



December 13, 2015
Our Lady Star of the Sea
 Third Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 12

- 9:00AM** Amelia Chiarello
4:00PM Joseph DeCandia
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Reynolds
 & McSorley families

Sunday, December 13

- 8:00AM** Peter Rudden
9:15AM Deceased Members of the Thaler
 & Matzelle families
10:30AM Barbara Bisignano
12 Noon Mary & Dominick Biscardi
1:15PM Andres & Olga Rosado
7:00PM Stephen & Lucy Ferrigno

Monday, December 14

- 9:00AM** Amelia Newborn

Tuesday, December 15

- 9:00 AM** Joann Muscarella-Megala

Wednesday, December 16

- 9:00AM** Dorothy Lynch

Thursday, December 17

- 9:00AM** Rosemarie Langarone

Friday, December 18

- 9:00AM** Nancy Catapano

Saturday, December 19

- 9:00AM** Michael G. French
4:00PM Msgr. Leo Bierster
5:30PM Patricia Balestrieri

Sunday, December 20

- 8:00AM** Margaret & Daniel Leahy
9:15AM Berta & John Matzelle
10:30AM Robert Cancelleri
12 Noon The Molinari, Marcellino, & Delia Families
1:15PM Lenny Galati, Sr.
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
 & Persichilli Families

Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers – Dec. 18

Isaac was born of German immigrants in New York City in 1819 and in his youth, experimented with the Methodist Church, as well as Unitarianism, Mormonism, and also Transcendentalism. However, in 1844, at age 24, he entered the Catholic Church during the worst outbreak of anti-Catholic violence in America. Isaac believed that Americanism and Catholicism were compatible and complementary, and by divesting of its European appearance, the church could fulfill its mission in the United States. Having been first ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1856, he received permission from Pope Pius IX to establish a community devoted to converting Protestants in America to the congregation of St. Paul the Apostle. His order preached and demonstrated how the Catholic faith corresponded to the cravings of the heart. Through his efforts, the Church accepted his desirable ideals: the principles of democracy, the separation of church and state, and religious pluralism – contributions of the American Catholic Church to the Vatican II Council. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
 December 13-20 2015

In Memory Of
Kelvin & Gladys Voyerau
Donated by
Carol Ordy

Lectors – Saturday, December 19

- 4:00PM** F Monte
5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, December 19

- 4:00PM** C Harris, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, J Uhlman,
 G Decker
5:30PM T Scaramuzzo, M Andreola, J Amitrano, A Dazio,
 J Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, December 20

- 8:00AM** L Bauer
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon B Weir
1:15PM G LaGrua
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, December 20

- 8:00AM** J Perdichizzi, R&L Bauer, J Stanzione, P Zoltowski
9:15AM D Avena, MA&W Higgins, L Capobianco, J Gatto
10:30AM C Ordy, B Paccione, J&C Gerace, M Sprague
12 Noon L Appel, J Prato, M Recanatini, C Belvedere,
 J Tolento
1:15PM B Nicholson, R LaMonica, MA Russo, A McCoy,
 R Marino
7:00PM T Palmieri, C Barone, A Zuffante, E Bellina, C Houle

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 19

- 4:00 PM** E Harris, D Cavicchio, K Marchisella
5:30 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves

Sunday, December 20

- 8:00 AM** N&J Mele, M Esposito
9:15 AM G Scarmato, M Coelho, A&F Auriti
10:30 AM A Castelle, B Walsh, G Gulotta
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, R Faljean
1:15 PM C Trang, G Marino, J Jacoby
7:00 PM J LoPiccolo, J Magnotti, A Meola



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Arthur Bongiorno

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This is the Sunday to Rejoice, Gaudete Sunday. The Advent season lights the rose colored candle and the priest wears the rose colored vestment to signal that the Lord is near and it is time to rejoice. Last Saturday evening that rejoicing came early after the 5:30 Mass, when Monsignor Jeff Conway honored us by pressing down on the switch that lit 150 Christmas Memorial Trees. The weather was perfect and the sight was brilliant. I am so pleased that it all went off well thanks to the Holy Name Society and all their muscle and engineering power.

