

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Announced Masses

Saturday, December 16

- 4:00PM Berta & John Matzele
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Reynolds
& McSorley Families

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00AM Peter Levantino
9:30AM Deceased Members of the Merola, Zingano
& Pallante Families
11:00AM Maristella & Giuseppe Blanco
12:30PM Rosemarie Lanzarone
7:00 PM Antonio Persichilli

Monday, December 18

- 9:00AM Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brullo

Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 AM Margaret Leahy

Wednesday, December 20

- 9:00AM Nancy Catapano

Thursday, December 21

- 9:00AM Luis & Carmen Soto

Friday, December 22

- 9:00AM Joyce Nagrate & Emilio Stucchio

Saturday, December 23

- 9:00AM Dominick Zizzamia
4:00PM Lenny Galati
5:30PM Msgr. Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 24

- 8:00AM Angelina Consolmagno
9:30AM Robert Westrich
11:00AM Joanne & John Quattrocchi
12:30PM Luciano Di Giallonardo

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 7 pm MASS on 12/24

CHRISTMAS VIGIL & DAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24

- 4:00PM Joseph & Gaetana Levantino, Frank
& Netta Scimecca, Richard Rauch, Sonny Succoso
6:00PM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
& Persichilli Families
MDNT John & Ella Milo

Monday, December 25

- 7:30AM Joseph DeMarco
9:00AM Dorothy & Francis K. Hall
10:30AM Gladys & Kelvin Voyeau
12:00PM Deceased Members of the Emigholz
& Cancelleri Families
1:30PM Bill & Kay Roesch (Living Intention)

Christmas Flower Offering



During the Christmas Season, our church is adorned with lovely Christmas flowers. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flower fund, please use the envelope found in your packet of Sunday envelopes, noting the name of the loved one you would like remembered on the line provided.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the

Week of December 17 – December 23

Given in Memory of

Joseph DeMarco

Donated by Frances DeMarco

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 23

- 4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 23

- 4:00PM J Butalid, E Burns, E Vitiello, C Messina
& L Barbato
5:30PM J Cimino, C Houle, M Lappin, C Losi & A Pompei

Lectors – Sunday, December 24

- 8:00AM C Ambrosino
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM B Weir
12:30PM F Monte

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Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, December 24

- 8:00AM M Ennis, C Rosato, J Stanzione, M Randazzo
& L Bauer
9:30AM S Monteforte, L Capobianco, T Strange, MA Higgins
11:00AM M Sprague, B Paccione, C Ordy & N Villani
12:30PM M Quadrino, V Acri, C Belvedere & G LaGrua
NO 7 PM MASS on 12/24

CHRISTMAS VIGIL & DAY

MASS Ministers

Please refer to the separate Holy Day schedule.
If you are unsure, please call the Rectory.

Altar Servers –

Please refer to your new schedule for 12/23 & 12/24.



Sincere Condolences

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

**Michael Incontrera, Baby Jackson Hickman, Daniel Hanrahan,
Lucio Erardi, Andrej Rinkovsky**

2018 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2018 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. There are also announced masses still available for 2018. Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a mass or Sanctuary Lamp.



Advent Candles Memorialized

The Advent Candles, which are on our Advent Wreath, have been memorialized by the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who serve at the 8AM Mass.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Last weekend we were surprised with a few inches of snow that turned our landscape crisp and white. It's beginning to a lot like Christmas.

I want to thank all of you who risked slipping and sliding to come and attend the 5:30PM Mass for Bishop Elect Gabriel Mendy. He was truly thrilled and grateful for the outpouring of love. I enjoyed taking selfies under our Advent Tree in the vestibule of our Church. We wish him all God's choicest blessings as he undertakes his unique role in all of Gambia. His whole country is one diocese and since Catholics are only 20% of the population, he is their only bishop. The people of Gambia are rejoicing because he is a 'Son of the Soil'. All the earlier bishops were Irish missionaries. There are only 20 parishes at present and they are spread over a four-hour drive across the country. His installation and ordination to the Episcopacy will take place on February 3rd, 2018 first in a stadium and then in his Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers. His parents, five brothers and two sisters are living in Gambia and they will be most thrilled to have him close to home.

I received an email from Anthony Gorgia, from North American College in the Vatican and he asked me to pass it on to the entire parish:

Dear Parish Family:

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy...For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you" – Luke 2:10-11

And having seen the Star over the place where the Christ Child was, the Magi set out at once to find Him.

As Christmas Day fast approaches, and as we prepare to commend 2017 to the Lord's care, I am moved to think back with deep gratitude for the blessings of this year. This past July has seen me embark on one of the newest beginnings of my life, moving to the Pontifical North American College in Rome to continue my studies and formation for the priesthood. This involved the experience of leaving behind the family and friends I have known for my whole life; the home where I grew up; my parish, which has been for me a "second home;" and the parishioners who have been so dear to me. All the same, the more I think of the story of that first Christmas night, when heaven joined earth to rejoice at the gift of a Savior given to us, the better I can thank God for what He has done for me this year. I realize that, in a way similar to the Magi, I too have "seen the Star" shining over a new land, Rome, a place where I myself would find Christ. It is to this place that I have set out, so that with His help, one day as His priest, I may kneel at His manger to offer Him the gift of my heart forever. Truly, in my new home, I have encountered Christ with much joy –through the new friends that I have met here and through the beautiful places I have visited.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift of love ever given, I pray that this Christmas will be a time of peace and happiness for you and for your loved ones. May it be a time in which we recommit ourselves to "seeing the Star" in our own lives, calling us to set out at once to find Jesus in our hearts anew.

Through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God, I pray that you may have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy, and Healthy New Year!

