

Our Lady Star of the Sea
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 4

4:00PM Fortunata LoCascio
5:30PM Lillian Visceglia, Theresa & John Caruana

Sunday, August 5

8:00AM Anita & Eleanor Barletta
9:30AM Patrick O'Connell
11:00AM Marissa C. Kelly
12:30PM Deceased Members of the DiBuono Family
7:00PM Carmela Casamento

Monday, August 6

9:00AM Ambrose Akut

Tuesday, August 7

9:00 AM Frank Fiumano

Wednesday, August 8

9:00AM Domenico & Isabella Grieco

Thursday, August 9

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

Friday, August 10

9:00AM Joseph DeMarco

Saturday, August 11

9:00AM Maria Riggio
4:00PM Madeline Manzollillo
5:30PM Joseph & Gaetana Levantino

Sunday, August 12

8:00AM The Deceased Members of the Variano Family
9:30AM Kevin O'Connell
11:00AM William Bedford
12:30PM Dorothy, Mary & Dominick Biscardi
7:00PM Theresa Donato

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Giuseppe Caruso & Kristina Bonanno

1st Time: Gerard Powers & Barbara Weir

3rd Time: Matthew Gulinello & Michelle Gonzalez

3rd Time: Vincent D'Augusta & Kristina Gargin

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.

OLSS Blood Drive

This Sunday - August 5, 2018 in O'Mara Hall
EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE

OLSS will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, August 5 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!

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
August 5-11, 2018

Given in Memory of

Tillie, Stephen & Steve Healy

Donated by Owen & Ginny Healy

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, August 11

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, August 11

4:00PM M Quadrino, L Bauer
5:30PM A Maffeo, J Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, August 12

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, August 12

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

Altar Servers – Saturday, August 11

4:00PM J Oliveri
5:30PM D Heidel

Altar Servers – Sunday, August 12

8:00AM N Mejias
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM J Oliveri
12:30PM B Stackhouse, 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:

*Ida Garin, Felice Florio,
Robert Strandberg, Yolanda Composto*

Sunday collection for the week of 7/22/18:

\$15,852.87



2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:

\$8,955.00*

(*includes a one-time donation of \$5,000)

God bless you for your generosity!

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

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

A few weeks ago Michelle Kunz gave a stirring testimony about the life and tragic passing of her son, Robert Scott Kunz, three years ago. She mentioned the name of Carl's Recovery Center at Mount Loretto, which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York's Catholic Charities. I am so proud of her bravery and commitment to turn this tragedy into a life-giving rescue for all who suffer from addictions here on Staten Island. I am glad so many participated on July 29, 2018's Walk for Hope. Please keep this arm of Catholic Charities in your prayers and support.

I am also grateful to all who were able to support our New York Blood Drive for this summer. There is a critical shortage at this time and your lifblood can help the lives of at least three people for each who gave. I am glad that you were so generous to this cause.

I am really enjoying the messages found in "Jesus Calling" from Sara Young. Although they are not biblical quotes per se, it is written in a conversational tone as if Jesus were actually speaking to you. They contain Christ's core values. Here are some excerpts.

"Come away with Me for a while. The world with its nonstop demands can be put on hold. Most people put Me on hold, rationalizing that someday they will find time for focus on Me. But the longer people push Me into the background of their lives, the harder it is for them to find Me.

You live among people who glorify busyness; they have made time a tyrant that controls their lives. Even those who know Me as Savior tend to march to the tempo of the world. They have bought into the illusion that more is always better: more meetings, more programs, or more activity.

I have called you to follow Me on a solitary path; make time alone with Me your highest priority and deepest joy. It is a pathway largely unappreciated and often despised. However, you have chosen the better part, which will never be taken away from you. Moreover, as you walk closer to Me, I can bless others through you."

