

Our Lady Star of the Sea
5th Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, May 18

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

Monday, May 20

9:00AM Donna Panzella

Tuesday, May 21

9:00AM Frederick Tarrazi

Wednesday, May 22

9:00AM Rita Ranieri

Thursday, May 23

9:00AM Lenny Galati

Friday, May 24

9:00AM Fr. David Rider (Living)

Saturday, May 25

9:00AM Chief Joseph Nwabueze Akunaeziri
4:00PM Rita Filitor
5:30PM John P. Cali

Sunday, May 26

8:00AM Carmela Bottalico
9:30AM Charles Cama
11:00AM Michele Surrey
12:30PM Maria Minunno
7:00PM Michael Cennamo



Banns of Marriage

1st Time: Vincent Antonucci & Jillian Castore
1st Time: Michael Konczykcki & Vanessa Vitalone
2nd Time: Luigi Tirro & Angelica Anderson
3rd Time: Pietro Baio & Christina Clemente

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.

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
May 19-25, 2019
 In Memory of
Joseph E. Rispoli

Donated by His Loving Parents

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, May 25

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM C Messina

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, May 25

4:00PM J Uhlman, C Harris, J Butalid, L Bauer, A Pompei
5:30PM M Sprague, J Cimino, E Burns, C Houle, A Maffeo

Lectors – Sunday, May 26

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM B Weir
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, May 26

8:00AM J Stanzione, M Andreola, M Ennis, M Quadrino
9:30AM J Gatto, S Hitchcock, J Zinsley, A Shirazi
11:00AM B Paccione, C&J Gerace, C Argano, J Tolento
12:30PM M Lappin, R Ruskowski, S Catalano, MA Russo
 & R Marino
7:00PM G LaGrua, A Zuffante, J Bellina, M Randazzo
 & K Melka

Altar Servers

Saturday, May 25

4:00PM J Oliveri, N Shirazi, J Habib
5:30PM J, E & C Stadler

Sunday, May 26

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:30AM J, T & M Maresca
11:00AM J Oliveri, P Marone
12:30PM I Santatemia
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:

Salvatore Langella, Frances Citarella



Easter Collection:

\$ 34,968.00

Easter Flowers:

\$4,363.00

Sunday collection for the week of 5/5/19:

\$ 15,517.57

Second Collection – Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,520.00

God bless you for your generosity!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

I simply cannot let the month of May pass by without honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and the wonderful power of the rosary. There is a flood of memories that come to mind, whenever I think of the rosary. Both my Mom and Dad prayed the rosary every night, when I was a child. In school, the Dominican Sisters had a traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was an honor to be selected to have the statue come to your home for that week. At the base of the box that held the statue was a drawer with six pairs of rosaries and the sign on the drawer simply said, "The family that prays together, stays together." Before going to bed, we prayed the rosary.

My brother Bill was born with a birth defect, a cleft palate and hare lip. This was devastating. My family placed my brother on the altar of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in the South Bronx, and Monsignor George Casella, told us to pray the rosary every night and he would be fine. We prayed with expectant faith, since he needed 16 surgeries before the age of 6. We needed to stand on welfare lines and beg for the medical assistance to pay for each of these operations. My mom was resilient and wouldn't take no for an answer. The result of those prayers was that Bill made the front cover the Journal of American Medical Association for his maxillio-facial surgery, on such a small child in 1959. The net result of those prayers is that I became a priest, my sister, a nurse and my brother Bill, a clinical social worker. The cornerstone of faith was meditating on Jesus through the eyes of Mary. Mary always gave us hope.

Years after my dad died; I learned that my grandfather was married before he met my grandmother back in Ireland. His first wife and the baby she carried died during childbirth. My grandfather prayed and met my grandmother. My dad was born on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and he is the eldest of 8 siblings.

During my college years, I attended the Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception and was prayed over for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit on August 15th, 1971 and not only did the Holy Spirit anoint me with a deeper faith, but Mary the Spouse of the Spirit was instrumental in helping me persevere during 8 long years of study.

