

Our Lady Star of the Sea
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, September 21

4:00PM Tillie & John Forestieri
5:30PM Beatrice DiDomenico,
Vincent A. & Vincent M. DiDomenico

Sunday, September 22

8:00AM Nicolette Ciavola
9:30AM Philip DiFranco, Jr.
11:00AM Joanne & John Quattrocchi
12:30PM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.
7:00PM Angela Fillingeri

Monday, September 23

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Tuesday, September 24

9:00AM Summer Marie Semerad

Wednesday, September 25

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Thursday, September 26

9:00 AM Accursio & Eleonora Pennino

Friday, September 27

9:00AM Christopher Roland

Saturday, September 28

9:00AM Anthony Capece
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM James E. Ledger

Sunday, September 29

8:00AM Michael Cino
9:30AM Marc Fusillo
11:00AM Adrienne Sienicki & Antoinette Bartuccelli
12:30PM Anna Patitucci
7:00PM Joan Scutto

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Anthony Polimeni & Jaclyn Boyles

1st Time: Jarrett Howe & Maria Blasco

1st Time: Sal Balistreri & Alexa Scolaro

2nd Time: Ivan Caputo & Jacquelyn Dubicki

3rd Time: James Ward & Alexandra Balsamo

3rd Time: Joseph Flynn & Grace Scarmato

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.

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.

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.

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
September 22-28, 2019

In Loving Memory of

Christopher Roland

Donated by the Emigholz Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, September 28

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, September 28

4:00PM B Palomba, A Petrocelli, C Harris
5:30PM MA Russo, A Maffeo, A Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, September 29

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, September 29

8:00AM J Stanzione, A Sparandera, C Rosato
9:30AM E Burns, J Gatto, S Monteforte
11:00AM L Appel, M Quadri
12:30PM A McCoy, S Catalano
7:00PM M Recanatini, C Houle, C Barone

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

8:00AM N & J Cooper
9:30AM A Monferrato
11:00AM J Oliveri
12:30PM P Marone
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:

Nancy Saraceno, Scott Williamson

Sunday Collection for the week of 9/8/19:

\$16,461.22

God bless you for your generosity!

39th Annual Unity Night Mass
Friday, September 27 at 8 pm in OLSS



Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Devery
Music by the Lamb of God Music Ministry
Rosary/Praise & Worship/Holy Mass
Sponsored by the Staten Island Catholic
Charismatic Prayer Group

For more info, please call Romi Verdera at 347-301-2833

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Earlier in the month of September, I reflected on this passage from “Jesus Calling” by Sarah Young and found it very inspirational. Imagine if Jesus spoke to us in these following words:

Living in dependence on Me is a glorious adventure. Most people scurry around busily, trying to accomplish things through their own strength and ability. Some succeed enormously; others fail miserably. But both groups miss what life is meant to be: living and working in collaboration with Me.

When you depend on Me continually, your whole perspective changes. You see miracles happening all around, while others see only natural occurrences and “coincidences”. You begin each day with joyful expectation, watching to see what I will do. You accept weakness as a gift from Me, knowing that My Power plugs in most readily to consecrated weakness. You keep your plans tentative, knowing that My plans are far superior. You consciously live, move and have your being in Me, desiring that I live in you. I in you and you in Me. This is the ultimate adventure that I offer.

What an amazing stretch of good weather we have been having. God is letting summer linger. On this weekend, we honor at the 5:30 PM Mass all our catechists, who are our formators of religious education of our young people. We have three teachers who will be honored for many years of dedicated service to our parish. I am grateful to them and all parish parents who strive to bring their children for religious education.

This is the time of the year when we are looking also for more volunteers to join our ministries. We want in a special way to invite at the 11AM Mass on Sunday for people to join our ushers as ministers of hospitality. We are also in need of altar servers and sacristans. If you are willing and able, I would ask you to leave your name with the rectory. John Manetta, our sacristan and Phil Oppenheim, our trainer of altar servers will contact you for a meeting and training.

Thank you for your most generous support of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt. Last weekend they were here selling chances for their annual autumn bazaar and, through your kindness, you gave them \$2800 in support. They were exceedingly grateful. Draw much inspiration and encouragement from these women religious, who after bearing the brunt of many dedicated years of teaching children, still live with a ministry of prayer, intercession and service to our church.

Sister Megan Michael Gillis, FSP is a member of the Daughters of Saint Paul and the first vocation from Holy Child Parish. Currently she is living with her sisters on Staten Island. Sister Meg is involved in vocation ministry helping young women discern religious life as their vocation. She is inviting women who are single between the ages of 18-35 to a picnic and prayer experience in their convent. You may contact her at Mgillis@paulinemia.com for further details

Next weekend, September 29-30, Bishop Gabriel Mendy, will preach at the 4PM Mass and 11AM Mass and we will invite you to contribute to the needs of his Diocese of Banjul in The Gambia, Africa when you greet him after the Masses. He has been enjoying his time in the USA. His vacation time is preparing him for the vigorous schedule when he returns home. The whole country of Gambia is his diocese. Catholics comprise about 10% of the population.