(Confer: Songs of Songs 2:13; Luke 10:42)

"I am nearer than you think; richly present in all your moments. You are connected to Me by Love-bonds that nothing can sever. However, you may sometimes feel alone because your union with Me is invisible. Ask Me to open your eyes so that you can find me everywhere. The more you are aware of My presence, the safer you feel. This is not some sort of escape from reality; it is turning into ultimate reality. I am far more real than the world you can see, hear, and touch. Faith is the confirmation of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality, perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses."

(Confer: Acts 17:27-28; Hebrews 11:1)

May the Lord continue to bless you and reign in your hearts during these summer days.

God bless you,

Fr. Tom Devery



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- The school office will be closed through Monday, August 27. If you need to get in touch with anyone in the office, please call 718-984-5750 to leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Registration is ongoing for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, call the school office to schedule a meeting and tour.
- Check the school website for updated information and our 2018-2019 tentative calendar.

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 open online through August 31st. Please go to www.olssbasketball.com for all of the registration information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is CLOSED for the summer.

The next dates for registering your child for Religious Education will be on Wednesday, August 29 at 11 am & Tuesday, September 4 at 11 am.

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.

50th Birthday Party for Fr. Basil Akut

Paid reservations are being taken for Fr. Basil's 50th Birthday Party on Sunday, August 12 at 2:30 pm in O'Mara Hall. He will be showing footage of the school in Nigeria where the school buses were sent. Admission will be by prepaid reservations only – there will be no walk-ins. Cost is \$45 per person for adults, \$20 for children (ages 10 & under). Bring check, made payable to Theresa Brestle, to the OLSS Rectory by Wednesday, August 8. For more information, call Maria at 718-356-1886.



Pray for the Sick

Malk Ahmed, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Vincent C., Vincenza Caccano, Mario Clemente, John Dawidowicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Herbert Gruberger, Donato Herman, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Loretta Lepere, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, Mary Ellen Olszewski, 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, Ann Strandberg, George Weir, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, August 7 at 7:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, August 21 at 3:30 pm.**



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

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.

Archcare's TimeBank

Knitting & Crocheting Group at OLSS

ArchCare's TimeBank welcomes all to a Knitting & Crocheting group led by OLSS parishioner Maria Quadrino on **Thursday 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.

Blanket Campaign

If you know how to crochet or knit, you are invited to help make blankets for homeless shelters. From now through December, the OLSS Knitting and Crocheting group along with ArchCare TimeBank will be making 7" x 9" rectangles, any color, any stitch, knit or crochet. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule. They will be collected to make twin-size blankets. Any questions please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

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, August 6 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 olosspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Goretti Group Upcoming Events

"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 gorettigroupnycchapter@gmail.com.

Mother-Daughter FEMM Workshop

Saturday, August 18 from 10 am – 2 pm

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd., SI, NY)

FEMM (Fertility Education & Medical Management) is a revolutionary approach to women's healthcare. Join in this day to learn more about the link between your hormonal activity and health, and how to chart your cycles to understand both health and fertility over a lifetime. Talks and lunch will be sponsored by The Goretti Group. A suggested donation of \$10 per participant is requested. Email gorettigroupnycchapter@gmail.com or call 917-636-2134 to RSVP, or for more information.

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



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Presents The Fourth Annual

Christmas Tree Drive



- ◇ Families of the Our Lady Star of the Sea parish are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2018 Advent Season.
- ◇ Each Tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds.
- ◇ A Lighting and Dedication Ceremony will be coordinated. The details will be provided.
- ◇ The cost to dedicate a Christmas Tree is \$250 each. All proceeds will benefit our Parish.
- ◇ Trees must be ordered well in advance, and should be reserved no later than October 1st.
- ◇ Please note that there is a limited number of Trees that can be displayed on the grounds.
- ◇ Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis .
- ◇ No Tree can be guaranteed without payment.
- ◇ If you have any questions, please email OLSSHNS@gmail.com or call the Rectory at **718-984-0593**.

Registration Form

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea
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 (for Program List) _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email (for dedication card proof) _____

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