

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 23, 2018  
**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, September 22**

4:00PM Andre Graziano  
5:30PM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.

**Sunday, September 23**

8:00AM Summer Marie Semerad  
9:30AM Thomas Vendittelli  
11:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro  
12:30PM Carmel Messina  
7:00PM Margaret Paccione

**Monday, September 24**

9:00AM Beatrice DiDomenico

**Tuesday, September 25**

9:00AM Rosa Tomasi, Teresa Busacca, Rosa Amenta & Angelo Amaru

**Wednesday, September 26**

9:00 AM Accursio & Eleanora Pennino

**Thursday, September 27**

9:00AM Joyce Negrete

**Friday, September 28**

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

**Saturday, September 29**

9:00AM Anthony Castaldo  
4:00PM Antoinette Clementi  
5:30PM Corinna & Michael Viggiano

**Sunday, September 30**

8:00AM Rita Pellicano  
9:30AM Lucia & Benedetta Palomba & Salvatore Caruso  
11:00AM Carol A. Amodio  
12:30PM Mary Vierno  
7:00PM Thomas Fitzpatrick

**Banns of Marriage**

1<sup>st</sup> Time: Salvatore Darmetta & Rosaria Romagnano



2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Anthony Colombo & Amanda Gianotta

2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Mark D'Ambrosi & Michelle Cascio

2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Anthony Zampelli & Ashley Argentine

2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Michael Gloria & Jaclyn Schultz

3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Louis Calcaterra & Amanda Messina

**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.

**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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) or 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
September 23-29, 2018  
In Memory of

**Andre Graziano**

Donated by His Loving Family

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, September 29**

4:00PM F Monte  
5:30PM F Barone

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 29**

4:00PM J Butalid, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, J Uhlman & A Lazzara  
5:30PM C Losi, E Burns, J Cimino, A Dazio & N Villani

**Lectors – Sunday, September 30**

8:00AM M Andreola  
9:30AM M Coppola  
11:00AM B Paccione  
12:30PM S Gambino  
7:00PM K Melka

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, September 30**

8:00AM M Ennis, S Monteforte, C Rosato, A Sparandera & J Stanzione  
9:30AM J Zinsley, B Barone, L Capobianco, T Strange & M Sprague  
11:00AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, V Acri & M Quadrino  
12:30PM B Peters, C Belvedere, JM & M Graziano  
7:00PM J Limeri, G LaGrua, M Recanatini, C Houle & B Palomba

**Altar Servers – Saturday, September 29**

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

**Altar Servers – Sunday, September 30**

8:00AM M Esposito  
9:30AM S Artz  
11:00AM J Habib, T&M Maresca  
12:30PM A&S Velazquez, G Vasallo  
7:00PM S, N & A Mejias



**Sincere Condolences**

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

**Giovanna Bussa, Marc Fusillo, Regina Pizzarusso, Nicolette Ciavola, Paula DeJean Brozak**

**Sunday collection for the week of 9/9/18:**

**\$22,498.94\***



\*Includes a one-time donation of \$5,000.00

**God bless you for your generosity!**

The OLSS Star Players present:

***An Evening With the Stars***

**Saturday, September 29 at 7 pm in O'Mara Hall**

\$25 per person or \$225 for a table of 10

Coffee, tea & Desserts will be included. Bring your own refreshments purchase raffle tickets, and enjoy a night of performances from the "Stars of Staten Island" To purchase tickets, please bring check or money order made out to **OLSS: Attention Star Players** to the OLSS Rectory.

## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

As I write this letter to you, I am mindful of the recovery effort that is taking place in North and South Carolina and also the Philippines and Hong Kong due to the massive strength of Hurricane Florence and Typhoon Mangkut. So many people displaced and now returning to homes that have been ravaged by floods. Our prayers go out also to all the First Responders who work around the clock, literally endangering their own lives to rescue others. It would seem that enduring the sheets of rain and rising waters would be the scariest part of the hurricane; but news reporters tell us that when people return and try to get back to normal there is also the problem of electricity and lives being lost through electrocution. Friends, we can support the ongoing effort of restoration by finances but what is needed now is prayer as well. Please let us not forget to pray for these people in peril. We can recall in our not too recent past the devastation of Hurricane Sandy here on Staten Island and how people who came to "help out" rather than run the New York City Marathon, and when it was cancelled, came to pitch to empty out soggy furniture and drag out dry walls soaked. It seems there are, in times of disaster and catastrophes, good people who step in and do whatever they can.

One of the best prayers we have as Catholics is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Scott Hahn, goes once again into a deeper understanding of the historical development of this sacrament. In his book, *The Supper of the Lamb*, he writes in chapter 3:

*The liturgy of the ancient church drew deeply from the rites and the Scriptures of ancient Israel, as does our own liturgy today. In Chapter 2, we considered how Jesus instituted the Mass during the feast of the Passover: His "thanksgiving" – His Eucharist – would fulfill, perfect and surpass the Passover sacrifice. This connection was clear to the first generations of Christians, many of whom were devout Jews. Thus, the prayers of the Passover found their way into the Christian liturgy.*

*Consider the prayers over the wine and the Passover bread: "Blessed are You Lord our God, Creator of the Fruit of the vine... Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe who bring forth bread from the earth." The phrase: "Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts! The earth is full of His glory" (Isaiah 6:3) was another commonplace of Jewish worship, which found its way immediately into Christian rites. We will enter it in the Book of Revelation, but it also appears in a letter composed by the fourth pope, Saint Clement of Rome in the year AD 96.*

*Perhaps the most striking liturgical "ancestor" of the Mass is the todah, like the Greek Eucharist, means, "thank offering" or "thanksgiving". The word denotes a sacrificial meal shared with friends in order to celebrate one's gratitude to God. A todah begins by recalling some mortal threat and then celebrates man's divine deliverance from that threat. It is a powerful expression of confidence in God's sovereignty and mercy.*

