

Our Lady Star of the Sea
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 10

4:00PM Joseph & Gaetana Levantino
5:30PM John & Tillie Forestieri & Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, August 11

8:00AM Anthony Hanlon
9:30AM Kevin O'Connell
11:00AM Regina Lamonica
12:30PM Dorothy, Dominick & Mary Biscardi
7:00PM Giovanni Citarelli

Monday, August 12

9:00AM Eileen Conley

Tuesday, August 13

9:00AM Barbara Gatto

Wednesday, August 14

9:00AM Rosemarie Durante
7:00 PM **Holy Day Vigil Mass** – Catherine Pomrinse

Thursday, August 15– Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Judith Fusillo
9:00 AM Maria & Mikolaj Sikorjak & Wladyslaw Adamiah
12:00 PM Janet Hayes
8:00 PM Joseph DeCrescenzo, Jr.

Friday, August 16

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Bedford Family

Saturday, August 17

9:00AM Chester Boles
4:00PM Pat Damato
5:30PM Anna & Gaetano Vallone & Mary & Frank Finn

Sunday, August 18

8:00AM Salvatore Giamo
9:30AM Kathleen Rossiter
11:00AM Joseph Lanza
12:30PM David A. Rosado & Carmen O. Mahan
7:00PM Thomas McCarthy

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, August 25** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Sunday Collection for the week of 7/28/19:

\$13,364.82

2nd Collection – Debt Reduction:

\$4,016.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Thank You OLSS Parishioners!

The New York Blood Center would like to thank OLSS for hosting the blood drive last Sunday, August 5. At the drive, 45 donors attempted to donate, resulting in **39 lifesaving blood donations**, which will help as many as 117 patients in area hospitals.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
August 11 – August 17, 2019
In Memory of

Madeline Manzolillo

Donated by the Manzolillo Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, August 17

4:00PM A Pompei
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, August 17

4:00PM B Palomba, A Petrocelli, C Harris
5:30PM N Villani, A Maffeo, A Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, August 18

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, August 18

8:00AM J Stanzione, P Zoltowski, M Molinini
9:30AM A Shirazi, J Gatto, S Monteforte
11:00AM C Argano, M Quadrino
12:30PM C Belvedere, S Catalano
7:00PM M Recanatini, C Houle, C Barone

Altar Servers

Saturday, August 17

4:00PM N Shirazi, D Heidel
5:30PM JP Marone, N Shirazi

Sunday, August 18

8:00AM J, T & M Maresca
9:30AM S Artz, G Coelho
11:00AM E Gladstone
12:30PM A Monferrato
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:

Kenneth Scordus, Arlene Wilson, Lilly D'Avanzo

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 14 – 7 pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 15 – 7 am, 9 am,

12 Noon & 8 pm

Altar Servers Needed!

OLSS is in need of Altar Servers for all masses. Any interested children entering third grade and above may contact Philip Oppenheim at phil.olss.servers@gmail.com for more information.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Our summer seems to be rapidly passing us by. This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into heaven. Masses will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday. There was an old wives' tale, that one should swim in the ocean on this day, for there is a cure in the water, and the reason why the ocean is blue is because Mary dropped her blue cloak as she was assumed, body and soul in heaven.

I received a nice surprise the other day. I called the chaplain at West Point to find out when the new cadets are marching back from Camp Frederick into West Point and then they will officially become plebes. Father Matt Pawlikowski, the USMA Head Chaplain, was a cadet during my time and he told me that another cadet from my time, Doug Bush was recently ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Father Doug Bush, is not only a retired officer, but a father and a grandfather. He is 62 years old and began his new life as priest last June 1st. I am grateful to God for his choice of Doug in answering the call.

Just after taking in this good news, my heart broke once again in learning about the 31 Americans that were randomly killed in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio this past weekend. Words are hard to describe that agony and depth of frustration we feel once more. The senseless violence against innocent people is perpetrated by racism and rage. I turn to the Lord for prayer; lamenting the violence in our land, imploring help for the isolation of those plagued with mental illness and the cry for justice to prevent future copycat acts of murder. This is a time for prayer. Isn't it interesting that the words 'silent' and 'listen' have the same letters? Jesus, help us to overcome these tragedies with your grace.

