

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of...

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Huguenot * Staten Island, New York 10312

Served By

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Our Parish Family invites all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! We care for each other and want to worship and serve our Lord and one another.

† The Eucharist †

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening	4:00 & 5:30 pm
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 & 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday	9:00 am
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Holy Day Masses

Eve of Holyday	7:00 pm
	7:00, 9:00 am, 12 Noon & 8:00 pm

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: To arrange for a Wedding at Our Lady Star of the Sea, registered parishioners must call the Rectory for an appointment with one of our Priests. A deposit is required to set a date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm and continue with Saturdays at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:15 pm, and Sundays at 4:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To register a child, please contact the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. The child's Baptismal certificate (*and Communion certificate if applicable*) is required.

Grades 1 & 2	Wednesday	4:00 - 5:30 pm
Grades 3 & 4	Tuesday	3:45 - 5:15 pm
Grades 5 & 6	Thursday	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Grade 7	Monday	3:30 - 5:00 pm
Grade 8	Tuesday	3:30 - 5:00 pm
Special Needs	Thursday	3:30 - 4:00 pm & 4:30 - 5:00 pm

*Evening Classes for Grades 1 - 7 meet Wednesdays
6:30 to 8:00 pm*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated for Registered Parishioners every Sunday at 2:00 pm. To prepare for this Sacrament, parents should plan to attend a **SUNDAY PREPARATION MEETING** on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the Month at 12:00 Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room in the new OLSS Athletic Center. Call the Parish Office for a Baptismal Registration Packet before attending the meeting. New Parishioners must be registered in Parish beforehand. Register in Rectory, Weekdays 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Consult bulletin for Baptism Ceremony dates and Parents' Class dates.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Church is open Monday through Friday from 9-5pm for private prayer. There is no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at this time.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call the rectory to make arrangements. Sacrament is designed for those who are seriously ill, the elderly and the sick who request it.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Rectory Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

PARISH INFORMATION

Church5411 Amboy Road
Parish Office.....5371 Amboy Road
Parish Website... www.olssparish.org
Phone984-0593
Fax.....347-838-6858

School: 5411 Amboy Road
Phone.....984-5750
Religious Ed. Office:
5411 Amboy Road
Phone.....984-1885

OLSS WEBCAM: Available for 11:00 am Mass on Sunday and 9:00 am Masses on weekdays, Monday through Saturday. Go to www.olssparish.org to view the Mass.

INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING? Visit our website at www.olssparish.org and click "Donate Online."

FLOCKNOTE: OLSS is now able to communicate with parishioners by using Flocknote, a text and email based messaging program. You may sign up by either texting "OLSS" to the number "84576", or by going to www.flocknote.com/OLSS and providing your email address. Please sign up in order to receive our Parish Updates!

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24th, 2021



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
January 24th-30th, 2021
In Loving Memory of
Doris Brunell
Donated by: John & Evelyn Francese

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 23

4:00PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr
5:30PM Ralph & Mildred Paragallo

Sunday, January 24

8:00AM Virginia "Dolly" Gallagher
9:30AM Peter Zummo
11:00AM Jack Pires
12:30PM Dr. John Curran, Gary Mahan & Andres Rosado
7:00PM Antoinette Vulpi

Monday, January 25

9:00AM William Lawson

Tuesday, January 26

9:00AM Joseph Igneri

Wednesday, January 27

9:00AM Fr. Joseph McKenna

Thursday, January 28

9:00 AM Anthony Bassi

Friday, January 29

9:00AM Petrozza

Saturday, January 30

9:00AM Delores LaFrance
4:00PM Dora & Edward DiAntonio & Deceased Members of
the Gesualdi & Samaritano Families
5:30PM Kay Vanderhoof

Sunday, January 31

8:00AM Dominick Palomba
9:30AM James McCurdy
11:00AM Edward S. Faicco
12:30PM Roseanne Ciccio
7:00PM Marilyn D'Amato



Pray for the Sick



John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidowicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Anthony Focca, Debra Friscia, Nancy Gallo, Mario Garafola, Linda Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Susan Hanna, Amy M., Maryann Monachino, Steven Morvillo, Santo Nicotra, Alex Ortiz, Stephen Paccione, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Alexa Rigney, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White, George Kerchhoffer

Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.