*Psalm 69 is a good example. An urgent plea for deliverance, ("Save me, O God!") it is at the same time a celebration of that eventual deliverance ("I will pray the name of God with a song... For the Lord hears the needy").*

*Perhaps the classic example of the todah is Psalm 22 which begins with "My God, my God why have You forsaken me?". Jesus Himself quoted this as he hung dying upon the cross. His listeners would have recognized this reference, and would have known this song, which begins with a cry of dereliction, ends on a triumphant note of salvation. Citing his todah, Jesus demonstrated His own confident hope for deliverance.*

*The similarities between the todah and Eucharist go beyond their common meaning of thanksgiving. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI) has written: "Structurally speaking the whole of Christology, indeed the whole of Eucharistic Christology, is present in todah spirituality of the Old Testament." Both the todah and the Eucharist present their worship through word and meal. Moreover, the todah, like the Mass, included an unbloody offering of the unleavened bread and wine.*

*The ancient rabbis made a significant prediction regarding the todah. "In the coming (Messianic) age, all sacrifices will cease except the todah sacrifice. This will never cease in all eternity." (Pesiqta I, P. 159).*

I hope this little insight helps us with "Todah Recall" of what the Mass truly means. May you have a blessed week.

*Father Tom Devery*



## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Join us for the Annual Fun Run on Saturday, September 29, from 9-1, on the Boardwalk by the Vanderbilt. Show your school spirit by wearing your OLSS apparel!

The Parent's Association BBQ will be rescheduled for a date yet to be determined during the spring.

## 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Rehearsals are 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 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours.

## 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Pray for the Sick

Malk Ahmed, Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Mario Clemente, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Florence Fitzgerald, 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, 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, October 2 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, October 16 at 3:30 pm.**

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The 50 Plus Club will meet on **Friday, October 5** from 1-3 pm in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, 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, October 4** from 1-3 pm in the Living Room of the **OLSS Rectory**. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Bereavement Group**– The next meeting will be on **Wed., Sept. 26 at 7 pm in the Rectory**. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we invite you to join us.

**Holy Name Society** – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, October 3 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24 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.

**Stella Maris Rosary Makers** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **October 17**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

## 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

**CLUSTER NEWS:** Coast to Coast Rosary at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church** – **Sunday, October 7** - The Rosary will be prayed for the Catholic Church, Clergy and Our Country. Assembly time is 3:30 pm & the Glorious Mystery will begin at 4 pm in front of OLHC. Light refreshments will be served.

**Please Note for Next Weekend**

**September 29 & 30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Annual Seminary Appeal  
for St. Joseph's Seminary**

Next weekend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will go towards the ADNY's Annual Seminary Appeal for St. Joseph's Seminary. Cardinal Timothy Dolan has asked all parishioners to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to supporting this year's Annual Seminary Appeal as St. Joseph's Seminary enters its 122<sup>nd</sup> year serving the Archdiocese of New York.

**Franciscan Handmaids  
of the Most Pure Heart of Mary  
Annual Fundraiser**

OLSS welcomes back the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary will be at OLSS the weekend of September 29 & 30 for their annual fundraiser. Proceeds benefit the St. Edward Food Pantry at Mt. Loretto.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:olsshns@gmail.com) or call 984-0593.

***Please return 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*

**Benefit for the Catholic School Region of S.I.**

On Tuesday, October 2, join legendary Hollywood actor and Italian-American icon Paul Sorvino & others at Above Rooftop for a Cocktail Reception benefitting Catholic schools in Staten Island. For more info please visit [www.sireception.org](http://www.sireception.org).

**✓ Mark Your Calendar**

**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](mailto:lalfano@archcare.org).

**Good Nutrition Related to Health Workshop**

There will be a workshop on Good Nutrition related to Health on **Tuesday, 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 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.



**Yard Sale Fundraiser for Batten Disease**

1044 Edgegrove Avenue

September 23 & September 28, 29, 30

9 am to 5 pm each day. All proceeds go to research.

**Cross Road Foundation's Fall Fashion Show**

The Cross Road Foundation will be holding its 25th Annual Fall Fashion Show on **Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m.** at the Hilton Garden Inn. The theme for the evening will be "Rock the Runway." Tickets for the event are \$65 per person & include dinner, musical entertainment, a fashion show, and a raffle of beautifully prepared gift baskets. To RSVP, call 718-556-3474.

**Project Hospitality's Harvest Gala**

**Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 pm**

**at the Hilton Garden Inn**

**Honoree: Msgr. Vincent Bartley**

The Harvest Gala is an opportunity to celebrate all that Project Hospitality has accomplished and acknowledge the work of those whose generosity has helped to shelter and compassionately care for those in need. **Msgr. Vincent Bartley** will be receiving the Eleanor and Paul Proske Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to the Poor. Tickets are \$150 per person. To purchase tickets and see the sponsorship opportunities that are available, please visit: <https://projecthospitality.ticketspice.com/project-hospitality-harvest-gala-2018>. For invitations see John Manetta in church or come to the rectory.

**OLSS Pilgrimage to Catholic Shrines in  
Washington, D.C.**

Join us as we travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Saint Pope John Paul II National Shrine in Washington DC. On **Friday, November 9**, the bus will depart at 6AM from the OLSS Athletic Center parking lot and will return home around 9PM. The cost of the trip is \$70 per person & includes the bus, box lunch at the Basilica, and snacks. Reservations can be made at the Rectory. Payment in cash or check made payable to OLSS Church. NO REFUNDS! Fr. Tom Devery will be celebrating Mass at the Basilica. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please call Maria & Deacon James Quadrino @ 917-417-5728.