

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of...

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Huguenot \* Staten Island, New York 10312

*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  
The Ascension of the Lord  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, May 15**

4:00PM Frances Samaritano  
5:30PM William J. Donald

**Sunday, May 16**

8:00AM Sr. Helene Foely, SCC & Marilyn Johns  
9:30AM Rita & Henry Ranieri  
11:00AM Sam Maffeo  
12:30PM Carmine Piccirillo  
7:00PM Patrick Vulpi

**Monday, May 17**

9:00AM Edris Kohm

**Tuesday, May 18**

9:00AM Robbie Moore

**Wednesday, May 19**

9:00AM Raymond Beals

**Thursday, May 20**

9:00AM Maria Midrano

**Friday, May 21**

9:00AM Vera Cermenello

**Saturday, May 22**

9:00AM Antonino Lentini  
4:00PM Teresa, Frank & Olga Merola  
5:30PM Lenny Galati

**Sunday, May 23**

8:00AM Stephen Hopkins  
9:30AM AnnaMarie Langella  
11:00AM Vincent Calamia Sr.  
12:30PM Frank & Virginia Gallinaro  
7:00PM Michael DiBello

**Pray for the Sick**



Ricia Augusty, John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Patricia Carey, Marcos Castano, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Salvatore DiStefano, Virginia Duffy, Anthony Focca, Debra Friscia, Joseph Friscia, Richard Friscia, Nancy Gallo, Mario Garafola, Linda Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Alex, Theresa & Thomas Guglielmo, Michael H., Susan Hanna, Amy M., Lorenzo Marinelli Jr., Maryann Monachino, Steven Morvillo, Santo Nicotra, Virginia Novaro, Alex Ortiz, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Pettilo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda 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:

**Aurora Gurgone, Alex Guielmo, Orlando Valeros,  
Peg McGoff,**

**Banns of Marriage**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Angelica Hendrix & Thomas DiSanto  
1<sup>st</sup> Time: Kim Manzo & Anthony D'Angelo**

The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
May 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

In Loving Memory of:  
Tony Fiumefreddo  
From your Wife, Daughter &  
Granddaughter

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – May 15 & 16**

4:00 PM—M. Andreola  
5:30 PM— L. Bauer  
8:00 AM— A. Medeiros  
9:30 AM— P. Zoltowski  
11:00 AM— E. Newborn  
12:30 PM— C. Messina  
7:00 PM— K. Melka

**Lectors – May 22 & 23**

4:00 PM— L. Bauer  
5:30 PM— Lector Needed  
8:00 AM— P. Zoltowski  
9:30 AM— J. Zinsley  
11:00 AM— F. Monte  
12:30 PM— Lector Needed  
7:00 PM— J. Limeri

**Lectors – May 29 & 30**

4:00 PM— L. Bauer  
5:30 PM— Lector Needed  
8:00 AM— P. Zoltowski  
9:30 AM— C. Greaney  
11:00 AM— Lector Needed  
12:30 PM— C. Messina  
7:00 PM— A. Medeiros

**Sunday collection for the week of 5/2/2021:**

**\$11,468.00**



**Share in Our Student's Success**

**\$1,659.00**

**God bless you for your generosity!**

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# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We find ourselves between the great Church feasts of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost, which is next Sunday. It is good for us to ask for the Holy Spirit to be agent of conversion, empowerment and an interpretive key for finding our way in this world with boldness trust in the Lord.

I have shared in the past some wisdom from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and Saint Teresa of Calcutta and the daily devotional author Sara Young in her work, "Jesus Calling". This week these three authors highlight for us insights into Our Blessed Mother, getting through tough times and putting our hand in His hand.

The Sacred Scriptures for this Sunday deals with the election of Matthias to succeed Judas as one of the twelve apostles. Saint John in his first letter prepares us to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit and how to remain in His love. The Gospel of John is from Chapter 17, which is known as the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus for unity in the Church. Jesus prays that we might be "consecrated in the truth". He also asks that "We all may be one".

Sara Young writes: "Do not long for the absence of problems in your life. That is an unrealistic goal since *in this world you will have trouble*. You have an eternity of problem free living reserved for you in heaven. Rejoice in that inheritance, which no one can take away from you, but do not seek your heaven on earth.

Begin each day anticipating problems, asking Me to equip you for whatever difficulties you will encounter. The best equipping is My living Presence, *My hand that never lets go of yours*. Discuss everything with Me. Take a lighthearted view of trouble, seeing it as a challenge that you and I together can handle. Remember that I am on your side, and *I have overcome the world*."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen writes, "Not only are those who lead evil lives and suffer, but there are also those who lead good lives, the best of lives – particularly the Blessed Mother. We sometimes ask, "Why should I suffer? What evil have I ever done? Well what evil did Mary ever do? What evil did our Lord do? Remember that we are called to share in the Redemption of Our Lord. As Saint Paul says, "I fill up in my flesh the sufferings that are wanting to the passion of Christ." Didn't Christ suffer enough? Yes. But for whose sake? For the sake of His body which is the Church. As the centuries go on, we continue the Redemption of Our Lord. Our Mary was summoned, at the moment of His birth, to share in His sufferings. When she brought the divine child to Simeon, Simeon said, "A sword shall pierce your heart too." You brought your child into the world without pain, but everyone else in the world will become a brother of Christ and a child of Mary causes agony to that Mother. And Our Blessed Mother shared secondarily in the Redemption of our Blessed Lord by bearing us, her children, spiritually. That is why we call her Mother."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta writes about her young life and the struggle it was to leave home to become a nun. "I remember when I was leaving home fifty years ago- my mother was dead set against me leaving home and becoming a sister. In the end when she realized that this is what God wanted from me, she said something very strange: 'Put your hand in His hand and walk all alone with Him.' I didn't understand at the time, but this is life. We may be surrounded by many people, yet our vocation is really lived out alone with Jesus."

