

Our Lady Star of the Sea
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 2

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

Monday, March 4

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Tuesday, March 5

9:00AM Vincenza Graziano LoDuca & Antonio LoDuca

Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Tony Bassi
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palomba Family
12Noon Jaime Moltisanti-Cucuzza
8:00PM Louis Aponte

Thursday, March 7

9:00AM Amedeo Arena

Friday, March 8

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

Saturday, March 9

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani
4:00PM Joseph Casazza, Jr.
5:30PM Helen & William Timmermans

Sunday, March 10

8:00AM Salvatore Micciulla
9:30AM Margaret R. Greaney
11:00AM Rosa Fareri
12:30PM Ralph Moceo
7:00PM Rosario, Frank & Daniel Biazzo



Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Michael Lauro & Jessica Balestrieri
2nd Time: Joseph LaRocca & Gabrielle Pallis
3rd Time: Vincent Ventafredda & Lisa Weber
3rd 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.

Ash Wednesday – March 6

Ashes will be distributed during the following times:

Masses:

7 am, 9 am 12 Noon, and 8 pm

Services:

3:30 pm and 4:30 pm

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Ashes will only be distributed to those who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd grade and above). Small children will be given a special blessing.

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

In Memory of
Carmella Heidel

Donated by Her Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 9

4:00PM A Pompei
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 9

4:00PM J Coscia, C Harris, L Bauer, E Vitiello, G Decker
5:30PM C Houle, C Barone, A Maffeo, E Burns, M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, March 10

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 10

8:00AM S Monteforte, M Molinini, A Shirazi, M Quadrino
9:30AM J Gatto, B Higgins, L Appel, B Barone
11:00AM J Amodio, C&J Gerace, C Ordy, J Tolento
12:30PM R Marino, S Catalano, R Ruszkowski, MA Russo, A McCoy
7:00PM J Limeri, K Melka, A Zuffante, J Bellina, G LaGrua

Altar Servers – Saturday, March 9

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

Altar Servers – Sunday, March 10

8:00AM J, E & C Stadler
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM J Oliveri, P Marone
12:30PM G 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:

Adele McNiff, Theresa Simione, Rose Ferrari

Sunday collection for the week of 2/17/19:



\$15,636.75

God bless you for your generosity!

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.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the Holy Season of Lent. As we begin our discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving this year, let us ask our Blessed Lord to fill us with His Holy Spirit that we may be truly challenged, changed and set free to enjoy a greater fullness of life and grace.

I would like to highlight my conversation with a parishioner who was so inspired by a 2011 homily by Monsignor Jeff Conway, that she took the time to study and do her own research on the points in his homily. When she brought this to my attention, I was delighted by these insights and wanted to share them with you. These are her notes:

Why Christ has to be crucified?.... I always wondered why God designed it this way and made it so difficult. I know that God is love and I couldn't understand why a loving God would design a plan to need his Son to be crucified. Then, Msgr. Jeff explained that it wasn't God's will that Christ should suffer so much... it was the Pharisees and those threatened by Christ who made it this way.

Msgr. Jeff explained that there are three different types of God's Will.

- 1) Intentional Will – God's ideal plan
- 2) Circumstantial Will – God's plan within circumstances
- 3) Ultimate Will – God's final realization of his purpose or ideal plan

God's intentional will was that Christ would preach to the world about His love and the issues of Heaven. However, the ways of man produced the circumstances whereby the Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus. Jesus then had a choice: - run away, but that wouldn't fulfill the mission, – lie about who he was, but He couldn't lie, - stay and face their arrest and crucifixion. Jesus stayed and, as a result of the circumstances produced by man, was made to suffer and be crucified.

God raised Jesus from the dead and thereby God's Ultimate Will was carried out. The Good News spread even more because of Jesus being raised from the dead. In the end, all things worked out for the good.

This is certainly a role model for us in our own lives. When something terrible happens (like an early death, or disease, etc.) it is not God's will but the circumstances on the earth. However, God's Ultimate Will will always be carried out because whatever happens, we join Him in the afterlife.

