

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, September 26**

4:00PM Joseph Anthony Marchica  
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 & Beatrice DiDomenico

**Monday, September 28**

9:00AM Leonardo Gallo & Rosaria Gallo

**Tuesday, September 29**

9:00AM Mike Carbone

**Wednesday, September 30**

9:00AM Benedetta Palomba

**Thursday, October 1**

9:00 AM Accursio & Eleanora Pennino

**Friday, October 2**

9:00AM William & Beatrice Gill

**Saturday, October 3**

9:00AM John A. Banks  
4:00PM Catherine Jurutka  
5:30PM Robert O'Connor

**Sunday, October 4**

8:00AM Tomasso Marasa  
9:30AM Anna Repetto Maranzino  
11:00AM Marian Sciandra  
12:30PM Marie & Fred Grasso & Lucy Peters  
7:00PM Kathleen Moros



**Sincere Condolences**

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

**Amelia Ennis, Antoinette Forte, William Caputo, and Biagio Calderera**

**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 of 11am Mass on our YouTube Page**

Visit [olssparrish.org](http://olssparrish.org) and click "Live Video" at the bottom of the homepage. The 11am mass is livestreamed on Sundays.

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

September 27<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

In Memory of

**Antonia Santoro**



Donated by The Santoro Family

**Sunday collection for the week of 9/13/2020:**

**\$13,074.00**



**God bless you for your generosity!**

**6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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,

Happy Season of Autumn! We bid farewell to the hot weather of the summer and we welcome the cooler temperatures and bright colors of this season. Although this can be a colorful and bright season I am mindful of the devastation occurring these days in our Southern states with the rapid succession of hurricanes and the dangerous conditions accompanying the West coast fires. This past weekend there was a reprieve there with much needed rainfall. However, the quality of air is terrible given the traveling smoke. My sister who lives in outskirts of Las Vegas was sharing with me that they too can smell the smoke from the LA fires. It has been over 155 days since rain fell. So, we need to beg the Lord for relieve from these climatic tragedies there.

With the turning of the colors of the trees and the leaves beginning to fall, I am reminded of the Paschal Mystery. Falling leaves doesn't mean falling virtues. We take hope in Christ being with us in every season. The seasons of life indicate and pattern of dying and rising. Just as we have become aware of the need for protection from the coronavirus epidemic and that fact that 200,000 Americans have died from this dreaded disease, on the other hand there is still new life as we see so many babies coming forth for baptism. I recall seeing crochet needle work on a pillow in a baby's crib, "A baby is God's opinion that the world will go on." We are praying this season for the children who have returned to classes and the stress on teachers and parents to remain healthy as we embrace the colder temperatures. The other day I went to the CVS on Seguire Avenue for my free flu shot. I usually get it at the Pastor's conference in Spring Lake in mid -October, however thanks to the pandemic, it has been cancelled and the speakers will give their presentation virtually to us on Zoom. When I spoke to the pharmacist she offered to come to our school and give the faculty the regular flu shot on either a Thursday or Friday. I thanked her and said when we find an opportune time; we will get in touch with her to avail ourselves of this offer.

Bishop John O' Hara will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 and October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4PM for our children in the religious education program and then return on November 10 and November 12 at 4PM to confirm the children from our school. Between now and then may I remind these candidates and their sponsors of the opportunity to avail themselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every Saturday from 3:30 to 5PM sacramental confessions are available. Grace builds on nature, and we can prepare will for the power and authority of the Holy Spirit if we examine our conscience and see where we all need to repent. We all fall short of the glory of God when we sin. As a fellow sinner I know the wonder of being forgiven and being open to receive all the Christ invites us. A great prayer to pray is "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who did instruct the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant in us that same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in your consolation through Christ our Lord. AMEN."

Sarah Young in Jesus Calling, writes for September 21<sup>st</sup> as if Jesus were speaking directly to us.

*Wait quietly in My Presence while My thoughts form silently in the depths of your being. Do not try and rush this process, because hurry keeps your heart earthbound. I am the Creator of the entire universe; I choose to make my humble home in your heart. It is there where you know Me most intimately; it is there where I speak to you in holy whispers. Ask My Spirit to quiet your mind so that you can hear My still small voice within you. I am speaking to you continually: words of Life... Peace.... Love. Turn your heart to receive these messages of abundant blessing. Lay your requests before Me; and wait in expectation.*

The Paschal Mystery is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus lived out in our lives. We struggle, die to self, take up our crosses daily, we repent, we rise and we rejoice in His love that remains. As we offer Mass, which is the source and summit of our faith, we are fed with His Real Presence. Jesus nourishes us to move in freedom and abiding peace. May the Lord give you His peace during this week.

*Father Tom Devery*

## **Regis High School Virtual Open House**

Learn about Regis and meet current students on  
Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 7 to 8  
PM.

Register Online:

<https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21>

## **OLSS 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 10-4 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

**Baptismal Ceremonies occur every Sunday at 2 PM**  
**Baptismal Class Dates for Parents**  
**will occur every other Sunday at 1 PM via Zoom.**

Please contact the rectory for class information.

**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 **AFTER** the Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday. **THE PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST see the priest AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS to request one. Due to COVID-19, registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory, Mon-Fri from 10AM-4PM. Please have your parish envelope number nearby!**

## **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 [jilimeri@aol.com](mailto:jilimeri@aol.com) or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

## **TEACH ♦ SERVE ♦ SANCTIFY**

The Cardinal's Appeal supports needy parishes. The *Cardinal's Appeal* provides parishes that are most in need with the resources they require to minister to all the faithful. Most recently, the *Appeal* extended assistance to 33 parishes for operational expenses, which included updated HVAC equipment, reinforced structures, as well as beautiful, safe spaces in which to gather for fellowship and prayer.

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## **Cluster Corner**

**Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians** -7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, & 6:30 PM. Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM



**Parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas-St. John Neumann**

**Mass times at St. Thomas** - 6123 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 10 AM (Italian), 11 AM, 1 PM, & 6 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri. 7 & 8 AM, Sat. 8 AM

**Mass times at St. Joseph** - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

## **Meals on Wheels-Volunteers Needed!**

This mission of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly, delivered through the use of volunteers, who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. We are currently feeding over 1300 seniors every day, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! As the demand for meals continues to increase, so does our need for volunteers. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your neighbors. Please call the Meals on Wheels of S.I. at 718-727-4435 for further information.

## **Donate Online**

Donating online is simple, secure and easy! To do so, please go to [olssparrish.org](http://olssparrish.org) and click "Donate Online".

## **Join Flocknote!**

Stay up-to-date with OLSS Parish by joining Flocknote, an email and text message based program. To join, text "OLSS" to 84576.

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

EZ 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die...

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.  
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.  
Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.

The sins of my youth and my frailties  
remember not;

in your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

MT 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not, '

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## Entrance: Come to the Water

O let all who thirst  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who have nothing  
Let them come to the Lord  
Without money, without price  
Why should you pay the price  
Except for the Lord?

## Communion #1: Bless Are They

Bless are they  
Rejoice and be Glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be Glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

## Preparation of the Gifts: What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my  
soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the  
Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for  
my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful  
curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

## Communion #2: Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.  
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.  
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.  
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!