Sincere Condolences

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

Jean Allen

2021 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2021 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a Sanctuary Lamp.

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – January 23 & 24

4:00 PM – M. Andreaola
5:30 PM – A. Pompei
8:00AM – P. Zoltowski
9:30AM – B. Weir
11:00AM – E. Newborn
12:30PM – L. Bauer
7:00PM – J. Limeri

Lectors – January 30 & 31

4:00 PM – F. Monte
5:30 PM – A. Pompei
8:00AM – P. Zoltowski
9:30AM
11:00AM – B. Paccione
12:30PM – C. Messina
7:00PM – A. Medieros

Sunday collection for the week of 1/3/2021:

\$9,737.00



December WeShare

\$18,662.00*

***Includes a one-time donation of \$5,500.00
God bless you for your generosity!**

Thank You for Your Giving Tree Gifts!

Thank you for your generous gift-in-kind donation of gift cards to those in need this Christmas Season!

A special thank you to Debbie Emigholz & Donna Ferreri for handling the gift cards from the giving tree, which were sent to:

1. Memorial Sloan Kettering Children Recreation Center
2. Seaview Home
3. Seaman's Society for Children
4. Eden II Group Home in Annandale *
5. St. Edwards Food Pantry
6. SIUH Private Family in Need
7. Amethyst House, Inc. *
8. Needy families in our parish

***Thank you letters from these programs can be found on the next page.**

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

I would like to share with you some practical aspects of the preparations we are making for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season and Palm Sunday. Since we are coping with safety during this pandemic this is what we have decided to do as a best practice. For Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be placed in a small envelop and they will be blessed during the Mass or the Service for Ashes and will be distributed one to each person. You can trace the sign of the cross with these ashes on your own forehead. There was another practice that is offered from what is done in Rome, the sprinkling of the ashes on the top of head. However, in America people would not accept this.

On February 17th Ash Wednesday, 2021 the Church will remind us that the season of Lent is a time for fasting, prayer and works of charity to deepen and intensify our relationship with Jesus and encourage people to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We encounter Jesus most powerfully in sacramental confessions and experience His merciful love. Not counting Sunday's in Lent, for 40 days we will make a spiritual journey through the desert of these difficult times. For many of us, we are grieving the unexpected loss of a loved one or the loss of good health as we personally struggle with quarantine and isolation after having contracted the Covid-19 virus. For some of us, the loss of jobs, especially those in the restaurant or entertainment industry has been a source of anxiety and stress. Having been unable to see loved ones who are elderly, whether at home, or in nursing homes or in the hospital have brought great grief and sacrifice. Thank God for Zoom sessions where we can at least gather and have an avenue for communication with dear ones. It will be one year of tremendous sacrifice as we await the opportunity to get the vaccinations and hopefully achieve herd immunity.

We are also foregoing palm branches this year. Instead, we will be blessing the palms of your hands, on Palm Sunday. It is too risky to be handing out palm branches and the possibility of spreading the virus looms large. When we bless the palms of your hands, we will recall the many ways we have reached out our palms, our hands in loving service to one another this Lenten Season. Maybe you drove someone to the doctors, or you shopped for someone unable to leave home. Perhaps you cooked a meal or made a dessert for a neighbor or family member; in all these gestures you used your hands. The essence of our Lenten Sacrifices is fulfilling the primary commandment of Jesus. "Love the Lord your God, with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind and with your whole strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself".

Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday, since we will enter into Holy Week and recall what great love Jesus had for us in washing the disciple's feet, his torturous agony in the Garden and his whipping and scourging that lead Him to embrace the cross. Jesus carried His Cross and ours all the way to Calvary.

I always found it interesting that when it came time to nail Jesus to the cross, the Romans pierced His hands and feet. These were the same hands that touched lepers, the blind, the lame, the crippled and deaf. The adversaries of Jesus thought they could prevent Jesus from ever reaching out and healing us. They also similarly nailed His feet, so he could no longer travel to spread the Gospel. But after the Resurrection until now, Christ uses our hands and feet to continue His saving work of healing, teaching and redeeming us. We are His hands and His feet today. So we need to be reminded of that when we have our hands Palms, blessed this Palm Sunday.