Throughout my priesthood I have had the blessing of offering Mass at the Marian Shrines of Knock, Ireland; Medjugorje, Bosnia; in Notre Dame, Lourdes, France; Fatima, Portugal, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem and Capernaum in Israel, Guadalupe in Mexico; The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, Siena, Assisi, Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran, Saint Paul outside the Walls, Saint Mary Major in Rome, and Mary's home with John the Beloved Disciple in Ephesus, Turkey.

In each place, there was a moment when I consecrated my priesthood to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the mediatrix of all graces. I prayed at the tomb of Saint John Paul the Great and was able to ponder his motto, "Totus Tuus" "Totally Yours, O Mary."

Now to be pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea is a special privilege, at this time, in my life. Through her guidance and humility, and generous love, I see Mary's influence in the wonderful children in our school. I see Mary, in the image on our sanctuary, where it once took two Vietnamese women two years to weave the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During the night of adoration, when the relic of the Heart of Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests arrived in our Church, I prayed many rosaries all through the night. Actually, it was 12 rosaries; and for each Hail Mary, I recalled a name of a person who touched my life deeply.

You can tell immediately if a person has a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is something present in their actions, thoughts, kindness and virtues that exude Mary's peace, love and joy. She endured many sorrows in her life, but her faith never diminished. At Calvary, when everyone else seemed to have abandoned Jesus, she stood by Him. The Bible never tells us what it must have been like when Jesus appeared to her on Easter Sunday, but it does say that when Pentecost came, she was with the apostles and was on fire with God's love. May Mary lead us into a new Pentecost.

The Joyful Mysteries: *The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation in the Temple, and The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.*

The Luminous Mysteries: *The Baptism of the Lord, The Wedding Feast of Cana, The Call of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.*

The Sorrowful Mysteries: *The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning of Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross, and The Crucifixion.*

The Glorious Mysteries: *The Resurrection, The Ascension, Pentecost, The Assumption, and the Coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth.*

Pray the Rosary,

Father Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 OLSS Social Studies Fair! The following students represented our school at the Staten Island Catholic Schools' Social Studies exhibition at St. Adalbert's this past week.

Grade 5 – **Justin Stassi** for "Sports Shape America"

Grade 6 – **Gianna Riggio** for

"9/11-The Day that changed the US Forever"

Grade 7 – **Amanda Sofia** for

"The Impact of the Railroad Expansion"

Grade 8 – **Kristen Rugg** for "Who Were the Little Rock Nine?"

• Let the Games Begin! Field Day for Grades 5-7 is on Tuesday, May 21 and for Grades 1-4 on Thursday, May 23.

• 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.

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 20** 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please call the Religious Education office at 718-984-1885 for more information about registering for 2018-2019.

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.

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.olssoccer.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.



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Baby C.J., Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Amanda D., Zioe Grace Comito, Paul Cutroneo, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DeRe, Ileana DeJesus, Lisa Dunne, Zeina Encico, Nancy Gallo, John Gerace, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Thomas Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Gladys Lombardi, Lorraine M., Cecilia McNamara, Ann Mannino, Lorenzo Marinelli, William Masel, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Melissa Piro, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, 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 Mass will be Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 pm.**



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 June 16 (Fathers' Day).

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

May 26, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22, October 13 & 27, November 10 & 24

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 jlimeri@aol.com or 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM

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 **June 6**.

Addiction Angels –For more information on Parent & Sibling support group meetings for families battling addiction, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

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



✓ Mark Your Calendar

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.

St. Francis Catholic Singles Event

Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm

St. Christopher Parish Community Center

(136 Midland Ave, SI, NY 10306)

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 Canlon's, prizes, 50/50, presentation. RSVP by June 8 to Juliette at stclareCDA@aol.com or Joan at 718-984-9832.

James Games 2019

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Sunday, June 9th at 2 pm

Cardinal Cooke Center at St. Clare Church

110 Nelson Ave, SI, NY 10308

The James Games are a day full of basketball, memories, recovery and fellowship. Register your team by May 26th. \$200 per team, 4 player maximum, \$500 minimum cash prize. For questions or to register, please call Richmond Trapp at 646-825-1036.

50th Reunion of the Class of 1969

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School

Saturday, October 19 from 8-11 pm

at LiGreci's Staaten

\$125 per person due September 1

The Class of 1969 is the third graduating class from St. Joseph by-the-Sea. For further information and reservations, email

Seareunion69@gmail.com.