Monsignor Jeff told her that he got this information from a book entitled, "The Will of God", by Leslie Weatherhead. He was an ordained Methodist preacher. In 1915 he retired as the senior minister at the City Temple in London. This book is actually a collection of sermons he preached as a result of the horrors he and other experienced during WWII in order to help people keep faith in God's love.

In his book on Page 44, he wrote:

"Turning to the Cross once more as the supreme example, we see again that

1. The intentional will of God was not that Jesus should be crucified, but that he should be followed.
2. The circumstantial will of God, God's will in the circumstances which men's evil provided, was that Jesus should accept death, but accept it in such a positive and creative way so as to lead to
3. God's ultimate will – namely, the redemption of man, winning man back to God, not in spite of the Cross, but using the Cross, born of man's sin, as an instrument to reach the goal of God's ultimate will."

I know this is deep and challenging but hopefully helpful in our understanding of how profound Jesus is in carrying the mission of the Cross.

Blessings to you during this grace filled season of Lent.

Fr. Tom Devery



LENT 2019

Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, March 6, is a day of fasting and abstinence. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm and from 5 to 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross: Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent.

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, 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, 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.**

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, March 4 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, 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.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for the month of February. The value for February was trustworthiness and was awarded to: **Emma Palmieri, Amanda Sofia, Ryan O'Friel, Brayden DeVito, Joseph Solla, James Anzalone, Theodora Gergis, Sydney Hammill, Sofia Anzalone, Liam Lemos, Jack Rugg, Juliette Cermeli, Chase Curro, Riley Greenblum, Alessia DiCiolla, Dylan Britz and Francis Stephano.**

• OLSS is sponsoring a TACHS program from July 8 - 26, to help students prepare for the Catholic High School entrance exam. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

• Our annual Fashion Show is Thursday, March 28th. If you are interested in donating a gift basket, taking out an ad in the journal, sponsoring a table or would like to purchase a ticket to the event, please contact the school office for more information. We are looking forward to a great night!

OLSS SOCCER

Open Soccer Registration will be held on **Thurs., 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 & siblings. See the website www.olssoccer.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.

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 jimeri@aol.com or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

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).


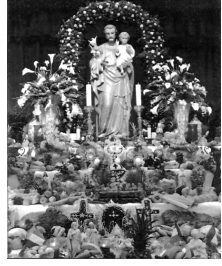
Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

March 10 & 24, April 28 (NO CLASS on April 14), May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22

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.

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 AM 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**

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.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, March 8 at Holy Family Church

Join author, doctor and public health scientist Dr. May Jen Apiado as she launches her marriage-strengthening book titled WICKS: Fanning the Flames of Married Love and shares best examples of living and dying from her forensic pathology practice. All are welcome. Stations of the Cross (optional) & dinner begin at 7:30 pm with speaker to follow at 8:15 pm. 366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314.

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.

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: _____



OLSS DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



****REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 16 FROM 11 AM – 2 PM IN THE OLSS ATHLETIC CTR****

Camp will run from **Monday, July 1st**

thru Friday, August 9th

from 9 am – 3:30pm

(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade in September 2019)

Register BEFORE April 19 to Receive the Early Bird Pricing Special: (Must be paid in full by April 19 to qualify)

July 4th Week - \$210

\$240 full day-weekly & \$85 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly & \$50 half day-daily

After April 18th Regular camp rates apply:

July 4th Week - \$235

\$270 full day-weekly & \$95 full day-daily

\$190 half day-weekly & \$55 half day-daily

Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am
 Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm
 (At an additional hourly rate)

Camp will be held on the OLSS campus:

5411 Amboy Road SI, NY 10312

****Bring your own Lunch and Snack****

Indoor Activities Include

Arts and Crafts, Dance, Computers

Outdoor Activities Include

Gaga game, Organized games & more!

Weekly Theme Days

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo, Camp Director:
linsop@aol.com