

**DECEMBER 9, 2012**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

"MAY THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP SAFE THE GOOD PEOPLE  
OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA."

*Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**December 8, 2012, The Immaculate Conception**

**9:00AM** Angelo and Mary Gazzola and Theresa Fallacaro  
**12 Noon** Jennie and Joseph Arena and  
Mary and Anthony Gorgia

**Saturday, December 8, 2012**

**4:00PM** Dec. Members of Thaler and Matzelle Families  
**5:30PM** Patricia Balestrieri

**Sunday, December 9, 2012**

**8:00AM** William S. Ordy  
**9:15AM** Olga and Andres Rosado  
**10:30AM** Vincent Sadowski  
**12 Noon** Mary and Dominick Biscardi  
**1:15PM** Antoinette and Patrick Vulpi  
**7:00PM** Stephen and Lucy Ferrigno

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Loreta and Nicola DeMonte

**Tuesday**

**9:00AM** Joseph DeCandia

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Beatrice DiDomenico

**Thursday**

**9:00AM** Peter and Robert Manetta

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Dec. of Morrissey and Selletti Fms.  
and Stephen McFeeley

**Saturday, December 15, 2012**

**9:00AM** Theresa Scaramuzzo  
**4:00PM** Robert Westrich  
**5:30PM** Raul Ghiano

**Sunday, December 16, 2012**

**8:00AM** Peter Rudden  
**9:15AM** Deceased Members of Ennis and Healy Fms.  
**10:30AM** Angela and Gennaro Lattanzi  
**12 Noon** Deceased Members of Reynolds and  
McSorley Fms.  
**1:15PM** Carmela Mesiti  
**7:00PM** Barbara Besignano



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Condolences to the family of: *Anne Alfonso and Sophie Moziak*



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**FIRST BANNS:** William Marshall and Loretta Gall  
Ralph Stuto and Victoria Patanio  
**THIRD BANNS:** Anthony Caputo and Priscilla Scarpati

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP—WEEK OF DEC. 9**  
**IN MEMORY OF OLGA MEROLA**  
**FROM HER LOVING SISTER MARIA**

**Lectors –Dec. 15, 2012**

**4:00PM** C. Harris, E. Vitiello  
**5:30PM** R. LaMonica

**Eucharistic Ministers –Dec. 15, 2012**

**4:00PM** C. Baggot, J. Coscia, G. Decio, M. Sicari,  
S. Roberto, V. Caruso, C. Houle  
**5:30PM** C. Biondolillo, M. Andreola, A. Dazio, JM Graziano,  
J. Cimino, M. Lappin, M. Graziano

**Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012**

**8:00AM** M. Andreola, J. Perdichizzi  
**9:15AM** T. O'Connell, A. Pompei  
**10:30AM** L. Bauer, M. Coppolo  
**12 Noon** M. Higgins  
**1:15PM** F. Monte  
**7:00PM** K. Melka, J. Limeri

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012**

**8:00AM** M.J. Truckenbrodt, J. Coscia, M. Ennis, T. Daluise,  
J. Gatto, A. Sparandera  
**9:15AM** L. Capobianco, C. Scalzo, A. Brady, M. Vierno,  
R. Scarpati, M. & S. Hitchcock  
**10:30AM** G. Balestrino, T. Strange, M. Randazzo, R. Bauer,  
M. Sprague, B. Barone, J. Prato  
**12 Noon** L. Barbato, E. & G. Riozzi, G. Donohue,  
M. Langella, C. & J. Gerace  
**1:15PM** P. & L. DeCarlo, C. Ordy, M. Randazzo,  
N. Fallacaro, B. Nicholson  
**7:00PM** A. Zuffante, D. McCumisky, A. & F. Saulo,  
C. Barone, C. Pontecorvo, G. LaGrua

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012**

**4:00 PM** C. Harris, J. Martino, M. & K. Rivera  
**5:30 PM** M. Losi, C. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani

**Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012**

**8:00 AM** J. Bell, N. Mele, C. Marashaj, A. Discenza  
**9:15 AM** E. Carey, F. & G. Scarmato, D. Smerina  
**10:30 AM** F. Auriti, R. Ruskowski, C. Sikorjak, K. Tobin  
**12:00 Noon** A. Mattioli, C. & J. Nardulli, M. McDonough  
**1:15 PM** N. D'Angelo, F. & T. Nieves, D. Dunn  
**7:00 PM** M. Brophy, L. Caiazza, V. Sicari, G. Tulino

**HERO SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST. LUCY, DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup>**

St. Lucy was born in Syracuse in Sicily. At an early age, she secretly made a vow of virginity. She accompanied her long suffering mother to the tomb of St. Agatha and, at this time, she was cured of her hemorrhaging disease. Lucy was the victim of an attempted rape and, when she resisted, she was denounced as a Christian, arrested, tortured and sent to a brothel where she became immovable, thus protecting her virginity. She was then martyred by a sword plunged through her throat. Her name means light and, hence, she became the patron saint of those suffering from eye diseases. She is honored in the Canon of the Mass, and is generally depicted holding a tray with two eyes. Her body is venerated in Venice, where it rests in a glass casket. She is honored in a stained glass window in our Chapel. (JM)

## MASS CELEBRANTS

### Saturday – Dec. 8

4:00PM Msgr. Peter Smith  
5:30PM Msgr. Peter Smith

### Sunday – Dec. 9

8:00AM Fr. Kevin Malick  
9:15AM Fr. Kevin Malick  
10:30AM Msgr. Jeff Conway  
12 Noon Msgr. Jeff Conway  
1:15PM Fr. Kevin Malick  
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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### PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group usually meets on Tuesdays at 8PM in the Damato Meeting Room in our Athletic Center for prayers of praise, singing, centering and intercessory prayer. New members are welcome. Everyone has the opportunity to be prayed over.

No Prayer Group on 12/25 or Jan. 1. Meetings resume on 1/15/13.

(No Healing Service in December or January)

The December Healing Mass will be on Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. January Healing Mass will be Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8PM. Praise and Worship at 7:30PM.

### MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM we will have our Music Workshop, at which time you will be able to select the liturgical music for your wedding and ask any questions.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Paul Alaimo, Denise Amore, Maggie Anglemeyer, Jeanne Ardine, Betty Barrasso, Christine Bessi, Barbara Boscia, Dustin Cabeza, Marion Concaduna, David, Lanette, Ethel and Nanette Colon, Connie Bonanno, Dustin Cabereza, Rosanna and Mike Cannavan, Erminia Cancellare, Frances Carbone, Serafina Carlone, Stephanie Cerchio, Fred Chilvers, Paul Ciaccio, Philip Civello, Sal Civello, Frances Codispodo, David and Ethel Cohen, Marion Condadora, Edith G. Corredor, Vincent Crispino, Jaime Cucuzza, Marie Curcio, Virginia Cutrone, Joan DiFiore, Charles Dolce, John Emigholz, Sr., Joseph Ennis, Vincent Fillacomo, Carol Federic, John Foder, Anthony Galante, Nancy and Antoinette Gallo, Carol Gawron, Eddie Gelormino, Dolly Gerardi, Joan Gordon, Richard Kempton, Andrew Hardin, Stanley Kielbasa, Tarek Kamal, Victor Lamberti, M. Lawler, James Ledger, Elaine Lewis, Alice Lombardo, Fay McKeveney, William Magrino, Jr., Vincent Malchiodi, Domenico Mallozzi, Michael Maniscalco, Judith Matzio, Lauren Mauro, RoseMary McGraw, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Anna Milham, Eileen Narbut, Amelia Newborn, Dave O'Hanlon, Joseph Pagano, Joseph and Barbara Pasquarello, Lucy Peters, John Petrizzo, Josephine Petrosino, Joseph Pineiro, Camille Polly, Rachelle Puglisi, Carmen Rangon, Mary Rizzuti, Denise Santanella, Carlos Santiago, Mildred Santostefano, Maria Scaglione, Celeste Setty, Lorraine Skelly, Frances Slattery, Steve Speranzo, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Maryann Taranuk, Susan Tawes, Cynthia and Stephanie Tonback, Lisa Vasquez, Olga Walchok, Robert Wideman, Carol Wright, Mary Lou Yacovacci.