Yours in Christ, Anthony Gorgia

Please keep Anthony, Carmine, Daniel, Peter and Niall in your prayers as they face end term papers and final exams, as well as all of our college students. It's crunch time!

Last Sunday at the 11AM Mass we officially welcomed our Catechumens, those who are preparing for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation this Easter. They are Danielle Bilardi, Sarah Smith, Lauren Alvarez, James Keeler and Brenda Koenig. Let us pray for them and support them on their journey of faith in full communion with us.

Thank you for coming to our Christmas Fair to support the Parents' Association of Our Lady Star of the Sea School this past Saturday and Sunday.

Just a gentle reminder: December 18, 2017 is Reconciliation Monday and all priests in the Archdiocese are to report to our confessional stations from 4-8PM to help our faithful Catholics remotely prepare for Christmas by going to confession. This is the one gift you can give yourself.

Happy Laetare Sunday, Rejoicing Sunday. We wear rose vestments to signify that the coming of the Lord Christmas is near. Blessings to all of you.

Fr. Tom Devery

**Come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
this Advent Season!**

Monday, December 18 from 4-8 PM



Monday, December 18th has been designated "Advent Reconciliation Monday" in the Archdiocese of New York. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4 pm to 8 pm. You may go to any parish during this time. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive the Sacrament during this Advent Season! Confessions are also heard here at OLSS every Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.



**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Christmas Mass Schedule – 2017**

4th Sunday of Advent - December 24

*The following Masses
fulfill the Sunday Obligation*

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Christmas – December 25**

*The following Masses are for the
Christmas Holy Day*

Sunday, December 24

4 pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Monday, December 25

7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am,
12Noon, & 1:30 pm

Masses are in the Church only.

Please note that the 4 pm and 10:30 am Masses
are usually very crowded,
and parking may be difficult.

If necessary, you may use
the municipal lot across from
the public library on Huguenot Ave.

Please do not use the TD Bank parking lot.

Thank you!

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• **Letters to Santa!** Our Lady Star of the Sea students wrote over 600 letters to Santa this month. One of our parents, Mrs. Orsino, delivered the letters to Macy's on December 8th and more than \$1200 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation!

• **Reminder...**Dismissal will be at 1 pm on Tuesday, December 19th. There will be lunch and bus service.

• Our Pre-K4 Christmas Show will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 9 am in O'Mara Hall.

• **Break A Leg!** Our 8th grade Christmas Spectacular, A Snow White Christmas, will take place on Friday, December 22 at 1 pm.



**OLSS Adult Volunteer
Thank You Party**

**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in
O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 5, 2017
from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:**

<i>Eucharist Ministers & Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Adult Care Committee</i>
<i>Ushers & Sacristans</i>	<i>Adult Choir & Cantors</i>
<i>Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board</i>	<i>Soccer Executive Board</i>
<i>Contemporary Ensemble</i>	<i>50 Plus Group Officers</i>
<i>Bereavement Core Team</i>	<i>Parents' Association Board</i>
<i>Div. & Separated Core Team</i>	<i>RCIA Core Team</i>
<i>Adult Faith Formation Team</i>	<i>Food Pantry Volunteers</i>
<i>Eucharistic Adorers</i>	<i>Holy Name Exec. Board</i>
<i>Legion of Mary Exec. Board</i>	

Sons & Daughters of Mary Executive Board
OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff
**Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 984-0593 by Friday,
December 29th so that we are prepared with the right
amount of food.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 5 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Widowed Club – A group is available for widows and widowers to come together and share their experiences. The next meeting will be **Thurs., January 11** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings will begin a new session at a future date. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, January 3 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm in the Rectory.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Legion of Mary – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, December 18 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory**. We guard for Friday adoration and pray an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. We also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation and bring Communion and/or visit the sick or homebound. For more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message Our Facebook page—"Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.





Pray for the Sick

James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brocine, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaitner, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Msgr. Peter Smith, Margaret Smith, Eleanor Spaguolo, Robert Stranberg Sr., Michelle Surreys, Dustan Vasquez, Lisa Vasquez, Sarah Weathers

Please Note: Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, December 19 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 pm.**

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 information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on our 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 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Ceremonies

EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm (excluding Dec. 24 & Dec. 31)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Baptism Ceremonies take place in the Church EVERY Sunday at 2 pm.

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 be obtained only **AFTER** the Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.

Cluster Corner

Our Lady Help of Christians Mass Times – 7396 Amboy Rd.
Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, 4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 6:30 PM. Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

Parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas-St. John Neumann



Mass times at St. Thomas - 6123 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 10 AM (Italian), 11 AM, 1 PM, & 6 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri. 7 & 8 AM, Sat. 8 AM

Mass times at St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

✓ Mark Your Calendar

For Your Christmas Shopping

Holy Child Ave Maria Gift Shop

Saturdays 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Sundays 7:30 am – 2:00 pm
From 12/18-12/22, hours will be 12 pm – 4 pm each day.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, January 5th 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314

Join us as Brian and Pam share with us their story of living a pure courtship and marriage after Brian lived the homosexual lifestyle for years. Music and confessions at 6:30 PM, followed by 7 PM Mass, Dinner, and Talk.

St. Clare Ignatian Prayer Group



Saturday, January 6th in the St. Clare's Presentation Center. Gathering for coffee after the 9:00 am Mass. Prayer begins at 10:00 am.

Respond to the stirring in your heart to move closer to God through music, prayer with scripture, spiritual conversation and discussion of topics in Ignatian spirituality.

Wedding Music Workshop



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

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8:15PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
_____ Fridays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 5:30PM

Addiction Angels – There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **January 25 at 7 pm** in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every first Thursday, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7:15PM and a Healing Mass at 8:30PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on **January 4**.