

Our Lady Star of the Sea

4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

Announced Masses

Due to the cancellation of all public Masses until further notice, the following intentions will be celebrated by the Priests at their private Mass.

Saturday, March 21

Marie Falcone
Pat Damato

Sunday, March 22

Robert Bauer
Clotilde Suter
Gregory DeAngelo
Bill Higgins, Jr.
Connie Magnani, John Magnani, Jr. & John Magnani, Sr.

Monday, March 23

Frank Fiumano

Tuesday, March 24

Kelvin Voyeau

Wednesday, March 25

Henrietta Kennedy

Thursday, March 26

John Magee & Margaret Schultz

Friday, March 27

Angeliki Alatsas

Saturday, March 28

Robert Bauer
Elaine Latora
Louis Weeks

Sunday, March 29

Robert Bauer
John Rooney
Deceased Members of the Surrey & Rissman Families
John & Eleanor Lucid
Maria Lieggi



Sincere Condolences

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

**Charles Alario, John Daniel Corcillo, Rose Pennacchio,
Nazir Farr, Lena Colasurdo, Carol Ann Vitale**

OLSS Events & Group Meetings

All Parish Ministry & Group Meetings, events & adoration have been suspended until further notice.

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.

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** is currently scheduled for **Sunday, April 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time. If Masses are still suspended, there will be no workshop.

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

March 22-28, 2020

In Memory of

Billy Higgins, Jr.

Donated by Your Loving Family



Sunday collection for the week of 3/8/2020:

\$14,830.80



2nd Collection: Debt Reduction:

\$4,101.00

Sunday collection for the week of 3/15/2020:

No Masses as per Cardinal Dolan (Covid-19)

\$1,441.00

2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services:

\$155.00

God bless you for your generosity!

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 enrolling 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



- The OLSS Parents would like to invite you to pray a Hail Mary with them every night at 8 pm to heal those suffering from the corona virus.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This is going to be a Lent like none other. We find ourselves in the confusing and upsetting place of having to deal with this Coronavirus Pandemic. When word came to us last Saturday at 2PM that all Masses were canceled for the weekend, I was "Doubting Thomas," until I then realized that even though we may feel healthy and have no apparent symptoms, we could indeed be carriers and transmitters of the disease that was still incubating in us. I now know how serious this is and how life saving social distancing can be. I applaud the stores opening for senior citizen shoppers early in the morning so that they are not left without food items and more at risk with catching this disease. Therefore, I just wanted to leave you with some important details that were shared with Cardinal Dolan and the curia of the Archdiocese about what we do know and what we ought to be doing.

* Have a disciplined plan for each day: Plan to rise at the same time, Sleep well, Eat well, Pray during the day, avoid socializing and keep busy with household chores, that will keep body, mind and spirit engaged. Try to get out to walk and enjoy fresh air.

* All Masses will be cancelled and our school, religious education classes and parish meetings of societies and ministries will be discontinued until April 20th at the earliest.

* Funeral Masses and Weddings can be held but the maximum allowed inside the church is 30 people. Many catering halls canceled or postponed wedding receptions and restaurants will only be open for "take out" orders.

* Baptisms will be held, but each family is limited to 10 people attending. There will be a maximum of 5 babies each week.

* Mass intentions are being honored by each of our priests in their private Mass.

* The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Saturdays in the Church from 3:30PM to 6PM. It was suggested that if possible, to offer confessions outside in the fresh air.

* Mass is offered on television on the stations EWTN, CFN, or logging onto www.Archny.org and Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

* We realize that this will have a severe impact on your family financially as it has our parish. We are asking if you are able to drop off or mail in your weekly donation envelope (5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10312), go to <http://go.4lpi.com/DEMO-032020>WeShare-reg.html> to join the WE Share Program or visit www.olssparish.org for online giving, to help us meet our obligations.

* Additionally, with so much time gathered as family both at work and recreation, it is also very important for us to pray. I strongly recommend the Family Rosary. The Church will be open for prayer from 9AM to 5PM.

* If you are aware of people needing assistance with food shopping or just being home alone I encourage you to call your neighbor and chat on the phone and please let us know if someone is ill and needs the Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick.

* Masks and latex gloves may help, but should not be relied upon as a total protection from the COVID-19 virus. Sanitizing by washing your hands frequently is a must.

* There are still questions left: Will there be a Palm Sunday, Holy Week, First Communions, and Easter Masses? By that time as we draw closer to these dates, we will know. Some estimates claim that the peak of this might be over around June. The prevention efforts we do now will ultimately save lives.

* I am remembering all first responders, especially all those in the medical field and having direct contact with patients; let us not forget them.

This poem arrived from Michigan, "Silver Lining":

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed." - Kitty O' Meara

Father Tom Devery

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OLSS SOCCER



The OLSS Soccer field is closed and all soccer practices are canceled until further notice. Our Pee Wee Season is postponed and will tentatively open on April 18 and SIYSL season postponed until TBA but hopefully opening around the same time. Registrations may still be mailed or dropped at OLSS rectory. Unfortunately, there will be no open registration sessions at this time. Please be safe and we all hope this will be a temporary situation. We will update everyone as times goes on.

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

12 Noon 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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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 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 DOLPHIN SUMMER DAY CAMP



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

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, Nancy Gallo, Mario Garafola, 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 Mass & Service

Healing Masses and Services have been suspended until further notice.