

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
Fax347-838-6858

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
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14th, 2021

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 13

4:00PM Rosa, Salvatore & Michael Pallante
5:30PM Robert O'Connor

Sunday, February 14

8:00AM Carrie Ann & Paul Cheuvront
9:30AM Bastianina Palmieri
11:00AM Joseph Gustella
12:30PM Robert DiStefano
7:00PM Dennis Makowski

Monday, February 15

9:00AM Dr. Vito Cardo

Tuesday, February 16

9:00AM Della Grilletti Colantuno

Wednesday, February 17-- Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Carol Nolan
9:00 AM Mary Sprague
12:00PM Teresa Stellavato
3:30 PM *Ash Service*
8:00 PM *Ash Service*

Thursday, February 18

9:00 AM Dominick DeCrescenzo

Friday, February 19

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Sabino & Distefano Families

Saturday, February 20

9:00AM William McCarthy
4:00PM John Vosilla
5:30PM Mercantino & Bastianina Palmieri

Sunday, February 21

8:00AM James Tobin
9:30AM Anthony Pelle, Sr.
11:00AM Joan Huff
12:30PM Luigi Garofano
7:00PM Onofrio Deliso

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., Felipe Medina, 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:

**Antonia Demonte, Salvatore W. Marchese, Francesco Lisi,
Mary C. Esposito, Robert Moore, Linda Grace Murphy**



Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Jacqueline Poli & Joseph Mreczko

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 14th-February 20th
In Loving Memory of
Pat & Frances Riozzi
From Your Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

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 1/31/2021:

\$ 9,317.00

January 2021 WeShare:

\$14,191.00

God bless you for your generosity!



Ash Wednesday – February 17

Ashes will be distributed during the following times:

Masses: 7 am, 9 am 12 Noon

Services: 3:30 pm and 8:00 pm

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, ashes will be blessed by the Priest at each Mass or Prayer Service and placed in manila envelopes and will be distributed by our ushers to those who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Grade and above).

LENT 2021

Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, February 17, is a day of fasting and abstinence. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30

Stations of the Cross: Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

It is interesting that in the readings for this Sunday the Sixth week in Ordinary time, the theme of leprosy and curing of the man who wished "to be made clean" is offered to us. I have been to Molokai and visited the leprosaria that was founded by Saint Damian and Saint Maryann Cope. I even had a chance to chat with some people who worked in their gift shop. From the end of the eighteenth century until 1969, if any Hawaiian exhibited symptoms of leprosy they were immediately removed from their family and sent to Molokai. It was a most dreadful disease that caused disfigurement, social isolation and tremendous despair. Until that realm Father Damien brought the healing touch of Jesus. His most powerful sermon was given one Sunday when he began with these words. "We lepers..." When we think of Hawaii, most of us think of a piece of paradise in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The smell of hibiscus, pineapples, hula dancing, ukulele strumming, gorgeous beaches and clean water and majestic mountain ranges and sunny skies all year round. Little do we remember that even in the middle of this natural beauty, there could exist a living hell and deep sorrow from native people who suffered the loss of loved ones. I recall seeing over 10,000 graves from the Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Chinese and Hawaiian religious poor people. It is interesting that from the time of Father Damien until the present there have been 55 priests and nuns who served on Molokai, and not but Father Damien contracted Hansen's Disease, formerly known as leprosy. When the drug sulphone was discovered and administered to the residence there, the ban of leaving or traveling to Molokai was lifted in 1969. I asked the question to those working in Saint Philomena's Gift Shop, "where did you want to go, when you were set free to travel?" they laughed and smiled and said, "Why, Las Vegas!!!!" LOL.

I tell this story of my memorable visit to highlight that no one I have ever met in the USA up to that moment ever had the physical defects of that dreaded disease. However how many of us, myself included, have become disfigured inwardly because of sin. Oh, we do a wonderful job of hiding our inner burden of sin. We can cover it over with cosmetics, glitter and egotistical arrogance however inwardly we lament, cry, bemoan the loneliness and isolation of carrying sin. Is it any wonder then that on Ash Wednesday, crowds flock to church to receive Ashes. We identify with sinners so readily but are we willing to name it in confession and receive the grace of conversion from sin. This was the main purpose of Jesus preaching and healing and miracles.

Let this Lent be a time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving. As the 2nd grade class sang before their First Reconciliation. "Purify my heart, let me be as gold or precious silver. Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold. Refiners fire, my hearts one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I want to be holy, set apart for you, my Master; ready to do your will". Listening to those innocent young voices sing with complete abandon is a religious experience in itself.

I really like the example that Archbishop Fulton Sheen used in his preaching.

