

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, March 23

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi & Serrantonio Families
5:30PM Pat Damato

Sunday, March 24

8:00AM Lillian Visceglia
9:30AM Concetto Cataudella & Marie Cancelleri
11:00AM Kelvin Voyeau
12:30PM Mamie Tori & Patricia Lupo
7:00PM Helen Frontera

Monday, March 25

9:00AM Frank Fiumano

Tuesday, March 26

9:00AM Clotilde Giammarco

Wednesday, March 27

9:00AM Mary Ellen Olszewski

Thursday, March 28

9:00AM Veronica Filitor

Friday, March 29

9:00AM Joyce Negrete

Saturday, March 30

9:00AM Al Alli & Alex Inserra
4:00PM Diane & Christopher Curran
5:30PM Fred & Margie Uberti

Sunday, March 31

8:00AM Barbara DeCoraro
9:30AM Gregory Owen
11:00AM Louis Villiarola
12:30PM Luciano Di Giallonardo
7:00PM Anna Bernieri

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Eric Amato & Cassandra Donato
2nd Time: Joseph LoCascio & Lauren Guercio
2nd Time: Steven Hansen & Janine Perillo

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.



RCIA Scrutiny

This Sunday, our RCIA Elect (Alexa Maria Bravin, Sally Chen, Melody Chen, Marco Cheung, Ethan Esposito) will celebrate the 1st of 3 RCIA Scrutinies during the 11:00 am mass. These Rites are intended to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. These Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then to heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the Elects hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. These Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. We ask you to always keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers. For more information on the RCIA Program or completing your sacraments, please contact Joe Limeri at jlimeri@aol.com or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
March 24-30 2019

In Memory of
Eugene O'Byrne

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Roberts

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 30

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 30

4:00PM L Barbato, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, J Uhlman & A Pompei
5:30PM C Losi, E Burns, J Cimino, A Dazio, N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, March 31

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM M Pinto
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM S Gambino
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 31

8:00AM M Ennis, M Molinini, C Rosato, A Sparandera & J Stanzione
9:30AM J Zinsley, B Barone, S Monteforte, T Strange & J Gatto
11:00AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, V Acri, M Quadri
12:30PM A McCoy, C Belvedere, C Messina, B Weir
7:00PM J Limeri, G LaGrua, M Sprague, C Houle, K Melka

Altar Servers – Saturday, March 30

4:00PM D Cavicchio, N Shirazi
5:30PM P Marone, N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, March 31

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito, S Artz
11:00AM P Marone, J Habib
12:30PM G Vassallo
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:

**Dolores Abbruscato, Marie Coppa Lovallo,
John McNamara, James Haagen**

Are You In Pain From the Loss of a Loved One?

Does the thought of your departed loved one bring tears to your eyes? There is hope - a new session of the *New Day Journal: A Journey from Grief to Healing* has formed! The group meets **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm through May 8** in the OLSS Rectory. Come find the support and strength you need to continue on your journey within a loving and supportive Christian community. For more info and to speak to someone about this important ministry, contact Veronica Petersen at 347-620-8585 or johnnpetersen@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday collection:

\$5,805.00

Sunday collection for the week of 3/10/19:

\$16,363.98

2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Service

\$2,991.00

God bless you for your generosity!



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This is the third Sunday of Lent and we see in our readings from sacred scripture, a contrast; we see a flaming, burning bush that doesn't get consumed and in the Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the fig tree that doesn't bear fruit. The burning bush attracts Moses' attention and wonderment and soon he is removing his sandals because God is telling him that he stands on holy ground. God reveals himself as I AM. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Then comes the mission of Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let Israel go and thus end their slavery. The dynamic encounter between Moses and God in the burning bush is alive, active and challenging and would ultimately result in the Passover and the freedom from slavery. God hears the cry of the poor and responds.

In contrast, we hear in Jesus' parable about the lifeless, non-fruit producing fig tree. It's ready to be thrown into the fire and exterminated, but in the parable, the farmer gives it another chance. Each Lent the patience of our God gives us ample opportunities to repent and be fruitful. God is expecting fruits from us. Here is another explanation from Bishop Robert Barron's *Lenten Gospel Reflection*:

"The tree that bears no fruit is evocative of the moral person who bears no spiritual fruit. Every single person has a mission to be a conduit of God's divine grace into the world. Planted in God – thinking of Jesus as the vine and the branches – they are to bring forth fruits of love, peace, compassion, justice and nonviolence.

And notice that this should be effortless. The closer God gets, the more alive we become. But the mystery of sin is that we resist the invasion of God; we prefer to go our own way clinging to our own prerogatives and our own narrow freedom. And the result is lifelessness. It feels like depression, that you are going nowhere or in Dante's language, "being lost in a dark woods."

In Jesus' parable, the one caring for the tree begs the owner to manure the tree, to hoe around it, hoping to bring it back to life. But if no life comes, the tree will be cut down. This is the note of urgency that is struck over and over again in the Bible. We can run out of time. We can become so resistant to God's grace that our leaves dry up.

This is not divine vengeance; it's spiritual physics. So don't be afraid of God. Surrender to Him."

I want to thank all the people who came to our dinner celebration of Saint Joseph's Day in honor of Monsignor Vincent Bartley and Project Hospitality. This past week we officially ended our winter season and welcomed spring. I pray for a fruitful and spiritually enriching Lent for all of you.

