

Our Lady Star of the Sea
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, August 31

4:00PM Dora & Edward DiAntonio
 & Mildred & Lucy Gesualdi
5:30PM Muriel & Kathleen Wanglund

Sunday, September 1

8:00AM Janet Hayes
9:30AM Helen Himmer
11:00AM Margaret Smith & Katherine Stetson
12:30PM Ann DiPasquale
7:00PM Francesco Todaro

Monday, September 2

9:00AM John & Delia Palacios

Tuesday, September 3

9:00AM Christopher Roland

Wednesday, September 4

9:00AM Pat Damato, Charlanne Hannaway,
 Lorraine Antinoro, Marie Cancelleri

Thursday, September 5

9:00 AM Thomas Fitzpatrick

Friday, September 6

9:00AM Christopher Roland

Saturday, September 7

9:00AM Danielle DiBono-Bulgar & Thomas Bella
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, September 8

8:00AM Fred Stiehl
9:30AM Margaret Smith
11:00AM Richard Mazzaferro & Stephanie Hare
12:30PM Yolanda Composto
7:00PM Florence Rubin

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Ralph Konecny & Rachel Fernandes

1st Time: Frank Pesce & Christine Puralis

2nd Time: Thomas Markowski & Jaimie Reitano

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, October 27** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Altar Server Training

There will be a mandatory training for all Altar Servers at 10 am on Saturday, September 7 in the Church. We ask for both Parents and Children to attend. Anyone that is interested in serving, please attend the training. Altar servers must have made their First Holy Communion to sign up. Please contact Philip Oppenheim at phil.olss.servers@gmail.com for more information.

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
September 1 - 7, 2019
 In Memory of

Marc Fusillo

Donated by His Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 7

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 7

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

Lectors – Sunday, September 8

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM C Messina
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, September 8

8:00AM M Ennis, C Rosato
9:30AM J Zinsley, M Quadri
11:00AM L Appel, G Decker, C Ordy
12:30PM R Marino, A McCoy, B Higgins
7:00PM J Limeri, M Recanatini, K Melka

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 7

4:00PM D Cavicchio
5:30PM F Surace

Sunday, September 8

8:00AM S, N & A Mejias
9:30AM S Artz
11:00AM J Oliveri
12:30PM P Marone
7:00PM N&J Cooper

Sincere Condolences



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

Arthur Reynolds, Joan O'Neil

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15/19:

\$3,743.00

Sunday Collection for the week of 8/18/19:

\$13,866.45



God bless you for your generosity!

Labor Day Rectory Hours

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 2
 in observance of Labor Day.
 It will reopen on Tuesday, September 3.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As our school year starts, we implore the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, to motivate us and empower us to be the best of what we can be and to reach our full potential. This isn't a prayer only for teachers, principals and students; really for all of us. I have a friend who sent me this reflection of Sister Genevieve Glen, OSB on Our Lady Star of the Sea. It's keen and insightful. Transitioning from the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer into the autumn mode of work, school, sports and meetings we can easily be overwhelmed and swamped. Let us turn our gaze to Mary, the Mother of God, who always wants the best for us. With all the unsettling items in the news, it's easy to become obsessed, stressed and frenzied. Prayer is the balance that we need. Please know the power of the rosary, the healing gifts offered in confession and the true spiritual nourishment we can only receive from Jesus, when we offer ourselves in sacrifice at every Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion. A blessed September!

STAR OF THE SEA

Hail Star of the Sea / God's own gentle Mother / and ever holy Virgin / blessed gate of heaven / Keep our life all spotless / make our way secure / till we find in Jesus, you forevermore

- excerpt from *Ave Maris Stella*

As we near the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, we become more and more aware of the dangers of a wind-roused ocean. As long ago as the ninth century, the seas that ravaged the European coast inspired the hymn, Ave Maris Stella. The same images appear in the eleventh century hymn, Alma Redemptoris Mater, still sung at night prayer at some seasons. Both hymns give way to an extended prayer for deliverance from sin and evil through Mary's intercession, but they make no further mention of the sea. However, at some point, mariners, well used to navigating the stars, picked up the title and adopted Mary, Star of the Sea, as their patron and protector. She remains so down to our day.

The rest of us, safely traveling terra firma on our daily round, might not seem to need the help of such a patron and protector – unless we recognize the perilous sea that laps at every day's doorstep. A wise friend alerted me to it with a warning, "Beware of drowning in the sea of possibilities."

And we can. Consider the invitation flashing on our digital devices; sign up for an online Shakespeare course, download delicious recipes to tickle the taste buds of family or friends, take a virtual tour of Notre Dame Cathedral, discover the exercise program that you need, or, or course, shop for anything you need at all. Consider the parish bulletin: bible studies, the food pantry needs volunteers, sign up for adoration day or night. And that's just a small sample, without even looking at the to do list, the notes on the refrigerator door, the reminders on your phone. Having too many choices is not confined to the electronically savvy or the financially secure. Think of the difficult and painful decision facing those in nursing homes, on the street, in poor neighborhoods.

Options are always and everywhere on offer, demanding attention and decision. As the options accumulate, they paralyze. Worse, the recurring possibilities harden into imperatives, growing icebergs in the sea of possibilities. The books you could read become the books you must read, the programs you could sign up for become the programs you have to sign up for; the meetings you could go to become the meetings you must at all costs fit in. Drowning is a real possibility.

