

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 7

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

Monday, March 9

9:00AM Edward Murphy

Tuesday, March 10

9:00AM Ferdinand "Fred" Assenza

Wednesday, March 11

9:00AM Ferdinand "Fred" Assenza

Thursday, March 12

9:00 AM Anna Lungaro

Friday, March 13

9:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy

Saturday, March 14

9:00AM Josephine Giovanniello
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Antorino
& Guido Families
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, March 15

8:00AM Robert Bauer
9:30AM Virginia, Harold & Donald Ennis
11:00AM Philip DeFonte
12:30PM John McNamara
7:00PM Denise Morales

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.

Parish Mission: Please note, the Parish Lenten Mission has been **cancelled**.

St. Joseph's Day Dinner

In Memory of Msgr. Vincent Bartley
Thursday, March 19 at Blessed Sacrament Church
Mass – 5:30 pm & Dinner – 6:30 – 9 pm
\$50 per person. RSVP to 718-448-1544 X 116 or
www.projecthospitality.org/events

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

March 8-14, 2020

In Memory of

Anna Titone

Donated by Barbara Peters



Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 14

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM A Deliso

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 14

4:00PM J Coscia, M Quadri
5:30PM C Houle, G Decker

Lectors – Sunday, March 15

8:00AM A P Zoltowski
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 15

8:00AM A Sparandera, M Molinini, M Ennis
9:30AM J Gatto, B Palomba, B Higgins
11:00AM N Fallacaro, G Riozzi, A Maffeo
12:30PM B Peters, V Acri, MA Russo
7:00PM C Barone, M Sprague, J Limeri

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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



Sincere Condolences

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

**Lauren Surrey, Charles Karbowski, Marie Bayerlein,
Catherine DeLucia**

Sunday collection for the week of 2/23/2020:

\$14,795.92



2nd Collection: Debt Reduction:

\$5,395.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Banns of Marriage



2nd 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.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

On this 2nd Sunday of Lent, the Gospel story about the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor is presented for our reflection. For the sake of the horrible and excruciating suffering Jesus would undergo in Jerusalem at His Passion, Jesus revealed Himself in all His glory in the Transfiguration before Peter, James and John. They were overwhelmed by that sight, and didn't want to hear Jesus' prediction about his passion, death and resurrection. "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Isn't it interesting when we are moved by an unforgettable moment of glory, love, friendship and blessing? It's as if "time stands still" and, we too, don't want it to end. Yet, Jesus leads us from moment to moment with compassion, healing and a saving presence that no one can take from us. Lent is a season of repentance, a change of heart, and letting go. We need to be transfigured. When we pray, when we come into the silence of our hearts, we can be configured with Him, let go of all that disfigures our soul and be transfigured. It's a letting go process.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the three hallmarks of this 40-day season. We accept the invitation to "die to our selfishness," so that He may shine His glory in and through us and our actions. During the Masses this weekend and on March 23rd, I will be inviting our parishioners to participate in the 2020 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. As we have announced during our last week's announcements, our parish goal is \$190,000. I feel skittish and shy about asking; since it's right on the heels of the Renew and Rebuild Campaign and many of us are already committed to that 5-year campaign. However, I am obedient to this call to "die to myself" and am asking you to participate as your means allow. When I consider the big picture of what the Church does in Pastoral Life, Education, Catholic Charities, the education of our future priests, the retirement subsidies of so many laborers who are priests, brothers and sisters, it is in their name and for the overall vitality of our Church. We can make a future "full of hope". I am hoping that more people will participate in this year's pledges. Not one dollar is going for the issue of paying lawyers for the actions of clergy abuse; there are separate loans that the Archdiocese has taken to pay for that. These monies are for the overall support of our existing institutions. I want to thank you in advance, especially during these difficult times, to be true Catholics of genuine faith and generosity. I can quote Jesus from today's Gospel (Monday), Matthew 25; "What you do for the least of my brethren, that you did it for me."

It's been great to catch up with Carmine Caruso this past week as he enjoyed his Spring Break from his studies at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. He is studying very hard and enjoying his apostolic activities. He is not only one of the house sacristans, but also class president. As class president, he has been an infirmarian to the men in his class who have become ill. Carmine did learn that for his summer assignment he will be assigned to Saint Joseph-St. Mary Immaculate Parish in the Stapleton – Rosebank section of Staten Island. This is a wonderful, alive community and he will be under the supervision of Father Fredy Patina. He is excited to be close to home this summer. Please God in the Fall, probably in early November, he will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders as a transient deacon, and his priesthood ordination and First Mass of Thanksgiving will be in May of 2021.

