

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, April 27

4:00PM Arthur & Clorinda Genovesi
5:30PM Catherine Esposito

Sunday, April 28

8:00AM Dominick & Catherine Colonna
9:30AM Salvatore & Nancy DiMaria
11:00AM Tom Russo
12:30PM Stella Torcivia
7:00PM Dominick DiMartino

Monday, April 29

9:00AM Marie Barra

Tuesday, April 30

9:00AM Dominick V. DiMartino

Wednesday, May 1

9:00AM Marc Fusillo

Thursday, May 2

9:00AM Josephine Basile & Antonino Basile

Friday, May 3

9:00AM Richard Famiglietti

Saturday, May 4

9:00AM Christos "Pappore" Haliabalos
4:00PM Edith Ponzi
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Maye
 & McGowan Families

Sunday, May 5

8:00AM Mary Wildes
9:30AM Tillie, Stephen & Steve Healy
11:00AM Michele Surrey
12:30PM Marie Grasso
7:00PM Carl Martorano

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Michael D'Albero & Julie Batanus

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.

THIS WEEKEND in O'Mara Hall- April 27 & 28

Gifts from Bethlehem

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

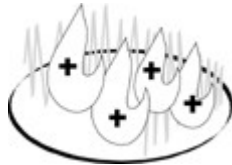
Representatives of Holy Land Art will be selling articles made of olive wood from the Holy Land in O'Mara Hall after all of the Masses this weekend.

NYPD Community Event at OLSS

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5

Dropoff in O'Mara Hall after all Masses

NYPD Guardian Association's community event "Prom King" clothing drive provides dress suits for Middle and High school males to wear during graduation & prom. They will be at OLSS the weekend of May 4 & 5 to collect donations of new and/or gently used: Blazers/sports coats, dress suits/shirts, dress pants/slacks, dress socks/shoes, tuxedos, ties/bow ties, belts/suspenders. Dropoff location is in O'Mara Hall.



The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
April 28-May 4, 2019

In Memory of

Jean Buccellato

Donated by Isabel & Phil Tanella

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 4

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM S Gambino

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, May 4

4:00PM L Barbato, A Petrocelli, J Butalid, B Palomba
 & L Bauer
5:30PM M&JM Graziano, A Dazio, C Houle & F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, May 5

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM C Ambrosino
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, May 5

8:00AM C Rosato, M Ennis, A Shirazi & M Quadri
9:30AM B Barone, S Monteforte, L Capobianco & J Gatto
11:00AM J Amodio, E&G Riozzi, B Paccione & C Ordy
12:30PM MA Russo, S Catalano, A McCoy, C Belvedere
 & B Peters
7:00PM J Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, K Melka
 & M Randazzo

Altar Servers

Saturday, May 4

4:00PM A&S Velazquez, N Shirazi
5:30PM N Shirazi, D Heidel

Sunday, May 5

8:00AM J, E & C Stadler
9:30AM J, T & M Maresca, G Coelho
11:00AM J Oliveri, E Gladstone
12:30PM A&S Velazquez
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias

Sincere Condolences



The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

**Margaret Isabella, Geraldine Armstrong, Corinne Millenkin,
 Cecelia Malerba**

Sunday collection for the week of 4/14/19:



\$ 22,462.90

God bless you for your generosity!

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, May 3 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, May 4 at 9 am.**

Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, May 4 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
 Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Easter Blessings be upon you during this Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the wonderful feast highlighted by Pope John Paul II's canonization of Saint Faustina. It was formerly called "Low Sunday" or the first Sunday after Easter. Divine Mercy is a reminder to us of the mystery of Christ's love for us at Calvary and how even despite Doubting Thomas' absence, Jesus not only appears to the apostles and disciples in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday Evening but shows them that He is Risen, indeed He is alive and that He has forgiven us of all our sins. Jesus conquered sin, suffering and death. He now invites us to love one another by being merciful and spreading this good news.

On Good Friday, the second reading for the Office of Readings contains a powerful message that demonstrates the depths of Christ's love for us and this comes from a catechesis (teaching on the faith) by Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople from 174-177 AD:

If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of it's prefiguration in Egypt. "Sacrifice a lamb without blemish," commanded Moses, and "sprinkle it's blood on your doors." If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days when the destroying angel saw the blood on the door he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that prefigurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The Gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was symbol of baptism and the blood of the Holy Eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb, the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

"There flowed from his side water and blood." Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized Baptism and Holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from Baptism "the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit," and from the Holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of Baptism and the Eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, was he who had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam. Moses gives a hint of this when he tells the story of the first man and makes him exclaim: "Bone of my bone and flesh from my flesh!" As Christ then took the rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in deep sleep, and in the same way, Christ gave us the blood and water after his own death.

Do you understand, then, how Christ has united His bride to Himself and what food He gives to us all to eat? As a woman nourishes her child with her own blood and milk, so does Christ unceasingly nourish with His own blood those to whom He Himself gives life.

Please remember in your prayers the second grade children who in the next three weeks will be receiving Jesus for the very first time. May the Lord always watch over the little ones and help them grow in His grace.

A Blessed Easter Season!

