

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 25

4:00PM Deceased Members of the DiAntonio
& Gesualdi Families
5:30PM Emmanuela Cubelo

Sunday, January 26

8:00AM Lt. Col. William Thomas Gorman
9:30AM Robert Cambria
11:00AM Monica Rudden
12:30PM Dr. John P. Curran
7:00PM Joseph Nieves

Monday, January 27

9:00AM Rev. Joseph McKenna

Tuesday, January 28

9:00AM Anthony Bassi

Wednesday, January 29

9:00AM William Riley

Thursday, January 30

9:00AM Marion Falcone

Friday, January 31

9:00AM Salvatore Civello

Saturday, February 1

9:00AM Pietro & Angela Ricciardi & Family
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi
& Serrantonio Families
5:30PM Nicholas Focillo

Sunday, February 2

8:00AM Vitale, Antonino, Maria, Giuseppe
& Salvatore Cipriano
9:30AM Camille Limardi
11:00AM Michelle Scalzo
12:30PM Peter Malloy
7:00PM Giuseppe Sansalone

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 23** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Winter Blood Drive this Sunday 1/26



Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding our winter blood drive on Sunday, January 26 from 9 am to 3 pm in O'Mara Hall. To be eligible to donate, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 16 years of age with parental consent. If you are 76 or older you are required to have a physician's note of approval.

Please ensure you have a photo ID. Remember, each pint of blood collected helps save 3 lives. Please help us reach our goal of 45 pints. Come give the greatest gift of all.....LIFE!

St. Agatha's Feast Day

The feast day of St. Agatha will be celebrated at the 9 am Mass on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. She is the patron saint of those suffering from breast diseases as well as the patron saint of nurses. We will be distributing prayer cards & blessed medals at this Mass.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
January 26-February 1, 2020



In Memory of
Edward Steinbuch

From Angelo & Agnes Zuffante

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 1

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM C Harris

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 1

4:00PM J Coscia, A Petrocelli, B Palomba
5:30PM A Dazio, N Villani, E Burns

Lectors – Sunday, February 2

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, February 2

8:00AM C Rosato, M Quadri
9:30AM J Amodio, L Capobianco
11:00AM C Ordy, A Maffeo, G Rizzo
12:30PM MA Russo, V Acri, B Peters
7:00PM J Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 1

4:00PM F Surace
5:30PM P Marone, J Habib

Sunday, February 2

8:00AM J&N Cooper
9:30AM S Artz, C Rosenberg, S Corso
11:00AM T, M & J Maresca
12:30PM A Monferato
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:

Charles Maratea, Paul Fabozzi, Robert Muscaro

Sunday collection for the week of 1/12/2020:



\$16,803.34

2019 Christmas Collection:

\$42,690.00

2019 Christmas Flowers

\$4,128.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Special Collection for Puerto Rico

Earthquake Disaster Relief

Weekend of February 1 & 2, 2020

There will be a special collection taken up at all masses the weekend of February 1 & 2. This collection is at the directive of the Archdiocese of New York and will be sent to Puerto Rico to help in earthquake disaster relief. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

It was very early in the morning. I was crossing over the Goethals Bridge when the EI Al 747 flew directly overhead. Seated on the plane were the 13 seminarians and three priests returning from their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I was driving to collect Carmine Caruso after his 12-hour flight. He was exhausted but thrilled to be back home. If he never saw humus again, he wouldn't miss it. It was offered at nearly every meal while he was there. After a long sleep to ward off jet lag, Carmine spoke at the next morning Mass about his experience. It seems that the moment of grace that touched him the most was his visit to Jerusalem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The tour guide, he said, was excellent. His name is Fabrizzio and he is from Spoleto, Italy; a town not far from Assisi. But just to stand in the very spot where Jesus rose from the dead was indescribable. Words can't express what a sense of awe and victory and peace and incredible joy this was for his faith. I agreed with Carmine, that every time I read or proclaim the Gospels, my mind immediately goes back to the scene where it took place.

