

Our Lady Star of the Sea
4th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, May 11

4:00PM Netta Scimecca & Gaetana Levantino
5:30PM Billy Higgins

Sunday, May 12

8:00AM Michele Surrey & Marie Cancelleri
9:30AM Beatrice DiDomenico & Mary C. DeLeo
11:00AM Anthony Mineo
12:30PM Theresa Holl
7:00PM Ida DeMarco, Jenny Faiella & Maria DeMarco

Monday, May 13

9:00AM Michele Surrey

Tuesday, May 14

9:00AM Barbara Galletta & Geraldine Losquadro

Wednesday, May 15

9:00AM Emilio Stucchio

Thursday, May 16

9:00AM Giovanna Alessio Bugea

Friday, May 17

9:00AM Lena Biazzo, Marie Randazzo & Rosaria Emerick

Saturday, May 18

9:00AM Leonardo & Rosaria Gallo
4:00PM Tony Fiumefreddo
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Giarusso
 & Melani Families

Sunday, May 19

8:00AM Sr. Helene Foley, SCC & Marilyn Johns
9:30AM Teresa, Frank & Olga Merola
11:00AM Paul & Faye Grillo
12:30PM Patrick Vulpi
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Calamia Family

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Luigi Tirro & Angelica Anderson
2nd Time: Pietro Baio & Christina Clemente
3rd Time: Michael D'Albero & Julie Batanus

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, June 30** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
May 12-18, 2019
 In Memory of
Connie Gersbeck

Donated by Your Loving Husband

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 18

4:00PM L Bauer
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, May 18

4:00PM A Petrocelli, E Vitiello, C Harris, J Coscia
 & L Barbato
5:30PM M&JM Graziano, M Andreola, A Dazio, A Maffeo

Lectors – Sunday, May 19

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, May 19

8:00AM P Zoltowski, M Molinini, C Rosato, A Sparandera &
 A Shirazi
9:30AM S Monteforte, J Amodio, E Burns, T Strange
 & G Decker
11:00AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, V Aciri, M Quadrino
12:30PM A McCoy, B Peters, S Catalano, B Higgins
7:00PM C Barone, G LaGrua, K Melka, M Recanatini
 & J Bellina

Altar Servers

Saturday, May 18

4:00PM D Cavicchio, N Shirazi
5:30PM D Heidel, N Shirazi

Sunday, May 19

8:00AM J, E & C Stadler
9:30AM S Artz, T, M & J Maresca
11:00AM E Gladstone, P Marone
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:

**Phyllis Benvenuto, Salvatore Civello, Mary Garafano,
 Opal Boyett, Robert Mackin, Martin Monahan**

Sunday collection for the week of 4/28/19:

\$ 14,554.23

2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:

\$3,623.00

God bless you for your generosity!



This Weekend May 11 & May 12

Boy Scouts - Troop 5 - Mother's Day Plant Sale

Boy Scouts from Troop 5 will be selling beautiful and reasonably priced Mother's Day plants after the 4 & 5:30 Mass on **Saturday, May 11** and after all but the 7 PM Mass on **Sunday, May 12**. Stop by to pick up a nice gift for Mom!



OLSS would like to congratulate **Robert Ciraoia**, Scoutmaster of Troop 5 for being recently inducted into the New Dorp High School Alumni Hall of Fame! Thank you Robert for all you do for Troop 5 and beyond!

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 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

On this very special Mothers' Day, we honor all moms, grandmothers and Godmothers for your feminine genius and enduring love. Know that you are ever in our hearts and in our prayers.

Happy 4th Sunday of Easter. We are in the season of rejoicing and celebrating the presence of the Risen Christ. No more can this be seen and experienced than in looking into the eyes of our First Communion children at the moment they are about to receive the Real Presence of Jesus. "They get it!" They believe, they accept and understand that Jesus now lives in them. It's much more than the dress up, the paparazzi photos, the white clothing, symbolizing purity of soul or the even the family meal celebrating this great event. For years, it seems, they were the ones who watched everyone else receive and either a blessing or a pat on the head was their lot in life when coming to Holy Communion. Now, it is simply Jesus. As I preached, the phrase and prayer that has remained with me from my first time receiving Jesus, was "Jesus is mine and I am His." After everyone received, and the children sang their song of thanksgiving, "This Little Light of Mine," I was delighted to see their excitement and joy. Afterward, I asked for a moment of silence to pray for the children. I said, "A profound miracle has just taken place: bread and wine that has been consecrated and changed into the Body and Blood of Christ and Jesus has come to dwell within us and consecrate and change us into Himself. It is a memorable moment and one of the greatest days in the life of our parish." Let us pray for the next two First Communions.

This fourth Sunday of Easter has traditionally been called, Good Shepherd Sunday. On this Sunday, we celebrate the lives of all Catholics who have responded to the call of holiness, their vocation: as a married couple, single for the Lord, priesthood, diaconate or consecrated and religious life. All of us are called at our baptism to help build up the Body of Christ. Jesus the Good Shepherd gave that command on the occasion of His Ascension. He said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and behold I will be with you always to the end of the world."