My friend sent me this reflection and I thought it was poignant. "Christ supplies my needs. Christ is the very stuff of which life is made. Unfortunately, the great amount of burnout among Christian workers is a tragic indication, it seems to me, of ignorance of this point. In what ways is Christ my life? Paul's answers this question in 1 Corinthians 1:30, "Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness and redemption."

Wisdom is knowing what to do with what you have. Righteousness is the demonstration of God's character and life through you. Sanctification is being set apart for God's special use. Redemption is the process which begins with God's purpose for you and ends in His eternal glory – when you become Exhibit "A" up yonder.

You can look heavenward at any given moment and say, "Lord Jesus, be my wisdom! You can lift your heart in a whispered prayer when you are under the pressure of testing, temptation, or heartbreak and say, "Lord, be my righteousness!" In the world about us, where secularization and godlessness are everywhere, you can look up and say, "Lord Jesus, be my sanctification. Keep me specifically set apart for Your own use!" And as you rejoice in His final completed purpose, you can exclaim even now with joy, "Lord, be my redemption."

Be Blessed, Reconfigured to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Be Transfigured.

Father Tom Devery

Sign of Peace at Mass



Did you know that you can use an alternative non-contact gesture to reflect the symbolism and meaning of the sign of peace? This could range from a wave, a bow or simply a smile to show friendship and respect towards other Mass goers. This is aimed at avoiding any type of physical contact that could facilitate the spread of any virus between worshippers.

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

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• 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 our Science Fair winners! Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Ficchi, our middle school science teachers, organized the annual event. The fantastic projects were presented to our judges, who were impressed with ALL the projects! The overall winners for grades 5-8 are: Grade 5-Cassidy Coleman & Jack Gomez, Olivia Patton, Abigail Walz; Grade 6-Leila Parnese, James Anzalone and Anthony Lenza, Dylan Venetsky; Grade 7-Sofia Amato & Malea Lorenzo, Nicolette Romano & Andrea Willis; Grade 8-Frank Onesto & James Stassi, Amanda Sofia & Samantha Walz. Congratulations to all the students who made it to the Science Fair!

• Our annual Fashion Show is this Thursday, March 12. It's not too late to donate a gift basket, sponsor a table or purchase a ticket to the event. Please contact the school office for more information. We are looking forward to a great night!

TEACH ♦ SERVE ♦ SANCTIFY

WHY THE APPEAL?

Each year, your generous support towards the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal promotes the health and vitality of the Archdiocese of New York through the works of the pastoral and charitable efforts in our parishes, schools and more.

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Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, John Dawidowicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Mario Garafola, Vincenza Gialluisi, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Amy M., Steven Morvillo, Pauline Orfano, Alex Ortiz, 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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, March 17 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, April 7 at 3:30 pm.**

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.

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 in silent witness and prayer.

7 am to 7 pm Daily through Sunday, April 5

SI University Hospital North, 475 Seaview Ave, SI, NY 10305
Like and Share Facebook Page: 40 Days for Life Staten Island

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 SOCCER

Spring Soccer Registration is now ongoing 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 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.

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: **3/17, 4/7**. 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 25 & April 1**. 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 9 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.

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”.

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Staten Island Theology on Tap

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 pm

The Liberty Tavern (382 Forest Ave, SI, NY)

Join us at our NEW LOCATION and NEW DAY! Do you have unanswered questions about the Church’s teachings? Well you’re in luck! Join for Catholic Staten Island’s Theology on Tap to find out the “WHY” behind the “WHAT.” Bring friends and coworkers, and come excited for a great talk while sipping on a fantastic brew! The Archdiocese will be paying for some appetizers. Doors open at 7 pm with the talk starting at 7:30 pm.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, March 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

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

Join us as we learn about how the Angelic Warfare Confraternity helps people to live chastely and helps purify the culture. Fr. James Brent, O.P. will preside over a special Goretti Group enrollment Mass on Friday, April 17. Must attend March event to enroll. Parish Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm followed by presentation at 8:15 pm.

Staten Island Young Adult Night

Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church & Damato Mtg Room

Spend an hour with Jesus! Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a night of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration with live praise and worship music. Confessions will be available. The night will end with a social with wine, snacks and fellowship.



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 Sept. 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:
linsoup@aol.com