So we prepare during this Ordinary Time for Christ to become the center of our lives and save us out of this pandemic, let us pray and entrust ourselves to Him more completely.

May The Lord give you His peace,
Fr. Tom Devery

Thank You from Eden II Programs

Thank you for your generous gift-in-kind donation of gift cards to the residents of our Carlton Boulevard residence. Eden II Programs is committed to providing much-needed funds to programs and services that support individuals with autism. Donors and Volunteers like you make this vision a reality!

Thank You from Amethyst House, Inc.

On behalf of the women of Amethyst House, I write to thank you for your yearly generous donation of gifts. We are very grateful for your donation and we are equally grateful to you for believing in our program. Our services helps to save lives and build strong independent women. Amethyst House makes a difference...one woman at a time.

PARISH NEWS

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway! Please adhere to the deadlines listed for registering your child at Our Lady Star of the Sea School:

- Re-Registration for students in Gr. 1-8 is due by Jan. 25
- Open Registration for Pre-K-8 will begin on February 1

Please call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the

CYO Christmas Art Contest:

-Grade 4: Andrew Jichetti- 1st Place

Casey Landron- 3rd Place

-Grade 5: Morgan Mahoney- 3rd Place



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 12 NOON 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.**

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, 718-984-0593.

PRE-CANA CLASSES

The Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes on January 23rd, February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link: <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

40 Days for Life SI Witness for Life

Join us at St. Christopher’s pray to end abortion!

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. Saturday, January 30th will be our next group rally after 9 AM Mass at St. Christopher’s, followed by - 10:30 - 11:30 AM prayer witness at SIUH North (475 Seaview Ave, 10305). Our Spring campaign begins February 17th. For more info contact 40DaysSI@gmail.com or visit our website www.40daysforlife.com/statenisland

St. Paul’s USA Bookstore

We at St. Paul’s USA Bookstore are happy to re-open our doors to warmly welcome parishioners and friends. Visit and check out the entire collection of Bibles, prayer books, prayers for healing and religious articles for gift giving during Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Ordination, and special occasions. Be one of the first to see our new titles for 2021 annuals, for praying for the Sick and the Homebound and more. Take advantage of discounts. Come visit us at ST PAULS at 2187 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10314. We are open Tuesday to Saturday 9:30-11:45AM and 1:30-4:00. Visit our website: www.stpaulsusa.com.

Unite your daily rosary to the prayers of the Legion of Mary

The auxiliary membership of the Legion of Mary is the praying arm of the Legion. All that is required is to say a small leaflet of prayers and a daily rosary and your prayers will be united to the whole Legion, which is international.

Call Carol 917-621-7814 or contact the Legion on facebook- legion of Maryolsspraesidium to add your name or to get more information.

Support Local Small Businesses & Restaurants

Please remember all the local small businesses & restaurants that have given donations for our sports, school, parish and other organizations over the years. They need our support now! Please answer the call and patronize them if you can. God Bless!

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

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:
“Set out for the great city of Nineveh,
and announce to it the message that I will tell you.”

So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,
according to the LORD'S bidding.

Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took
three days to go through it. Jonah began his
journey through the city, and had gone but a single
day's walk announcing, “Forty days more and
Nineveh shall be destroyed, “when the people of
Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and
all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned
from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he
had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it
out.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Teach me your ways, 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. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old. In your
kindness remember me, because of your
goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, 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. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

2nd Reading

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of

God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,

he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;

they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you

fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them.

So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and

followed him.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams, Soft silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Great gushing winds who are so strong, You clouds above that sail along, O praise him! Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, Stars nightly shining, find a voice, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! Fire so intense and fiercely bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Preparation: The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you and me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean to you and you in me?

Communion #1: Lord, You Have Come

1. Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow.

Refrain:

O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name; all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.

2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth. Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?

3. Lord, take my hands and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost, returning love for the love you gave me.

Communion #2: We Are Many Parts

Refrain:

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share. May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.

1. God of all, we look to you, we should be your servants true, let us be your love to all the world.

2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy too; all is brought together in the Lord.

3. All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

