

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

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Parish Office.....5371 Amboy Road
Parish Website... www.olssparrish.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.

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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
Second Sunday of Lent
February 28th, 2021

Announced Masses

Saturday, February 27

9:00AM Joseph Hickey
4:00PM Angela & Frank Imperato & 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

Monday, March 1

9:00AM Antoinette Imperiale

Tuesday, March 2

9:00AM Lauren Surrey

Wednesday, March 3

9:00AM Caroline & Philip Tanella

Thursday, March 4

9:00 AM Angelo, Mary & John Gazzola and Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Friday, March 5

9:00AM Jaime Cucuzza

Saturday, March 6

9:00AM Raymond Beshara
4:00PM Andre Graziano
5:30PM Samuel Maffeo

Sunday, March 7

8:00AM Rocco Muscarella
9:30AM Bessie Cusati
11:00AM Laraine Trapani
12:30PM Rocco & Ersilia Villani
7:00PM Mary Sprague

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, Salvatore DiStefano, 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 Frank Vassallo

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:

Salvatore Imbro, Frank Cracchiolo, Antonio Randazzo,
Vita Fauci, Edris Kohm, Peter Mongiove Jr.



Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Jaclyn Bennett & Gregory Festo

2nd Time: Kristina Mulham & Francis DiMasi



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
February 28th-March 6th
In Loving Memory of
Raymond Beshara
Donated by: Mom, Dad, & Anthony

Mass Minister Schedule

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 2/14/2021:



\$12,712.00

2nd Coll: ADNY - Peter's Pence

\$1,348.00

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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Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 8PM. It will be live-streamed on our YouTube Page. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the second week of Lent. I trust that you are being faithful to your Lenten promises. Faithful to whatever you are giving up or giving over to God during these forty days. As you move along in this Lenten season, I pray for you that it is a time of great spiritual engagement with God. I pray that whatever you have decided to do this Lent, that it is for your spiritual enrichment. I also pray that you are growing in your love for and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever you are giving up or giving over it needs to be something for your own ultimate benefit. These weeks of Lent are given to us so that we may grow in the love of God and realize how much God genuinely loves us. None of us is perfect. God knows that and is always there to help us move forward on our journey towards him.

Last week, I asked you to ask God what do you want me to do? Maybe you were able to do this and, in your prayer, you heard God speak to you about what He would like you to do. Move forward with that information and do the best you can. What God is asking can be very simple or complicated – it really all depends on how you are living your life. The bottom line is that God is with all of us offering whatever we need to get us through whatever challenges exist in our lives. The objective is to trust God and move forward with whatever He tells you in your prayer.

The Gospel today is a challenging one. The disciples – Peter, James, and John - who went with Jesus to the top of the mountain experienced something totally foreign to them. They actually saw Moses and Elijah on the mountain top. They also heard the voice of God when he said, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” With the utterance of these words, Moses and Elijah depart, leaving the three disciples alone with Jesus. From all that they have seen and heard, Peter, James, and John should have no doubt that Jesus is God’s Son. What remains for them to understand is how Jesus’ Transfiguration in glory is tied to his future death and Resurrection. To answer this quandary, Mark ends this piece of the Gospel with the words, “So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.”

We had a minor transfiguration this past week in the second -grade class from our School of Religion receiving their First Reconciliation. The joy of the Lord shines through them when they have understood and accept the merciful presence of the Lord in the absolution prayer. These “Little Sheep” remind us of the innocence and hope that Christ is willing to bring to all of us this Lent.

Every Sunday evening around 8PM my family and few close friends log on for a Family Zoom. My sister lives in Summerlin, Nevada which is within the city limits of Las Vegas. Their parish is Holy Spirit and it’s a brand new church, even larger than Our Lady Star of the Sea and they had a Lenten retreat day and as a parish they came up with a wonderful theme: Resurrecting Hope. They even had this made into cloth masks to remind themselves of the coming glory of the Lord. We certainly all need hope as we plod through winter slush and snow. May the Transfiguration of Jesus be real for each of us as we journey through Lent and prepare our hearts for the Sacrament of Confession. On the Monday of Holy Week, there will be a Lenten Reconciliation Time for confessions from 3-9PM. Also, every Saturday between 3:30 and through the two vigil Masses confessions will be heard in our church.

I pray that this upcoming week be filled with many blessings for you and your families. A continued blessed Lent to you all.

Father Tom Devery

PARISH NEWS

OLSS School News

+ Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for February! The value for February was Service and was awarded to:

Cohort A: Isabella Cantone, Ella Feil, Lucas Bouzada, Thomas Golden, Christopher DePasquale, Dylan Kukal, John Mahoney, Emily Charlemagne, Jesse Britz, Angelina Focca, Sienna Affatigato, Louie Iacono, Ellen Guastavino, Patrick Mosiello, Grace Marie Curreri, James Anzalone, Isabella Longo, and Angelina Aguanno.

Cohort B: Dominic Sztropkalyi, Frankie Jaconetti, Carol Ann Hasner, Nicholas Sciulla, Carolina Rugg, Taylor Yannotta, Nicolette Rigney, James Volpe, Matthew Tarantola, Casey Landron, Ava Zoleo, Vincent Winter, Brandon Medina, Ava Robbins, Kayla Rugg, Gia Picarello, Paul Testaverde, and Nicholas Puglia.

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

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

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. It will be live-streamed on our YouTube Page. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.

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, olssparrish.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.

2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: Care for Retired Priests



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

MATTHEW 25:40

\$1M of the Cardinal's Appeal supports the Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence, which is a comfortable and safe home for fifty-seven retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church. Help us care for those who cared for us with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal.

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make your gift today!**



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READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

First Reading

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him,
“Abraham!”

“Here I am!” he replied.

Then God said: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.”

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord’s messenger called to him from heaven,
“Abraham, Abraham!”

“Here I am!” he answered.

“Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger.

“Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.”

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as holocaust in place of his son. Again the Lord’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.”

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,

“I am greatly afflicted.”

Precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will pay
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

THE GOSPEL

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: The Glory of These Forty Days

1. The glory of these forty days

We celebrate with songs of praise;

For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has
fasted and has prayed.

2. Alone and fasting Moses saw

The loving God who gave the law;

And to Elijah, fasting, came

The steeds and chariots of flame.

3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight,

Delivered from the lion's might;

And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became The herald
of Messiah's name.

Preparation: Sacred Silence

Refrain:

Sacred silence, holy ocean, gentle water, washing over
me; help me listen, Holy Spirit. Come and speak to me.

1. God my Father, Christ my brother, Holy Spirit,
sanctifying me; Lord, I'm sorry, please forgive me.

Come and set me free.

2. Holy Mary, gentle mother, God's pure vessel, praying
for me; saints and angels, all in heaven, come and be
with me.

Communion #1: Transfigure Us, O Lord

Refrain:

Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word,
and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.

1. Down from heights of glory into the depths below, the
love of God self-emptied, the love of God to show. You
light the path before us, the way that we must go.

2. Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill,
glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills; in
these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled.

3. Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep, a
drink of living water for all who thirst and seek, and
feasting at your table, the lowly and the least.

Communion #2: The Lord Is My Light

1. The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation. Why
should I fear? With God I fear no one, God protects me
all my life. With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my
salvation.

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I long for; all
of my days with God to be dwelling, gazing with awe at
the beauty of God, and in wonder look on God's house.

3. I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness, now, in
this life, I'm sure I will see it. Trust in the Lord, be strong
and be brave; wait in hope or God, our salvation.

