

Our Lady Star of the Sea
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018
Announced Masses

Saturday, September 1

4:00PM Marie Grasso
5:30PM Sophie & Joseph Iorio
and John & Jane Graziano

Sunday, September 2

8:00AM Patricia L. Arige
9:30AM Joseph Hudson
11:00AM Mary Vierno
12:30PM John & Delia Palacios
7:00PM Louis Leccese

Monday, September 3

9:00AM Bernice Rabold

Tuesday, September 4

9:00AM Baby Nicoletta Monteforte

Wednesday, September 5

9:00 AM Pat Damato, Charlanne Hannaway,
Lorraine Antinoro, Marie Cancelleri

Thursday, September 6

9:00AM In Thanksgiving requested by the Puleo Family

Friday, September 7

9:00AM Debbie Stallone

Saturday, September 8

9:00AM Gilda Apicella
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

Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Stephen Sepulveda & Michelle Verga

1st Time: Rocco Trapani & Kimberly Charnovesky

2nd Time: Michael Roder & Andrea Cristadoro

3rd Time: David Weinberg & Lindsey Urcinoli

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers Needed!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each week, Monday-Thursday in the OLSS Chapel from 12 Noon-5pm. Volunteers, or Adorers, sign up for one hour shifts to sit with our Lord during this time. You are welcome to sign up for any one hour, however, there is an urgent need for the following times:

Mondays - 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm, 4-5 pm

Tuesdays - 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm, 4-5 pm

Wednesdays - 12-1 pm, 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm

Thursdays - 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm

Please note: Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 12-1 pm and 4-5 pm hours.

If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration, please call Carol Ordy at 917-536-8576.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
September 2-8, 2018

Given in Memory of

Mark J. Petrocelli

Donated by His Mom & Dad

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 8

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM C Messina

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 8

4:00PM J Butalid, C Argano, A Pompei, A Petrocelli
5:30PM J Cimino, N Villani, B Palomba, M Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, September 9

8:00AM C Ambrosino
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM A Deliso
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, September 9

8:00AM A Sparandera, J Stanzone, M Andreola, A Shirazi,
B Weir
9:30AM J Gatto, S Hitchcock, M Iacono, T Strange, L Appel
11:00AM N Fallacaro, R Ruskowski, J Tolento, E&G Riozzi
12:30PM J Bellina, E Bellina, C Barone, R Marino,
C Belvedere
7:00PM G LaGrua, M Recanatini, K Melka, C Houle,
J Limeri

Altar Servers – Saturday, September 8

4:00PM F Surace, N Shirazi
5:30PM N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, September 9

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito
11:00AM P Marone, I Santatemia
12:30PM J Oliveri, B Stackhouse
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:

**Joan Langford, Eleanor Maresca Spagnuolo, Leo Barrile,
Donald Mercurio, Patrina A. Pantano, Kathleen Ann Moros**

Collection for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8/15/18:

\$3,844.00

Sunday collection for the week of 8/19/18:

\$15,283.57

God bless you for your generosity!

Labor Day Rectory Hours

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 4.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

A Happy Labor Day Weekend to all of you. It is always bittersweet to say *so long* to summer and yet it is exciting to welcome the new academic year. As the teachers and students gear up for the 2018-2019 year, we pray for them to give their very best and to grow in wisdom, strength and faith.

On September 5, we welcome from Saint John the Evangelist Church in Manhattan, our new parochial vicar, Father Antony Alfred. He leaves his former parish much beloved and appreciated. In fact, they are hosting a farewell reception for him in the next two weeks. In addition, Father Wilfred Dodo, from Holy Child Church will be taking his place at St. John's. Father Willy was Holy Child's parochial vicar for 11 years. Both priests have been given permission from their bishops to enter into the Incardination Process to transfer to New York on a permanent basis. Our own Father Basil has also been accepted into this 5-year scrutiny. They all will have to serve in two different parishes and be evaluated through the Archdiocese of New York. So let us keep them in our prayers.

This past week we have had the feast of Saint Monica and Saint Augustine. Saint Monica was the mother of Saint Augustine. She is the patron saint of mothers who constantly pray for their children to return to their faith. In the case of Saint Monica, it was over 15 years before Augustine converted from Manicheism to Christianity and eventually became known as the "Doctor of Grace". He attributes his conversion to the prayers and tears of Saint Monica. Her son was very far from the Lord and yet, when he converted, he became a zealous apostle and leader of faith to the Church in North Africa. He was mentored into the faith by Saint Ambrose, bishop of Milan. Although Ambrose tutored and guided Augustine for the good of the church, it was those silent, unseen prayers of Saint Monica that prompted the Holy Spirit to inspire Saint Augustine's heart. Today we have countless numbers of mothers who are doing the same for their wayward children. Not far from the Piazza Navona in Rome is the Church and Tomb of Saint Monica. She died at the seaport of Ostia, not far from Rome. This happened shortly after Augustine's ordination.