### Help needed

#### HOLIDAY HELP FOR THE NEEDY

If you know of a needy family who could use some help during the Christmas season, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number. All calls are kept confidential. If you would like to donate a turkey, a ham or a supermarket gift certificate, you can bring them to the Rectory at any time. Thank you.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

All Parish Families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the Parish Baptismal Preparation Program. The program is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 Noon in the Athletic Center (Damato Meeting Room). We invite you to bring along your baby's Godparents to hear this special presentation. Please call the rectory for a Registration Packet before attending the Sunday Meeting. A copy of the child's birth certificate is needed. The sponsor must have proof of Confirmation, a sponsor certificate (see sponsor certificate information below) and must be at least 14 years of age. The Baptismal donation of \$100 and the yellow registration form must be brought to the Parish Office (Mon.- Fri. 9 to 4PM), prior to the Baptism Meeting. You may then bring the completed registration form to the meeting of your choice.

### BAPTISMAL CLASS

12 Noon – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>

### BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>

### 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 AFTER any of the other Sunday Masses. The PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST see the priest AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS and request one.

### ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 from 7 to 11PM for all:

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Adult Care Committee
Ushers	Adult Choir
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Girl Scout Exec. Board	Sports exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School & Rel.
Bereavement Core Team	Education Faculty
Divorced and Separated Core Team	RCIA Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team (AFF)	Parents Assoc. Bd.
Eucharistic Adorers	

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Fri., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call 984-0593 and leave your name and number. Thank you.



### GIVING BASKET

ALL GIFTS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. AS IN THE PAST, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO THOSE IN NEED.

## HURRICANE FUND

The collection for relief of parishioners affected by Hurricane Sandy came to more than \$16,000. Along with other checks mailed to us, the total came to \$23,000, which the parish rounded out to \$25,000. There were five families who notified us that they lost their homes – and each of those families received \$5,000 checks thanks to the generosity of the OLSS Family.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**INQUIRY:** Did you ever think of becoming a Catholic? Have you been coming to church with a family member or a friend for a number of years and maybe considered Baptism and full Initiation into the Catholic Church? Are you baptized in another faith, but now desire to become Catholic? If interested or would like more information call the rectory: (718) 984-0593.

### Second Sunday of Advent – Prayer of repentance

**Reading 1** Baruch 5:1-9 (Jerusalem consoled)  
**Reading II** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (gratitude and hope)  
**Gospel** Luke 3:1-6 (John the Baptist)  
**Key Passage** John went into all the regions around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)  
**Adult:** *In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now?*  
**Child:** *What do you want to ask God to forgive you for?*  
Questions taken from Heritage of Faith, (Jo McClure Rotunno, and CTL)

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY:** The group meets on Mondays at 7:30PM. Sessions will begin shortly. If you are interested in attending, you must call the rectory prior to the meeting and leave your name and number.

**BOOK GROUP MEETING:** The next meeting of the book club will be **Thursday, December 13, at 7:30PM** in the rectory. We will continue our discussion of *Holy Spirit 101* by John L. Gresham, available online at both Amazon and Barnes and Noble. We will focus on Chapter 3. Please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081 for more information.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our Group, the next meeting is on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Rectory and will meet consecutively for the next five Wednesdays at the same time. Please call the rectory to register at (718) 984-0593.

**Adult Faith Formation Core Team Meeting:** There will be a core team meeting on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM in the Rectory Living Room to continue discussion and planning for the Year of Faith. Please call or email Joe Limeri if you are unable to attend.

