

Our Lady Star of the Sea
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 2

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

Monday, February 4

9:00AM Vito Graziano

Tuesday, February 5

9:00AM Dominic Puleo

Wednesday, February 6

9:00 AM Domenick DiMartino

Thursday, February 7

9:00AM Barbara Balz

Friday, February 8

9:00AM Michele Surrey

Saturday, February 9

9:00AM John Orfano
4:00PM John Leahy
5:30PM Paul Barone

Sunday, February 10

8:00AM Salvatore Morale
9:30AM Dominic DiPilli
11:00AM Edith Ponzi
12:30PM Richard Rauch
7:00PM Anthony Yanakas

Banns of Marriage



2nd Time: Dylan Niquette & Jaclyn Castellano

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.

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 3-9, 2019

In Loving Memory of
George, Mary & Stephanie Vierno

Donated by Nicole & Lauren Vierno

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 9

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 9

4:00PM J Butalid, M Sprague, A Pompei & J Coscia
5:30PM J Cimino, M Lappin, N Villani & M Quadrino

Lectors – Sunday, February 10

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, February 10

8:00AM A Sparandera, J Stanzione, P Zoltowski, A Shirazi & M Ennis
9:30AM J Gatto, S Hitchcock, B Palomba, L Capobianco & G Decker
11:00AM N Fallacaro, V Acri, J Tolento, E&G Riozzi
12:30PM B Peters, R Ruskowski, C Belvedere, R Marino & J Amodio
7:00PM A Zuffante, M Recanatini, K Melka, C Houle & M Randazzo

Altar Servers – Saturday, February 9

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

Altar Servers – Sunday, February 10

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

Carl Messina, Alice Ercole

Sunday collection for the week of 1/20/19:

\$16,132.50

2nd Collection – Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,470.17

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

During this past week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Beginning with the reflections of our eighth graders at all the Masses on their experience of growing up here at OLSS, then the Legacy/Alumni Mass for the people who attended our school and currently have their children enrolled in the school. After Mass, they attended breakfast together. Along with other Catholic Schools Week activities, and our open house of the school, this has been an amazing week! Also during last week, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic School teachers and students and theologians. St. Thomas Aquinas has been my patron saint, ever since learning about him from the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt.

Why is Saint Thomas Aquinas such a great saint? He was born in the later part of the 12th Century in Italy. His family came from the House of Aquino. He was educated by the Benedictines at Monte Cassino. He then studied at Naples. It was there that he met the Dominican Friars and joined their company of Friar Preachers. Being outstanding in learning from Saint Albert the Great, he devoted the rest of his life to prayer and teaching. He bridged the gap between faith and reason. Saint Thomas developed the teaching technique of thesis, antithesis and synthesis. His popularity grew in the Universities of Paris and Cologne.

I remember learning about "Transubstantiation" with regard to the consecration of the Mass. This means that all being is composed of essence and accident, or substance and accident. For example, you could have a church chair: Its essence is chair, its accident is that it is green and has a kneeler attached, however, its not a barber chair, or a bar stool, or a high chair or a desk chair. All of these are chairs but its accident is the type of chair it is. In regard to the Altar bread held by the priest at Mass, it looks, smells, feels like unleavened bread. Its accident doesn't change but the substance does. This is the very heart of the miracle at each Mass. That bread after the consecration is now Jesus' body and blood, soul and divinity. It still looks, feels, and tastes the same as an unconsecrated altar bread. In this manner, we bow, genuflect, and adore the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle and also in the monstrance for Adoration in exposition. Saint Thomas Aquinas was asked by Pope Urban IV to compose prayers for the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ). He did and wrote some hymns we still sing during Benediction: *Tantum Ergo*: "Down in adoration falling, Lo the sacred Host we hail" and *Pange Lingua*: "Sing my tongue the Savior's glory, Of the Sacred Host we hail."

Saint Thomas taught that the Cross of Christ is not only the perfect remission of all our sins but also the school of every virtue we hope to attain in life. If you strive for love, gaze upon the Cross of Christ and you'll hear Jesus say, "There is no greater love than this than to lay down your life for your friends." If you seek patience, look at Jesus, how much he was scourged, beaten, disrespected and misunderstood at the Cross. So the Cross of Christ is the School of Virtues.

