

Our Lady Star of the Sea
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 23

4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato

5:30PM John P. Cali

Sunday, February 24

8:00AM Luis Tirado

9:30AM Giovanni Iacono

11:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Henry Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

12:30PM Luigi Garofano

7:00PM Deceased Members of the Ferrigno Family

Monday, February 25

9:00AM Marianne DiStefano

Tuesday, February 26

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Civello Family

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 AM Marianne DiStefano

Thursday, February 28

9:00AM Gilda Apicella

Friday, March 1

9:00AM Michael Bonagoro

Saturday, March 2

9:00AM Lena Vetere

4:00PM Andre Graziano

5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 3

8:00AM Marianne DiStefano

9:30AM Rosa & Salvatore Pallante

11:00AM Mary, Dominick & Dorothy Biscardi

12:30PM Caroline & Philip Tanella

7:00PM Frank Biazzo

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Joseph LaRocca & Gabrielle Pallis

2nd Time: Vincent Ventafredda & Lisa Weber

2nd Time: Oleg & Oksana Kulyak

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, April 28** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

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, March 1 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, March 2 at 9 am**.

Public Outdoor Rosary

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



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 24 – March 2, 2019

In Memory of

Anita Piazza

Donated by Her Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 2

4:00PM F Monte

5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 2

4:00PM J Butalid, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, J Uhlman & L Bauer

5:30PM M Lappin, E Burns, J Cimino, A Dazio & N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, March 3

8:00AM M Andreola

9:30AM J Zinsley

11:00AM B Paccione

12:30PM S Gambino

7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 3

8:00AM M Ennis, S Monteforte, C Rosato, A Sparandera & J Stanzione

9:30AM S Hitchcock, B Palomba, 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, R Marino

7:00PM J Limeri, G LaGrua, A Zuffante, C Houle & M Randazzo

Altar Servers – Saturday, March 2

4:00PM J, E & C Stadler, N Shirazi

5:30PM D Heidel, N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, March 3

8:00AM J Habib

9:30AM S Artz, T&M Maresca

11:00AM J Oliveri, F Surace

12:30PM G Vassallo, A&S 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:

Tony DiBenedetto, Joseph Tranchina, Lucy Ferreri

Sunday collection for the week of 2/10/19:

\$16,531.94

2nd Collection – Peter's Pence:

\$3,381.00

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

One of the greatest lines from all the Psalms can be found in Psalm 46, "*Be still and know that I am God.*" I first encountered this when I saw this inscribed in gold leaf lettering over the tabernacle in Saint Mary's Church in Mount Vernon, NY. In the 1980's, I had gathered with several priests every Wednesday afternoon for fraternity, prayer, praise and accountability. The first hour would be held in the Church and I just admired the sight of the tabernacle with those words shining above. When I arrived at Holy Child Church on March 5, 2000, I was determined to find a Crucifix that would hang over the altar. Once it arrived, I immediately sought out a company that did lettering to write those words over the baldachin over the altar, "*Be still and know that I am God*" – Psalm 46. Several parishioners came to me after to tell me how it touched them and inspired them to remember that God is in charge and to surrender, let go and, rather than give up, give it all into God's hands. The author Shelia Walsh writes: "The original Hebrew root of the words, 'be still' doesn't mean *Be Quiet*. It really means, "*Let Go*". That's very different than just be quiet. Let Go and know that I am God. Let Go of trying to control your spouse! Let Go of your worry over your finances! Let Go of your un-forgiveness! Let Go of your past! So Let Go of what you can't control and rest in the knowledge that God is in control."

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday, on Wednesday March 5, and throughout our Lenten Journey until Easter Sunday on April 21, I invite you to pray these words in silence and let Jesus teach you how to let go. "*Be still and know that I am God*". It's almost the same thing as, "Let Go and Let God". Developing our faith has more to do with letting go than adding on to our hectic lives. I suppose that is why the aspect of fasting is added to our Lenten practice of mortification. People will usually fast from cake, cookies, chocolate candy, desserts, alcohol, and meat: many to look better in their swimwear. But perhaps a better form of fasting would be giving up Facebook and social media, reducing screen time on our phones, laptops and Ipads. Reading, studying more about our faith and giving service to the poor and needy is more in keeping with Spirit of Lent.

Lent is like spring training for our baseball teams, What do they do? They get down to practicing the basics. What are the basics of our Catholic faith? They are: mercy, forgiveness, justice, corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful and anointed with God's presence daily in your life. As the Psalm says, just "*Be still and know that I am God.*"

I am delighted that Carmine Caruso will be home for Ash Wednesday to help us with the distribution of ashes. He is currently studying at Pope St John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. His classmate is Peter Scheffer, a second year seminarian who is studying for the Fall River Diocese in Massachusetts. When I went to visit Carmine last year, I was surprised to run into Peter. Peter was a cadet at West Point during my years when I was stationed there in the mid 1980's. After a full career in the US Army, he heard the call of the Lord and discerned God's will for him to become a priest.

