

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, January 26

4:00PM Fred & Marie Grasso
5:30PM Isabella Mulé

Sunday, January 27

8:00AM Anthony Medeiros
9:30AM Rosemarie Durante
11:00AM Fr. Joseph McKenna
12:30PM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.
7:00PM Joseph Caggiano

Monday, January 28

9:00AM Carman Degardo

Tuesday, January 29

9:00AM Theresa Holl

Wednesday, January 30

9:00 AM Anthony Pepe

Thursday, January 31

9:00AM Rosemarie Durante

Friday, February 1

9:00AM Edward Piscena

Saturday, February 2

9:00AM Peter & Angela Ricciardi
4:00PM Cecelia Timmins
5:30PM Frances Garibaldi

Sunday, February 3

8:00AM Msgr. Neil Graham
9:30AM Mary Prue & Gloria Ungaro
11:00AM Michele Scalzo
12:30PM Antoinette Vulpi
7:00PM Teddy Klinkosz



Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Dylan Niquette & Jaclyn Castellano
3rd Time: Salvatore Amato & Christy Velazquez

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 17** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**Winter Blood Drive
This Sunday 1/27**



Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding our winter blood drive on Sunday, January 27 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
January 27-February 2, 2019
In Loving Memory of
Florance & Michael Generoso

Donated by their Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 2

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 2

4:00PM G Decker, A Petrocelli, E Burns, L Bauer & E Vitiello
5:30PM JM & M Graziano, A Dazio, J Uhlman & F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, February 3

8:00AM C Ambrosino
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Weir
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, February 3

8:00AM C Rosato, M Molinini, A Shirazi & M Quadrino
9:30AM B Barone, S Monteforte, B&MA Higgins
11:00AM J Amodio, J&C Gerace, L Appel, C Ordy
12:30PM MA Russo, S Catalano, A McCoy, R Marino & A Maffeo
7:00PM J Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, C Houle & M Randazzo

Altar Servers – Saturday, February 2

4:00PM D Cavicchio, K Marchisella
5:30PM D Heidel, J Habib

Altar Servers – Sunday, February 3

8:00AM S&N Mejias
9:30AM S Artz, M&T Maresca
11:00AM T Marone
12:30PM B Stackhouse, S&A Velazquez
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:

Daniel Jack Navatta, Frank Geary

Sunday collection for the week of 1/13/19:

\$15,471.79

2018 Christmas Collection:

\$43,880.62

2018 Christmas Flowers

\$4,137.00



God bless you for your generosity!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The warmest of best wishes to you from the coldest of days. I thought that I would share with you some good news in a world that's filled with anything but that. I recently received a phone call from Bishop John O'Hara. He asked me if I would host a special event that will take place from Sunday, April 7 from 5PM to 12 Noon the next day. We have been selected to be the gathering site for a relic: the heart of Saint John Vianney, the Cure of Ars. It seems that the heart will be on display for veneration at Saint Patrick's Cathedral prior to coming to us and then we would receive the relics of this patron saint of parish priests. Bishop O'Hara was delighted that I said yes. Since we have a large church, people from all the surrounding areas can come and pray to this wonderful saint for the reparation that has been done to our church due to the scandals of some priests and bishops. We pray also for the holiness and sanctification of the present day clergy who minister today in a post-Christian environment as well as for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

So who is Saint John Vianney? Very simply, he is the patron saint of parish priests. He was born in France and raised during the time after the French Revolution. At that time in history, there was much anguish over the martyrdom of several religious and priests. John struggled to become a priest and after he was ordained, was sent to the tiny town of Ars, not too far from present day Lyons, France. He was extremely holy and pious and was known as the 'prisoner' of the confessional. He formed a small orphanage for children dedicated to Saint Philomena in the town. He did spiritual warfare with the devil. He lived a very meager life. Perhaps what was most notable was his love for the Sacrament of Penance and the thirst for souls to come home to God. There's an anecdote of how he, as a newly ordained priest, couldn't figure out how to get to the town he had been assigned to. Along the way, he met a young boy and asked him how to get to Ars. He said to the boy, "You show me how to get to Ars; and I'll show you how to get to heaven."

In time, his reputation for being an outstanding confessor become so widespread that people traveled from all over to go to confession to him. In the last year of his life, in the later nineteenth century, it was discovered that over 90,000 people went to him for confession. That's well over 300 people each day. Oftentimes he would hear as much as 18 hours of confession. He had one confessional for men, one for women, one for nuns, one for priests and a hole drilled through the wall to the street for people who wouldn't enter the church. You can see it all today in Ars, as it was back then.

Today, if you travel to Ars, you would see that this is a tiny town. There is a museum with tableaus of his life. There is an underground auditorium that could hold over a 1000 people. In 2005, there was a Charismatic Conference for priests to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his beatification, and I saw firsthand the heart of Saint John Vianney. Like his body which never corrupted in a glass coffin, so too the heart is contained in a large gold and glass lunette. I was moved to ask Father Charles Mangano, then the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Merrick, Long Island to seek out the bishop of Ars and invite him to come with the relic to that parish. At first, he balked at me and said, "Tom, are you nuts? After 9/11 and all the airport security issues, they would never be permitted to come to our country." Well on October of 2006, he did come with the relic and over 25,000 people venerated and prayed before the heart of Saint John Vianney. Why did he come then? The bishop told me that out of 1000 priests in that conference in France the year before, only 38 were American. He thought we didn't really know the power of this great saint.