When Saint Thomas Aquinas finished writing his major Summary of Theology called the Summa Theologica; he had a vision of Jesus and declared that "all his work was as straw, compared to the deeper reality of Christ." He was a mystic and a teacher. There is a legend that one of the sacristans toward the end of his life saw Saint Thomas conversing with Christ on the Cross. Our Blessed Lord said to him, "You have spoken well of me Thomas, what should be your reward?" Thomas replied, "Only you, Lord Jesus, only you."

As I reflect on the situation of our culture becoming more secular and openly hostile to the sacredness of human life, Catholic education has a mandate not only for excellence and success of our students but also of forming them to be faithful disciples. This is the life-long learning that must be integrated into our personalities. As we journey each day closer and closer to our eternal reward, may we respond like Saint Thomas, "Only you, Lord Jesus, I want only you".

The following note was sent to me on behalf of gifts sent to the Carmel Richmond home over the holidays:

On behalf of our residents here at Carmel Richmond Home, I thank you sincerely for the lovely shawls and lap robes that you made for our residents. They so feel the cold, and appreciate your beautiful, hand-made goods that will help keep them warm. May God bless all of you. Gratefully, Sister Suzanne, O. Carm.

As we now enter the month of February, let us pray for healing, unity and peace.

Fr. Tom Devery



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, Zioe Grace Comito, John Dawidoicz, 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, Benjamin Thomasen, 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

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.

Thank You from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel + St. Benedicta + St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

Dear Friends in Christ,

Another year has come to a close, and as we embark on a new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your faithful giving to the ministry of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-ST. BENEDICTA-ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION. Year after year, we are overwhelmed with the response from you, our faithful donors!

It is gifts like yours that continue to enable us to function as a healthy and vibrant church. We desire to continue to reach out into our community with love and concern, but most importantly the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Rev. Hernan Paredes, S.J., Pastor

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Thank you to the faculty, staff, students and parents of OLSS for a great Catholic Schools Week! Our week was filled with scavenger hunts, a cast of historical and book characters, career day, Cranial Crunch, a book drive, legacy day, a beautiful mass led by the National Junior Honor Society and a day to recognize and give thanks for our wonderful teachers. At OLSS, we learn, serve, lead and succeed!

• Congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Palmieri, one of our 2nd grade teachers who was recognized by the Archdiocese as an exemplary teacher! Mrs. Palmieri is a teacher driven by a passion and zeal to form young minds and hearts. We are grateful for all you do for our children.

• Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for January! The value for January was circumspection and awarded to: **John Venetsky, Frank Lutrario, Carmine Indelicati, Alexandra Iosue, Mariah Criscitiello, Isabella Longo, Jake Stadler, Ella Onesto, Ava Robbins, Luca Minco, Alessandra Costabile, Marcello Giordano, Angelina Focca, Ciara Pacifico, Antonio Donniacuo, Roma Malerba, Emma Skelly and Anthony Zoccali.**

• Come see OLSS in action! Our next Touring Tuesday is on **Tuesday, February 5 from 9-11 am**. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 15** 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, February 4 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory**. 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

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: February 12, 19 & 26

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

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.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, February 8 at Holy Family Church

(366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314)

Join us as Mark Houck, founder of The King's Men shares his testimony and a message of healing and hope for our culture. All are welcome. Mass is at 7 pm followed by dinner and talk at 8:15 pm.

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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

"When the people in the synagogue heard this they were filled with fury. They rose up and drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through their midst...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

The call of the prophet Jeremiah and the prophetic voice of Jesus can be the source of comfort, as well as concern. A prophet is sometimes described as one who comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. Surely the mission of the Old Testament prophet and the challenge of Jesus can arouse anxiety or produce a calm, as He with us to deliver us.

The word of God is designed to help us discern how we can grow in our Christian lives, to know the Lord better, to love Him in the most trying circumstance, and to serve Him in the most vulnerable and marginalized.

We do not have to look far to discover where this challenge can be put into action. We so admire those who seemingly give of themselves for the good of others. Remember when a wealthy admirer told a Missionary of Charity that he wouldn't dress the wound of a suffering leper for a million dollars. The Sister replied 'I wouldn't either.'

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) _____ 2nd 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

