

Our Lady Star of the Sea
1st Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 29

4:00PM Nicky Chieco
5:30PM Marianne DiStefano

Sunday, March 1

8:00AM Frank Ledwith
9:30AM Scott Williamson
11:00AM Catherine Riley
12:30PM Deceased Members of the DiBuono
& Biscardi Families
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Ferrigno Family

Monday, March 2

9:00AM John Ferrante

Tuesday, March 3

9:00AM Harry J. Skeggs

Wednesday, March 4

9:00AM Caroline & Philip Tanella

Thursday, March 5

9:00 AM Jaime Moltisanti-Cucuzza

Friday, March 6

9:00AM Neil Palomba

Saturday, March 7

9:00AM John Russo
4:00PM Anthony Pepe
5:30PM Andre Graziano

Sunday, March 8

8:00AM Thomas Hoban
9:30AM Anna Lungaro
11:00AM William Roesch
12:30PM Rocco & Ersilia Villani
7:00PM Lillian Visceglia



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
March 1-7, 2020
In Memory of
Andre Graziano



From Your Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 7

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 7

4:00PM L Barbato, L Bauer, B Palomba
5:30PM C Houle, C Barone, M Sprague

Lectors – Sunday, March 8

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM M Coppolo
11:00AM MA Higgins
12:30PM B Weir
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 8

8:00AM C Rosato, M Quadrino
9:30AM M Iacono, J Amodio
11:00AM B Higgins, C&J Gerace
12:30PM MA Russo, S Catalano, R Ruskowski
7:00PM J Bellina, K Melka, A Zuffante

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00AM F Surace, J&N Cooper
9:30AM C Rosenberg
11:00AM M, T & J Maresca
12:30PM A Monferrato
7:00PM S, N & A Mejias

LENT 2020

Fast & Abstinence: The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm and from 5 to 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross: Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent.

Lenton Love Offering: Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. The Lenton Love Offering boxes will be collected the weekend of March 28 & 29.

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Joseph Rotondi & Heather Santino

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, April 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



Sincere Condolences

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

Joseph Hickey, Frances Samaritano, Marie D'Ambrosio
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Sunday collection for the week of 2/16/2020:

\$14,520.85



God bless you for your generosity!

1st Friday Adoration

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

Public Outdoor Rosary

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



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As we begin Lent, "Thanks for your time" in giving your prayers, fasting and almsgiving to Jesus and may this little story inspire you:

The telephone rang. It was a call from Jack's mother. He answered it and his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days. "Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said. "Well, he didn't forget you," replied his mother. "Every time I saw him, he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it. You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time. The house was exactly as he remembered. "There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said. It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day, Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read. Early the next day Jack went to the post office and retrieved the package. It read: "Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filled his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! -- Harold Belser."

"The thing he valued most was my time!" Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with the people I love and say I care for," he said. "Oh, by the way Janet, thanks for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100 percent true.

1. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
2. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
3. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
4. You mean the world to someone.
5. If not for you, someone may not be living.
6. You are special and unique.
7. Have trust - sooner or later you will get what you wish for or something better.
8. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.
9. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a hard look: you most likely turned your back on the world and the people who love and care for you.
10. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
11. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
12. Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy.
13. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

To everyone who read this just now....

Thanks for your time. ☺

Spend Time with Jesus, it's well worth it. "Thanks for your time".

Father Tom Devery

OLSS Religious Education

Registration for September 2020

All students currently attending our program will receive re-registration forms during the month of April. Please return the forms to your child's teacher or mail to the Religious Education office **before May 20, 2020** to take advantage of our reduced rates. Anyone needing evening classes must have already returned their re-registration form by **April 29, 2020**.

FIRST GRADE & NEW REGISTRATIONS

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish prior to registering in the Religious Education Program. **Proof of Parish registration is required (envelope number).**

- We must see your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade in public school.
- First Holy Communion & Penance Certificate, if the sacrament has already been received.

Registration fees BEFORE May 20, 2020 are:

Day Sessions: \$225 for one child; \$300 for two or more children
Wednesday Evenings: \$275 for one child; \$375 for 2 or more children

Registration fees AFTER May 20, 2020 are:

Day Sessions: \$275 for one child and \$350 for two or more
Wednesday Evenings: \$325 for one child; \$425 for two or more

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Quaglia at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

Registration for **First Grade and New Registrations** will be held in OLSS School Office of Religious Education on the following date:

First Grade and New Registrations Only

Monday, April 27, 2020 - 4PM - 5:30PM

Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Mario Garafola, Vincenza Gialluisi, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Amy M., 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, March 3 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, March 17 at 3:30 pm.**

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be on **Thursday, March 5 from 6-7 PM** in the OLSS Athletic Center for all players which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Legion of Mary offers the Pilgrim Statue of the 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".