I have a friend Col. Mike Rodick, who just returned to El Paso from being in Afghanistan with the US Army. His wife and daughters live with the military community of Fort Bliss. I pray for them, especially these days.

I had the opportunity to speak with one of our parishioners, Bunni Paccione in Florida. She is at the bedside of her son, Stephen who is recovering from a series of complications from life threatening medical problems. Little by little, he is getting better and Bunni said that she can feel the power of the intercessory prayer. So please keep them up.

It's with sadness and yet tremendous gratitude that we bid farewell to Afshin and Anastasiya Shirazi and their three sons. All of them have been outstanding parishioners. Both Anastasiya and Afshin participated in the RCIA community and became fully initiated Catholics during the Easter Vigil of 2014 and 2016. They got involved in RCIA, prayer groups and Anastasiya has served as a minister of music at the organ on Saturday evenings. Their son Nicholas has been a faithful altar server for the last 3 years. We wish them God's choicest blessings and they will be moving soon to Chester, New York. I want to thank them for their special love for the priesthood. I know that Father David Rider will be excited to know that they will be living only two towns over from his parish in Monroe, New York.

We welcomed this past week Father Joseph Roesch, MIC, home from Rome and he will be visiting his Mom and sister in Florida and catching up with his community, the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. Father Joe gave a wonderful homily on August 5, the Feast of the Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica in Rome. It seemed that Mary appeared to the Holy Father and a benefactor and wanted a church to be built in her honor in Rome. She said that it would snow on August 6, and indeed it did. The first church in honor of Mary was then called Our Lady of the Snows. Today it is much enlarged and contains the relics of the crib where Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Father Joseph Roesch has authored a book on the Marian Shrines in France. It has glorious photography.

I will leave you with a quote that Bishop O' Hara preached last weekend. He had been to New England and heard the priest say. "We believe that the bread and wine when consecrated becomes the real presence of Christ and we receive Him. Does Jesus receive our 'real presence' when we come to Him." Think about that. Be silent and listen.

Blessings,
Father Tom Devery



Pray for the Sick

Raymond Beshara, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Amanda D., Zioe Grace Comito, Paul Cutroneo, John Dawidowicz, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, 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 Malerba, Ann Mannino, Lorenzo Marinelli, William Masel, John McNamara, Anne Merlino Maryann Monachino, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Stephen Paccione, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, Anthony Ruggario, Caesar Russo, Thomas Smith, 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 NO Healing Service in August. There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, September 3 at 7:30 pm.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 pm.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be Friday, September 20 at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

WINGS - (for Widows & Widowers) The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18 at 1 pm in the Rectory. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– The next group session of the Bereavement ministry will be begin in the fall. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

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 – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, August 12 at 7:30 pm** in the **Chapel**. Please join them to say the Rosary and stay for the meeting if you wish. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

The Legion of Mary offers the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to visit your home. To arrange a visit call Marie 917-459-4121.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – The 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **August 20, September 3 & 17.** For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Crocheting and Knitting– The 1st & 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: August 28, September 4 & 25. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

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

OLSS Soccer Registration



Registration forms may be dropped off at the Rectory for the 19-20 Season. Registration fees are \$225 for SIYSL players, \$175 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$150 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for the registration form and more details.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- The school office will be closed during the month of August. If you need to get in touch with the office, please call 718-984-5750 to leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. The school office will reopen on Monday, August 26 at 9am.
- The TENTATIVE 2019-2020 school calendar has been posted on the school's website. All dates/events are subject to change.
- Registration is ongoing for students in grades 1-7. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*The Religious Education office will be
CLOSED until Tuesday, September 3.*

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.

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22, October 13 & 27,
November 10 & 24, December 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 Knitting & Crocheting Group

Annual Rectangle Campaign



OLSS has begun the annual knit or crochet rectangle campaign. The rectangles will be joined together to make afghans for the homeless and others in need through the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal shelter. Your participation will provide comfort and warmth to people in need during their most difficult times. Last year 40 blankets were donated thanks to your hard work and participation. Donations of knitted or crocheted rectangles from will be accepted now **through December 31.** Donations of yarn are also greatly appreciated. Any thickness yarn, size of needle, hook, any color or pattern may be used to complete the rectangle, **but they must be 7" x 9"**. **If we do not have uniformity of size**, it is extremely difficult to assemble the rectangles into finished blankets. To crochet or knit perfect rectangles, cut a cardboard template 7 inches by 9 inches. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule. Any questions, please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.