Father Tom Devery

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm**. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact the rectory to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is **Monday, May 13 at 4 pm**.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zioe Grace Comito, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Lisa Dunne, Zeina Encico, Nancy Gallo, John Gerace, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Gladys Lombardi, Lorraine M., Cecilia Malerba, Ann Mannino, Lorenzo Marinelli, William Masel, John McNamara, Maryann Monachino, 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, May 7 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 pm.**

OLSS Bereavement Group

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 **Wednesdays 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, contact Veronica Petersen at 347-620-8585 or johnnpetersen@yahoo.com.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next mtg will be **Fri, May 10** 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, May 9** from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Living Room of the 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, April 29 at 7:30 pm** in the **Chapel**. The LOM is responsible for praying 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 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **May 7**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

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

OLSS Religious Education Registration for September 2019

All students currently attending our program will receive re-registration forms during the month of April. Please return the forms to your child's teacher or mail to the Religious Education office **before May 16, 2019** to take advantage of our reduced rates. Anyone needing evening classes must have already returned their re-registration form by **April 10, 2019**.

FIRST GRADE & NEW REGISTRATIONS

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish prior to registering in the Religious Education Program. **Proof of Parish registration is required (envelope number).**

- We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- First Holy Communion & Penance Certificate, if the sacrament has already been received.

Registration fees BEFORE May 16, 2019 are:

Day Sessions: \$225 for one child; \$300 for two or more children
Wednesday Evenings: \$275 for one child; \$375 for 2 or more children

Registration fees AFTER May 16, 2019 are:

Day Sessions: \$275 for one child and \$350 for two or more
Wednesday Evenings: \$325 for one child; \$425 for two or more

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Quaglia at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

Registration for **First Grade** and **New Registrations** will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on the following date:

First Grade and New Registrations Only
Monday, April 29, 2019 - 4PM - 5:30PM

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- School resumes on Monday, April 29th.
- The NYS Math Exam for grades 3-8 will take place on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2.
- Children may begin wearing summer uniforms on April 29.
- Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on May 4.



Come CHEER with the BEST! OLSS Varsity Cheerleading Tryouts Monday, April 29 from 5 pm – 8:30 pm Athletic Edge Gym (10 Nassau Place)

Open to all girls entering 6th, 7th & 8th Grades. Mandatory parent meeting at 8 pm – please bring \$10 tryout fee! For more information email: olssvarsitycoaches@gmail.com.

OLSS J.V. Cheerleading Tryouts Tuesday, May 7th & Wednesday, May 8th 6:30-8:30 pm (Must attend BOTH days!) at Athletic Edge Gym (10 Nassau Place)

We welcome girls entering 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grades in September, 2019. There is a \$20 tryout fee to be paid in cash upon arrival. Girls must attend both days of tryouts. Please wear sneakers and shorts. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, call Elaine at 917-797-3941 or Ronnie at 718-757-1846.

Blessed are those
who have not seen



and get believe!



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 Sept. 2019)

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y3of2wu7>
(a processing fee will be added for online registration)

Camp Rates:

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

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 May 12 (Mothers' Day) & June 16 (Fathers' Day).

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

April 28, 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.

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 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

OLSS SOCCER



Registrations may be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory for all players including: 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

ALIVE FROM NEW YORK EVENT

A Celebration of the Sacredness of Human Life

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York & Focus on the Family
Saturday, May 4, 2:30 pm - Times Square, NY
Join thousands, live 4D Ultrasound on the Big Screens, Speakers, & Musical Guests. Register for free tickets at www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life.

The Stolzenhaller Columbiettes and OLSS Sports present:

RADIO BINGO

Hosted by DJs @ Work

Friday, May 10 in O'Mara Hall, Doors open at 7 pm
Admission is \$45 pp (includes radio bingo games, hot buffet, light snacks on table soda, water, coffee, cake) Guests are welcome to bring their own refreshments as well. For tickets, please contact Mia at (718) 710-7161 or Debbie at (718) 967-2315. Portion of proceeds to benefit local charities & sports program.

Archcare TimeBank at OLSS

The ArchCare TimeBank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages. The TimeBank is a great community program that offers services and workshops that interest our members. Volunteers are needed to make friendly calls and visits to those who are lonely. To RSVP to any of these events, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Crocheting and Knitting with Maria

Morning class at 10 am in the Rectory Basement on Wednesdays May 1 & 29, June 5 & 26. **Evening class** at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement on Mondays May 13 & June 10.

Writing workshops with George

Mondays, June 3 & 17 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room.

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, June 20 at 7 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend this social gathering and learn more about ArchCare's TimeBank, please RSVP to Laura.

Marian Conference

Join in a Marian Conference on **Saturday, May 18 from 9 am – 5 pm** at St. Joseph Hill Academy Convent (850 Hylan Blvd, SI, NY). Rosary & May crowning, Saturday Mass followed by speakers, lunch (included in admission fee), vendors, confession, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross & Vigil Mass. Adults \$35 per person, children Free. All proceeds will aid Good Counsel Home and in part Pro-Life Elderly & Homebound Club, Inc. For information or to register, call 718-979-7291.