Christ is our light, if we are waling away from the sun (for the sun is the symbol of Christ), the shadows are before us. This is one of the reasons why we have Catholics afflicted with every manner of psychosis and neurosis, afraid of these lengthened shadows, of these phantasms, fears and dreads. As we walk away from Christ, the further we go, the longer the shadows that appear before us – the resentment, the aggressiveness, just as soon as we are checked and told that we are walking away from the light. If however we walk toward the sun, and intensify our love for Christ, then all shadows are behind us. --- all the remorse and the regrets. As the sun comes more and more into our life, all these things pass away. Fears are gone, remorse is swallowed up in the intense love of Christ.

This Ash Wednesday will be different due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Priest at Mass and Prayer service will bless ashes; but they will be placed in little manila envelopes and will be distributed. As you apply them to yourself with your thumb there are two phrases you can pray: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember man, you are dust and unto dust you shall return". Both call for not an exterior change as in showing the world you are Catholic, but inwardly I need to repent and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

When the 40 days of Lent are over on Easter, we will renew our baptismal promises and welcome the light of Christ (The Son, Sun) into our heart. May the Lord bless you this Lent!

God bless you and all who are suffering during these difficult days.

Fr. Tom Devery

PARISH NEWS

Presidents' Day – Monday, February 15

The Rectory office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 15 for the Presidents' Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, February 16 at 10 a.m.

OLSS School News

*Thank you to the teachers, students, parents, and staff for a wonderful Catholic Schools Week!

*School will be closed for winter break the week of February 15th and will resume on Monday, February 22nd. Stay safe and have fun!

*Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 24 from 12:30-2:30pm.

*Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. Please call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.



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 February 20th, March 6th & 20th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link:

<https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

Announcement Concerning Parish Evaluation

This year Father Thomas P. Devery will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to participate may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish.

Please address your letters to:

The Office of Priest Personnel

Archdiocese of New York

1011 First Avenue

New York, NY 10022

Letters should be received no later than **February 28, 2021.**

Any letters received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.

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 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.

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!

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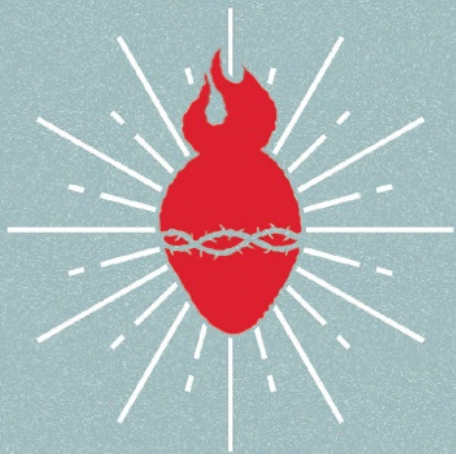
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Join Flocknote!

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.

2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Charitable and Pastoral Outreach



**WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST
OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
YOU DID FOR ME.**

MATTHEW 25:40

Discipleship begins with a Catholic education, and is nurtured through a lifetime of formation and conversion. Our Catholic schools, as well as the Adult Faith Formation and Catechetical offices of the Archdiocese of New York, are committed to this work of evangelization and Christ-centered education.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

First Reading

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes
not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.

I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Second Reading

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live, A place where saints
and children tell How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of
faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ
shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true, where all God's
children dare to seek To dream God's reign
anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we
claim the faith of Jesus Christ:

Preparation: God Is Love

1. God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love,
let earth rejoice; Let creation sing before him And
exult him with one voice. God who laid the earth's
foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is love,
eternal Love.

2. God is Love; and love enfolds us, All the world in
one embrace: With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race. And when human hearts
are breaking Under sorrow's iron rod, Then we find
that self same aching Deep within the heart of God.

3. God is Love: and though with blindness Sin
afflicts all human life, God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife. Sin and death
and hell shall never Over us final triumph gain; God
is Love, so Love forever Over the universe must
reign.

Communion #1: O God beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising, We worship you
today And sing the love amazing That songs
cannot repay; For we can only wonder At every
gift you send, At blessings without number And
mercies without end: We lift our hearts before
you And wait upon your word, We honor and
adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the
love we bring, That we who know your favor
May serve you as our King; And whether our
tomorrows Be filled with good or ill, We'll
triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless
you still: To marvel at your beauty And glory in
your ways, And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice
of praise

Communion #2: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of
Heaven, to earth come down! Fix in us your
humble dwelling; All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion, Love
unbounded, love all pure; Visit us with your
salvation, Let your love in us endure.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver; Let us all your life
receive; Suddenly return and never, Never more
your temples leave. Lord, we would be always
blessing, Serve you as your hosts above, Pray,
and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your
precious love.

3. Finish then your new creation, Pure and
spotless, gracious Lord; Let us see your great
salvation Perfectly in you restored. Changed
from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our
place, Till we sing before the Almighty, Lost in
wonder, love and praise.

