

Our Lady Star of the Sea
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018
Announced Masses

Saturday, September 8
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, September 9
8:00AM Joseph Meringolo
9:30AM Nancy & Sal DiMaria
11:00AM Joseph M. Asmar
12:30PM George Bellina
7:00PM Florence Rubin

Monday, September 10
9:00AM Paul Sheeran

Tuesday, September 11
9:00AM Deceased Members of OLSS-9/11 Victims

Wednesday, September 12
9:00AM Theresa Stavola


Thursday, September 13
9:00AM Giuseppe Lepore and Caterina & Antonio Lepore

Friday, September 14
9:00AM Marie Cancelleri

Saturday, September 15
9:00AM Caterina & Maria Bielanski and
Sophia, Caterina & Paul Srogi
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Antorino
& Guido Families
5:30PM Accursio & Eleonora Pennino

Sunday, September 16
8:00AM Carrie Ann Cheuvront
9:30AM Scott Freundlich
11:00AM Richard Rauch
12:30PM Russ Nicholson
7:00PM Adrienne Sienicki & Antoinette Bartuccelli

Banns of Marriage

 **1st Time:** Louis Calcaterra & Amanda Messina
2nd Time: Stephen Sepulveda & Michelle Verga
2nd Time: Rocco Trapani & Kimberly Charnovesky
3rd Time: Michael Roder & Andrea Cristadoro

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, October 28** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Solemn Eve of Remembrance Mass
Monday, September 10, 2018

Please join us for the 17th annual Solemn Remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001

Our Lady of Pity Church
(1616 Richmond Ave, SI, NY)

Sacred Music by Maura Molloy begins at 7 pm, followed by concelebrated Mass at 7:30 pm, with reading of the names of Staten Islanders lost on 9/11 and candlelight reflection.

Bishop John J. O'Hara – Celebrant & Homilist
Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Staten Island.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
September 9-15, 2018

In Loving Memory of our Mom & Grandma

Marie Cancelleri

We love & miss you so much.

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 15

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 15

4:00PM B Palomba, J Uhlman, C Harris, E Burns,
A Lazzara
5:30PM F Barone, A Dazio, M Lappin, J Cimino,
M Sprague

Lectors – Sunday, September 16

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM S Gambino
7:00PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, September 16

8:00AM M Ennis, C Rosato, P Zoltowski, S Monteforte,
A Sparandera
9:30AM B Barone, L Capobianco, B Higgins, M Quadri
11:00AM V Acri, J Amodio, N Fallacaro, C Ordy
12:30PM C Belvedere, M Graziano, JM Graziano, B Peters,
A McCoy
7:00PM J Bellina, A Zuffante, G Decker, C Houle

Altar Servers – Saturday, September 15

4:00PM D Cavicchio, N Shirazi
5:30PM D Heidel, N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, September 16

8:00AM J Habib
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM T&M Maresca, J Oliveri
12:30PM G Vassallo, A&S Velazquez
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:

**Vito Battista, Josephine B. Minko, Domenick Trimboli,
Margaret Smith, Kathleen Ann Moros**

Sunday collection for the week of 8/26/18:

\$16,985.35



2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:
\$4,074.00

God bless you for your generosity!

St. Edward Food Pantry

St. Edward Food Pantry at Mt. Loretto is in need of volunteers to distribute non-perishable food to the needy on Staten Island. OLSS is responsible for the 3rd week of the Month on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hours are 10 am to 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer 3 hours per month on a Wednesday or Saturday, please call Louise at 718-984-1625.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome back all our students and faculty for the beginning of the academic year 2018 and 2019. In my letter this day, I want to share a teaching on the “Source and Summit of our faith”- The Holy Eucharist. This comes from the Scripture Scholar and convert, Scott Hahn’s book. “The Supper of the Lamb”. Since this is excerpted from Chapter 3. I will give a few more weeks to mine the treasure of what we receive each week.

