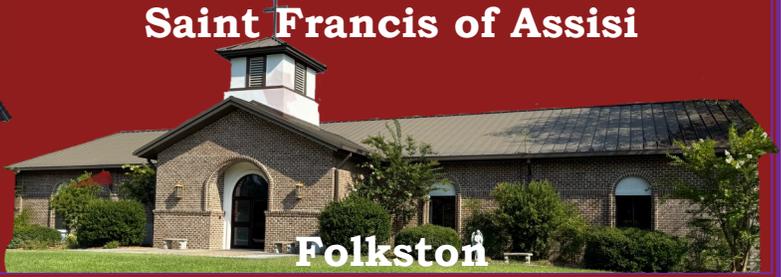


Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Marys



Folkston



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass

First Friday Mass
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Charistic Adoration
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7:00 PM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 8:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday No Service
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass
by appointment

DIFFERENT WEEKLY SCHEDULE INSIDE

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WELCOME, VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, **(\$10 or more)** signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

- 03/07/26 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People
- 03/08/26 - III SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Cynthia Simmons*
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Gerri Piszcz*
5:00 PM - Lenten Mission (OLSS)
- 03/09/26 - Monday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
5:00 PM - Lenten Mission
- 03/10/26 - Tuesday: 8:00 AM - Mass
5:00 PM - Lenten Mission
6:00 PM - Lenten Penance Service
- 03/11/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Jenny Ford
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *For a Special Intention*
- 03/12/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Nancy Leoncio & Bertha Armesto*
- 03/13/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Joseph & Katherine Ocone*
- 03/14/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Lucy Attner*
- 03/15/26 - IV SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *David Bliton*

From the
Pastor's
Desk



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish for at least four months. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

Please join us for our Parish Lenten Mission

Christ-Lock: Identity Theft No More!

A Parish Mission directed by
Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

MARCH 8-10

Sunday - 5:00 PM

Monday - 5:00 PM

Tuesday - 5:00 PM



Sunday Evening's Talk: "Where is your faith?"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on how Faith is way of knowing and seeing as God Himself knows and sees the world He created. The evening concludes with an invitation to venerate a 1st class relic of St. John Paul II – a piece of the blood-soaked white sash he wore on the day he was shot in St. Peter's Square.

Scripture for Reflection: Luke 8:22-25

Monday Evening's Talk: "Good Anger or Bad Anger?"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the emotion, the virtue and the sin of anger in light of the polarized culture we live in. The evening concludes with an invitation to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal.

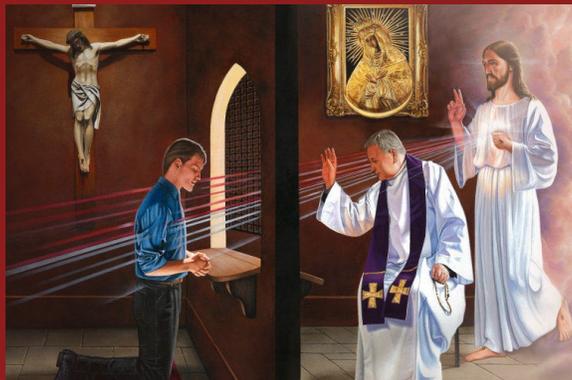
Scripture for Reflection: Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32

Tuesday Evening's Talk: "Take away the stone!"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the power of the Risen Lord to heal us and make us participants in God's great rescue mission of mercy. The evening concludes with a prayer of renewal followed by the Apostolic Blessing for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence (the usual conditions apply).

Scripture for Reflection: John 11:33-44

Lenten Penance Service



*All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in our Lenten Penance Service on **Tuesday, March 10**. This is a wonderful opportunity during this holy season of Lent to approach God's mercy through the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation.*

Several priests from neighboring parishes will be available to hear confessions, making it a special opportunity for all of us to prepare our hearts spiritually for the upcoming celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Take this time to encounter the Lord's forgiveness and grace as we continue our Lenten journey. All are encouraged to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Larry Millard

Frank Willis Jr.

Jude Pappas, Ellen Walker,
Trish Danos Trahan

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry on the 1st - 6th Fridays of lent leading up to Good Friday! For only \$12 per person you can enjoy fried (or baked) Pollock fish, French Fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, grits and a drink or for \$5 you can have a Home Made Grilled Cheese sandwich, Apple Sauce, French Fries and a drink; along with a number of tasty desserts prepared by our Ladies Auxiliary. To-go meals will also be available!