I will be away from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church from February 26 to March 4. I will be traveling with about 20 people from New York to Kingston, Jamaica to work on a mission trip with the Missionaries of the Poor. If you recall, Father Henry, MOP and Father Hayden, MOP and several people from the Missionaries of the Poor Singers came to our parish for a concert and I am delighted to join with them for 6 days of service. Please keep us all in your prayers.

On March 19, there will be a Mass at 6:30PM to honor Saint Joseph and there will be a Saint Joseph's Day Reception & fundraiser in O'Mara Hall in honor of Monsignor Vincent Bartley and his dedication to the people of Project Hospitality. There are postcards giving the cost and details of this fundraiser in the lobby of the Church.

Be still and know that I am God. – Psalm 46

This is my prayer for you.

Fr. Tom Devery

Notice Regarding the OLSS Mass Live Stream

Due to a recent power outage, the equipment that streams the OLSS Mass on a daily basis was damaged. The stream will be out of order for approximately 2 weeks in order for the part to be replaced and repaired. We thank you for your patience and understanding while this matter is being taken care of.



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zioe Grace Comito, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Zeina Encico, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarahjit 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, March 5 at 7:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, March 19 at 3:30 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 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Opening of the 2020 Mass Book

The 2020 Mass book will open on **Wednesday, February 27th at 9:45 am.** Because of our large parish, at this time, you may request up to **THREE** Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory, since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

2020 OLSS Mass Request Form (please fill out completely)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Requested Mass Date/Time: Mass Intention for (Name):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sunday (& Saturday Vigil) Masses are \$20.

Weekday Masses are \$15.

Please use a 2020 calendar when selecting dates.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Our Lady Star of the Sea is sponsoring a TACHS program from July 8 through July 26, 2019 to help students prepare for the Catholic High School entrance exam. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.
- For two years in a row, a 4th grader from OLSS has won Borough President James Oddo's *Readers are Leaders* challenge. One student from all of Staten Island is chosen to receive a magic show, performed by Magician Mike Lane, at the winner's school. Mike Lane is also the author of the Magic Shop book series. Mike reads all the reports and chooses the winners! Let's get reading 4th grade!!
- Our annual Fashion Show is Thursday, March 28th. We are looking forward to a great night!

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held on **Thursday, March 7 from 6-7** in the **OLSS Athletic Center** for all players, which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & sblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 8** 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, March 7** from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Living Room of the **OLSS Rectory**. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

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 25 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 **March 20**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Bible Study Group – Thursdays from 10-11:30 am in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome. For information, call Lenore at 917-642-3377.

Donations for Memorial Window in Memory of Msgr. Vincent Bartley & Fr. Robert Poveromo

The front window of the church lobby will be etched with a rendering of Our Lady Star of the Sea in memoriam of Fr. Robert Poveromo and Msgr. Vincent Bartley. Anyone wishing to donate to this memorial may fill out this form and bring the donation into the Rectory or mail it to the Rectory at 5371 Amboy Rd, SI, NY 10312. *PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



St. Joseph's Day Table Celebration

Please join us as we raise funds for
the poor in honor of Msgr. Bartley

Tuesday, March 19th

6:30 AM Mass

7:30 - 10:00 PM Sicilian Dinner, O'Mara Hall

Our Lady Star of the Sea

5411 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY 10312

\$60 per person • \$100 couples

RSVP to 718-448-1544 x116

or visit <https://projecthospitality.ticketspice.com/st-josephs-day-celebration-in-honor-of-msgr-bartley>

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Gospel of John Bible Study starting March 7

All are welcome to learn more about the Gospel of John. Come and interact with other adults for a greater understanding of this gospel from "the disciple whom Jesus loved." The group meets every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. For more information, call Lenore at 917-642-3377.

Archcare TimeBank at OLSS

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Materials provided for this class, all creations will be donated to Carmel Richmond Nursing Home. **Mondays March 11 & 25** at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement.

Watercolor Painting Workshop Series

Registration with Laura is required – space is limited! Learn painting skills with Maria, during this 4 class series. **Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 10 am to 12:30 pm in the Rectory Basement.

Knitting & Crocheting Group **NEW Time & Day

The next sessions of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be from **Wednesdays March 13 & 27 and April 3 & 24** at 10 am in the Rectory Basement.

Friends & Family Game Night

Monday, March 18 at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome to attend this social gathering and learn more about ArchCare's TimeBank, please RSVP to Laura.

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.

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

Our Lady Help of Christians Church- Bible Study with Fr. Halbing. Classes are every Thursday evening at 7 pm in the Lower Church. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Baptisms are conducted EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm with the following exceptions: There will be no baptisms on April 14 & 21 (Palm Sunday & Easter), May 12 (Mothers' Day) or June 16 (Fathers' Day).

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

February 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. Dates for Baptisms are not guaranteed until the required documents are turned into the Rectory and the date is confirmed by rectory staff.

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.

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 **March 7**.