I happened to read in *Jesus Calling* by Sara Young, a wonderful meditation of our Blessed Lord as if he were speaking to us frankly today. This was the reading for the Feast of Saint Monica, Monday August 27, 2018.

Spend time with Me for the pure pleasure of being in my company. I can brighten up the dullest of grey days; I can add sparkle to the routines of your daily life. You have to repeat so many daily tasks day after day. This monotony can dull your thinking until your mind slips into neutral. A mind that is unfocused is vulnerable to the world, the flesh, and the devil, all of which exert a downward pull on your thoughts. As your thinking processes deteriorate, you become increasingly confused and directionless. The best remedy is to refocus your mind and heart on Me, your constant Companion. Even the most confusing day opens up before you as you go step by step with Me. My Presence goes with you wherever you go, providing Light for your path.

Safe driving on the roads this weekend and blessings for the new beginnings of this September.

Blessings and Peace,

Father Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



As we enjoy the last weekend of summer, we have some helpful information for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:

- September 6 is the first day of school for students grades K-8.
- **Kindergarten** students should arrive at 9 am on September 6. Dismissal will be at 1:30. Friday, September 7 will follow a regular school schedule (8:10-2:40). Bus service for Kindergarten students will begin on Monday, September 10.
- **Grades 1-8** will have a full day of school on September 6. School begins at 8:10 and dismissal is at 2:50. Doors will open at 7:50. There will be bus service.
- All students must be in complete summer uniform.
- Be sure to send lunch with your child.
- We will continue to use our morning drop off line. The drop off line is to STOP and DROP off your child. Please do not get out of your car at drop off. If you need to walk your child to the front doors, please park your car in the lot.
- ALL parents should enter the grounds from the Amboy Road entrance by the Rectory and proceed to main entrance of the school.
- For the safety of ALL our students, DO NOT pass other cars on the drop off line.
- 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

The Religious Education Office is now open.

The next date for registering your child for Religious Education will be on 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.

OLSS FINAL Soccer Registration

The **FINAL** registration for the 18-19 season will be **Wednesday, September 5** from **6-7 pm** outside of the OLSS Athletic Center. Registration forms may also be dropped off at the Rectory. Registration fees \$225 for SIYSL players, \$175 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$150 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration form and details.



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



Pray for the Sick

Malk Ahmed, Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Mario Clemente, John Dawidowicz, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, September 4 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, September 18 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

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.



OLSS 1st Friday Overnight Adoration Vigil

There is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month's overnight vigil will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, September 7 at 9 p.m.** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, September 8 at 9 a.m.** **Eucharistic Adoration is also available in the daily chapel every Monday-Thursday from 12-5 pm and Fridays 12-3 pm.**



OLSS Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, September 8 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the Legion of Mary & America Needs Fatima.

October Save the Dates:

Overnight Adoration - Friday, October 5 - Saturday, October 6
Outdoor Rosary - 1st Saturday, October 6 @ 9:45 am
Outdoor Rosary - Marking the 6th & final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima & the Miracle of the Sun - Saturday, October 13 @ 9:45 am

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 next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be **Wednesday, October 3 at 8 pm** in the Damato Meeting 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 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

St. Edward Food Pantry-Volunteers Needed!

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.

OLSS Stella Maris Rosary Makers

The OLSS "Stella Maris" Rosary Makers will host a viewing of the amazing new movie about the Rosary entitled *Power In My Hands*. The film uncovers the beauty, timelessness, and power of the Rosary. The primary purpose of the film is to help viewers understand the power of the Rosary to revitalize America – a society in spiritual crisis - and to instill an active response to the Blessed Mother's plea for prayer. This showing will take place on **Friday, September 7 at 7 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room.

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.

Poetry Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

ArchCare's TimeBank will hold a Poetry Writing Workshop on **Thursday September 6 at 6pm** in the Damato Meeting room. The workshop will be led by OLSS Parishioner George Hopkins.

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. Learn about Diabetes Management and have your questions on this topic answered.

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.

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 form & payment to the Rectory:

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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*

Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus



Conheeney Golf Classic

Monday, September 24, 2018

at the South Shore Golf Course
(200 Hugenot Ave, SI, NY 10312)

7 am Breakfast

7:15 am Registration

8 am Shotgun Start

12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles

Lunch on the turn included/Dinner served at 1 pm

Cost: \$150 per golfer (includes dinner & open bar).

Sponsorship Opportunities available!

For more information and for reservations,
call Karl Emigholz, PGK and Chairman at (646) 662-2034