During the second day of that three-day visit, I experienced a minor miracle while people were standing on line. I was one of many priests who were asked to hear confessions, and I was shown a place in the choir loft. A very well dressed businessman said to me, "Isn't it interesting? I've never seen the human heart on display like that before. Here is the heart of someone who loved God and his people so much and he died but his body never decomposed and yet he's dead, and here am I very much alive and my heart is dead. Father, would you hear my confession?" Indeed, I did. I know how powerful this saint is.

If you would like to learn more about Saint John Vianney, there are many books available that have been written on his life for all age groups including, *The Cure D'Ars Today: St. John Vianney*, by Fr. George Rutler.

May his presence in our parish bring many graces and new life to all of us. Keep warm and be blessed during these winter days.

Fr. Tom Devery

Volunteer Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please see the Sacristan after Mass or stop in the Rectory office Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30 pm. (One gift per family, please.) Thank you!



Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zoe Grace Comito, John Dawidowicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Zeina Encico, Florence Fitzgerald, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Ann Mannino, William Masel, John McNamara, 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, Michael Wright, 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, February 5 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, February 19 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

January 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24, April 28
NO CLASS on April 14

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.

1st Friday Overnight Adoration Vigil

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month it will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, February 1 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, February 2 at 9 am**.

Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, February 2 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Happy Catholic Schools Week! We are so grateful to our OLSS parents for supporting Catholic education. Thank you for entrusting us with your children as together we help them grow academically and spiritually.

• Here's what some of our students have to say about their school:

"We are all very close at OLSS. The students and staff are like a family." –Katelynn 6-1

"The kids and teachers are really nice. We do a lot of fun things and I really love math." – Peter 5-2

"As a newer student, I like how people were welcoming and made it easy to adjust to my new school." – Emily 6-1

"I like all the teachers and that we have big gyms! I like going to the same school my mom and uncle went to."
–Michael 2-2

"I like my teachers. I like my whole school. I love gym!"
– Andrew 1-2

• Check out our school's website for the list of activities planned for OLSS students this week!

• Come see OLSS in action! Our next Touring Tuesday is on Tuesday, January 29 from 9-11. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 1** 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, February 7** 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, January 28 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 info 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 **February 20**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

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 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

OLSS SPORTS

Annual Valentine's Dance Fundraiser

February 2, 2019 is the night! Come out to OLSS for our annual Valentine's Dance. Individual seats or tables are available. \$35/person gets you Dinner, Soda/water, DJ, Photo Booth, raffles and much more. Help support our sports programming while having a great time! To register online, go to www.olssbasketball.com otherwise, you can call 718-710-7161 for more information.

OLSS Baseball/Softball/T-Ball

The cold is still here but it is already time to think about dusting off the glove and get ready for some baseball! Registration for t-ball (pre-k & k) and CYO (1-8 grade) baseball is open - go to www.olssbasketball.com. Registration will be available under the "baseball" tab.

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

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Supplies are limited-please bring necessary tools and wire. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 5 at 6 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The next sessions of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be from 11:45 am -1:15 pm in the Rectory Basement on **Thursdays February 7 & 21**.

Growth in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Growth in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place & Time: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel from 7-9 pm

Dates: January 29, February 12, 19 & 26

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS)

Saint Francis Catholic Singles will host "Achieving Optimal Wellness of Mind, Body, Soul and the Importance of Prayer" a talk by Nurse Practitioner, Melissa Lanza, on **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher's Parish Community Center - 136 Midland Avenue, S.I., NY 10306. Light refreshments will be served, \$10 appreciated, at the door. For more information, 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.

Feminine Genius Brunch

Sponsored by the Sisters of Life

To all women of the parish...the Sisters of Life invite you to a **Feminine Genius Brunch** on **Saturday, February 16 at 10AM** at **Nicotra's Ballroom** at the Hilton Garden Inn Staten Island. In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr. Virginia Joy, the director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart and these distinct attributes as women. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please RSVP to <https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com> by February 11. For more info, contact sr.virginia.joy@archny.org.

AOH & LAOH Division #4

12th Annual Fundraiser for John Perrina

Saturday, February 2, 2018

St. Charles' School Hall (200 Penn Ave, SI NY 10306)

7:00 PM – 12 Midnight - \$40 per person

Price includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda & live entertainment by Band of Rogues. 50/50 tickets will be sold.

Reservations a must. Please call for any questions:

Margaret DelBagno at 718-667-0669

Yvonne Sheehan at 718-987-5167

Kathleen Gorman at 718-356-6142

Donations also accepted if you are not able to attend.

John suffers from Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy.



Catholic Daughters of America-Court St. Clare

Attention Ladies: Begin 2019 with an even more fulfilling life! Come see what Catholic Daughters of America is all about. CDA Court St. Clare meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. 2019's 1st meeting is **Tues., February 5 @ 12noon** in the Msgr. Murphy Meeting Room, lower level of the St. Clare Lady Chapel (110 Nelson Ave.). New members from all parishes are welcome! Please contact us for more information, (917) 974-9582 or StClareCDA@aol.com. Also on Facebook: Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court St. Clare.

ADNY Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949. She may be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____	Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____	Sundays 8PM
_____	Mondays 10AM
_____	Tuesdays 4PM
_____	Thursdays 4PM
_____	Fridays 4PM
_____	Saturdays 7:30PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____	Tuesdays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____	Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____	Thursdays 6PM
OA (Overeaters Anonymous) _____	2 nd Friday at 7PM

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every 1st Thursday, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7:15PM and a Healing Mass at 8:30PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on **February 7**.

Addiction Angels –There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction at 7 pm on **Thursday, February 21** in the Damato Meeting Rm. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

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