THE MASS OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

“Cannibalism” and “Human Sacrifice” were the charges whispered against the first generation of Christians. The early Christian apologists took them up in order to dismiss them as gossip. Yet through the distorted lens of the pagans’ gossip, we can see what was for them; the most identifiable element of Christian life and worship.

It was the Eucharist: the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the sacramental meal where Christians consumed Jesus’ body and blood. It was the distortion of these facts of faith that led to pagan calumnies against the Church – though it’s easy to see how the pagans misunderstood. In the early Church, only the baptized were permitted to attend the sacraments, and Christians were discouraged from even discussing these central mysteries with non-Christians. So the pagans’ imaginations were left to run wild, fueled by small scraps of fact: “this is My body... this is my Blood.... Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood....” The pagans knew that to be a Christian was to participate in some strange and secret rites.

To be a Christian was to go to Mass. This was true from the first day of the New Covenant. Just hours after Jesus rose from the dead, He found His way to a table with two disciples. “He took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened... He was known to them in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:30-31, 35). The centrality of the Eucharist is also evident in the Acts of the Apostles’ capsule description of early Christian life: “They devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42). St. Paul’s First letter to the Corinthians (chapter 11) contains a veritable handbook of liturgical theory and practice. Paul’s letter reveals his concern to transmit the precise form of the liturgy, in the words of the institution taken from Jesus’ Last Supper. “For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body which is for you. ‘Do this in remembrance of Me’. In the same way also the cup after supper saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me” (1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Paul emphasized the importance of the doctrine of the Real Presence and sees dire consequences in unbelief. “Anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment upon himself” (1 Corinthians 11:29).

We note the same themes as we move from the New Testament books to other Christian sources from the age of the Apostles and immediately afterward. The doctrine content is identical, and the vocabulary remains remarkably similar, even as the faith spread to other lands and languages. The clergy, teachers and defenders of the early Church were united in their concern to preserve the Eucharistic doctrines: the Real Presence of Jesus’ body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine; the sacrificial nature of the liturgy: the necessity of properly ordained clergy; the importance of ritual form. Thus, the witness to the Church’s Eucharistic doctrines is unbroken, from the time of the Gospels till today.”

I hope you will carefully follow Scott Hahn’s historical development of this most precious gift of our faith, the Holy Eucharist. With prayers to the Holy Spirit for a most blessed and fruitful year, I will pray that we all grow deeper in knowledge and faith.

God Bless,

Father Tom Devery



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Reminders:

- **Kindergarten** Bus service for Kindergarten students will begin on Monday, September 10.
- Pre-K4 begins on Monday, September 10 from 8:30 am -1 pm.
- Pre-K3 begins on Tuesday, September 11. The AM class meets from 8:30 -10am and the PM class meets from 12-1:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 19 at 7 pm.
- Parents' Association Meeting is Monday, September 24. Grade 8 parents ONLY will meet from 7-7:30 pm. A general Meeting for ALL parents will begin at 7:30 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2018-2019 is available by calling the Religious Ed Office. You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and your parish envelope number when registering for Religious Education. If you are not a parishioner and would like to register, please visit the Rectory from 9 am – 4 pm Monday – Friday or call 718-984-0593. For questions, please call the Religious Ed office at 718-984-1885.

2018-19 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 12	Grade 2	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 13	Grades 5 & 6	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 17	Grade 7	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Grades 3 & 4	3:45 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 26	Grade 1	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed. Evening, Sept. 26	Grades 1-7	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 2	Grade 8	Follow Schedule
Thursday, Oct. 4	Special Needs	(A) 3:30 – 4:00 pm (B) 4:15 – 4:45 pm

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 Mondays, at 3:45 PM, beginning 9/10.

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, beginning 9/10.

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.

