

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

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
 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 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
First Sunday of Lent
February 21st, 2021

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 20

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

Monday February, 22

9:00AM Daniele Pucci

Tuesday, February 23

9:00AM Dec. Members of the Driscoll & Hoban Families

Wednesday, February 24

9:00AM Herman Emigholz

Thursday, February 25

9:00 AM Marie Bayerlein

Friday, February 26

9:00AM Stephen Hopkins

Saturday, February 27

9:00AM Joseph Hickey
4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato and Jacqueline Mikkelsen
5:30PM Mary Schiera

Sunday, February 28

8:00AM Maria Russino
9:30AM Lauren Surrey
11:00AM Audrey Olsechski
12:30PM Vincent Feely
7:00PM Angelina Mazzella

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:

**Robert Moore, Domenick Logozzo, Betsy Dubovsky,
Linda Grace Murphy, Robert Kempisty, Wilfredo Torres,
Rose DeMattia**



Banns of Marriage

3rd Time: Jacqueline Poli & Joseph Mreczko

1st Time: Jaclyn Bennett & Gregory Festo

1st Time: Kristina Mulham & Francis DiMasi



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 21st- 27th
In Loving Memory of
Albert Petrocelli Sr.
Forever In Our Hearts

Mass Minister Schedule

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 2/7/2021:

\$6, 955.00



God bless you for your generosity!

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.

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the Holy Season Lent. This is our Spiritual Spring Training season. We go back to the basics of our Catholic faith and prepare for Easter Sunday when we will renew our Baptismal Promises and rise with the Risen Christ. Traditionally, Lent was seen as a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Very often the question would be asked of one another, "So, what are you giving up for Lent?" It would be in the past, wine, beer, chocolate, desserts, going to the movies and such. Perhaps a better question would be: "What are you giving over for Lent?" I recall one Lenten season, I had asked a brother priest about his fasting plan for Lent and he said "Facebook", another had a more humorous response, "Complaining".

Matthew Kelly, wrote a wonderful 111 page book called "I heard God laugh". He makes many great points about prayer. Did anyone every really teach you how to pray? Where are you in your relationship with God? Busy is not your friend. This challenging read, very simple and profound touches on many ways we can learn to develop our prayer life. Usually, when we Catholics speak about prayer life, with immediately think of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Rosary or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All these prayers are wonderful, yet the author was taught one day how to pray and converse with Jesus rather than reciting memorized prayers and that made a great difference in developing his relationship with Christ. Here is a prayer process he recommends.

1. Gratitude: Begin with thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today
2. Awareness: Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
4. Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. Freedom: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.
6. Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
7. Finish: by praying the Our Father

Lent is an invitation to pray a Prayer of Surrender, here is one mentioned by Matthew Kelly, again in his work " I heard God laughing"

Lord, Here I am. I trust that you have an incredible plan for me. Today, I surrender my whole being to your care. I surrender my life, my plans, and my very self to you. I make myself 100 per cent available to you today. Transform me, Transform my life. Everything is on the table. Take what you want to take and give what you want to give. Transform me into the person you created me to be, so I can live the life you envisioned for me at the beginning of time.

I hold nothing back. I am 100 per cent available. Lead me, challenge me, encourage me, and open my eyes to all your amazing possibilities. Show me what it is you want me to do, and I will do it. Amen.

Very often we seem to be telling God what we want Him to do, let's ask the question this Lent, what do you want me to do. If we listen and pray, He'll speak. A blessed Lent to all of you.

Father Tom Devery

PARISH NEWS

OLSS School News

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

Registration for the 21/22 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.

LENT 2021

Fast & 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 PM.

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

Lenton Love Offering: Your contributions will help various service organizations, who assist the multiple needs of individuals and families. Thank you for your help in bringing hope to our sisters and brothers in need. The Lenton Love Offering boxes will be collected the weekend of March 28 & 29

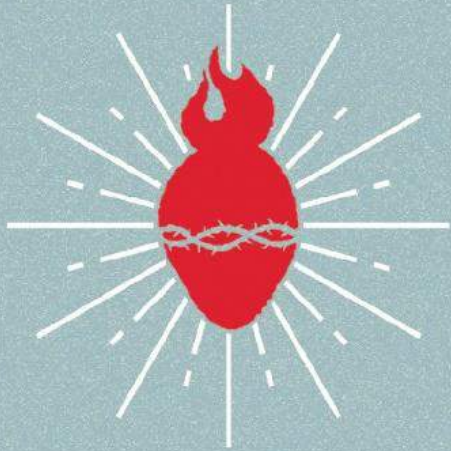
Unite your daily rosary to the prayers of the Legion of Mary

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!

2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal Charitable and Pastoral Outreach

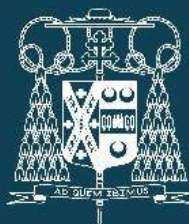


**WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST
OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
YOU DID FOR ME.**

MATTHEW 25:40

\$6M of the Cardinal's Appeal funds ministries and apostolates across the Archdiocese of New York, including the Family Life, Respect Life, Catholic Charities, and the Young Adult Outreach offices. Throughout the pandemic, these ministries were hard at work serving our brothers and sisters across the archdiocese.

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READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

First Reading

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, that righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

THE GOSPEL

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

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."

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: Ashes

1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do. We rise again from ashes, redeemed, O Lord, by you. Our penance, Lord, our sorrow, our grieving hearts renew, an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
2. We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts, the gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt. Our stumblings, give direction, our visions wider view, an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Preparation: Hosea

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to other's call.
Refrain:
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.
2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.
3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

Communion #1: Leave the Past in Ashes

Refrain:

Leave the past in ashes and turn to God, return to God with tears and fasting.

1. God, you are the god of my rescue! You have helped me, you have healed me! All who love the Lord sing in praises: there are tears at night but joy will come with dawn!
2. Once I told myself in good fortune: "What could harm me or disturb me?" You had set me firm on the mountain, then you hid your face and I was put to shame.
3. Then I asked, "What good would my death be? Can dust sing or proclaim you?" Then you saved my soul from the darkness, snatched me up from those who sink into the grave.

Communion #2: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

1. Again we keep this solemn fast,

A gift of faith from from ages past,

This Lent which binds us lovingly

To faith and hope in charity.

2. The law and prophets from of old

In figured ways this Lent foretold,

Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,

In these last days has sanctified.

3. More sparing, therefore, let us make

The words we speak, the food we take,

Our sleep, our laughter, every sense;

Learn peace through holy penitence.

