

Our Lady Star of the Sea
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2020

Saturday, September 19

4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, September 20

8:00AM Joseph Owen Ennis
9:30AM Philip A. DiFranco
11:00AM Thomas Gerace & Deceased Members of
the Klein Family
12:30PM Donald J. Verteramo
7:00PM Michael E. Santucci

Monday, September 21

9:00AM Thomas Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, September 22

9:00AM Summer Marie Semerad

Wednesday, September 23

9:00AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola
and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Thursday, September 24

9:00 AM Anthony Carlucci

Friday, September 25

9:00AM Rocco & Ersilia Villani

Saturday, September 26

9:00AM Dr. John P. Curran and Gary Mahan
4:00PM Joseph Anthony Marchia
5:30PM Evangelist & Marianna Peragine

Sunday, September 27

8:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy
9:30AM Michael Cino
11:00AM Adrienne Sienicki & Antoinette Bartuccelli
12:30PM JoAnne & John Quattrocchi
7:00PM Vincent M. & Vincent A. DiDomenico and
Beatrice DiDomencio



Sincere Condolences

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

Mary Esposito, Raymond Beshara, and Esther Maiorano

Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn
Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo,
Rocky D., John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca,
Virginia Duffy, Nancy Gallo, Mario Garafola, Herbert Gruberger,
Michael H., Amy M., Steven Morvillo, Alex Ortiz, Elaine Parks, Ann
Marie Peterson, 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.

Livestream Mass on our YouTube Page

Visit olssparrish.org and click "Live Video" at the bottom of
the homepage. The only mass that will be livestreamed is
Sunday at 11 AM.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
September 20th-26th, 2020
In Memory of
Summer Marie Semerad

Donated by Your Loving Grandparents

Sunday collection for the week of 9/6/2020:



\$9,943.00

God bless you for your generosity!



6th Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas
Tree during the 2020 Advent Season. Each tree will be
lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed
on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a
future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all
proceeds will benefit our Parish. Trees must be reserved
no later than October 1st. Reservations will be taken on
a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without
payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return with
payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email
olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this form & payment to the Rectory:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2020 Christmas Tree Drive

5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312

Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

_____ *Memorialized for deceased*

_____ *Dedicated to loved ones- living*

_____ *Personal Family Christmas Greeting*

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ *Check enclosed for \$250, payable to OLSS*

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This past week we have had two powerful feasts in the life of our Church, on September 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross and on September 15th, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

In researching for my homily last Tuesday, I discovered that there is a deep historical significance for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. It seems that around the time of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther was concerned about the over emphasis on the saints and the life of the Blessed Mother. In the years that followed, many reformers said, "So what's the big deal about Mary, so she said yes and gave birth to the Son of God, Jesus". Although that is true and if you saw art before the 16th century, Our Blessed Mother was primarily pictured at her Annunciation, Visitation and the Nativity. Catholic Counter Reformation began to answer this issue with an emphasis that "Mary, pondered all these things in her heart." This was reflecting on Anna and Simeon's prophecy at Jesus' Presentation in the Temple. All throughout her life Mary pondered God's word. She then followed Jesus closely as a faithful disciple. When Jesus met his mother on the road to Calvary, her heart must have been breaking. She continued to follow Him to the foot of the Cross. She was entrusted by Jesus into the care of John, the beloved disciple. So, Mary's sorrow was pierced in the heart several times. Yet Mary remained faithful and a disciple and full of compassionate love for her Son and now for all of us.

This is a deep and profound mystery shared by all mothers who continually pray for their children in good times but in those moments of having to carry heavy crosses in life. Mary never cursed God. Mary didn't run away, when most of the apostles did. Did Mary know beforehand about the impending Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus? Yes, it's one thing to wonder and ponder what it would be like and yet something entirely different to live through it. Mary is our mother and invites us to depth of her undying devotion to her Son. Is she God? No, but as our mother and intercessor and mediatrix of all graces, we entrust our prayers through her to Jesus.

Traditionally these are the seven sorrows of Mary: 1) Simeon's prophecy at the Presentation: "Your heart will be pierced". 2) Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt with baby Jesus to escape Herod's wrath. 3) Jesus is lost in the Temple when he was 12 years old. 4) Jesus meets His mother on the road to Calvary carrying His Cross. 5) Jesus crucified and dies on the cross. 6) Jesus' heart is pierced after his death by the Roman Centurion and 7) Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in the tomb.

I never fully realized the importance of this feast. It is not a matter of doom and gloom but rather one of faithfulness and the power of redemptive suffering.

I have been able to reconfirm the dates and times with Bishop John O'Hara for the Sacrament of Confirmation coming up in October and November. Our children from Religious Education will be receiving Confirmation on Sunday at 12:30 Mass on October 11th and Tuesday, October 13th at 4PM and Thursday October 15th at 4PM. The Children from Our Lady Star of the Sea School will be confirmed on Tuesday, November 10th at 4PM and Thursday, November 12th at 4PM. Between now and then we are encouraging the students to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every Saturday from 3:30PM to 5PM the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offer in our church. All are welcome.

I invite you to check the website for our parish bulletin on www.olssparish.org. We will have the readings for Sunday Mass and the hymn's refrain printed along with schedule of upcoming events. Our Mass Schedule during this pandemic is now Saturday at 4PM and Sunday at 9AM and 11AM (Live Streamed) and 7PM.

Blessings to all of you as we begin the Autumn Season.

Father Tom Devery

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

1st Reading:

IS: 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;

let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

2nd Reading:

PHIL1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.

And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.

Yet that I remain in the flesh
is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy
of the gospel of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

**R. (18a) The Lord is near to all who
call upon him.**

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever
and ever.

Great is the LORD and highly to be
praised;

his greatness is unsearchable.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call
upon him.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his
works.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call
upon him.**

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call
upon him,

to all who call upon him in truth.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call
upon him.**

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

MT 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: Christ, Be Our Light!

(R) Christ, Be Our Light!

Shine in our Hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, Be Our Light!

Communion: How Great Thou Art

(R) How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in
awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy
Hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling
thunder

Thy power throughout the
universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour
God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great
Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour
God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great
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Preparation of the Gifts: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Lord, You give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the Word.”

Lest the Church neglect its mission,

And the Gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to Your purpose

With renewed integrity,

With the Spirit's gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service:

“In My name baptize and teach.”

That the world may trust Your promise,

Life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us

Closer in community.

With the Spirit's gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Communion (2): I Received the Living God

(R) I received the living God,

and my heart is full of joy.

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