

Our Lady Star of the Sea
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018
Announced Masses

Saturday, November 10

4:00PM Mary & Frank Finn
5:30PM Catherine Accardi

Sunday, November 11

8:00AM Andre Graziano
9:30AM Ignatius J. Abruzzo
11:00AM Domenico & Isabella Grieco
12:30PM Ernesto & Anna Lucente
7:00PM Leonard Kinnear

Monday, November 12

9:00AM Italia & Joseph Porretta

Tuesday, November 13

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Sabalones Family

Wednesday, November 14

9:00 AM Charles & Maureen Maresca

Thursday, November 15

9:00AM Marie Finamore

Friday, November 16

9:00AM Geoffrey Hawthorne

Saturday, November 17

9:00AM Marie Finamore
4:00PM John & Jane Graziano & Sophie & Joe Iorio
5:30PM Mario Schiera

Sunday, November 18

8:00AM Paul Chevront
9:30AM Benedetta & Lucia Palomba & Deceased Members of the Civello & Petrosino Families
11:00AM Deceased Members of the Quinn & Battcock Families
12:30PM Robert Santiago
7:00PM Donald Vinci

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Chris Stack & Kristie DiBenedetto
1st Time: Paul Repetto, III & Diana Soranno

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, December 23** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



**Thanksgiving Mass
 Food Collection for the Needy**

The principal Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM**. Let us give thanks as a community for all our blessings. The Boy Scouts will be collecting non-perishable foods for the pantry at Project Hospitality such as canned vegetables & fruits, cereals, pastas, canned meats, beans, tuna & peanut butter, which will be picked up after Mass. There will be a daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 22 at 9 AM. ***If you know of a needy family who could use some help for the holidays, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. All calls will be kept confidential.***

The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
November 11-17, 2018
 In Memory of
Dominick Zizzamia

Donated by Joan Bronzo

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, November 17

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, November 17

4:00PM J Butalid, L Bauer, J Coscia, J Uhlman, A Lazzara
5:30PM M Lappin, E Burns, J Cimino, A Dazio, N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, November 18

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM C Ambrosino
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, November 18

8:00AM P Zoltowski, S Monteforte, C Rosato, A Sparandera & A Shirazi
9:30AM B Barone, L Capobianco, T Strange, B Palomba & J Zinsley
11:00AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, V Acri, M Quadrino
12:30PM B Peters, JM & M Graziano, B Higgins
7:00PM C Barone, G LaGrua, K Melka, C Houle, G Decker

Altar Servers – Saturday, November 17

4:00PM K Marchisella, N Shirazi
5:30PM D Heidel, N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, November 18

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM J Oliveri, P Marone
12:30PM T&M Maresca, I Santatemia
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:

**Richard Schettino, Vincenza Castelle,
 Anthony Manno, Geraldine Irvine,
 Msgr. Vincent Bartley**

Sunday collection for the week of 10/28/18:

\$18,201.28

2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:

\$5,024.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Veterans Day Rectory Hours



The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, November 12** in observance of Veterans Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, November 13 at 9 am. Thank you, we are grateful to all Veterans who have served our country!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

We are now in the month of November. This month reminds us two great words: **Remembrance and Thanksgiving**. We began this month with the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We rejoice with the glorious church, who lives triumphantly with the Blessed Trinity; and who prays and intercedes before the throne of God for us. Each of our patron Saints, who walked this earth in their time, faced the crisis and trials of their time with heroic virtue and deep abiding trust in the goodness of God. They inspire us in our time to do the same. We remember the lives of family and friends and loved ones who have also been called home to God. On the Feast of All Souls there was a beautiful Mass that had been organized by our Bereavement Ministry to celebrate the 138 people who had funeral Masses here at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in the past year. When their name was mentioned, the sound of a bell was heard and, from the Paschal Candle, a flame was lit on a smaller blue candle. All around the circumference of the baptismal font these lights were glowing and each family member was handed a red rose. The testimony of one of the members of Bereavement Ministry was heard and an invitation was offered to join our group on Wednesday evenings in the rectory at 7PM for ongoing healing. I am grateful to our music ministry and bereavement ministry for such a moving tribute to our loved ones that went home to the Lord this past year. Thank you, John and Ronnie Peterson, Rei D'Agostino, Joe Limeri, Michael Ancona and Brittany Stetson, as well as my brother priests and deacon.

In order to look ahead, sometimes it's good to realize where we come from. I had the opportunity to plan and prepare for a group of people taking a 9-day pilgrimage through Ireland. I was impressed with aspects of Irish history that I didn't know, but was painfully made aware of. For example, in the town of New Ross, County Wexford, there is an eternal flame in the middle of a world globe honoring the family of President John F. Kennedy, whose ancestors came from that town before immigrating to Boston. In addition, there was a sample of one of the "Coffin Ships"- a ship that would have carried anywhere from 250 to 300 passengers on an oversea journey. We went aboard the "The Dunbrody" and experienced, through 3 actors, what life on board ship was like. It was cramped, scary and would have been most unsanitary. The passengers who were not in first class were only allowed ½ hour a day to walk on board the deck before having to return below to the smellier squalid-quarters. We were told that when the potato blight began in 1840's, Ireland had a population of 8 ½ million people, and when it was over, Ireland only had 2 ½ million people left. The ships were called "Coffin Ships" since many passengers died coming to America during the 45-day journey or 120 days, if the destination was Australia. An astonishing fact was that some groups of people in America who were aware of this awful genocide sent money to aid the poor in Ireland. Among them were the Chocktaw Native Americans and black slaves from the South. I could only imagine how the poor understand the poor. I was delighted to see, among the famous Irish Americans, a picture of the family of the late NYPD Detective Steve McDonald.