Sand's Casino Trip

Tuesday, September 18th - \$30.00 per person. Get back \$30.00 in slot pay & \$5.00 in food. Bus leaves 100 Kreischer St. at 10:00 am. Call Ed Newborn for reservations 917-697-5603.



Pray for the Sick

Malk Ahmed, Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Mario Clemente, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Donato Herman, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Loretta Lepere, Justo Gil Mori, 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, Jaime Seaman, Msgr. Peter Smith, Ann Strandberg, George Weir, Mona Williams, Teresa Zizzamia **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, September 18 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 pm.**

OLSS STAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS



The OLSS Star Players will be holding auditions for the winter production of **"Tis the Season-A Christmas Tale."**

Singing Auditions: Wed., Sept. 12 & Fri., Sept. 14 from 6-9 pm
(Come prepared with a Christmas song)

Dance Auditions: Thursday, Sept 13 from 6-9 pm
(Dress to dance, dancers will learn a combination)

Acting Auditions: Sept. 12 & 14 from 6-9 pm. (Children will be given a short monologue upon arrival to rehearse before auditioning)

Show Dates: November 16, 17, 18
(Must be available for all show dates)

All Auditions will be held in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center and are first come, first serve.

CUB Scout/BOY Scout News

CUB SCOUT PACK 5-Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Cub Scouts (Grades Kindergarten thru 5th) will be on Fridays **September 14** in O'Mara Hall & **September 21** in the Damato Mtg Room from 7-9 pm. Registration Fee (Dues Included): Single Scout: \$150, Two Scouts: \$250, Three Scouts: \$300 if paid at time of Registration. Cash, Money Orders, Paypal (Paypal.me/pack5), & Venmo accepted. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.** For more info, please contact Cub Master Anthony Limone at cubmasterpk5olss@gmail.com.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 5-Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Boy Scouts (Grades 6-11) will be on Tuesdays, **September 11 & 18** in O'Mara Hall from 7-9 pm. Registration Fee (including dues): If paid by 10/30, Single Scout: \$150, Two Scouts: \$250, Three Scouts: \$300. If paid after October 30, \$175, \$275, \$325, respectively. For information please contact Robert Ciraola, Scoutmaster, cell 917- 805-7621 or e-mail rciraola@si.rr.com or visit our website at www.troop5si.com. Please make checks payable to Troop 5.

STELLA MARIS ROSARY MAKERS

Our Lady Star of Sea Rosary Makers will meet every Third Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory's basement. The first meeting will be **September 19**. Please come and join us to make rosaries for the missions, nursing homes, hospitals and to anyone who is of spiritual need and/or economic need. We will also make and donate military rosaries, which will be distributed through the CCW (Council of Catholic Women) military care packages twice a year. Through personal funds and donations, they are able to order materials to make the rosaries and donate them. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please come to the fellowship gathering, or contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728. Deacon James Quadrino will be the Spiritual Director for the group.



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

September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28, November 11 & 25

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The 50 Plus Club will meet on **Friday, September 14** from 1-3 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

WINGS - (Widows & Widowers In a New Life Getting together Socially) This group allows widows and widowers to share their experiences in a social setting and will meet next on **Thursday, September 20** from 1-3 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. 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, September 10 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.

Cluster Corner

Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians -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



4th Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS 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. The details will be provided at a future date.

The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. Trees must be reserved no later than October 1st. 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 this form & payment to the Rectory:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2018 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 OLSS*

Archcare TimeBank Events at OLSS

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 to any of these events, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Diabetes Management Education

There will be a Diabetes Management Education workshop on **Tuesdays September 11 & October 9 at 6:30pm** in the Damato Meeting room located in the Athletic Center. ArchCare TimeBank has partnered with SI Performing Provider System and the workshop will be presented by Debra Marotta, MSN, RN, CDE, along with Staten Island University Hospital.

Knitting & Crocheting Group at OLSS

The next sessions of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be on **Thursday September 13 at 11:30 am** in the OLSS Rectory Basement and **Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room.

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.