

Our Lady Star of the Sea
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11th, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, October 10

4:00PM Bernice Mayronne
5:30PM Victoria Ann Galante

Sunday, October 11

8:00AM Joseph DeLuca
9:30AM Benedict Catalano & Michael Parente
11:00AM Ambrogio & Loreta Grieco
12:30PM Dolores Mazzie Merkel
7:00PM Victoria Ann Galante

Monday, October 12

9:00AM Carrie Ann Cheuvront

Tuesday, October 13

9:00AM Angelo Cucurullo

Wednesday, October 14

9:00AM Fannie & Vincent Centore

Thursday, October 15

9:00 AM Sal Caruso

Friday, October 16

9:00AM Helen Bassi

Saturday, October 17

9:00AM Anne Rider
4:00PM Rosaria Zarrella
5:30PM Monsignor Bartley

Sunday, October 18

8:00AM Edward & MaryAnn Brennan
9:30AM Francesco Fanizza
11:00AM Deceased Members of the Gannon Family
12:30PM Frank Rapacciuolo
7:00PM Kaye Strange



Sincere Condolences

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

**Anthony Volpetti, Jouce D'Esposito, Edward Garafola,
Michele Crispino, Antoinette Kaiser**

Pray for the Sick



John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Kenzy Coursen, 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.

Banns of Marriage



2nd Time: Christina Calderera & Joseph Cofrancesco

2nd Time: Jessica Capone-Arias & Frank Parisi

1st Time: Nicole Parenti & Pasquale Ferraiola



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
October 11th- 17th, 2020
In Memory of
Rev. Joseph Gancila

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Sepulveda

Sunday collection for the week of 9/27/2020:

\$11,714.00

Debt Reduction: \$2,445.00

St. Joseph Seminary: \$1,348.00

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 as soon as possible. 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 this form & payment to the Rectory:

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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

Columbus Day Rectory Hours

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, October 13.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We are in full swing these days. I am impressed with the children from Religious Education, their catechists and teachers. Last Saturday and Sunday our 3rd graders received their First Holy Communion. It was wonderful and special to see the family members join in receiving Holy Communion right after the children received. In the Spring, when the normal time would have been set aside for First Holy Communion, the weather was not favorable. However, this past weekend it was ideal. I so appreciated the families wearing of masks and maintaining social distancing and I want to honor the children for their participation and enthusiasm. After they received, while I was thanking the ministers of music, ushers, sacristans, catechists, parents and grandparents I mentioned that just after receiving Holy Communion, this is the closest we can get to Jesus, this side of heaven. During my homily I asked the children to recite the prayer I was given 63 years ago when I made by Holy Communion. In Saint Luke's School, my first grade teacher was Sister Mary Eucharist, OP and she told us as we lined up for Holy Communion to say over and over "Jesus is Mine, and I am His." I never forgot that. It is amazing to realize that bread is the staff of life. Every country in the world eats bread and in some of the poorest countries that may be all a child would eat all day. In every country for centuries, people would await the crops of the harvest to yield its fruit, most especially the grapes, which when fermented would become wine. Jesus told in John's Gospel at the Last Supper, "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you will not have life within you." At every Mass a miracle occurs, the bread and wine offered during the Mass becomes the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. And the nourishment this offers to our soul, helps us to grow to become more and more like Jesus. It is also our sharing in the Passion of Christ offered to the Father in an unbloody way and is the pledge and foretaste of eternal life. This is why the Church teaches us that the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass is the source and summit of our faith. If at all possible; keep coming to Mass even in these pandemic times. The Church is sanitized, social distancing is maintained and we haven't reached our capacity of 300 people for each of the Masses. On the weekend Mass is offered at 4PM on Saturday, on Sunday 9AM, 11AM and 7PM.

On Tuesday of this past week the religious education children, although they are having their classes remotely; were offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation for them to partake in God's mercy. Monday October 5th is the Feast of Saint Maria Faustina, whose diary is an invitation to encounter the Divine Mercy of Jesus. This is a special grace for our times. To simply boil it all down to her incredible visions and dialogues with the Lord Jesus: these are the A B C's of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A, Ask for mercy, B, Be merciful in your dealings with others and C, Complete trust in Jesus.

Archbishop Fulton J Sheen commented on Conversion with a World. *"I once asked Mother Teresa how she converted 15,000 men out of the gutters of Calcutta. "How after dragging these poor mortals into your hospice could you ever evangelize them and teach them the gospel?"*

"Well," she said, "I didn't" when I took care of them and showed them love, I would say to them, "Would you like to hear about Christ?" And they would say, "Is Christ like you?" "No", I would say. "but I try to be like Him." "Then, I want to be a Christian," it was that simple. That is the way we should act, so that the world will, without ever hearing a word from us, know about us and what we stand for."

This reminds me of an old folk hymn we once sang in Church in the 1960's "And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love and they'll know we are Christians by our love."

May the Lord's peace fill you,

Father Thomas Devery

PARISH NEWS

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Parish Updates

OLSS School News



School will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

Due to Confirmation masses scheduled for next week, we will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, October 13 and Thursday, October 15. In order to maintain social distancing protocols, dismissal will be as follows:

Pre-K will dismiss @ 12:30

Grades 6-8 will dismiss at 12:45

Grades 3-5 will dismiss at 12:50

Grades K-2 will dismiss at 12:55

Bus children will dismiss at 1:00

All classes will dismiss via their usual exit. Please wait until all classes are dismissed before leaving the parking lot.



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 only be obtained at the rectory. **Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory, Mon-Fri from 10AM-4PM. Please have your parish envelope number available.**

Livestream the 11AM Mass

Visit olssparish.org and click "Live Video" at the bottom of the homepage. The 11am mass is livestreamed on Sundays.

Community Events

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.

PRE CANA CLASSES

Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes October 10 & 24; November 7 & 21 and December 5 from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register, use link below: <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

Donate Online

Donating online is simple, secure and easy! To do so, please go to olssparish.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 and/or go to www.flocknote.com/OLSS and provide your email address.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

1st Reading:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over 2 nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side

with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

2nd Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.

He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast,

but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying,

"Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet,

my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."

Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.

The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find."

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the

hall was filled with guests."

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days. Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Communion #1: Taste and See

(R) Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Preparation: New We Remain

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.
Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved.

Dead became living, life from your giving.

Something which we have known,
Something we've touched, what we have seen with
our eyes:

This we have heard, life giving Word.

He chose to give of himself, became our bread.
Broken that we might live. Love beyond love, pain
for our pain

Communion #2: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

(R) Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone

Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord
linger near

When my light is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home