

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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 Fr. Antony Alfred ..... *Parochial Vicar*  
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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

### 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

Church ..... 5411 Amboy Road  
 Parish Office ..... 5371 Amboy Road  
 Parish Website ..... [www.olssparish.org](http://www.olssparish.org)  
 Phone ..... 984-0593  
 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](http://www.olssparish.org) to view the Mass.

**INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING?** Visit our website at [www.olssparish.org](http://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](http://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  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
In Loving Memory of  
Anthony & Mary Melka  
Donated by: The Melka Family

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, January 30**

**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

**Monday February, 1**

**9:00AM** Kay Vanderhoof

**Tuesday, February 2**

**9:00AM** Joseph Igneri

**Wednesday, February 3**

**9:00AM** "Blessing of the Throats"

**Thursday, February 4**

**9:00 AM** Mary Bonfiglio

**Friday, February 5**

**9:00AM** Eileen Cugno Carlucci

**Saturday, February 6**

**9:00AM** Pietro & Angela Ricciardi

**4:00PM** Jeanmarie Eisenhardt

**5:30PM** Dominick Cosmai

**Sunday, February 7**

**8:00AM** Len Henderson

**9:30AM** Frances Rocca

**11:00AM** Raymond Beshara Jr.

**12:30PM** Kathleen Montalbano

**7:00PM** John Orfano & Lucy Ferrigno

**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, 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, Elaine Parks, Ann  
Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent  
Ranallo, Alexa Rigney, Emma Rondinelli, 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:

**Domenico Palmiotto, JeannyAnn Giannattasia,  
Elmerinda Caraccappa, JoAnn Buscemi, John Gannone,  
Anthony J. Bosco, Paul Cannarozzo, John Ingargiola,  
William Bunbury**

**2021 Masses**

If you would like to dedicate a Mass in memory of a deceased  
loved one, there is still availability. Please come in to the  
Rectory.

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**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. Medeiros

**Lectors – February 6 & 7**

**4:00 PM** – M. Andreola

**5:30 PM** – A. Pompei

**8:00AM** – A. Medeiros

**9:30AM** – J. Zinsley

**11:00AM** – B. Paccione

**12:30PM** – C. Messina

**7:00PM** –

**Lectors – February 13 & 14**

**4:00 PM** –L. Bauer

**5:30 PM** – C. Messina

**8:00AM** – P. Zoltowski

**9:30AM** – J. Zinsley

**11:00AM** – B. Paccione

**12:30PM** – A. Deliso

**7:00PM** – A. Medeiros

**Lectors – February 20 & 21**

**4:00 PM** – M. Andreola

**5:30 PM** – L. Bauer

**8:00AM** –

**9:30AM** – P. Zoltowski

**11:00AM** – B. Weir

**12:30PM** – A. Pompei

**7:00PM** – A. Medeiros

**Lectors – February 27 & 28**

**4:00 PM** –L. Bauer

**5:30 PM** – C. Messina

**8:00AM** – P. Zoltowski

**9:30AM** – J. Zinsley

**11:00AM** – B. Paccione

**12:30PM**--

**7:00PM** – J. Limeri

**Sunday collection for the week of 1/10/2021:**

**\$11,032.00**



**ADNY-Propagation of the Faith**

**\$3,182.00**

**God bless you for your generosity!**

# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This is a reflection about the Three Domes of our life- story.

'Just as the body needs food, so the soul needs meaning, and the spirit needs ultimate meaning. Often that meaning is communicated through story. The function of all mythologies, religion, and even family lore is to help us situate ourselves inside of a safe and meaningful universe. This week's meditations focus on a "Cosmic Egg of Meaning" inside of which people can find their rest and happiness. The image I've used in numerous books, and first learned from Joseph Chilton Pearce (1926–2016), to describe this "Cosmic Egg" is that of three overlapping domes.

The smallest dome of meaning is my private world of interests. We can call it "My Story," where we proudly proclaim, "This is me!" No people in history, up until the last forty years or so (particularly in the United States), have had the language or the freedom for this level of personal meaning. My Story is full of subjective, interpersonal, psychological, and self-help language. It's the vernacular of talk shows, blogs, and social media. I'm not criticizing it; in fact, it has its origins in Christian history with Augustine's sophisticated *Confessions* (4th century). This language does answer a lot of questions, so it's understandable that we revel in it. It is very good, as far as it goes. The trouble is that it is so rich it can become a substitute for true transcendence. My Story is not yet totally *The Story*.

There is a second and larger dome of meaning that encloses the first. I call this "Our Story," where we declare, "This is us!" This is where most people in all of human history have lived their lives: identifying completely with their ethnicity, their gender, their group, their religion, and their occupations. The biblical tradition honors both of these domes of meaning and takes each of them seriously. Though it doesn't name them as such, My Story and Our Story are both part of the narrative. The life of the individual and the life of the nation of Israel are both arenas for God's action, but religious traditions affirm that they are connected to something Infinite, too.

