

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, March 6**

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

**Monday, March 8**

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

**Tuesday, March 9**

9:00AM Thomas Hoban

**Wednesday, March 10**

9:00AM Michael Keane

**Thursday, March 11**

9:00 AM Benjamin Broccoli

**Friday, March 12**

9:00AM Francisca Ponce

**Saturday, March 13**

9:00AM Candida & Americ Molinini & Rosalie Mankin  
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi & Serrantonio Families  
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Antorino and Guido Families

**Sunday, March 14**

8:00AM Laura Schoepfer  
9:30AM Bastianina Palmieri  
11:00AM Caroline Emigholz  
12:30PM Ida Trinidad  
7:00PM Florence Rubin



**Pray for the Sick**

John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Patricia Carey, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidowicz, 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:

Carmen Toro, Tom Konchalski, Domenick Cavicchio,  
Diane L. Marrocco, Paul S. Maguire, Salvatore DiStefano,  
Corinne Huebler, Gaetano Albano, Anthony Tacoma,  
Stella Morelli



**Banns of Marriage**

3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Jaclyn Bennett & Gregory Festo  
3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Kristina Mulham & Francis DiMasi  
1<sup>st</sup> Time: Christina Martino & Michael Maynard  
1<sup>st</sup> Time: Victoria Giordano & John Carstensen  
1<sup>st</sup> Time: JoAnna Hankey & Neil Feuerstein



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
March 7<sup>th</sup>- March 13<sup>th</sup>  
In Loving Memory of  
The Deceased Members of the  
Puglisi & Serrantonio Families  
Donated by Your Loving Family

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors -March 13 & 14**

4:00 PM -M. Andreola  
5:30 PM - A. Pompei  
8:00AM - P. Zoltowski  
9:30AM - P. Zoltowski  
11:00AM - B. Paccione  
12:30PM - L. Bauer  
7:00PM - A. Medeiros

**Lectors -March 20 & 21**

4:00 PM -L. Bauer  
5:30 PM - C. Messina  
8:00AM - A. Medeiros  
9:30AM - P. Zoltowski  
11:00AM - B. Paccione  
12:30PM - B. Weir  
7:00PM - J. Limeri

**Sunday collection for the week of 2/21/2021:**



**\$14,497.00**

**God bless you for your generosity!**

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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,

On this third Sunday of Lent we will listen to the recitation of the 10 Commandments. This is also known as the Covenant Code. Israel has left Egypt. They are no longer slaves. There are still wandering in the desert and Moses was given this code of behaviors to honor God by the proper functioning of the new community of faith, as they gradually adjust to life outside of Egypt. The modern take of this is to listen seriously to God's sacred word and to take it to heart. These are 10 commandments, not 10 suggestions. In our covenant relationship with God, if we want blessings in this life; we need to root out of our sinful behaviors. That is why Lent is a season of repentance.

Israel found itself amid many different religious groups, who each had multiple god's, all who need to be appeased. The Lord has made clear to Israel that there is only one God. The question for us today is Are we faithful to our God and to His commandments? Obviously not all the time but let's defrag our brains from the false idols that try and take up space in our lives and behaviors. Life, it seems, is lived on a continuum of Grace at one end, and Addiction at the other end. We are caught somewhere in the middle and being honest with ourselves and being humble and vulnerable before God. We begin each Lent starting with ashes. These ashes represent the garbage in our lives that we need to let go. It's not a mark of showing our family and neighbors, "See I am a Catholic", the rest of the 364 days of the year will give evidence of we are really living our faith or just pretending.

When I was a child there was in the early days of television a show hosted by Art Linkletter called "Children say the strangest things". Art would have young children sitting on a stool, he would ask questions, and they would give simple and sometimes profound answers. One day he asked the question. "Can any of you name one of the 10 commandments?" One bright girl immediately raised her hand and said, "I know, I know number 9. Art was amazed so he asked her, "Number 9?" "Yes, she said proudly, "Thou shalt not take to covers from your neighbor's wife" (LOL). Art Linkletter was shocked and admitted, "Well yes, that's when trouble begins".

We see in the second commandment an explanation of "Craven Images". The One true God doesn't want us to have false idols. All the pagan religions had their statues and totem poles and symbols for their many gods. But what are the false idols today in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Could it be that money, power, honor, fame, reputation becomes over emphasized "false Idols" if it contributes to an over inflated EGO. I love the acronym for EGO, we ease God out of our lives. The secular culture of today fosters "Me first attitude, "or "It's all about me being noticed." We do not understand the fact that you are not loved because you are beautiful, no, you are beautiful because you loved. That love being the sign of the Cross. See how far, and wide, and deep God's love is for you. If you were the only human creature made in His image and likeness that ever lived, God would have come down from heaven and died on that cross just so that he could redeem you in His grace. It really is "Amazing Grace".

Our responsorial Psalm underscores this well, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Corinthians says to us clearly, that Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ, crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, but to those who are called Jew and Greek alike Christ, the power of God and wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

When Jesus and his apostles gathered at Cesarea Phippi there were many caves that housed false idols, and so Our Blessed Lord, asks, "But you, who do say that I am?" And for once, Peter gets it right, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God".

In our Gospel text, Jesus overturns the money changers' tables and makes a whip of cords and expels them from the Temple. "My house should be a house of prayer." The righteous anger of Jesus and the zeal for His Father's house turned everything upside down, literally. We need that same zeal. Jesus predicts his own passion although the listeners didn't understand, but the Temple of His body would soon be destroyed and raised up.

As we turn from sin, repent, confessing and letting go Jesus fills us with "Resurrecting Hope". This is the words on the masks in Holy Spirit Parish in Las Vegas, my sister's parish. May the hope of new life: renewed, restored and redeemed be yours this Lenten Season.

Blessings and Peace,

*Father Tom Devery*



# PARISH NEWS

## OLSS School News

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

## 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.

## 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 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](http://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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# READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## First Reading

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God in vain. For the Lord will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the command of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eye.

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true,  
all of them just.

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

They are more precious than gold,  
than a heap of purest gold;  
sweeter also than syrup  
or honey from the comb.

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

## Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

# THE GOSPEL

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said. "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## **Entrance: Forty Days and Forty Nights**

1. Forty days and forty nights

You were fasting in the wild;

Forty days and forty nights

Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Shall not we your sorrow share

And from worldly joys abstain,

Fasting with unceasing prayer,

Strong with you to suffer pain?

3. Then if Satan on us press,

Flesh or spirit to assail,

Victor in the wilderness,

Grant we may not faint nor fail!

## **Preparation: You Alone**

### **Refrain:**

You alone are holy, you alone are lord.

You alone are worthy to be honored and adored. Mercy you have given, kindness you have shown. Love is you alone.

1. Who of us is sinless in this place?

Who of us deserves your saving grace?

Who is good at all without your blessed love that falls upon our hearts to heal our brokenness?

2. What is there to do but thank you, then, for the gift that we might call you friend?

Greater love has not been known than that for which you gave your only son, that you might see us, pure and blessed.

## **Communion #1: Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door**

1. Somebody's knockin' at your door;

Somebody's knockin' at your door;

O sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

2. Knocks like Jesus,

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Knocks like Jesus,

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

O sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

3. Can't you hear him?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Can't you hear him?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

O sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

4. Jesus calls you,

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Jesus calls you,

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

O sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

## **Communion #2: Turn to Me**

### **Refrain:**

Turn to me, O turn, and be saved, says the Lord, for I am God; there is no other, none beside me. I call your name.

1. I am God, who comforts you; who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades, is made like the grass of the field, so to wither.

2. Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my nation: a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.

3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth down below. The heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment.