I want to honor Al and Francesca Saulo, once again for their dedication to preparing our couples who are engaged for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We are blessed to be able to provide PreCana once every few months to all the couples who will be married in our Church. The Saulo's outgoing manner, good humor and friendliness help the couples dialogue on topics such as Communication, Sacrament, Sexuality, Friendships, Family of Origin Issues and Finances. In addition to PreCana, there is an online program to help assess the relationship of couple's values before they get married and to help determine their unity of vision for their marriage. Catholic Couple Checkup and Prepare and Enrich can be found on line. Couples are directed to do these surveys before coming to PreCana. One powerful suggestion would be to invite a couple preparing to marry to select a mentor couple whom they know and admire for living the Catholic Faith. They too would take the survey to be aware of their idiosyncrasies and they would receive the results and give constructive feedback.

It seems in our modern culture there is every precaution taken to learn how to have a self-fulfilled life, but very little is focused on having a shared fulfillment in life with your lifelong partner. This sacrificial element is necessary in a life-long commitment to love. Ego, pride, refusal to forgive and tolerate lead to break ups. If we can point out the roadblocks that detour love's ideals, we can prevent post-marital break ups. Thank God for Good Shepherds that point out how to grow in love, intimacy and fidelity to God and each other.

One more piece of Easter News! The Pro-Life Committee of our parish is seeking to respond in positive ways to challenges to our faith, with abortion up to the final days of birth, and assisted suicide. We will be inaugurating a baby bin, where baby clothes and essentials for newborns can be collected and given to the CrossRoad Foundation and other agencies that help women in crisis have their babies and care for them in the first stages of life. We will be telling you more how we can help this cause and become more proactive with Pro-Life Issues.

A Blessed Easter Season to all of you.

Father Tom Devery

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebrations at OLSS

Saturday, June 22 @ 5:30 Mass



Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries during 2019 will be honored here at OLSS on **Saturday, June 22nd at the 5:30 Mass**, celebrated by Rev. Thomas Devery in the Cardinal's name, followed by a reception in O'Mara Hall. All eligible couples who are registered parishioners and who have been registered for at least a year should call the Rectory by **Friday, May 31st** at the latest. Please call Monday-Friday between 9 am – 4 pm and leave your name, phone, envelope number and wedding date.

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**.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Happy Mother's Day! Hope you all enjoy a peaceful, stress free day!
- Congratulations to our 6th graders who participated in the 2019 Young Inventors' Competition Finals! They were chosen from over 100 entries from public, private and charter schools from across the city. All three of the OLSS groups won awards in the final round! Congratulations on a job well done!
 - 1st Place – Gianna Riggio, Nicolette Romano, Annalisa Theurer and Andrea Willis
 - 2nd Place – Charles D'Alessandro
 - 4th Place – Michael Carbone and Ralph Donniacuo
- Final exams begin on May 21st for 8th grade and on May 29th for grades 6 & 7. Check the school website for the Exam Schedule.

Eucharistic Adorer Needed

There is a need for a eucharistic adorer from **3 am to 4 am** at the OLSS 1st Friday Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Judato at (718) 984-7987, (917) 847-2166 or jibbutalid21@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next mtg will be **Fri, May 24** 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, June 13** 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, May 13 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 21**. 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 received 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).**

- a) We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- b) A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- c) 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.




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 Dawidowicz, 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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 pm.**

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 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**



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

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.

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

Mornings at 10 am in the Rectory Basement on Wednesdays May 29, June 5 & 26. **Evenings** 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.

Flea Market at Mt. Loretto

Saturday, May 18 from 10am – 5pm

There will be a flea market on the grounds of Mt. Loretto on Saturday, May 18 from 10am to 5 pm. There will be a variety of items for sale. Please come and support the vendors. Proceeds will benefit the St. Edwards Food Pantry. Delicious food will also be available.

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.

4th Annual Fr. Capodanno

Bike Blessing & Party

Saturday, May 18 at 12 Noon

Holy Family Church Parking Lot (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY)
Followed by: Voluntary Police Escorted Ride to the Party @ the Elks Lodge #841, 3250 Richmond Ave. Price for the Party: \$20 which includes buffet lunch (to be collected at The Elks Lodge). For more information contact Fr. Micciulla at 718-761-6663 or rev.micciulla@aol.com.

St. Francis Catholic Singles

Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm

St. Christopher Parish Community Center (136 Midland Ave)
St. Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host a talk by Dr. Connie Salhany, "Be Not Afraid." Come and be empowered by Dr. Connie who will show us how to use spiritual and psychological tools to deal with anxiety. Light refreshments will be served. \$10 appreciated at the door. For more information, visit: <http://www.sfcssi.wixsite.com/website>, on Facebook at Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court St. Clare present their

Golden Age Spring Luncheon

Thursday, June 20 from 12-3 pm

St. Clare School Auditorium (151 Lindenwood Rd.)
Serving a complimentary sit-down buffet lunch by Canon's, prizes, 50/50, presentation. RSVP by June 8 to Juliette (stclareCDA@aol.com) or Joan at 718-984-9832.