Finally, as the shepherd of our own wonderful parish, I need to remind you that attendance at Sunday Mass (or Saturday evenings) is not optional. It is mandatory. We cannot break the 3rd commandment mindlessly and expect God to bless us. This is most important for the training of children. When we hear God’s word, worship him for the graces and blessings He gives us each day, and receive His Real Presence in Holy Communion, we build up one another in the Body of Christ. Please make every effort to attend. Given the fact that we offer Mass 7 times each weekend, what excuse can we give to Jesus other than our sickness to refrain? You are all in my prayers, and I ask the Lord to bless you abundantly.

As we begin the autumn season, be a blessing to the Lord.

Father Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Thank you to our Parents' Association Board members for the wonderful Back to School Carnival you hosted. A great time was had by all!

- Our first Parents' Association meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 24. New to our school parents will meet at 6:30 pm followed by a meeting for all parents at 7:30 pm.
- OLSS is partnering with Charmed for Change for our first ever costume drive. Gently used or new costumes can be sent into school with your child from September 23 through October 4.
- Any students interested in joining the OLSS Bowling Team can register at bowlatrabs.com/CYO. The fall season starts on September 23rd.
- A safety reminder...Please be mindful of the rules put into place during drop off and dismissal. These rules are for the safety of ALL our children. We ask that you DO NOT pass any cars in the drop off line or at dismissal. Parking at dismissal is limited to the main parking lot and the Athletic Center lot. No cars should park in the church 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. We appreciate your cooperation!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2019-2020 is available by calling the Religious Ed Office. You must be a registered parishioner in order to register your child for Religious Education. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and your parish envelope number when registering for Religious Education. If you are not a parishioner and would like to register, please visit the Rectory from 9 am – 4 pm Monday – Friday or call 718-984-0593. For questions, please call the Religious Ed office at 718-984-1885.

2019-20 OLSS Religious Education Starting Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 24	Grade 8	Follow Schedule
Thursday, Nov. 7	Special Needs	(A) 3:30 – 4:00 pm (B) 4:15 – 4:45 pm

ADNY Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949. She may be reached via email at Victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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.

Ushers needed at Sunday 11 am Masses

Anyone wishing to volunteer as an usher for the Sunday 11 am Mass, please see John Manetta.

We could use your help!

We will be conducting interviews to hire for the Assistant Sacristan position. Any High School age boys who are interested, please see John Manetta after Sunday Mass or call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number.

Pray for the Sick



John Brancella, Billy C., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo. **Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.**

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, October 1 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, October 15 at 3:30 pm.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, October 4** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Ginny at 718-356-6611.

Bereavement Group – A new session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* began on Wednesday, September 25 and will continue every Wednesday at **7:30 pm** in the OLSS Rectory for 8 weeks. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us or call Veronica at 347-620-8484 for more information.

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 23 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: **October 1 & 15**. 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: **October 2 & 23**. 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.

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 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

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 - 1 pm. If you would like to volunteer 3 hours per month, call Louise or Sr. Priscilla at 718-984-1625.

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

12 Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room

September 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.

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 15th. 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

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, October 9 at 11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Writing Memoir – Monday, October 21 @ 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

Book Club – Thursday, October 17 at 8 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Yard Sale Fundraiser for Batten Disease



1044 Edgegrove Avenue

September 21 & 22 and September 27, 28, 29
9 am to 5 pm. All proceeds go to research.

Staten Island Theology on Tap

Monday, September 23 from 7:30– 8:30 pm

Flagship Brewery (40 Minthorne St. SI, NY, 10301)

Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? Join Catholic Staten Island's Theology on Tap to find out the "WHY" behind the "WHAT" of the Church's teachings. Pizza will be provided by the Archdiocese of NY.

Casino Trip

There is a trip to the Wind Creek Casino (formerly The Sands) on September 24. It's \$30 per person and you get \$25 in slot play. Call Ed Newborn at 917-697-5603 for reservations.

Regis High School of Manhattan

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys invites students and their parents to its Staten Island Admissions Information Night on **Wednesday, September 25th at 7 pm** at St. Joseph Hill Academy (850 Hylan Blvd., SI, NY 10305). For more information, contact: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions at Regis HS, 55 East 84th St., NY, NY, 212-288-1100, ext. 2057 or edimichiele@regis.org.

St. Maria Goretti Group Events

Young Adult Marriage Discussion Group

Friday, September 27 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM

St. Charles Church (644 Clawson St., 10306)

Join us as we discuss God's plan for marriage. This monthly group will study & discuss what the church teaches about marriage and will include young adult married witnesses.

Goretti Group Teen & Young Adult Event

Friday, October 11 from 7 to 9:30 pm

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314)

Join us as Fr. Jeff Pomeisl provides a Holy Hour after the 7 pm Goretti Mass with Adoration & Confessions as well as chant music and refreshments! ALL Teens and young adults are welcome!

Stolzenhaller Columbiettes present

An Evening with Sinatra

featuring Sinatra impersonator Jesse Posa



Saturday, October 26 from 7-11 pm in 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.