OLSS Baby Bin

The OLSS Pro-Life Committee has set up a Baby Bin in the lobby at the main entrance of the church to accept donations of diapers, wipes and other essentials for newborns. Items collected will be sent to the Cross Road Foundation and the Good Counsel Home both on Staten Island. Please check the bin for a list of the items that can be accepted. Disposable diapers and wipes are especially needed. God bless you for your generosity in supporting the Gospel of Life.

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.

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.

Chair Yoga – Wednesday, August 14 at 11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Games & Ice Cream Social – Monday, August 26 at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome to attend this social gathering and learn more about ArchCare's TimeBank, RSVP to Laura.

ADNY Young Adult Event at OLSS

Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 pm

Ever wonder about the meaning of life? Join us for a Young Adult Night (ages 18-39) on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. in OLSS church for a talk by Dr. Robert A. Delfino, Associate Professor of Philosophy, St. John's University, NY and author of *Does God Exist? A Socratic Dialogue on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas* (co-written by Matt Fradd). Dr. Delfino will discuss various aspects of the meaning of life by thinking philosophically about God's love for us and how we should respond. After the talk, there will be an opportunity for prayer in Eucharistic Adoration with live Praise & Worship music. Confession will also be available. The night will end with a social with snacks and fellowship!

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 **September 5**.

Addiction Angels – There is a Parent & Sibling support group for families battling addiction. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

St. Maria Goretti Group

2019 "Race for the Chaste" 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 17th from 10-11 am

Midland Beach Boardwalk/Lincoln Ave/Lot #9

All families, teams and individuals are invited to be a runner, walker, or prayer warrior to help continue the Goretti Group's mission on Staten Island, sharing the good news about God's plan for authentic life and love. For more info or to register online, visit www.thegorettigroup.org and click the New York logo or email ny@thegorettigroup.org.

Staten Island Right to Life's Annual Bishop Ahearn Memorial Life March and Motorcade

Saturday, August 31, 2019

immediately following the 9 am Mass at OLSS

The march will process from OLSS to Staten Island University Hospital South (375 Seguire Ave, SI, NY). For more information, please contact the Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc. at 646-662-3914, sirighttolife@yahoo.com, or visit statenlandrighttolife.weebly.com. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present. Choose Life!



St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community



Are you being called to a fuller life with Jesus? St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community invites you to join their community meeting on **September 21** at 9:15 am in the Rectory at St. Adalbert's Church. Please call Maria at 718-356-1886 for more information.

Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus

Conheaney Golf Classic

Monday, September 23, 2019

at the South Shore Golf Course
(200 Hugenot Ave, SI, NY 10312)

7 am Breakfast

7:15 am Registration

8 am Shotgun Start

12 Noon – 5:00 PM Dinner, Prizes and Raffles

San Gennaro feast lunch on the turn included

Steak Dinner served at 1 pm

Cost: \$150 per golfer (includes dinner & open bar).

Sponsorship Opportunities available!

For more information and for reservations, call Karl Emigholz, PGK and Chairman at (646) 662-2034.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas'

Annual Fall Basket Auction

Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 pm in

Cardinal Cooke Center of St. Clare Church

Pre-event Ticket Package Available!

For more information, call 718-483-1428.

Stolzenhaller Columbiettes present

at Our Lady Star of the Sea

An Evening with Sinatra

featuring Frank Sinatra impersonator Jesse Posa

Saturday, October 26 from 7-11 pm

OLSS – O'Mara Hall

\$45 per person includes hot buffet, beer, sangria, soda, coffee, tea, dessert, snacks on table. There will be raffle baskets at 50/50. Advance reservations required. For reservations, contact Debbie at 718-984-0593 or Debbie.emigholz@gmail.com. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Education & Local Community Charities.