I remembered you all, on October 27, when I offered Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. It was a frosty Saturday morning. The 38 members of our group have been friends for a long time and I was grateful to be among them. I have plenty to give thanks to the Lord for this Thanksgiving season. I would like to share with you from the Breastplate of Saint Patrick, this Prayer for God's Protection and God's presence.

As I rise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the Word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today... Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand. Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in the eye of everyone who sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

This has been an eventful week with Tuesday being Election Day, and our 8th Grade students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by Bishop John O' Hara on Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday, I had the privilege of thanking our God for the gift of 41 years of priesthood.

As I offer Mass this month, I am aware of all the names written in the basket before our pulpit, in Remembrance of their great love and legacy of faith. I am encouraged by the fact that the word Eucharist means, "To Give Thanks".

Let us not forget this Monday all the Veterans of our Armed Forces who have served our nation, and the present day, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guard and National Guard and Special Forces.

May the love of Christ, bless each of you at this time.

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- School will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. We are grateful to all the men and women who served our country and we thank you for your service!
- Come see the wonderful things happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School! Join us for our first Touring Tuesday of the school year on **Tuesday, November 13** from **9-11 am**. Prospective parents are invited to tour our school and see OLSS in action. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.
- Report cards will be viewable to the parents on **Monday, November 19**. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held that day as well. Dismissal will be at noon.
- OLSS is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive on **Tuesday, November 20** to benefit needy families on Staten Island. Please send in canned or boxed foods with your child on November 20. Pre-K classes can send in their donations on **Monday, Nov. 19**.
- Congratulations to our 8th graders who received the sacrament of Confirmation last week. God bless you.

OLSS Sports

High School CYO Basketball Registration

Registration for high school Boys and Girls grades 9-12 is now open. Please register on line at olssbasketball.com. CYO HS Division is open to any player who does not play for their high school team.

OLSS/SIA Swim Team

Registration for girls and boys in grades k-8 for the OLSS/SIA Swim Team is now open. Please go to www.olssbasketball.com for more information. Practices start soon so please check website for information and registration forms.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, Nov. 16** 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) The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 15** from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Living Room of the **OLSS Rectory**. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

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

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, November 12** 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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **November 21**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.



Msgr. Farrell High School Christmas Fair Sunday, December 2 from 10 am – 5 pm

Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family, free parking. 2900 Amboy Rd. For more info, contact farrellchristmasfair@gmail.com.

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. 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:

*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

Pray for the Sick



Malk Ahmed, Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Andy Bruno, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Mario Clemente, John Dawidowicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Florence Fitzgerald, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginie Ledwon, Ann Mannino, William Masel, Lena Moliero, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, 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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, November 20** at **3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm.**

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.



of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Present....



One Crazy Christmas

in

OLSS O'Mara Hall

Show Dates & Times

Friday, November 16 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 17 – 12:00 pm

Saturday, November 17 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 18 – 4:00 pm

Tickets

\$15 per person at the door
or call Maryann at 917-817-7463
to reserve in advance.



Directed by: Melissa Kane & Nicole Colonna

Musical Director: Rob Butler

Assistant Directors: Stephanie Langella & Dana Cavello

Choreographers: Alexandra Crocitto & Sophia Amoroso



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

November 11 & 25, December 9 & 23

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Project Hospitality

Annual Poor People's Dinner

The Poor People's Dinner to benefit Project Hospitality will take place on **Monday, November 19 at 6 pm** at the Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn. Join in a simple meal of soup, bread and water to show your support for poor and hungry neighbors in our community. Keynote Speaker will be Deacon Kevin McCormack, co-host of WABC radio's show, Religion on the Line with Rabbi Joseph Potasnik. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$50 for senior citizens and \$35 for students. For tickets and reservations, call Chris Hellstrom at 718-448-1544 ext. 116 or email Christopher_hellstrom@projecthospitality.org.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles Event

Wednesday, November 28 @ 7:15 pm

Esposito Community Center

(136 Midland Ave, SI, NY 10306)

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host a talk by Fr. Thomas DeSimone on "*Death and Dying in Union with Christ*". Light refreshments will be served, \$5 - \$10 appreciated at the door. For more information, visit www.sfcssi.wixsite.com/website, or email sfcssi@gmail.com. St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

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

Diabetes Management/Health Workshop

Every third Wednesday of the month we will discuss a different health topic relating to Diabetes Management & prevention. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm** in the **Damato Mtg. Room** of the Athletic Center. The topic will be "Diabetes Foot Care."

Writing Memoir with George Hopkins

Learn how to create a story of moments & events that have taken place in your life. **Mon. Nov. 26 at 6 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

Walking Group with Maria Quadrino

Meet friends and gain support on staying active. Meets last Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am in the East Pacific Mall entrance (walking mall pass is needed for access). **Tuesdays November 27 & December 18.**

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Supplies are limited-please bring necessary tools and wire. **Tuesday, December 4 at 6 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The next session of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be on **Thursday, November 15 at 11:30 am** in the Rectory Basement.

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 is 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.