The OLSS Legion of Mary will be holding their consecration on Sunday at 4 pm. We honor all the members of the Legion of Mary and pray for continued blessings on your ministry.

On Saturday, March 30 at 8PM in our church, the members of the OLSS music ministry will conduct a concert of Lenten and Easter songs and give God glory through the beautiful gift of music. We are so blessed with the musical talent here in Our Lady Star of the Sea. I will be singing just one song. This takes me out of my comfort zone, but it's going to be a surprise.

Please remember in your prayers all the 157 people who were killed in the Ethiopian Airlines crash in Kenya. In addition, I pray for the 50 people who were murdered in the attack on the Christchurch Mosque in New Zealand. The fruitlessness of violence in our world has to end.

The Catholic Schools on Staten Island are sponsoring an essay contest on the following topic "When my faith is challenged, I _____". The winners will be announced at the combined 8th grade Mass held in our parish in June just before graduation.

The Golden Cross Awards will be held at the Nicotra's Hilton Hotel today, March 24th. Awards are given to students and educators on Staten Island for outstanding service. Monsignor Edmund Whelan, former principal of Monsignor Farrell High School, and now currently the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of New York, is being honored for his lifetime achievement here on Staten Island.

Blessings to all of you on your Lenten journey into Easter.

Fr. Tom Devery

LENT 2019

Fast & 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.

Lenten Love Offering: Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. The Lenten Love Offering boxes will be collected the weekend of **April 6 & 7**.

OLSS Music Ministry Inspirational Concert **Saturday, March 30, 8 pm at OLSS**

Join us for a night of prayer, worship and praise as you continue your Lenten journey this season!

Relic of St. John Vianney visits OLSS

The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, will be on display at OLSS from Sunday, April 7 at 4 pm through Monday, April 8 at 8 am. We encourage all to come visit the relic of this holy saint!

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Congratulations to Mrs. Bennett, our school's technology teacher, who is the Our Lady Star of the Sea honoree for the Staten Island Region's Golden Cross for Education Award. Mrs. Bennett is one of 21 members from our Catholic School Community on Staten Island being honored with this Outstanding Catholic Community Award. On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and administration, we thank you for all you do for our school!
- Congratulations to our 4th grade Boys A Division basketball team who came from behind to WIN the CYO State Championship on March 16th! Great job boys!
- Good luck to all our cheer teams who are competing for the State title this weekend!
- New York State ELA exams will be given to the students in grades 3-8 on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3.
- Our annual Fashion Show is Thursday, March 28th. If you are interested in donating a gift basket, 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!

Boy Scout Troop 5 OLSS

2018 Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 5 is proud to recognize the achievements of the following scouts who earned Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout during 2018:

Eagle Scout Eugenio Buccini
Eagle Scout Vincent Palazzo
Eagle Scout Brendan Walsh
Eagle Scout Ethan Schrader
Eagle Scout Matthew Geary
Eagle Scout Nikolas Greenberg

Thank you to the Clergy, Staff and Parish Members of OLSS for your continuous support of the young men of Troop 5. OLSS Troop 5 meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm in O'Mara Hall. Please visit our website at www.troop5si.com.

Kitchen Help Needed

The Presentation Sisters of Staten Island are looking for temporary kitchen help at their convent located at 419 Woodrow Rd, SI, NY. Please contact Mary Clarke at 718-356-2121 for more information.



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Mary Bonfiglio, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zioe Grace Comito, John Dawidowicz, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Lisa Dunne, Zeina Encico, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarahjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Gladys Lombardi, Ann Mannino, William Masel, John McNamara, Mary Montalti, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Melissa Piro, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, Melissa Randazzo, John Robertson, Sr., Anthony Ruggario, Caesar Russo, Msgr. Peter Smith, Dawn Stahlecker, 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, April 2 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, April 16 at 3:30 pm.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next mtg will be **Fri, April 12** 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, April 11** 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 25 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, 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 10am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **April 17**. 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 SOCCER



The **FINAL** Open Soccer Registration will be held on **Thursday, March 28 from 6-7 PM** 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.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.

Legion of Mary - Curia of Staten Island - ACIES

Sunday, March 24 at 4 pm at OLSS

Express publicly your Consecration to Mary in the condensed and beautiful formula -
*'I am all yours, my Queen and my Mother,
& all that I have is yours.'*

All are welcome! Refreshments to follow.



✓ Mark Your Calendar



**Stolzenhaller Columbiettes
Dine Out Fundraiser
Dinner Service ONLY**

Saturday or Sunday, March 23rd & 24th

Portobello Café 4221 Hylan Blvd

Invite your family and friends to join you for dinner.

A portion of our proceeds will benefit various Columbiette charities. Come join us for delicious Italian food, great friendly service and help give back to the community!

You must bring this flyer for the Columbiettes to receive credit.

Thank you for your support!

Alive in the Spirit Reunion

There will be a reunion for those who attended the Alive in the Spirit Seminar on **Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 pm** in the Church.

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. **Monday, March 25 at 7 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 27, April 3 & 24** at 10 am in the Rectory Basement.

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.

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 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) and June 16 (Fathers' Day).

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

March 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.



**OLSS DOLPHIN
SUMMER DAY CAMP**



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 online at <https://tinyurl.com/y3of2wu7>

(a processing fee will be added for online registration)

**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 18

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:
linsoap@aol.com