

Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, December 30

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 Scotto
12:30PM Russ Kryszak

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 7 pm MASS on 12/31

Monday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00AM Dorothy Gallione

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 AM Lorraine Scaramella

Wednesday, January 3

9:00AM Rita Larsen

Thursday, January 4

9:00AM Edward Murphy

Friday, January 5

9:00AM Vincent DeMarco

Saturday, January 6

9:00AM Laura Randazzo
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Samaritano,
DiAntonio & Gesualdi Families
5:30PM Sal Lalicata

Sunday, January 7

8:00AM Paul Chevront
9:30AM Mercedes Marra
11:00AM Corrado Manfredi
12:30PM Luise Fischetti
7:00PM Thomas Chiusano



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.



**UPCOMING
HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS**

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



**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 31 – January 6
Given in Memory of
**The Deceased Members of the
Tarantola & Sparandera Families**

Donated by Angelina & Gabriel Sparandera

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 6

4:00PM S Gambino
5:30PM C Messina

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 6

4:00PM J Coscia, A Petrocelli, M Quadrino, J Uhlman
5:30PM M Andreola, A Dazio, B Palomba, N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, January 7

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM M Newell
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, January 7

8:00AM M Ennis, C Rosato, A Sparandera, A Shirazi,
P Zoltowski
9:30AM E Burns, J Gatto, B Higgins, S Hitchcock, M Iacono
11:00AM V Acri, N Fallacaro, C&J Gerace, C Ordy
12:30PM J Amodio, S Catalano, A McCoy, MA Russo,
R Ruskowski
7:00PM C Barone, G Decker, C Houle, G LaGrua, B Weir

Altar Servers – Saturday, January 6

4:00PM D Heidel, D Cavicchio
5:30PM C Nieves, P Marone

Altar Servers – Sunday, January 7

8:00AM N Shirazi, E Gladstone
9:30AM J Bell, I Santatemia
11:00AM N Salerno
12:30PM G Vassallo, G Marino
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:

Pasquale Branchizio, Frank Acerra, Jim Murray

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.

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.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Once again, Merry Christmas, while we are still in the season I am calling down God's choicest blessings to you and your families for the New Year 2018. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and now that all the gifts are open and the great waiting time is over. Advent was so short this year. With the Fourth Sunday of Advent occurring on Christmas Eve it was an abrupt ending. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our parish families honor the true meaning of Christmas and join us for Christ's Mass and celebration of His birth. The Son of God became flesh for us to make Him known, loved and served.

This Nativity of Jesus occurred in obscurity, in poverty and out in the open. Jesus was born homeless at that moment, but not without love. He had from the first moment visitors came, some were shepherds, even angelic choirs showed up in concert and finally the gifts arrived with the Magi's. The birth of Jesus was also sadly controversial. It led to holy innocents being slaughtered, jealousy and rage of King Herod and the holy family having to flee into Egypt. They were indeed refugees. Yet in all these events, Emmanuel let himself be known, "GOD IS WITH US". He is still living in hearts that make room for Him.

Not all gifts come in packages with wrapping paper and bright bows. We have a gift to share with you that will bring great comfort and glad tidings. Mrs. Diane Hopkins is a retired nurse and medical administrator who is a parishioner and she has discussed with us priests the possibility of a Caregivers Seminar. We are looking at Saturdays at 12 noon in the Damato Room in the OLSS Athletic Center to host a 4-week seminar.

The reason for this came about with our discussion with her about the number of our parishioners who are stressed, depressed and otherwise feeling trapped into a situation of being the only major caregiver for a loved one who is dealing with loved ones who in recovery from cancer, or addictions, or being 24/7 available to elderly parents who need their attention. This is draining, exhausting and when the topic of self-care is mentioned to these care givers it is almost non-existent. This seminar will explore the healthier options we have when we are overwhelmed. Feelings of irritability coming from the patient and their loved ones is normal. To complicate matters when siblings or others who are close by, don't bother or get involved it is easy to feel abandoned, resentful and angry.

Diane Hopkins has had the experience of working with staff at psychiatric hospitals and nursing home staff. She has a total understanding and compassion for people who so encumbered. It is our hope that if there is someone who is in this situation, they might relieve the "Caregiver" for 90 minutes on the Four Saturdays of January 13, 20, 27 and Feb 3, 2018. Everyone is invited.

Just a reminder that the Life in the Spirit Seminar will begin on Tuesdays from 7PM to 9PM for the next 6 weeks beginning on January 9th. I am grateful to Maria Ugenti, Barbara Bennett, and Marie Ferro for inviting our parishioners to this seminar. The topics that will be discussed are God's Love for Us, Salvation, New Life, Receiving God's Gift, Praying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Growth in the Spirit, and Transformation in Christ. There will be questions to be discussed and time for prayer and praise and fellowship. So to get over the New Year letdown after Christmas, we will focus on the Life of the Spirit.

So rather focus on the blues, or the blahs, why not seek actively the blessings.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- Wishing a happy and healthy New Year to all! See you all when school resumes on January 2, 2018!
- January will be a busy month at OLSS! Check the school calendar for updates on MAP testing, midterm exams, and Catholic School Week activities!
- In-house Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on Monday, January 8 for Pre-K 3 and 4, and on Tuesday, January 9 for those students in grades K-7.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

1st Friday Overnight Adoration Vigil

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month it will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, January 5 at 9 pm** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, January 6 at 9 am**.

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

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 9, 16, 23, 30

February 13 & 20

Time: 7-9 pm

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

Caregiver Seminar Series

January 13, 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 718-948-7823.

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 to guard 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.

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 Moncada, 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.**

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

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:

*Eucharist Ministers & Lectors
Ushers & Sacristans*

*Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble*

Bereavement Core Team

Div. & Separated Core Team

Adult Faith Formation Team

Eucharistic Adorers

Legion of Mary Exec. Board

Sons & Daughters of Mary Executive Board

OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff

Altar Adult Care Committee

Adult Choir & Cantors

Soccer Executive Board

50 Plus Group Officers

Parents' Association Board

RCIA Core Team

Food Pantry Volunteers

Holy Name Exec. Board



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. 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.



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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

throughout the Archdiocese in 2018:

January 13-Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries,
Putnam County

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

✓ 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.

Minty Awards Dinner Gala

The Minty Organization for the Performing Arts will be hosting its annual Minty Awards Dinner Gala on **January 11 at 7pm** at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn. It promises to be a night of dining, dancing, entertainment and fantastic raffles. Honorees include the Sr. Raimonde Bartus (Carl W. Lesch Memorial Award for Educator of the Arts), Frank Lombardi (Distinguished Alumni Award), Ed Burke (Community Enrichment Award), Moore Catholic's 1972 SHOW BOAT (Outstanding Show Award) and Tyler Kelly and Dominique Treglia (Msgr. Joseph C. Ansaldi Memorial Prize). Tickets are \$85 (\$65 for those under 21) and can be purchased by calling [347-688-9527](tel:347-688-9527) or visiting www.mintys.org. RSVP by January 8. Over the past seven years, The Minty Awards has honored and showcased the best of Staten Island's Catholic high school theatre departments and its students, donating over \$60,000 back to these programs. Co-sponsoring the Gala is the Hilton Garden Inn.

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**.