## SPORTS NEWS

**Intramural Basketball Registration:** The last intramural registration date is December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Athletic Center. This is for girls and boys all grades K through 8th grade. Please note that there will be No registrations taken after December 10th. Fee is \$90/1 child, \$125 for 2 and \$135 for 3 or more. Forms are available on line at [olssbasketball.com](http://olssbasketball.com)

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY-DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup>

Cardinal Dolan has designated Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, as "Advent Reconciliation Monday." All parishes in the Archdiocese of NY will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available during most of the day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Lady Star of the Sea will have confessions continually from 4 to 8PM on this day. Please take advantage of this opportunity. We pray that this Reconciliation Monday will help you to appreciate the great gift God has given us in this Sacrament. As usual, here at OLSS, confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:30 to 4PM and 5 to 5:30PM.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Honor Students

We are pleased to announce that 120 students from grades 3 through 8 have met the criteria for the First Quarter Principals' List for the 2012– 2013 school year. Congratulations to all! Please visit the parish website [olssparish.org](http://olssparish.org) which has a link to the school website [olssi.org](http://olssi.org) for a complete list of names.

### Criteria:

- 90 and above in all academic subjects including total quarterly average
- At least a B in all other areas
- No more than 1 lateness



### 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 loved one you would like remembered on the line provided.*

### CHRISTMAS ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

*This year's show depicts 3 New York City Christmas windows – displays that come to life including Santa's Workshop, a Winter Wonderland and a classic family scene followed by a traditional Christmas Concert.*

Our show directed by Mike Ancona & Mike Pinto will be on:

Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00PM

Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00PM

General Admission - \$15 (Pre Show) - \$20 (At the Door)

Children 10 & Under and Seniors - \$10 (Pre Show)

\$15 (At the Door)

Information: Maryann (718) 966-0671



(tear off)

FRIDAY \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN & SENIORS

FRIDAY \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. OWED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

If OLSS student/family Fair Share must be completed and presented at time of purchase.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OLSS. NO PRE-SHOW SALES ACCEPTED AFTER THURS., DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup>. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR AFTER THAT DATE ON THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW**

# A truck of supplies for Staten Island's Catholic families in need

By Diane C. Lore/Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- What to do with a truck full of supplies for Hurricane Sandy victims?

Our Lady Star of the Sea School principal **Irma Cummings** didn't have to think twice about it.

Mrs. Cummings said she received a call last week from a school parent, **Anthony Piazza**, whose daughter, **Gianna**, is a sixth-grader, and son, **Giancarlo**, a third-grader.

"He said 'I have a tractor-trailer full of packaged chips, pretzels and pound cake and other items, can you help me?' " Mrs. Cummings explained.

According to Mrs. Cummings, Piazza, a federal government employee who has been involved in hurricane relief efforts, said the loaded truck had arrived from the South, and that he wanted the contents to be dispersed to Catholic school families throughout the borough who suffered losses in the hurricane.

Mrs. Cummings immediately contacted **Diana Gatto**, marketing coordinator for Staten Island Catholic schools, who in turn reached out to the entire Catholic school community with the news.

In true "pay it forward" style, Star of the Sea was able to provide four other schools – Our Lady Queen of Peace in New Dorp; St. Adalbert's in Elm Park; St. Christopher's in Grant City, and St. Peter-St. Paul School, New Brighton – with small, but much-welcomed items, for their families in need.

At the same time, seventh-graders at Star of the Sea were able to collect more than 1,200 winter coats during their annual coat drive, to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy and other community organizations.



The Hurricane Sandy relief efforts are "teaching our students by example, to give from the heart," says Principal Irma Cummings. Seventh-graders collected more than 1,200 winter coats during their annual coat drive. Pictured are, from left, Steven Wren, Joey Fiorentino, Gabrielle Grano, Emily Garcia, Michael Caprioni, Daniella Columbia, John Perrotta and Michael DiSanto.

*Photo courtesy of Irma Cummings*

Some of the coats will be donated to the Rotary Club of Staten Island to distribute to needy families. **Frank Cilento**, a school parent and past-president of the Rotary Club, said he was grateful for "the large outpouring of support from Our Lady Star of the Sea parents and students."

"We have been very fortunate to be able to 'pay it forward' here at Our Lady Star of the Sea, when many other parishes have suffered great losses," Mrs. Cummings said.

She said the school's hurricane relief efforts are "teaching our students by example, to give from the heart."