

Our Lady Star of the Sea
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 17

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

Monday, August 19

9:00AM Joseph Limeri

Tuesday, August 20

9:00AM James Francis Kelly

Wednesday, August 21

9:00AM Summer Marie Semerad

Thursday, August 22

9:00 AM Vincent A. DiDomenico,
Vincent M. & Beatrice DiDomenico

Friday, August 23

9:00AM Accursio & Eleonora Pennino

Saturday, August 24

9:00AM Eugene O'Byrne
4:00PM Catherine Colonna & Jean Buccellato
5:30PM Giovanni Citarelli

Sunday, August 25

8:00AM Charles DiBiasi
9:30AM Giovanni Citarelli
11:00AM Ann DeFalco
12:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.
7:00PM Eugene Pagani

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 8/4/19:

\$13,513.76

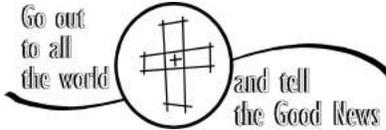
2nd Collection – Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,403.00

God bless you for your generosity!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All facility parking lots and driveways will be closed to foot and vehicle traffic due to paving and sealing after the 9 am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The rectory will be closed to foot and vehicle traffic and will be open to phone calls only.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
August 18 – August 24, 2019
In Memory of

Joseph & Fanny Lanza

Donated by Their Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, August 24

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, August 24

4:00PM A Lazzara, J Coscia, A Pompei
5:30PM J Bellina, E Burns, F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, August 25

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, August 25

8:00AM M Ennis, C Rosato
9:30AM J Zinsley, M Quadrino
11:00AM L Appel, G Decker
12:30PM MA Russo, MA Higgins, B Higgins
7:00PM C Barone, M Recanatini, G LaGrua

Altar Servers

Saturday, August 24

4:00PM N Shirazi
5:30PM N Shirazi

Sunday, August 25

8:00AM A Monferato
9:30AM J, E, & C Stadler, J Habib
11:00AM E Gladstone
12:30PM K Marchisella
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:

**Magdalene Akut, Joseph Tramontana, Peter Donnelly,
Thomas Carlini, Sr., Vito Desantis**

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. Baby clothes (boy and girl) up to size 2 are especially needed. God bless you for your generosity in supporting the Gospel of Life.

Altar Servers Needed!

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

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Here's a eulogy I'll never forget from Leanne's daughter, Abby. Given July 17th:

"I met Jesus through my mama at the table. Circling the dining room with her at age five, I have asked about heaven. And while placing knives and forks on napkins at each place, together in preparation for a meal, she spoke of the cross. She spoke of Jesus.

Around our family table, we learned to share food, stories and time. We learned to linger long after lasagna, black coffee, and laughter over tales where our Army family had been, stories of all we had seen and done. Growing up, our mama hosted cadets and cousins, priests and friends from across the ocean. She made a table so inviting that we've lingered next to her there, time and again, for nearly thirty-five years.

As children, we shared space on Sunday too—the six of us hand in hand, kneeling shoulder to shoulder, thigh to thigh. Overseas, we celebrated Mass as we traveled; we were as creative as our family priest. We partook of Eucharist in airports, hotel rooms, and on European trains. We shared communion in an Israeli kibbutz, down a catacomb in Rome, and at Saint Peter's Basilica. We equated the Mass with family, not location; communion with relationship, not just a piece of bread. Wherever we were, we broke bread. Our life was liturgy. We ate together, we worshipped together, and as a family on the move, we kept time together. Our table was universal; and deeply intimate.

Today I feel like my whole life is wrapped up in her and her home table and the Mass. Aside from Alaska and her back deck with the birds, her favorite places were with us at home and with Jesus right here. And I believe her home table and this one (the altar) here are inseparable.

On Friday morning in our raw fresh grief, I didn't know where to go. I found myself at church in front of the altar. My dad, too, that day, made his way here. With her prayer journal, she wrote with an exclamation: 'I love giving Jesus to my friends!'

As far back as I can remember, I've watched her cry over the Eucharist. Cry while giving Him away. Cry while receiving Him. Cry while thanking God after it. Cry while kneeling here, missing her own mama. And I wonder how long she's had heaven on her mind... Knowing that right here at Mass it is as close to heaven as we can get. And I wonder if she's been preparing for this moment our whole lives. Because how else do you call your beloveds to the table to eat and drink and linger and share life? How else but loving so tenderly and consistently.

This week we've gathered and lingered together at my home. It has been holy and good and right. We've circled up and prayed over food and black coffee every single night, not wanting to be apart. And as we quietly driven down the street to spend time in her home, we've carefully walked through every room. Needing to touch and smell and remember. Listen. And as I've walked from room to room, all I can think is ...

'I need to go home and make a home. I need to go home and set a table.' Because we have to know how to gather and stay, feed one another good food; fill up on togetherness and time and touch. This is how we change the world; around the table, inside our homes. Receiving love and then giving it away. Our mama did it again and again. And now she's everywhere... Every story, every song, every kind and tender moment, every phone call, every morning cup of coffee, every flower, every birdsong, every moment of childlike play... there she is. That was her way.

And you need to know something too... It is the way of Jesus too... Because He is everywhere all the time. Inescapable. Ready. Full of grace and truth and comfort...

Mama, you permeate everything. There is nothing here untouched by you and your goodness. You have become a fragrant offering. You are the aroma of Christ. And now? We get to become the same. We get to honor Jesus by honoring you. Thank you remind us that we have a calling: Permeate every nook and cranny with the sweet smell of salvation: Give grace and show mercy. Love what is good, beautiful and true. Touch with care. Sing when the moment demands a song. Study the Word of God. Show up again and again, and again. Humbly have the mind of a child-but full of wonder and delight. Seek Him in creation. Find Him in every face. Stay close to the Table and keep watch. Pray. This was our mama. And this is our God.

So, if you know her then you can't say you haven't seen Him. She was the sweet scent of Christ. And today she is happy. Because. "Happy are those called to the Supper of the Lamb."

Thank you taking the time to read this.

Father Tom Devery

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education Office is **CLOSED** for the summer.

The next dates for registering your child for Religious Education will be:

Wednesday, August 28 from 11 am to 12Noon
Tuesday, September 3 from 11 am to 1 pm

Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Amanda D., Zioe Grace Comito, Paul Cutroneo, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, 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.**

NO Healing Service in August

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 26 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: **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 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.

• September 5 is the first day of school for students in grades K-8.

• Grades 1-8 will have a full day of school on September 5th. Students will need to bring lunch and there will be bus service.

• Kindergarteners are to arrive at 9 am on September 5th. Dismissal is at 1:30 pm. Bus service for kindergarten students will begin on Monday, September 9th.

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 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



The annual knit or crochet rectangle campaign has begun. 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 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.

✓ 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.

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.

**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 Seguine 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

An Evening with Sinatra

featuring 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.

5th Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2019 Advent Season. Each tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. Trees must be reserved no later than October 1st. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return with payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this form & payment to the Rectory:

*Our Lady Star of the Sea
2019 Christmas Tree Drive
5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312*

 Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

- Memorialized for deceased
- Dedicated to loved ones- living
- Personal Family Christmas Greeting

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____
Address _____
City, Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

 Check enclosed for \$250, payable to OLSS

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. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm in the Damato Mtg Room. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.