I received the following notes of appreciation and gratitude from our seminarians who were selling chances to promote their pilgrimage to Rome for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and Bill Harder, Executive Director of the Cross Road Foundation:

Dear Father Tom and OLSS Parish Family,

On behalf of the community of the Cathedral Seminary House of Formation, we wish to thank you for your generous support of our raffle appeal. Because of your kindness we were able raise almost \$6000. Most especially we want to thank you for your prayers and best wishes. We are reminded of the proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," but it also takes a parish to nourish a vocation. We are forever grateful for the joy you bring us as we prepare to serve you one day as priests of Jesus Christ. May our Blessed Lady, Star of the Sea, fill your hearts this Advent Season and always with every grace and blessing.

Yours in Christ, Anthony Gorgia, Carmine Caruso, Niall Mc Donagh,

Corrado J. Barcia, and Wesby Victor

Dear Father Tom,

Thank you very much for allowing us (Cross Road Foundation) to conduct our "Baby Bottle Campaign" at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church this year. With donations at the door and 465 bottles returned, we were able to raise \$13,159.01.

Please extend our gratitude to your parishioners for their support. Be assured that these funds will be well used as we contribute to assist new and expectant mothers in need. Again, we offer our sincere thanks for your heartfelt support of our foundation.

Sincerely, Bill Harder, Executive Director, Cross Road Foundation

This Monday from 4 to 8 PM in the Church all the priests will be available for Advent Reconciliation Monday. The Archdiocese of New York had directed every priest to report to a parish and minister sacramental confessions in preparation of Christmas and this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. There is no greater gift you can give Jesus this Christmas than the grace of a good confession and having a clean soul to receive Him this Christmas. Please come and be refreshed.

I want to honor the children and parents of our Religious education children who last Friday lead us in a wonderful evening of Advent Lessons and Carols. We can never tire of hearing the story of how Jesus came to birth to be our Savior.

This Sunday "Voyces for Christmas" will gather in our church at 5PM for a wonderful musical a cappella tribute to Advent and Christmas. I want to thank Beth Johanning for conducting this chorale.

Sister Rosemary FHM, from the Saint Edward Food Pantry handed me a flyer concerning a scholarship for Catholic women. It is entitled the GIVEN Forum 2016, Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum, which will be held June 7-12, 2016 in Washington, DC and it's open to women 20-30 years old who are open to becoming rising leaders. You can apply online at www.givenforum.org.

As we listen to the words of Sacred Scripture today, the Lord invites us to rejoice in Him for He is near.

Have a blessed Advent week,

Fr. Tom Devery



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Nick McCarthy & Alyssa Ferraiuolo
THIRD TIME: Salvatore Annarumma & Marie McNiece

WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, December 27th**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next workshop: Feb. 28.)



SICK LIST

Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Ralph Quezada, Caesar Russo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Sandy Trapani, Dora Valiente, Jack Walsh. **Please Note: If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Service on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 3:30PM**. Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over.

(The next Healing Mass will be on Jan. 5 at 7:30PM.)

GIVING BASKET

Gifts are due THIS weekend so that we can distribute them in time for Christmas!

Thank you!

Come enjoy the seasonal sounds of



Voyces

An Early Music Vocal Ensemble

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. OLSS presents the choral group **Voyces**, a Staten Island-based early music ensemble dedicated to the study and performance of Renaissance & Baroque vocal works, directed by Beth Johanning. **Voyces** will present a stunning celebration of early English Advent & Nativity Music that you will not want to miss! This concert is open to everyone and free of charge: a goodwill offering will be taken at the concert.

Come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent Season!

