

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
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
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18th, 2021

Announced Masses

Saturday, July 17

4:00PM Rev. Joseph Gancila
5:30PM Maria & Nicola Gentile

Sunday, July 18

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Caldone & Estrada Families
9:30AM Daniel Podvesker
11:00AM August Lansburg
12:30PM Richard Moore
7:00PM Paul Gaither

Monday, July 19

9:00AM John Murphy Jr.

Tuesday, July 20

9:00AM Palma Sacco

Wednesday, July 21

9:00AM Joe LaRocca

Thursday, July 22

9:00AM Rose & Amedeo Arena

Friday, July 23

9:00AM Scott Freundlich

Saturday, July 24

9:00AM Margaret Faulds
4:00PM Mary Mancuso
5:30PM Sophie & Joe Iorio and Jane & John Graziano

Sunday, July 25

8:00AM Anthony Mineo
9:30AM Maria Palmieri
11:00AM John Passarella
12:30PM Carmine Piccirillo
7:00PM Joseph Limeri

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of July 18th-24th
In Loving Memory of:
Stephen Hopkins
Donated by: Betty Fitzpatrick

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – July 17 & 18

4:00 PM— F. Monte
5:30 PM— L. Bauer
8:00 AM— P. Zoltowski
9:30 AM— P. Zoltowski
11:00 AM— B. Paccione
12:30 PM— C. Messina
7:00 PM— Lector Needed

Lectors – July 24 & 25

4:00 PM— M. Andreola
5:30 PM— L. Bauer
8:00 AM— P. Zoltowski
9:30 AM— P. Zoltowski
11:00 AM— F. Monte
12:30 PM— Lector Needed

Lectors – July 31 & August 1

4:00 PM— F. Monte
5:30 PM— C. Messina
8:00 AM— A. Medeiros
9:30 AM— P. Zoltowski
11:00 AM— J. Zinsley
12:30 PM— B. Weir
7:00 PM— J. Limeri

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, Barbara Murphy-Fogarty, Santo Nicotra, Virginia Novaro, Alex Ortiz, Joe Palazzolo, Elaine Parks, Anthony Pelle Jr., Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda Ranallo, Alexa Rigney, Scott Rofofsky, 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:

Antonio Palmigiano, Catherine Gregorio, John Fontana

Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Samantha Fink & Robert Marz

1st Time: Rosemarie Sorrano & Michael Wolf

1st Time: Vivian Azer & Sherif Aziz

Sunday collection for the week of 7/4/2021:



\$12,234.00

**Second Collection: School Scholarship
Share in Student Success**

\$1,452.00

God bless you for your generosity!

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The selection of reflections below come from two Franciscans: Saint Anthony of Padua and Father Richard Rohrer, OFM

Humility, poverty, patience, and obedience are the four who bring a soul, as it lies helpless, to Jesus. The roof is a four-fold one: of pride, avarice, stubbornness, and anger. Covering and obscuring the face of the soul so that it cannot see the light of justice, this roof is opened by the four virtues mentioned. Thus, they led down before Jesus, trusting in his mercy, both soul and body. No one can come to Jesus unless he is carried by these four virtues.

Note these three points: Jesus saw their faith, Courage, child, and your sins are forgiven. Faith without love is empty. A Christian's faith is with love. Take note, it is one thing to 'believe God, another to 'believe in God', and another to 'believe in God.

To believe God is to believe that what he says is true, which bad people may do. To believe in the second sense is to believe in his existence- that he is God – and the devils do this. To believe in God, is by believing, to love him, to go to him, to adhere to him and be incorporated into his members. Where there is this sort of faith, there is trust In God's mercy and remission of sin.

We ask you, then, Lord Jesus Christ, to put away the lying of our pride, to drive out our avarice by poverty, to break our anger with patience, and to crush our disobedience by the obedience of your Passion. By this may we be presented to you, receive the forgiveness of our sins, and be made fit to rejoice with you forever. Grant this, you who are blessed forever and ever. Amen

Beloved, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to make us rise for our sins, take up the bed of our flesh, and return to the house of heavenly blessedness. – Saint Anthony of Padua.

Much of the Bible is largely character development and transformation of persons and institutions. It usually begins with an experience of "election" or chosenness. There's no getting started, it seems, without somehow knowing oneself as special and empowered. Then the character—of people and groups—will indeed and always develop. We cannot begin the journey on a negative or problem-solving note like "sin management." It all begins with an experience of chosenness, just as in marriage and friendship.