One of the insights that delighted the seminarians was along the shore of the Sea of Galilee at the shrine dedicated to the Jesus's words, "Duc Et Altum", translated that means "put out into deeper waters." Fabrizzio said that we owe a great deal of gratitude to the Franciscan Order, who worked hard to find the shrines of all the special places where Jesus and the Holy Family and the apostles were. It seemed that for years it was all buried over and forgotten due to the Sultans rule of then Palestine. Then he related that experience to our faith. How do we bury over all the learning and training we have received in the faith with other knowledge and information and study and technology of our age. We bury over our faith and act as if we once knew Jesus and now we forget his core teachings and values. That's a wonderful question to ponder as we look as our lives this winter season.

We can be so absorbed with the latest sporting event, news from Washington, Iran or even the harsh reality of Anti-Semitic events in our city. We can be so outraged at violence in all its form and get so upset, that we become paranoid, judgmental and filled with hostility and worry. How do we uncover Jesus and put our trust and faith in him.

I am very aware these days that with an attitude of "an eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth," revenge and reprisals can be so much in the forefront of our consciousness that we don't take the time to pray, to turn our angry feelings over to the Lord. We need to intercede for our military deployed overseas and for a spirit of diplomacy and peacemaking. We certainly don't need another war.

In the book "Through the Year with Fulton Sheen", the parable from January 13 is a poignant reflection. Archbishop Sheen writes:

When I first went to Europe to study as a young priest, I lived in a boarding house, which belonged to a certain woman, whom we will call Madame Citroff. I was there about a week when she came to me and told me the tragic story of her family. After her marriage, her husband left her. A daughter that was born to them became immoral on the streets of Paris. Then, Madame Citroff pulled out her pocket a small vial of poison. She said, 'I do not believe in God. Sometimes the thought comes to me that there is a God, an in case there is one, I curse him. So, I've decided simply, because life has no meaning and is absurd, to do away with it. I intend to take this tonight. Can you do anything for me?'

'Well,' I said, 'I can't if you're going to take that stuff.' So, I asked her to postpone her suicide for nine days. I think it's the only case on record of a woman postponing her suicide for nine days. Well, I never prayed before in my life as I prayed for that woman. On the ninth day, the good Lord gave her great grace. Some years later, on my way to Lourdes, I stopped off at a city where I enjoyed the hospitality of the Monsieur and Madame and Mademoiselle Citroff, and I said to the village priest, 'Are the Citroff's good Catholics?' He replied, 'It's wonderful when people keep the faith all during their lives.' He didn't know the story.

May the Lord give you His Peace.

Father Tom Devery

Volunteer Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please see the Sacristan after Mass or stop in the Rectory office Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30 pm. (One gift per family, please.)



Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Edward Canfield, John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Mario Garafola, Vincenza Gialluisi, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Amy M., Jack Miller, Steven Morvillo, Pauline Orfano, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White. **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, February 4 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, February 18 at 3:30 pm.**

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Happy Catholic Schools Week! At Our Lady Star of the Sea School, we work to educate the students academically and spiritually. Our children receive a challenging, high-quality academic experience in a supportive environment. Thank you to all our parents who support Catholic education. Check out the school website for information on Catholic Schools Week events.

• Here's what some of our students have to say about OLSS:

"I like art because I like to be creative." – Caroline 1-2

"I love my new school! The teachers are nice and I made nice friends. They made me feel comfortable. I like that we don't get homework on Friday." – Valentina L. 4-2

"I have been in OLSS since preschool. I can't believe I'm graduating this year. I love my class and it's sad that we won't be together everyday as we go to separate high schools. We have great teachers who take the time to make sure we understand their lessons. The teachers have made sure that we're prepared for high school." – Jade 8-2

• Join us on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 9-11 am for Touring Tuesday. Come see all the wonderful things OLSS has to offer your child. Call the school office at 718-984-0593 for further information or to schedule a tour.

