

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 13

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi
& Serrantonio Families

5:30PM Samuela Bodiford

Sunday, January 14

8:00AM Arnel Veracruz

9:30AM Rose Izzi

11:00AM Carolina Sciluffo

12:30PM Vincent Mangogna

7:00PM Mercedes Marra

Monday, January 15

9:00AM David Russell

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 AM Vincent D'Agostino

Wednesday, January 17

9:00AM Lucius Akut

Thursday, January 18

9:00AM James & MaryEllen Martin

Friday, January 19

9:00AM Anthony & Emily DeLuca

Saturday, January 20

9:00AM Patrick Dunleavy

4:00PM Lydia Long

5:30PM John Tobin

Sunday, January 21

8:00AM Andrea, Giuseppe & Joe DeLuca

9:30AM Frederick Deighan

11:00AM Caterina Gelardi

12:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.

7:00PM Donna Baker

Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Brad Mason & Elaine Seaman



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.

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.

Volunteer Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please see the Sacristan after Mass or stop in the Rectory office Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30 pm. (One gift per family, please.) Thank you!



The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

January 14-20

Given in Memory of

**The Deceased Members of the
Puglisi & Serrantonio Families**

Donated by their family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 20

4:00PM F Monte

5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 20

4:00PM J Coscia, A Petrocelli, J Uhlman, C Harris
& B Palomba

5:30PM N Villani, A Dazio, M Lappin, C Houle, R Marino

Lectors – Sunday, January 21

8:00AM P Zoltowski

9:30AM J Zinsley

11:00AM B Paccione

12:30PM A Medeiros

7:00PM G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, January 21

8:00AM M Quadrino, J Perdichizzi, M Ennis, M Molinini

9:30AM E Burns, S Monteforte, L Appel, B Barone

11:00AM V Acri, N Fallacaro, C Ordy, J Tolento, C Messina

12:30PM MA Russo, M Randazzo, A McCoy, S Catalano
& B Peters

7:00PM K Melka, J Limeri, B Weir, A Zuffante, M Sprague

Altar Servers – Saturday, January 20

4:00PM F Surace, D Cavicchio

5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers – Sunday, January 21

8:00AM N Shirazi

9:30AM S Artz, E Gladstone, I Santatemia

11:00AM P Marone, G Gulotta

12:30PM G Vassallo, G Marino, N Salerno

7:00PM N&S&A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

**Donna Colgan-Arena, Michaelina LaFata,
Pat Di Pietro-DeLuca**

Giving Tree Thanks

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for all the wonderful donations. We received hundreds of gifts and gift cards. Thank you to **Debbie Emigholz** for organizing the Giving Tree program and the individual gift donations and a special thank you to **Donna Ferreri**, who coordinated the organizations and her volunteers: **Anne Marie Colombo, Nancy Fallacaro, Marianne Russo, Carol Ordy, Marcia Varacalli, Diane Parenti & Jeanne Casanovas** for all their hard work. Your donations and all our volunteers helped to make the Christmas season a bright one for the less fortunate of our parish and our community.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

I want to honor all of you who came to Mass last weekend in those bitter freezing temperatures. I also want to honor our elderly, frail and homebound for not coming out and risking more serious setbacks in your health. Last weekend was brutal. Ironically, I was amazed and delighted that the parents of our children from Our Lady Star of the Sea School, our second graders, all came; no one was missing last Saturday at noon for the First Sacrament of Reconciliation. I was so proud, not only did the parents arrive early so that the children could be organized, but at my invitation, many parents came forward to receive the graces of absolution in their Sacrament of Reconciliation. It melted my heart to see this happen.

I can see during the night and now during the day, deer feeding on berries from our landscape. They too must have a tough time in this frigid weather. I am sure you have noticed this with your pets, having to walk the dog is most difficult during this time. Cold weather has a way of making us all a little more aware. During this past week, I have noticed that what seems to be wet asphalt can indeed be black ice and it is so easy to fall. Just slowing down and taking precautions is necessary. Our dear Florida friends have felt the blast this year. I recently read an article how many people can be persuaded to claim, "Well so much for global warming, maybe there really isn't such a thing". In the article I read, it declared and this seems to make sense. Indeed the polar caps are warming so there is less ice floating near the North Pole. This has shifted the weather patterns, that the colder air masses that were at one time far more north than us have shifted further south, so that we may be seeing more Canadian like winters. Ergo, global warming is alive and well and is changing weather patterns like never before.

This has been a difficult time for travelers, especially at JFK Terminal 4. Not only were they left stranded for hours and indeed days, but also then, a sprinkler malfunction and flooding occurs. This is a terrible suffering for travelers to our great city and our own citizens just trying to get home. I know that this weekend is Martin Luther King weekend. It's a winter holiday and many people head for the airports. I am praying for safe journey for all travelers. One day, I was asking "Siri" on my cell phone to answer the question: "How many people at any given time are up in the air onboard flying in the skies, all across the earth?" I was astonished to learn the answer: about two million people.

We have begun our Life in the Spirit Seminar for the next 5 Tuesday evenings at 7PM in the Church, and our Caregivers Seminar, for the next three Saturdays in the Damato Room at 12 noon. Thank you for coming and seeking the wisdom and gifts of the Lord.