What to do? Listen to the mariners. Take your eyes off your wet feet. Look up. Call on Mary, shining steadfastly to guide us. Her light, a faithful reflection of the Light of the World, illumines priorities and dangers, highlights what is true to us and our lives versus what comes from someone else's must-have, or must-do list, spotlights the icebergs before they can drag us all down. The Ave Maris Stella goes on to call her the gate of heaven, the gate through which Christ's light shines on our storm-battered path and guides us home.

- Sr. Genevieve Glen, OSB, St. Walburga Abbey, Colorado

Come Holy Spirit, Come! Bless our children, and our lives this September. Let us begin this new academic year with renewed faith.

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 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, Msgr. Peter Smith, Dawn Stahlecker, Ann Strandberg, Benjamin Thomasen, Edward Washewski, George Weir, Mona Williams, Michael Wright, Teresa Zizzamia **Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Names on this list will remain until 9/8/19. 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, 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 3:30 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 7:30 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, September 9 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: **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.

St. Edward Food Pantry-Volunteers Needed!

St. Edward Food Pantry at Mt. Loretto is in need of volunteers to distribute non-perishable food to the needy on Staten Island. OLSS is responsible for the 3rd week of the Month on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hours are 10 am to 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer 3 hours per month, please call Louise or Sr. Priscilla at 718-984-1625.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• 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. All students must wear their complete summer uniform. Doors will open at 7:50. Dismissal is at 2:50. The bell will ring at 8:05 am.

• Kindergarteners are to arrive at 9 am on September 5th. Dismissal is at 1:30 pm. Friday, September 6 will be a regular school day. Students are to arrive no later than 8:05 and dismissal will be at 2:40. Bus service for kindergarten students will begin on Monday, September 9th.

• Pre-K4 will begin on Monday, September 9 and Pre-K3 will begin on Tuesday, September 10.

• We will continue to use the morning drop off line. This drop off line is to STOP and DROP off your children. Please do not get out of your car at drop off. If you need to walk your child to the front door, please park in the lot. At dismissal, the gate will remain closed until the lot is clear of ALL children. No car is permitted to move until the security guards open the gate.

• Join us for our first Fair Share Event of the Year...The Parents' Association is sponsoring a Back to School BBQ on Friday, September 6th from 5:30 -8:30 pm. Please check your child's folder on the first day of school for more information on this and other events.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The next date for registering your child for Religious Education will be **Tuesday, September 3 from 11 am to 1 pm.**

OLSS FINAL Soccer Registration

The **FINAL** registration for the 19-20 season will be **Thursday, September 5** from **6-7 pm** outside of the OLSS Athletic Center. Registration forms may also be dropped off at the Rectory. Registration fees \$225 for SIYSL players, \$175 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$150 for siblings. Visit the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration form and details.



CUB/BOY Scout News

CUB SCOUT PACK 5-Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Cub Scouts (Grades Kindergarten thru 5th) will be on **Fridays September 13 & 20 in O'Mara Hall from 7-9 pm.** Registration Fee (Dues Included): Single Scout: \$150, Two Scouts: \$250, Three Scouts: \$300 if paid at time of Registration. Cash, Money Orders, Paypal (Paypal.me/pack5), & Venmo accepted. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED. Contact Cub Master Anthony Limone at cubmasterpk5olss@gmail.com for more info.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 5-Recruitment/Open House for New & Returning Boy Scouts (Grades 6-11) will be on **Tuesdays, September 10 & 17 in O'Mara Hall from 7-9 pm.** Registration Fee (including dues): If paid by 10/15, Single Scout: \$150, Two Scouts: \$250, Three Scouts: \$300. If paid after October 15, \$175, \$275, \$325, respectively. For information contact Robert Ciraola, Scoutmaster, cell 917-805-7621 or e-mail rciraola@si.rr.com or visit our website at www.troop5si.com. Please make checks payable to Troop 5.

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, September 6 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, September 7 at 9 am.**



Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, September 7 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS



Interested in joining a choir? Please see below and come to the rehearsal to join. All rehearsals are held in the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Children who are in the 1st through 6th grade are eligible. Rehearsals are Mondays, at 3:45 PM, beginning 9/9.

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: The Traditional Choir sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays, and is open to members 18 years or older. Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6 PM, beginning 9/9.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7 p.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. If you are going into the 7th Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours.

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

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.

Knitting & Crocheting Group Rectangle Campaign



You are invited to participate in the annual rectangle campaign at OLSS! 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. 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. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule. Any questions, please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

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.

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*

A Walk for Hope

Bringing help & healing to all those suffering from the disease of addiction

Sunday, September 8 at 10 am

Brookfield Park (575 Arthur Kill Rd, SI, NY)

Food Trucks, Memorial Balloon release, live music and more. To donate & Register to walk as an individual or as a team, visit www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/a-walk-for-hope. All those walking in memory of a loved one are invited to bring their photo. All proceeds go directly to Camelot Counseling of Staten Island, Inc. For more information, please contact Michele Kunz at 917-731-7041.

You're invited to Alzheimer's & You!

Things every family/caregiver should know...

Saturday, September 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 am

The Historic Old Bermuda Inn (301 Veterans Rd West, SI, NY) Monsignor Peter G. Finn & The Vicariate of Staten Island invite you to attend a free presentation of "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia" by Guest Speaker Della Frazier-Rios, RN MS of NYU Langone Health. The Seminar will begin promptly at 9:30 am & complimentary continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by leaving a message at 718-356-2867. (Please leave name & number of people attending **slowly & clearly** on answering machine. No calls will be returned, rest assured your space will be saved.)