• OLSS is sponsoring a Pet Supply Drive to benefit several local animal rescues and shelters on Wednesday, January 29. Please check out our website for a list of supplies needed.

• **OLSS 2020-2021 Registration will be as follows:**

- February 5 – Open Registration for Pre-K 3 & 4 from 9-11 am.

- February 6 – Open Registration for K-7 grades from 9-11 am.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 718-984-5750.

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 31** 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" will begin Wednesday, February 5 at 7 pm in the OLSS Rectory. 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.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – Come and learn how to make rosaries. No prior skill needed, all the material is supplied. The rosaries will be sent to missionaries all over the world. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/4, 2/18**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Knitting & Crochet Group – Meets on the 1st & 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/5, 2/26**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

Watercolor Painting Group – Join us for a relaxing morning. No prior skills needed. Please bring your own watercolor paint, watercolor brush and watercolor paper. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/11, 3/10**. For more information, contact Maria Quadrino 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.

Legion of Mary – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, January 27 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory**. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima - 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 or message them at their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium".

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 – Every Sunday at 2 pm

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

January 26, February 9 & 23, March 8 & 22

12Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room

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.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

Pro Life Event - Seamless Garment

Sunday, January 26, 2020

St. Clare Church (110 Nelson Ave)

1 pm Mass with Reception & Program to follow
in school auditorium (151 Lindenwood Road)

The Parish of St. Clare will host its annual pro-life event called *Seamless Garment*. Edward Mechmann, Director of Public Policy for the Archdiocese of NY, will speak on current legislation, what is happening in the effort to stop abortion and how we can participate. Come hear from people who have dealt with the issue of abortion in their own lives. Refreshments provided-all are welcome. Admission is free.

Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

OLSS SPORTS

Annual Valentine's Dance Fundraiser

February 1, 2020 is the night! Come out to OLSS for our annual Valentine's Dance. Individual seats or tables are available. \$35/person gets you Dinner, Soda/water, DJ, Photo Booth. There will be raffles and much more. Help support our sports program while having a great time! To register online, go to www.olssbasketball.com.

Sisters of Life Event - Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: February 8, February 22 (Spanish) & March 21. For more dates locations, and confidential registration or just to talk with a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

REBOOT - A Life Changing Event

Featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author & TV host

Chris Stefanick

Thursday, February 13 from 7 to 9:30 pm

Holy Family Church (Msgr. Glynn Center)

366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314

Tickets \$25 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call 718-761-6663 or visit www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.

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Stolzenhaller Columbiettes

A Vibrant Catholic Women's Service Organization

Looking for a way to get involved in parish and Columbiette events? Enjoy social activities? Want to enrich your Catholic faith? Join the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more information.

Altar Serving at OLSS

"I GO UNTO THE ALTAR OF GOD,

THE GOD THAT GIVES JOY TO MY YOUTH" Psalm 43.

The Altar Server Ministry at OLSS allows you to serve your parish. When you serve at the altar, you serve the community and you show commitment to church and God. Young men and women from First Holy Communion through 12th grade may participate in this ministry. This ministry is ancient in the church and is derived from the Acolyte sub order.

On August 12, 2001, Pope John Paul II spoke to more than two thousand young men and women altar servers gathered in Rome. He believed as an Altar Server, you will be more than helpers. "...you are servers of Jesus Christ...you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus..."

God does not call strangers. He calls friends. If he is calling you to serve, please answer by contacting Deacon James & Maria Quadrino @ 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 jimeri@aol.com or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Meals on Wheels-Volunteers Needed!

This mission of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly, delivered through the use of volunteers, who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. We are currently feeding over 1300 seniors every day, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! As the demand for meals continues to increase, so does our need for volunteers. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your neighbors. Please call the Meals on Wheels of S.I. at 718-727-4435 for further information.

ADNY Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a 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 x2949. 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.

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 **February 6**.