I want to alert you to a special concern that will occur on Saturday, March 3 at 7:30PM in our Church and at 3PM on Sunday, March 4 at Our Lady of Pity Church. Father Richard Ho Lung, M.O.P. and a troop of 11 singers and musicians from Kingston, Jamaica will join us for a night of praise and worship. Father Richard Ho Lung is the founder of the Missionaries of the Poor. Father Ho Lung will arrive on February 23 and will stay until March 5 with a merry group of 12. We will offer hospitality and learn about "Simplicity and Humility of Jesus". I hope you can plan on joining us during this time.

Seven students from our school received an award of \$1000 from the Archdiocesan Inner City Scholarship Fund. On January 16th they will be invited to Cathedral Girls High School to receive this award from Cardinal Dolan. I especially want to thank our principal Mrs. Jeannine Roland for all her time and effort to pursue this for our children.

So may all this good news warm you, inspire you, take the chill out of our lives to be better caregivers and educators and help spread the faith. Be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Tom Devery



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- School will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Midterms for grades 3-8 begin on January 17. Please refer to the schedule sent home before the Christmas break.
- Catholic School Week begins on January 28. Check our Website for a list of events.
- Come see OLSS in action on Touring Tuesday! Join us for an open house on Tuesday, January 30 from 9-11 am. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 26 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 **Thursday, February 8** 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, February 7 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, January 15** at 7:30 pm in the **Chapel**. 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 Biondillo, Sarah Brodine, 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 Dawidowicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, John Leahy, 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, January 16 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

Life in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the “Life in the Spirit Seminar!”

Place: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel

Dates: January 16, 23, 30, February 13 & 20

Time: 7-9 pm

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

OLSS Movie Night

On **Friday, January 19th** at **7:30 pm** in O’Mara Hall, OLSS will be showing the movie of the month – **The Face of Mercy**. Join us to learn about Divine Mercy through St. Faustina.

Caregiver Seminar Series

January 20, 27 & February 3, 2018

12 Noon in OLSS Damato Meeting Room

In addition to prayer, what else are you doing to take care of yourself while caring for others?

Come to hear some concrete measures to learn the impact of self-care on overall health and what actions to take to maintain your balance and protect your physical and emotional resilience. Dr. Herbert Benson of the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital calls this “Remembered Wellness.” For more information, please call Diane Hopkins, RN, MA at 718-948-7824.

Will Seminar: Planning Your Legacy

FREE SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL, ESTATE PLANNING, HEALTH CARE PROXIES, POWER OF ATTORNEY, LIVING TRUSTS AND PROBATE.

Writing a will isn’t the most pleasant of tasks. That might explain why so many adults avoid this cornerstone of estate planning. According to an AARP survey, 2 out of 5 Americans over the age of 45 don’t have a will.

But creating a will is one of the most critical things you can do for your loved ones. Putting your wishes on paper helps your heirs avoid unnecessary hassles, and you gain the peace of mind knowing that a life’s worth of possessions will end up in the right hands.

What is a Will? What happens if I die without a Will? What is a Health Care Proxy or a Power of Attorney? Who should I name as my executor? What if there are minor children or grandchildren? How often does a Will need to be updated? Please join us for a free tutorial to answer these and other questions for you.

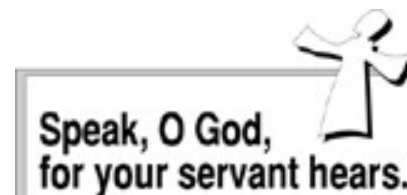
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM (After 4 PM Mass)

Place: Our Lady Star of the Sea – O’Mara Hall

Speaker: Joanne Seminara, Esq., GRIMALDI & YEUNG LLP

RSVP: (646) 794-3317 or email dawn.ellwood@archny.org



✓ Mark Your Calendar

OLSS STAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS

The Star Players will be holding auditions for their spring show:

Let's Boogie!

A Tribute to Music from the 1970s

Singing Auditions: Tuesday, January 16 and

Friday, January 19 from 6-9 pm

(Please come prepared with a song related to the 70s)

Dance Auditions: Wednesday, January 17 from 6-9 pm

(Dress to dance, dancers will learn a combination)

Acting Auditions: January 16 & 19 from 6-9 pm.

Children will be given a short monologue upon arrival to rehearse before auditioning.

(There are only a limited number of parts available; therefore, not everyone who auditions will be cast as a lead.)

Show Dates: June 20, 21, 22

(Must be available for all show dates)

Auditions are held in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center and are first come, first serve. Auditions are open to children ages 4 through college.

20th Annual Service of Worship

Staten Island Council of Churches

The Staten Island Council of Churches' 20th Annual Service of Worship marking the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on **Thursday, January 18** with Praise Songs beginning at 7 pm and the Worship Service beginning at 7:30 pm. Zion Lutheran Church, 505 Watchogue Road, Willowbrook. Rev. Msgr. Richard Guastella of the Church of St. Clare will give the reflection.

St. Clare Ignatian Prayer Group

Saturday, February 3rd in the 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.



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

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25,

March 11 (NO Class on March 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK FAMILY LIFE † RESPECT LIFE OFFICE



Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please join us.

All are welcome.

Saturday retreats offered in 2018 throughout the Archdiocese:

February 24-Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow

April 28-St. Peter/St. Mary, Haverstraw

(Spanish-language retreat),

October 20-St. Francis of Assisi, Manhattan

One-day retreat is from 9:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner. Scholarships are available. To register online, www.emfgp.org/archny, or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator for Parenting and Family Life Education: susan.disisto@archny.org or (646) 794-3191

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

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 Pat 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 **February 1**.

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