Dates: March 13, 20, 27
Time: 5-6:30 Place: Social Hall



**SFOA STATIONS OF
THE CROSS 6:00 PM**

**OLSS STATIONS OF
THE CROSS 6:30 PM**

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THIRST

An interesting contrast presents itself in our two big Bible stories this week. On the one hand we've got the grumbling nation behind Moses: reasonably thirsty, yet decidedly unpleasant about it. These are the same folks who've been recently delivered from a generation of slavery, miraculously led across a divided sea, and granted the unlikely gifts of quail and manna from heaven, right there in the Sinai wilderness. You'd expect a little show of faith from these people, an air of courtesy mixed into their request for water. But all we see is an ugly, snarling mob of ingrates.

On the other hand we meet the woman from Samaria, obviously thirsty, too, or she wouldn't be visiting the well at this difficult, sun-drenched midday hour. She also has reasons to be unpleasant: It's hot, there's a strange man hovering over her destination, and what's worse he's a traditional enemy to her community. Yet this woman chooses to keep the dialogue civil, calling the stranger "sir" and demonstrating, once more, a delightful spunk that is the signature characteristic of a biblical hero. Whereas the nasty mob around Moses repels us - we don't want to be in the midst of these people more than necessary and are grateful they remain an anonymous sea of hostility - we find ourselves befriending the woman of Samaria. We want to know her name. We'd like to follow her home and find out what happens to her after her privileged encounter with Jesus. We know in general terms that the fates of the participants in these two stories couldn't be more distinct. The nation behind Moses, ever wielding a blade of mistrust that could wind up in their leader's back, gets their spring of water and miraculous rescue once more. But does it change anything? Won't they be just as angry, aggrieved, and thirsty again tomorrow? The rock at Horeb provides them with water for a day, or a week. Still the place remains defined by the spirit of the people: Massah and Meribah, quarreling and testing. In the deepest and most real sense, the community remains parched and unsatisfied. By contrast watch what happens to our heroine of Samaria. She leaves her bucket unfilled by the well, no longer in need of the kind of water that lasts a day. She leaves her grievances by the well, too, running back to the community that has judged her behavior in the past with news too good to withhold. Living water has changed her, turning a notorious woman into a reliable witness. Once defined by a wearily eminent marriageability, she's redefined in a sterling new relationship as the first apostle to the Samaritans. Thirst is not a bad thing, we realize. It can lead straight to our heart's desire.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 3/09	OLSS - 5:00 PM - Lenten Mission - Main Church
Tue 3/10	SFoA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:00 PM - Lenten Mission - Main Church OLSS - 6:00 PM - Lenten Penance Service
Wed 3/11	SFoA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - Religious Ed - Double Room
Thu 3/12	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - Religious Ed - Classroom 5 OLSS - Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - Religious Ed - Double Room
Fri 3/13	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - Men's Cursillo - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Adoration Main Church OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Fish Fry - Social Hall SFOA - 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross OLSS - 6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
Sun 3/15	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Breakfast Social - Social Hall OLSS - 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM - 1st Communion Retreat OLSS - 12:00 PM Donut Social - Social Hall

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 3/08	Lewart Simmons Susan Price-LaSalla
Sunday 3/15	Kathleen Rodgers Anna Kidd

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 3/09	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Mary Jane May, Ron Logan
Sunday 3/15	Trisha Jenkins, Larry White, Kathy White, Patty Zawislak, Chrissy Bundrick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 03/07	Elisabeth Sepulveda Mary Ann Moore	Bryant Shepard	Dave Costa Diane Costa Greg Glaz Dennis Foster
Sun 03/08	Hunt Thornhill Lucia Feijo	Issac Dominici John M. Hopkins Samuel Dominici	Mike Recore Clyde Miller John Nevins Robert Cappello
Tue 03/10	Karen Hill		
Wed 03/11	Richard Foy		
Thu 03/12	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 03/13	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 03/14	Gene Niksa Karen Hill	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins	Don Petrine Saul Capulong James Pappas Ron Logan
Sun 03/15	Judy Buchanan Greg Lockhart	Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez	Clyde Miller Carl Boria Ken Sylvester John Nevins

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 1, 2026	MARCH 2, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 17,547.25 	COLLECTION - \$ 11,706.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,664.00 	MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,529.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 1, 2026	MARCH 2, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,786.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 1,180.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,888.00 	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,410.00

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The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Faith, Hope, Charity will begin this weekend. Our parish goal for **OLSS is \$43,968.00** and for **SFOA is 4,824.00** With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PURPORTING TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS
REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



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