Think of the many, many stories of God choosing people. There are Moses and Miriam, Abraham and Sarah; there is Deborah, David, Jeremiah, and Esther. There is Israel itself. Much later there's Peter, Paul, and most especially, Mary. God is always choosing concrete people. First impressions aside, God is not primarily choosing them for a role or a task, although it might appear that way. God is really choosing them to be and to image *God* in this world.

God needs images. God needs people to be willing instruments. It's essential, though, for God's instruments to know that they are not alone, that they are not just doing their own thing, but rather are doing God's thing. When God chooses someone in the Bible, the standard opening line is "Do not be afraid" (Genesis 15:1), and the final line usually includes the promise "I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12).

Being chosen doesn't mean that God likes one over another or finds some better than others. *Almost always*, in fact, those chosen are quite flawed or at least ordinary people. It is clear that their power is not their own. As Paul will put it, "If anyone wants to boast, they can only boast about the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

The paradox is that God's chosenness is for the sake of communicating chosenness to everybody else! As in the Jonah story, this often takes people a long time to learn. Here is the principle: We can only transform people to the degree that we have been transformed. We can only lead others as far as we ourselves have gone. We have no ability to affirm or to communicate to another person that they are good or special until we know it strongly ourselves. Once we get our own "narcissistic fix," as I call it, then we can stop worrying about being center stage. We then have plenty of time and energy to promote other people's empowerment and specialness. Only beloved people can pass on belovedness.

God bless you in your seeking and in His chosenness and belovedness for you.

Fr. Tom

PARISH NEWS

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 or 917-750-0462 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 **August 14th** from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link:

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

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, July 25 and September 26** immediately following the 7pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select wedding music at this time.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

The School Office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-12 during the month of July.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Religious Education office is CLOSED until Monday, August 30th.

Staff will be in the office on July 20th from 10-12 as well as other days by appointment if needed.

Please call 718-984-1885 or email olssre@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS: CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is always looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their faith and talents with the next generation. The program has classes Monday through Thursday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact the Rel. Ed office at 718-984-1885. Together we can take our children forward in Faith.

THE STAR PLAYERS
PRESENT...

Disney
THE LITTLE MERMAID
MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN

THURSDAY JULY 29TH 8:00PM
FRIDAY JULY 30TH 8:00PM
SATURDAY JULY 31ST 8:00PM
SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST 4:00PM

O'Mara Hall- OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
5411 AMBOY RD, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10312

TICKETS
\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$15 CHILDREN (UNDER 12)
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5164118>
All tickets at the door \$25

Readings & Music

Simply scan this QR Code with your smartphone's camera, click on this weekend's bulletin and scroll all the way down for the readings and music for the Mass!



PARISH NEWS

OLSS Sports

OLSS SOCCER

Registration for the 21-22 season may be completed through our website, olsssoccer.com. Registration fees are \$225 for SIYSL players, \$175 for Pee Wee & 3 yr. olds and \$150 for siblings. Visit our website for more details!

OLSS SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We are happy to announce that basketball is back! The OLSS Summer League is now accepting TEAM registration. Please go to olssbasketball.com for more information and instructions on how to register a team.

TRACK COORDINATOR NEEDED

The OLSS Track Team is currently looking for a new track coordinator. Our longtime director, Erin Ryan will be moving on and we thank her for her years of dedication to the OLSS Track program.

MGN Maria Goretti Network
Non-profit 501(c)(3)
Lay Catholic Apostolate
Recovery Through Forgiveness



July 20th at 7PM EST
O Mi Jesu Chapter Meeting Online
for former religious and former seminarians

Contact omijesu@mgoretti.org
www.mgoretti.org

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., 14th Floor Donor Database Center
New York, New York 10022-4112

Suggested total pledge: 5 Monthly Payments of:

\$5,000.....	\$1,000
\$2,500.....	\$500
\$1,000.....	\$200
\$500.....	\$100
\$250.....	\$50

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2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: Financially Vulnerable Parishes



Our parishes are places of deep encounter with our Eucharistic Lord and with one another.

Did you know you can support financially vulnerable parishes with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal?

Visit 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



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

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READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

First Reading

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord. Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The Lord our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

THE GOSPEL

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved by great pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd and he began to teach them many things.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: Gather Your People

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

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: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain:

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Recessional: Lead Me, Lord

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain:

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in the heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