The third dome of meaning that encloses the two smaller ones is "The Story." By this, we are referring to *the patterns that are always true—beyond anecdote and my cultural history*. The biblical tradition takes all three levels seriously: My Story, Our Story, and *The Story*. Biblical revelation says that the only way we can move to The Story and understand it with any depth is to walk through and take responsibility for both *our personal* story and *our group* story. Anything less we now call "spiritual bypassing." This is quite common among many fundamentalist groups—jumping to spiritual answers or theology without any honest self-knowledge or knowledge of history. We've got to listen to our own experience, to our own failures, to our own sin, to our own gifts and calls. Plus, we have to recognize that we're a part of history, a part of a culture, a religious group, a nationality, a gender, for good and for bad. *When all three domes of meaning are deemed worthy of love and attention, we probably have a rather mature spiritual person.* – Father Richard Rohr, OFM

Thank you for your generosity. The 2021 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal is inviting parishioners to make a paperless contribution to our Archdiocese. After prayerfully discerning how much you can donate, you can simply log onto [www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate). Our parish assessment for this year is \$180,500. Given the Covid crisis, the Catholic Church is in need of your financial help. Thank you in advance for sharing in our mission of supporting our Church.

May Our Lord abundantly bless you,  
*Father Tom Devery*

# PARISH NEWS



## 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](mailto: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 February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link: <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

## Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!

Watch Masses, Shared Homilies and Updates from our Parish by subscribing to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish's YouTube Channel! Visit our website, [olssparish.org](http://olssparish.org) and click "Live Video" at the bottom. This will re-direct you to our YouTube page. As a reminder, Daily Mass at 9AM as well as 11AM mass on Sundays are livestreamed. Shared Homilies are published on Saturday Evenings.



**SUBSCRIBE**  
TO OUR CHANNEL

## 2021 Cardinal's Appeal Campaign

Our parishes are places of deep encounter with our Eucharistic Lord and with one another. Did you know you can support financially vulnerable parishes with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal? Learn more at <https://cardinalsappeal.org/assistance-for-needy-parishes>.



## 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](https://www.facebook.com/legionofmaryolsspraesidium) 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](http://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](http://www.flocknote.com/OLSS) and provide your email address

# SCHOOL NEWS

- Happy Catholic Schools Week! Our Lady Star of the Sea is a school rooted in faith, excellence and service. We would like to thank our parents, students, staff and teachers for all they do to make OLSS a happy and safe place to learn and grow! Check out our school website for information on Catholic School Week events.

- Here's what some of our students have to say about their school:

"OLSS is the best school ever! I love all my teachers."

-Emma S. 2-1

"I came to OLSS in September and I'm happy to be here. I like the teachers and the way they teach. The kids here have made me feel welcome."

-Lenny 7-1

"I really like my school. I have lots of friends. We get to play outside and sometimes even the work can be fun! My teacher helps me to learn."

-Angelina F. 4-2

"OLSS is a second family to me. My friends are always there for me and the teachers are very supportive. We work hard but have fun too. OLSS prepared me for the TACHS exam and for high school."

-Ava L. 8-1

- Congratulations to Value of the Month recipients for January! The value for this month was honesty and was awarded to:

**Cohort A** : Theo Jordan, Christina Barbieri, Elleyana Fox, Allesandra Giordano, Illianna Duta, Gracey Love, Isabella Evans, Sienna Altadonna, Michael Ferdico, Adrianna Matrone, Connor Kukal, Gia Gugliucci, Makayla Batelman, Valentina Bianchi, Lilliana Donahue, Madison Cermeli, Nicolas Giudice, Tyler Ingerman

**Cohort B** : Joseph Romero, Karlie Mack, Mia DiPietro, Nora Knight, Christian McVeigh, Bree Murnane, Vanessa O'Donnell, Robert Smerina, Rudy Seddio, Francesco Martino, Danielle Mitrovich, Lyla Puliafito, Anders Knutsen, Thomas Volpe, Leila Parnese, Ethan Stadler, Caroline Profeta, Marisa Marchiano

- **Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway! Open Registration for Pre-K through grade 8 will begin on February 1. Please call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.**

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## First Reading

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the Lord, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the Lord said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with  
thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock  
he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in  
the day of Massah in the desert,  
where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my  
works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

# THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

## The Gospel

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In the synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## **Entrance: Beautiful Savior**

1. 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.
2. Fair on the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. 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.

## **Preparation: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy**

1. Oh Lord, I am not worthy  
That thou should'st come to me;  
But speak the word of comfort,  
My spirit healed shall be.
2. And humbly I'll receive thee,  
The Bridegroom of my soul,  
No more by sin to grieve thee  
Or fly thy sweet control.
3. Eternal Holy Spirit,  
Unworthy though I be,  
Prepare me to receive him  
And trust the Word to me.

## **Communion #1: We Will Rise Again**

1. Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

### **Refrain:**

We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

2. I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life.  
Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.
3. Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; uphold you with my hand.

## **Communion #2: How Great Thou Art**

1. Oh 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,

### **Refrain:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; 3.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin;