Monday, December 14, 4-8 pm

Monday, December 14th 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

- **Tree Lighting** - Congratulations to the following 8th graders who were honored for their true example of Christian living by their fellow classmates at the Christmas tree lighting: **1st place:** Krista Marchisella, **2nd place:** Shane Marashaj, and **3rd place** was a tie between Gianna Sicari and Gianna Levine. Larry O'Friel was recognized for having written the best composition. We are so proud of the example you set!
- **Pajama Drive** - Our 1st ever Pajama Drive was a huge success. Special thanks to the National Junior Honor Society members for organizing the events for the day.
- **Contest Winners** - Congratulations to Gabriella Malvasio and Jonathan Merlis who were our school winners for Senator Lanza's "Make a Law" contest.

GROUP MEETINGS

50 Plus Club – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on **December 18**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

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

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement group will not be meeting during the holidays. If anyone needs to speak to someone during this time, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number, and someone will get in contact with you.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 PM** in the OLSS rectory and new members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society - Our next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **January 13th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information please call Chairmen Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Thank you from the Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone for coming out last Saturday for the Christmas Tree Lighting. We hope everyone enjoys their trees this Christmas Season. In the programs handed out, there were a few omissions and we would like to thank Vinny Stasi from the Holy Name Society and Angela Marotta for all their hard work during this event.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? 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. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Night of Reflection

on the Year of Mercy

Thursday, December 17, 7:30 pm

Fr. David Rider, presenting

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – ST. CLARE'S PARISH

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on Saturday, January 2nd in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Ave) at St Clare's parish. They meet right after the Saturday 9am mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10am.



CLUSTER CORNER

The New York Archdiocese initiative "Making All Things New" seeks to address how the archdiocese can best meet the religious, spiritual, and pastoral needs of the people of God now and in the future. This section is devoted to informing OLSS parishioners of various events that are being held at other Cluster Parishes.

Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. Eve. 4:30 PM Family Mass; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM Family Mass, 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 4 PM (Spanish) & 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 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

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM



OLSS Presents Paul Failla in:
"The Class of Life"

A Theatrical Experience
Directed by Michael Moriarty



Saturday, January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Class of Life is a theatrical experience that takes the audience on a journey which highlights one man's life and many people's experiences Utilizing a blend of humor, drama, and life experience, the actor takes his audience on an emotional roller coaster through stories relating to all. This poignant presentation will surely touch the lives of those who value family, tradition, and comedy.

Tickets \$25 per person
Our Lady Star of the Sea - O'Mara Hall
Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Showtime 8 p.m.

A variety of wraps, salads, coffee, tea, and dessert will be served before the show.

Questions or Reservations call: Tony Langella (917) 817-1110
or email: classoflifecolss@yahoo.com
Return this form with payment to Our Lady Star of the Sea Rectory
All checks payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea
18 years and older please

The Class of Life – January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Name _____

EMAIL _____

Phone _____

of Tickets @ \$25ea. _____ Amt enclosed \$ _____

All Tickets must be purchased in advance.
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the 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 Class & Ceremony Dates

Dec. 13th and Dec. 27th

Jan. 10th and 24th

Feb. 14th and 28th

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMAL CLASS ON DEC. 27TH. IT WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 20TH INSTEAD.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Certificates attesting to the fact that a 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.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun.	5:30PM
AA	Sun.	8:15PM
	Mon.	10AM
	Tues.	4PM
	Thurs.	4PM
	Fri.	4PM
	Sat.	7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues.	6:30PM
	Fri.	6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues.	8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs.	7:15PM

PLEASE NOTE:

Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating, binge eating and other eating disorders using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA*. (*Adaption granted by AA World Services) Friday Night Meeting "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM Face-to-Face Meeting in our Basement Rectory Phone Meeting (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212 Access Code: 950-897# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone) For Additional Meetings and More Information Visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393

STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

*PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, 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 7.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."