anthony Ruggario, Caesar Russo, Anthony Sclafani, Msgr. Peter Smith, Mary Ellen Olszewski, Mona Williams
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, July 17 at 3:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, August 7 at 7:30 pm.**

OLSS Soccer Registration



Registration forms may be dropped off at the Rectory for the 18-19 Season. Registration fees are \$225 for SIYSL players, \$175 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$150 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for the registration form and more details.

CYO Basketball Registration

Registration for CYO Basketball for Girls & Boys is now open online through August 31st. Please go to www.olssbasketball.com for all of the registration information.

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

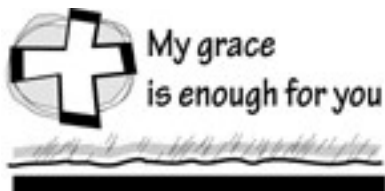
Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

July 22, August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. 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.



A Fresh Perspective on the Sunday Readings Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 8, 2018

"Three times I begged the Lord about this. That it might leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you. For power is made perfect in weakness.' I would rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses..."

Are we not all plagued by difficulties and problems? Do we have the courage to turn to the Lord as Paul did especially in moments of crisis? The litany of his hardships, and those of most people far exceed the troubles which come my way. The source of Paul's contentment is the remedy for our difficulties as well.

His grace, His life, His power is available to us, especially in time of need. I only need to turn and express my dependence upon Him, to face whatever comes my way, the good and the bad. Weakness is certainly not the so-called 'American way'. Yet the secret is found in the Lord's hidden presence if we but seek it and use it. May I repeat Paul's mantra 'I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.' Paul did not give up but asked three times. Do I persevere?

Only when we respond to the evils around us will we return to live in the image of his own nature. Now is the time.

From *His Word Today* by Rev. William J. Reilly

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*The Religious Education office will be
CLOSED until Wednesday, August 29.*

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please leave a message for Mrs. Quaglia at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

Group Meetings

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

WINGS - (Widows & Widowers In a New Life Getting together Socially) This group is for widows and widowers to be able to share their experiences in a social setting. The meetings will resume in September. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– The next session of the Bereavement group will be begin at a future date TBD. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

Holy Name Society – The meetings for the Holy Name Society will resume in the fall. 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 pm in the Chapel.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meet 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, July 9 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.



OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



**Camp runs now
thru Friday, August 10th**

from 9 am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 - 8th Grade in Sept. 2018)

CAMP RATES

\$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

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 5:30PM

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every 1st 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 **August 2**.

Addiction Angels—Parent & Sibling support group meetings for families battling addiction are available at future dates and locations TBD. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

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



✓ Mark Your Calendar

Archcare's TimeBank

Knitting & Crocheting Group

ArchCare's TimeBank welcomes all to a Knitting & Crocheting group led by OLSS parishioner Maria Quadrino on **Thursday, August 2** at 5:30pm in the Damato Meeting room located in the Athletic Center, as well as **Thursdays July 19 & August 16 at 11:30 am** in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The ArchCare TimeBank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. The TimeBank is a great community program that offers services and workshops that interest our members. To RSVP, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Goretti Group "Race for the Chaste"

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 11th from 10-11 am

Midland Beach Promenade

(Lincoln Ave. & Fr. Capodanno Blvd.)

Are you pulled by the desire for an authentic love that shows commitment to marriage, family, and the dignity of each person? Here is your chance to make a difference and have fun with friends and family doing it! Glorify God in your Body (1 Cor. 6:20) by walking, running, praying or cheering for the Goretti Group's first fundraiser. Moms, do it for your kids! Husbands, do it for your wives! Youth, do it for your friends and future spouse! Visit www.thegorettigroup.org New York Chapter to register online or call Deborah Sucich at 917-636-2134 or email gorettigroupnychapter@gmail.com

Summer Strong 2018 Golf Outing

In Loving Memory of Baby Summer Semerad

Tuesday, July 17, beginning at 8 am

Pebble Creek Golf Club

(40 Cty. Rd 537, Colts Neck, NJ 07722)

There are no more foursomes available, if you would like to be placed on a waitlist, please see below. Not a golfer? Spend the day & have lunch for \$30. Sponsor & donation opportunities available. Benefitting Hope & Heroes at Columbia University Medical Center, Alex's Lemonade Stand and other Charities that helped Baby Summer. To sign up, email summerstrongherofund@gmail.com or call Jim Semerad at 646-261-9780, John Semerad at 347-739-3564 or Bob Semerad at 917-685-2218. Learn more about the fight against childhood cancer at www.summerstrong.org & www.alexslimonade.org. All proceeds will benefit 501(c)(3) charities.

Knights of Columbus Bus Trip

to Visit Fr. John Kostek

The Knights of Columbus, Stolzenhaler Council 1675, is planning a bus trip to visit Fr. John Kostek on **Tuesday July 10**, for his 76th birthday in upstate New York. The bus trip is open to all. The cost of the trip will be \$25 per person. Please contact Jim Mavricos at 347-612-8192 or Pete Fyfe at 718-619-0225 for information or reservations.

