

Our Lady Star of the Sea
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 22

4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato
5:30PM John Vosilla

Sunday, February 23

8:00AM Francesco Lazzara
9:30AM Lucy Ferreri
11:00AM Evelyn Meleta
12:30PM Luigi Garofano
7:00PM Rosario & Lena Biazzo and Frank & Daniel Biazzo

Monday, February 24

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

Tuesday, February 25

9:00AM Betty Walsh

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Caterina Cagliandro
9:00AM Marianne DiStefano
12Noon Giuseppe & Giuseppina Verdirame
8:00PM Frank Rapacciuolo

Thursday, February 27

9:00 AM Stefano Gallo

Friday, February 28

9:00AM Stefano Gallo

Saturday, February 29

9:00AM Hudson Li
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



Ash Wednesday – February 26

Ashes will be distributed during the following times:

Masses: 7 am, 9 am 12 Noon, and 8 pm

Services: 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Ashes will only be distributed to those who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd grade and above). Small children will be given a special blessing.

LENT 2020

Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a day of fasting and 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 23-29, 2020
In Memory of
Anita Piazza



From Your Loving Husband

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 29

4:00PM L Bauer
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, February 29

4:00PM C Harris, A Petrocelli, J Butalid
5:30PM N Villani, E Burns, A Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, March 1

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

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 1

8:00AM M Molinini, A Sparandera, J Stanzone
9:30AM S Monteforte, B Barone, L Capobianco
11:00AM C Ordy, M Quadri
12:30PM V Acri, C Belvedere
7:00PM J Limeri, C Houle, A Zuffante

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 29

4:00PM S, N & A Mejias
5:30PM E, C & J Stadler

Sunday, March 1

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



Sincere Condolences

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

**AnnMarie Hctor, Michael W. Gilsenan, Sr.,
Bastianina Palmieri, Jerome LoCascio**

Sunday collection for the week of 2/9/2020:

\$15,535.97

2nd Collection – Peter's Pence:

\$2,718.00

3rd Collection: Missionaries of the Poor:

\$10,060.00

God bless you for your generosity!



Banns of Marriage



3rd Time: Joseph Amato & Kelly DePietro

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.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings from the Word of God are powerful. From the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, we listen to the Lord speak to Israel: *Be holy for I am holy*. You are to not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. Take no revenge or grudge against your people and to love your neighbor as yourself. "I am the Lord." You could spend a lifetime contemplating these ideals from the Lord and yet it's at the heart of living abundantly and with freedom of soul. The grace that Jesus gives freely to us at every Mass enables us to do just that.

Saint Paul reminds us that we are temples of God, a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. We belong to Christ and He chooses to live and move and have His being within us. Of course, it's always easy when we find ourselves in church, but how do we do this when we are out in the world? And Jesus completes his teaching from the Sermon of the Mount in today's Gospel. "So be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." The call here is not the perfectionism, but rather completeness by acting toward others as we do toward the Father. Jesus is the New Moses on the Mount of Beatitudes with His rule for life, but then not only does He give his commands, but also shows us how to live them out. We must strive for that completeness to be Christ-like in our dealings with each other.

The impact of our witness to others cannot be overlooked. Last Sunday, I was delighted to welcome into the fullness of the Catholic Faith, Dr. Paul Isaack. He told me that it was the example of a coworker, Cristina, that caught his attention. Her faith and moreover her example, filled a gap in his life to become Catholic. Although there may be people who are antagonistic toward the Catholic Church, there are also people who are intrigued and want to become Catholic. There may be people in your circle of life who were baptized Catholic, but given the circumstances of life, never had the occasion to receive the other sacraments. They are not indifferent to their faith and perhaps a gentle invitation can make all the difference.

In the case of Dr. Paul Isaack, he is a surgeon and worked in the operating room with Cristina. Their lengthy discussions on Catholicism is what lead Paul to explore the RCIA program. RCIA, stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Paul came last spring and had been seriously studying and sharing the journey of faith, with Joe Limeri and his team. Paul was baptized in the Anglican Church, but throughout his youth, he attended a Methodist Church together with his parents. He attended Our Lady of Grace Catholic Elementary School during his early years. His profound love for our Lord, the Catholic Church and Scripture influenced by his parents and Cristina have persuaded his decision to become Roman Catholic. He has always been an avid church goer and many times attended Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Coming to this moment of Profession of Faith is a culmination of longing, excitement and desire to take his faith to the next level.

I was able to receive from the Chancery Office, a dispensation that gave me permission to confirm Paul, last Sunday at the 11 AM Mass. I could see the glowing joy on his face with he took the name "John" for Confirmation and it was highlighted with receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. If you know someone in a similar situation, please gently consider inviting them to explore RCIA. Mr. Joseph Limeri, and his team, are most welcoming and supportive in this process.

Sister Christina Marie, PVMI is a novice with the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate and in their magazine "The Parish Visitor" she wrote the following poem:

Forever Thine

Word made Flesh veiled before my eyes; in a tiny white Host; the hidden Christ is alive.

Gifts of His creation; simple bread and wine, humble offerings to the Father with the Breath of the Spirit transform upon our altar; the memorial of Christ's sacrifice.

Spotless Victim; Unblemished Lamb, really and mysteriously made present, The Lord's Body and Blood, behold in the priest's hands.

Sacred banquet, Pascal Feast, come to the Table, receive the Holy Eucharist.

Called to communion; Heaven weds Earth; an intimate union, the invitation of His Divine Love.

Bread of Life; Beloved of my heart, overcome with joy, I could die.

I am forever Thine.

On February 22, 2000, the Feast of The Chair of Peter, I was notified by John Cardinal O'Connor that I was appointed as pastor of Holy Child Parish on Staten Island. I was assigned to begin on March 5, 2000. I have been on Staten Island, twenty years this year. I am so blessed to be here, and may you be blessed too.

Father Tom Devery

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Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, 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.**

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".

Opening of the 2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, February 25th at 9:45 am.** Because of our large parish, at this time, you may only request up to **THREE** Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory, since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

2021 OLSS Mass Request Form (please fill out completely)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Requested Mass Date/Time: Mass Intention for (Name):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sunday (& Saturday Vigil) Masses are \$20. Weekday Masses are \$15. Please use a 2021 calendar when selecting dates.

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.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Our Pet Supply Drive, held during Catholic Schools Week, was a great success. We were able to supply food, treats, and other supplies to Staten Island Hope Animal Rescue, Louie's Legacy and Staten Island Council of Animal Welfare. The rescues were very grateful for the donations and wanted us to remind everyone that there are LOTS of dogs and cats looking for good homes. So if you're looking to adopt, reach out to one of the rescues we helped!

• Our 2nd grade Wax Museum raised over \$600 which was donated to help the animals affected by the bushfires in Australia. We were also able to virtually adopt a koala and kangaroo from the World Wildlife Foundation. Thank you to our parents and children for their generosity!

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 28** 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: **2/26, 3/4.** 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, February 24 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.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held on **Thursdays, February 27 & 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.

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.

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.

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

February 23, 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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Stolzenhaler 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 Stolzenhaler Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more information.

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.

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.

Wednesday, February 26 to Sunday, April 5
7 am to 7 pm

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

Sunday, Feb. 23 – Kick off Mass & gathering at St. Charles Church (200 Penn Ave, SI, NY 10306)

1:15 pm Mass with Bishop O'Hara as main celebrant
2pm – 4 pm – Orientation/Rally in the School Auditorium

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.

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.

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 **March 5**.

Addiction Angels – There is a Parent & Sibling support group for families battling addiction. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.