

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 24, 2017

Announced Masses

Saturday, December 23

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)

Tuesday, December 26

9:00 AM Stephen W. Phillips

Wednesday, December 27

9:00AM Neil Palomba & Family & Frank Sisino

Thursday, December 28

9:00AM Anne Sheeran

Friday, December 29

9:00AM Albert Young

Saturday, December 30

9:00AM Joseph Simone
4:00PM Anthony Pepe
5:30PM Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Love

Sunday, December 31

8:00AM Kelly Cunningham
9:30AM Joanne Carrado
11:00AM Jared Dane Scott
12:30PM Russ Kryszak

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2018

Since the Solemnity falls on a Monday in 2018, it is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation, however, all are invited to celebrate the Feast Day at the 9 am Daily Mass on Monday, January 1, 2018.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the Week of December 24 – December 31

Given in Memory of

Marie Cancelleri

Donated by Bob & Eileen O'Connor

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 30

4:00PM S Gambino
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 30

4:00PM L Barbato, J Coscia, J Uhlman, E Vitiello
5:30PM M Quadrino, F Ruggiero, C Losi, M Andreola

Lectors – Sunday, December 31

8:00AM L Bauer
9:30AM M Pinto
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM A Deliso

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Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, December 31

8:00AM M Molinini, J Stanzione, A Sparandera, P Zoltowski, J Perdichizzi
9:30AM J Gatto, J Zinsley, M Iacono, J Galletta, A Zuffante
11:00AM N Fallacaro, J&C Gerace, E&G Riozzi
12:30PM J Amodio, A Maffeo, A McCoy, R Ruskowski, MA Russo

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Altar Servers –

Please refer to your new schedule.



Sincere Condolences

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

Dianne Hague, Antonino Marletta, Anthony J. Ragaini

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.



UPCOMING

HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

Sunday, 12/24/17 – Christmas Eve – 9 am – 3 pm
Monday, 12/25/17 – Christmas Day - CLOSED
Sunday, 12/31/17 – New Year's Eve – 9 am – 3 pm
Monday, 1/1/18 – New Year's Day - CLOSED

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

“For unto us is born a Savior Christ the Lord” – Merry Christmas to all of you. The Incarnation of Jesus into our world changes everything. Through the birth of the Son of God, all creation would one day be redeemed. A new reign of God has entered into the world. As the Book of the Prophet Isaiah said, “Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light, for those who lived in a land of gloom, light has shone”. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. May this Christmas season fill you with His grace.

I want to highlight some of the events that will happen here at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in 2018. On January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 13, 20 from 7PM to 9PM we will host a “Life in the Spirit” Seminar. At Christmas, we unwrap shiny gifts with our names on it. At this seminar, we explore the deeper gifts of the Holy Spirit that have been given to us, which we may have not had the chance to unwrap. This will take place in the OLSS Daily Mass Chapel. If you have ever attended a Healing Mass and/or a Healing Service you will find people who have been empowered to pray for healing and minister to us. Where does this come from? Come and join us and find out. There will be a time for fellowship and refreshments. There will be a love offering.

Another program being offered in the Rectory Basement on Thursday Mornings from 10 to 11:30 AM beginning in February will be the “The Gospel of Saint Matthew”. Renew International will once again give us the text and chapters to understand more fully each chapter of this wonderful Gospel. As you may recall this was the dream of Sister Jean Wagner, when we began the Gospel of Saint Luke in September of 2016. I know she’s smiling down from heaven on us, knowing that this will continue. If you haven’t joined us before please consider it now.

On March 3rd in our Church, we will be hosting a special concert with Father Richard Ho Lung, MOP. Father Ho Lung, is the founder of the Missionaries of the Poor. His community of brothers and sisters began in the poorest section of Kingston Jamaica in 1984 and they have grown to nearly 600 missionaries. They seek out the homeless to gather them into their shelters where they are fed, housed, bathed and treated with Christian love and dignity. That Saturday evening will feature Jamaican Singers and Father will speak about Christian Simplicity and Love. His community has been growing in amazing numbers. They can be found in Indonesia, India, Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Haiti, Belize, North Carolina as well as in Jamaica. This remarkable man has worldwide recognition similar to Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I have traveled these last 4 years to minister alongside their community in their apostolate of prayer and free service to the poor. On March 13-19, twenty folks from Staten Island will fly down and work alongside the Missionaries of the Poor. Please mark your calendar for this special evening.

I would like to offer the men of our parish the opportunity to join a Bible Study on the Word of God. We gather every Sunday from 7AM to 8:30AM in the basement of the rectory and we pray Morning Prayer of the Church and review and discuss Sunday’s readings. The reason we gather so early is so that we don’t take away from family time. Iron sharpens iron and we are fostering growth in our relationship with the Lord.

As these 12 Days of Christmas bring us closer to Christ, let us feed our souls as well as our minds and not just our bodies. From all of us here at Our Lady Star of the Sea to your family we wish you a most wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy and holy New Year.

Fr. Tom Devery



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!



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.



Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, January 6th at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church.
Sponsored by the Legion of Mary & America Needs Fatima.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for December. Our value for December was COMPASSION and was awarded to: *Lorenzo Mineo, Isabella Evans, Patrick Golden, Joseph Masella, Alessandra Costabile, Thomas Mogielnicki, Jr., Gianna Capuano, William Karpeles, Ashley Palmieri, Madison Cermeli, Giavanna Sciandra, Jacob Mele, Isabella Mandara, Cole Criscitiello, Jazmine Soberano, William Monteforte, Olivia Adragna, and Giuliana Petrunaro.*

• A special thank you to all those who made this holiday season so special at OLSS! Thanks to Mrs. Lopardo for organizing the Adopt-A-Senior Drive, to Mrs. Orsino for taking charge of the Make-A-Wish Letters to Santa Campaign, to our wonderful Parents' Association for ALL the special events you hosted during the month of December, to our teachers and students for the festive door decorations, class pageants and performances, and thank you for your continued generosity, not only during the Advent season, but throughout the year! Wishing you a peace-filled Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!



OLSS Adult Volunteer Thank You Party

**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in
O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 5, 2018
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.**

Pray for the Sick



James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, 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 Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Monaco, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, January 16 at 3:30 pm.**

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 & Time: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel from 7-9 pm
Dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 13 & 20
For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471



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.

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, January 8 at 7:30 pm** in the Rectory. The LOM is responsible for Friday adoration and prays 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 to bring Communion and/or visit to the sick or homebound. Our Facebook page is "Legion of Mary OLSS Praesidium". If you are interested in joining the Legion or the auxiliary, please attend one of the meetings or contact Carol at 917-621-7814 for more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home. **Please note: there will be NO Friday Adoration on December 29 & January 5.**

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.

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

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.

BUS TRIP TO SAND'S CASINO

The Stolzenhaller Council of K of C is sponsoring a trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, January 9**. The cost is \$30 per person, with \$20 back in slot play and \$5 back in food. The bus will leave Stolzenhaller Council at 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Newborn @ **917-697-5603** for information & reservations.

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**.

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