I want to remember our second- grade students who made their First Holy Communion and highlight their joy on receiving Jesus for the first time. Please, continue bringing them to Jesus to receive Him each week. They are so precious in His eyes.

We will have a second collection on May 22<sup>nd</sup> & May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This collection is for the people of India who are struggling desperately with this new wave of coronavirus and the lack of oxygen, vaccines and testing sights. The medical health care system is in near collapse and we need to pray and support our brothers and sisters there. My classmate from college, Monsignor Peter Vaccari, is the director of the Catholic New East Welfare Association and the monies collected will go to this proper church organization. Thank you in advance.

Finally, at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM, we invite our first communicants to dress in their "white" suits and dresses for the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother during the Mass.

Come Holy Spirit Come and kindle in us the fire of your love.

*Father Tom*

# PARISH NEWS

## Second Collection for Aid to the People of India per Cardinal Dolan

To help alleviate the suffering in India funds raised will be sent to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, a papal humanitarian relief agency, which is already working in India to assist the poor & suffering, regardless of their faith.

God Bless you for your generosity.

## 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 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 June 5th & 19th, July 17th and August 14th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link:

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

## OLSS School News

+ Congratulations to the following students who represented OLSS in Senator Andrew Lanza’s Earth Day Poster Celebration! Special thank you to our art teacher, Mrs. Pentangelo, for giving our students the opportunity to showcase their awards. Follow the link on our website to view the entries.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – John Mahoney

4<sup>th</sup> grade – Victoria Traina

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Charlotte Ball, Morgan Mahoney

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Aiden Shaw, Alexandra Naclerio, Alexia Castelli-Velez, Anders Kuntsen, Cassidy Coleman, Christopher Noby, Ian Jamieson, Jack Gomez, and JohnPaul Nicolaou

+ A BIG shoutout to Sophia Torres, 6-1, who recently cut off 10 inches of her hair, and donated it to a second grade student in our school who is fighting cancer. We are so proud of you and amazed at your generous spirit!

## Bereavement Ministry

If you have experienced the loss/death of someone you love recently and need a support group to deal with your grief, you are invited to join the Bereavement Group. Meetings will be every Tuesday in an outside location at 7:00pm beginning **May 11<sup>th</sup>** through **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you have any questions or concerns and for location address, please contact Roni Petersen at 347-620-8484 or [johnnpetersen@yahoo.com](mailto:johnnpetersen@yahoo.com). If you are uncomfortable with in-person meetings, we would suggest going on the Archdiocese of New York website [archny.org/faith-formation-from-home](http://archny.org/faith-formation-from-home). It will provide comfort and healing.

## 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.

## Stolzenhaler Columbiettes

*A Vibrant Catholic Women’s Service Organization*  
Looking for a way to get involved in parish and Columbiette events? Enjoy social activities? Want to enrich your Catholic faith by helping those in need? Join the Stolzenhaler Columbiettes! Please contact Debbie, Past President at 718-967-2315 for more information.

# CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Our Lady Star of the Sea is part of a whole interconnected network of parish life, education and Catholic Charities. The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal is part of our Lenten sacrifice to help our church in its mission to serve God's faithful people. While we are invited to pray, fast and give alms: this is one way in which we can help serve the Lord with your sacrifice. Be a part of our mission to bring about the Kingdom of God.

*Fr. Tom*

## **The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

**The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal  
1011 First Ave.  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor Donor Database Center**

**(212) 371-1011 Ext. 3300**

Suggested total pledge:	5 Monthly Payments of:
\$5,000	\$1,000
\$2,500	\$500
\$1,000	\$200
\$500	\$100
\$250	\$50

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Choose your payment method:

Personal check payable to: The Cardinal's Appeal

Credit Card (complete below): American Exp – Visa – MasterCard  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge:

One Time Amt of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: COVID-19 Relief**



Few organizations were as well-equipped to respond to the needs of the community at the peak of the pandemic as the Catholic Church, but the work is far from over. We serve not only the faithful from Staten Island to Sullivan county, but all who approach our church doors in their time of need with spiritual, physical, and medical support.

**Visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate)  
to make your gift today!**

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

MATTHEW 25:40



**the CARDINAL'S  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**  
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York*

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# READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## First Reading

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place-- . He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who had arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: May another take his office. Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of the two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted within the eleven apostles.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who  
fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

## Second Reading

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

# THE GOSPEL

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in you name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.

When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your world, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## Entrance: Three Days

1. Three days our world was broken; the Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he told us who followed where he led. Would we now hang in torment with thieves on every side, our Passover shattered, our hope crucified? Three days we hid in silence, in bitter fear and grief. Three days we clung together where he had washed our feet.

2. Three days and on the third day, the women came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was empty, his broken body gone. Who could believe their story? The dead do not arise, yet he walks among us, and with our own eyes we've seen him at this table; we've shared his bread and wine. Hearts burning bright within us? We've seen his glory shine.

## Preparation: Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

3. Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

## Communion #1: You Are Mine

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You'll hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

### Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live!

## Communion #2: Gift of the Finest Wheat

### Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart With gifts of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the Shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when you call your family, Lord, We follow and rejoice.

2. With joyful lips we sing to you, Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heavenly food.

3. Is not the cup we bless and share, The blood of Christ out poured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare, Our oneness in the Lord?

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.