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OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Join us on Tuesday, March 3, from 9-11 am for Touring Tuesday. Come see all the wonderful things our school has to offer your child. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for further information or to schedule a tour.

• This Lenten season Our Lady Star of the Sea School is teaming up with Charmed for Change and sponsoring a Bedtime Drive. We are collecting items associated with bedtime for impoverished children from Thursday, February 27 through Wednesday, March 11. For a complete list of items needed, check out our website.

• Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for February! The value for February was **CHARITY** and was awarded to: **Lauren Landstrom, Sophia Gallotta, Gianna Chiarizia, Nadia Hubner, Kate DePaolo, Isabella Sorrentino, Jacob Comia, Thomas Volpe, Jack Rugg, Ella Tabacco, Angelina Focca, Ciara Pacifico, Giovanna Coria, Connor Monahan, Emma Cambria, Michela DiPaola, Emma Toto and Christina Caruso.**

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

March 8 & 22, (**NO CLASS ON APRIL 12**),

April 26, May 10 & 24

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.

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✓ **Mark Your Calendar**
Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, March 13** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Ginny at 718-356-6611.

Bereavement Group– The next session of “*It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*” will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm in the OLSS Rectory and **will run through March 25**. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to 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: **3/3, 3/17**. 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: **March 4 & 25**. 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: **3/10, 4/14**. 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, March 2** 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 call Carol at 917-621-7814.

St. Peter’s Boys HS Chinese Auction

Friday, March 6, 2020

St. Peter’s School Gym (200 Clinton Ave, SI, NY 10301)

Doors open at 6 pm, calling begins at 7:15 pm

Admission \$10 per person

Refreshments & Parking available. No children under 12 permitted, Children ages 12-18 must be accompanied by an adult.

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign

40 Days for Life is a 40-day campaign of peaceful, prayerful presence that aims to end abortion in our community by changing hearts and minds. All individuals and families are invited to stand (or sit) with us in silent witness and prayer. This prayerful, silent presence speaks volumes in helping moms in need of alternatives to abortion. We will also pray for and be in solidarity with all who have experienced the heartache and pain of losing a child.

Running 7 am to 7 pm through Sunday, April 5

SI University Hospital North, 475 Seaview Ave, SI, NY 10305

Saturday, March 7 – FREE movie - **Unplanned** at 3 pm & 5 pm at Holy Child Religious Ed Bldg.(4747 Amboy Rd, SI, NY 10312)
Coffee will be served. All are welcome!

Like and Share Facebook Page: 40 Days for Life Staten Island
Email 40dayssi@gmail.com for updates!

For more info, or to sign up to commit to an hour, visit www.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM. If you are unable to come out, please pray & offer your sufferings for this campaign.



OLSS DOLPHIN
SUMMER DAY CAMP



****REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 22 FROM 11 AM – 2 PM IN THE OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER****

Camp will run **Monday, June 22 – Friday, August 7** from 9 am – 3:30pm
(Campers must be entering Pre-K4 to 8th Grade in September 2020)

Register BEFORE April 21 to receive the Early Bird Pricing Special:

(Must be paid in full by April 22 to qualify)

\$240 full day-weekly & \$85 full day-daily

\$175 half day-weekly & \$50 half day-daily

After April 21, Regular camp rates apply:

\$270 full day-weekly & \$95 full day-daily

\$190 half day-weekly & \$55 half day-daily

Extended Days Available!

Early Camper Care Starting @ 7:30am

Extended Camper Care up to 5:30pm

(At an additional hourly rate)

Camp will be held on the OLSS campus:

5411 Amboy Road SI, NY 10312

****Bring your own Lunch and Snack****

Indoor & Outdoor Activities Include:

Weekly Theme Days, Arts and Crafts, Gaga pit, organized games & more!

To register, email Ms. Linda Fusillo, Camp Director:
linsoap@aol.com

OLSS Baby Bin



The OLSS Pro-Life Committee Baby Bin is 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.

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.