

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, March 14

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

Monday, March 16

9:00AM John McNamara, Jr.

Tuesday, March 17

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Wednesday, March 18

9:00AM John McNamara

Thursday, March 19

9:00 AM Salvatore Sacco

Friday, March 20

9:00AM Lyn Moran, Barbara Samet
and Sal & Sophie Montaperto

Saturday, March 21

9:00AM Hudson Li

4:00PM Marie Falcone

5:30PM Pat Damato

Sunday, March 22

8:00AM Robert Bauer

9:30AM Clotilde Suter

11:00AM Gregory DeAngelo

12:30PM Bill Higgins, Jr.

7:00PM Connie Magnani, John Magnani, Jr.
& John Magnani, Sr.



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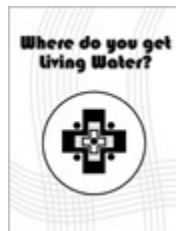
Fast & Abstinence: The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
March 15-21, 2020
In Memory of

Virginia, Harold & Donald Ennis

Donated by Owen & Ginny Healy



Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, March 21

4:00PM E Vitiello

5:30PM C Harris

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, March 21

4:00PM J Butalid, L Barbato, L Bauer

5:30PM N Villani, G Decker, C Harris

Lectors – Sunday, March 22

8:00AM P Zoltowski

9:30AM S Zisblatt

11:00AM B Paccione

12:30PM B Weir

7:00PM A Medeiros

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, March 22

8:00AM C Rosato, M Quadriano

9:30AM M Iacono, B Barone

11:00AM L Appel, C&J Gerace

12:30PM R Ruskowski, S Catalano, MA Russo

7:00PM K Melka, M Sprague, J Bellina

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 21

4:00PM E, C & J Stadler

5:30PM C Rosenberg, P Marone

Sunday, March 22

8:00AM F Surace

9:30AM J&N Cooper

11:00AM M, T & J Maresca

12:30PM A Monferrato

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 Mauriello, Joanne Prestino, Carol Walling,
Linda M. Kochilas, Joseph DiPisa, Caroline Emignolz,
Charles Alario

Sunday collection for the week of 3/1/2020:

\$17,044.95

2nd Collection: Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,498.00

Ash Wednesday 2/26/20:

\$5,531.00

God bless you for your generosity!



Banns of Marriage

1st Time: John Carstensen & Victoria Giordano

3rd 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,

Three hallmarks of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I have been speaking at all the Masses this weekend about the 2020 Cardinal's Appeal and asking each family to contribute their Lenten offering to this form of almsgiving. We are stewards of God's tremendous graces and through hard work and spiritual dedication, the work of the Archdiocese helps to bring about in a tangible way the work of building up the Kingdom of God. Your offering goes to help in the training of new priests, the needs of the elderly priests, brothers and sisters who have worked many years in the vineyard. The work of Catholic Charities, Pastoral Life and Catholic Education relies on your generous offering. No monies from the Cardinal's Appeal is going to the legal expenses coming from the scandal of clergy sexual abuse. The theme for this year is Teach, Serve and Sanctify. Please participate and donate as your means allow. Thank You!

On this 3rd Sunday in Lent, we encounter the Gospel of Jesus and the woman at the well in Samaria. This is an intriguing passage from the Gospel of John. Not only is Jesus making his way into Jerusalem, but he is also passing through hostile territory. "Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans." They were archrivals. Coming to the well in the middle of the day, Jesus pauses, and he is thirsty. There is no fountain to drink from, no Yeti to keep his water cool, not even a bucket to lower. And who arrives only a sad, solitary woman. She probably turned up at that hour because she wanted to avoid the gossip and gaggle of other women from the town, who would have gathered earlier to draw water. As the cliché goes, "her reputation preceded her". Jesus could sense the scenario of her life and engages bit by bit in a conversation. It starts out awkward but then she realizes that Jesus is unlike men she knew before. He offers her "Living Water:" Jesus' thirst for her satisfies her thirst for life, community, acceptance, relief from self-condemnation and ultimately, she encounters mercy itself.

We all need water. Think about how much water we take in each day in order to be well hydrated. Doctors would tell us that many people are dehydrated especially in the winter months. I have increased the amount of water I take in and flush out in order to feel better and get restored. Well, this week we are invited to come to the well. Not the Samaritan Well, but the living water of "Divine Mercy". Jesus is once again thirsting for us.

I am sensing the stress and anxiety worldwide as we cope with this COVID-19 disease. Precautions are in place, and the stock market is going crazy and many travel plans have been put on hold. We need to ask Jesus for courage, perseverance and deep faith.

We turn to Saint Joseph on March 19. He protected the Holy Family, modeled fatherhood in loving service as a carpenter, but above all, trusted in God when he was asked to fulfill God's plan. May Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the foster father of Jesus intercede for us at this tender time.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day on March 17. The Archdiocese of New York celebrates our patron saint. Saint Patrick returned to Ireland, no longer a runaway slave but a bishop and evangelized the people with the simplicity of the shamrock to remind us there is only one God with the three persons of the Blessed Trinity.

My parents were born and raised in Ireland, early on in the last century. They may have never completed college, but like most immigrants, they came to New York seeking a better life. I heard many stories of hardship, facing impossible odds and they came through, with a doctorate from the "School of Hard Knocks". They passed on a deep faith and, living through the 50's and 60's in the Bronx, I saw how they sacrificed so much for us, so we could live the American Dream. From a large family, my uncle served 37 years teaching as a Patrician Brother in India before retiring. I had several aunts who became nurses and worked during World War II in London during the bombings. I had aunts and uncles who worked the family farm. One uncle and his wife went on to have 12 kids. Their lives are all intertwined with the wit, wisdom and storytelling of my Irish heritage. I am proud to be their son and simply pass on what was so lavished upon us.

May Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph inspire us to overcome all odds and lead us in the right direction. May God direct you.

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



- Thank you to all who participated in our Lenten Project Bedtime Drive. Due to your generosity we were able to donate many bedtime items to children in need.
- Thank you to our Fashion Show Chair Ladies, Danielle Graziano & Lisa Munson for all their hard work and dedication. The Fashion Show was a huge success and a great time was had by all! We appreciate all the hard work that went into making this evening as beautiful as it was! Special thanks to all the committee workers who helped with this event!
- New York State ELA exams will be given to students in grades 3-8 the week of March 23rd.
- Congratulations to our 5th grade boys A division basketball team who won the Downstate Championship on March 8th! Good luck at the State Championship game this weekend!
- Wishing a Happy St. Patrick & St. Joseph's Day to all!

TEACH ♦ SERVE ♦ SANCTIFY

Your Cardinal's Appeal gift will help form new priests.

Your gift to the Cardinal's Appeal ensures that the 23 seminarians currently attending St. Joseph's Seminary receive the spiritual formation, comprehensive education, and theological training that will prepare them to shepherd the next generation of Catholics.

-----BECOME A SUSTAINING DONOR TODAY-----



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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 Dawidoicz, 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 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

St University Hospital North, 475 Seaview Ave, St. 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 27** 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: **4/14, 5/12**. 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 16 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**

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

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.

Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

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.



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:
linsoap@aol.com