

January 10, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Baptism of the Lord



Announced Masses

Saturday, January 9

9:00AM Maureen Elkins
4:00PM James Geehan
5:30PM Louis Principato

Sunday, January 10

8:00AM Mike Melillo
9:15AM Michele & Maria Mandara
10:30AM John Orfano
12 Noon Paul Barone
1:15PM Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brullo
7:00PM John Orfano

Monday, January 11

9:00AM James Siri

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 AM Rpsse Palazzo

Wednesday, January 13

9:00AM Kitty Manetta

Thursday, January 14

9:00AM Elda DeVito

Friday, January 15

9:00AM Donald Bennett

Saturday, January 16

9:00AM Martina Infante
4:00PM Beloved Deceased of OLSS
5:30PM Rosa Soponaro & Vito & Antonio Deliso

Sunday, January 17

8:00AM Andrea DeLuca
9:15AM Kitty Manetta
10:30AM Rosemarie Alfieri
12 Noon Edith Ponzi
1:15PM Joseph Capriulo
7:00PM John Orfano

2016 Sanctuary Lamps

There are no announced Masses available for 2016, however, unannounced Masses are available. If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2016 in memory of a deceased loved one, they are available & the donation is \$35.

Memorial Vigil Lights Available

Memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. The name of the deceased is placed on the vigil light. Envelopes are located in the book racks. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory. There are 28 candles available each month, requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of January 10-16
Given In Memory Of
Marilyn Troy

Donated by The Limeri Family

Lectors – Saturday, January 16

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, January 16

4:00PM B Nicholson, A Petrocelli, C Bondolillo, L Barbato,
J Uhlman & V Caruso
5:30PM J Cimino, M Lappin, A Dazio, F Barone & F Monte

Lectors – Sunday, January 17

8:00AM M Higgins
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon B Weir
1:15PM G LaGrua
7:00PM T Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers, January 17

8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, A Sparandera, C Rosato,
& J Stanzione
9:15AM W&MA Higgins, L Capobianco, M Sprague, J Gatto
10:30AM C Ordy, B Barone, J&C Gerace, G&E Riozzi
12 Noon S Catalano, L Appel, C Belvedere, C Bottiglia,
& J Tolento
1:15PM R LaMonica, B Peters, M Recanatini, MA Russo,
& N Villani
7:00PM C Barone, K Melka, A Zuffante, E Bellina, S Caiazzo

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM K Marchisella, V Pavlick, K Martino
5:30 PM M&E Losi

Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM M Esposito
9:15 AM B Bosques, S Marashaj, G Artz
10:30 AM F&A Auriti, G Monreale
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, A Romani
1:15 PM C, C, F & T Nieves
7:00 PM E Tedesco, L&PJ Caiazzo



Sincere Condolences

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

**Joseph Piccininni, Robert Cooper, Joseph De Marco,
Nancy Savattere, Rose Angelo & Angela Sommers**

Healing Service

There will be a **Healing Service on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 3:30PM.** Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we begin to wind down our Christmas Season, I received in the mail an old classic, "Life of Christ" by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. I must admit I never read it, and when Father David Rider mentioned how the Missionaries of Charity pondered the hidden treasures of this classic throughout Lent, I began my search on Amazon.com and found it. I would like to share with you some quotes from the jacket cover.

*"It was not so much that His birth cast a shadow on His life, and led to His death;
It was rather that the Cross was there from the beginning, and it cast its shadow backwards to his birth."*

"Much more than a simple retelling of the familiar incidents of Christ's life, Bishop Sheen's long awaited Life of Christ is a dramatic and moving account of His significance as the God-Man, as a teacher, and in particular as the Savior of the world. Written with compassion and brilliant scholarship, it is without doubt Bishop Sheen's greatest work, the result of over twenty five years of dedicated research."

"The manger and the Cross thus stand at the two extremities of the Savior's life. He accepted the manger because there was no room in the inn; He accepted the Cross because men said, 'We will not have this Man for our King.' Disowned upon entering, rejected upon leaving, He was laid in a stranger's stable at the beginning, and a stranger's grave at the end. As ox and ass surrounded His crib at Bethlehem; two thieves were to surround His cross on Calvary. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in His birthplace, and He was again laid in swaddling clothes in His tomb..."

If you get the chance, join with me in discovering Jesus during this extraordinary year of Jubilee, through the heart and mind of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in his book "Life of Christ".

On December 23rd, I received the following letter from "St. Edward Food Pantry—Franciscan Handmaids of Mary".

The Franciscan Handmaids of Mary Sisters, St. Edward Food Pantry volunteers and the children whose families come to our Food Pantry would like to thank you and your parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea for their most generous donation of Christmas toys. This helped make their Christmas a lot happier and brighter. Each child who received a gift also received a blessing from those who gave it to them. We at Saint Edward Food Pantry, are truly blessed to have such friends who want to help families in need. It is this generosity that empowers us to continue the Ministry of the Sisters to help those in need. May you and your parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea have a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year and may 2016 be a joyous one for everyone.

Sincerely Yours, Sister Rosemary Onwuemene, FHM, Administrator

I am planning a mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica to visit the Missionaries of the Poor Brothers who were founded by Father Richard Ho Lung, MOP. This will occur right after Easter from April 6-11. We will leave at 9:30 AM on that Wednesday morning on JetBlue Flight 59 and return on the following Monday on JetBlue Flight 60 at 6:25PM. The cost is roughly \$550. The work of the mission is to labor at the mission centers feeding the poor and abandoned people within the community's 5 centers. You may Google "Missionaries of the Poor, Jamaica" and see what's involved. This will be my third trip and it was very moving encountering Christ in the poor. We enter into the prayer life of the Brothers, and this sustains their free service to the poorest of the poor. For further information contact me at the rectory. Along with the airfare, you will need a US passport.

As we navigate through this Extraordinary Year of Mercy Jubilee and our own parish's 100th Anniversary Jubilee, we are invited to be renewed in Christ this year.

May the Lord abundantly bless you with peace!

Father Tom Devery

Wedding Music Workshop

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sun, Feb. 28**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (*Next workshop: April 24.*)

Sick List



Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Collier, Nanette Colon, 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, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Michelle Scalzo, 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.**

CHRISTMAS THANKS

OLSS Parishioners took part in the Annual Advent Giving Basket, which not only helps out local organizations and their clients, but also local families in need. As a result, the following notes of thanks have been received:

"To everyone at Our Lady Star of the Sea, thank you for everything you do for me and my family. God Bless"

"To all the staff and members of Our Lady Star of the Sea, you are my angels. Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2016."

"On behalf of the women of Amethyst House, I write to thank you again for your yearly generous donation of gifts. We are very grateful for your donation and we are equally grateful to you for believing in our program. Our service helps to save lives and build strong independent women. Amethyst House makes a difference one woman at a time. May your generosity come back to you one hundred fold. Sincerely, Angela DeSanno, Exec. Dir."


SCHOOL NEWS

Touring Tuesday – Please join us this Tuesday, January 12, to see all the great things that are happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Prospective parents are invited to tour our school and see OLSS in action from 9-11am. We look forward to seeing you!

A Supernova celebration! The Science and Engineering Club of OLSS School came together for a super celebration. Members, who are all students of our 5th & 6th grades, enjoyed a party and special presentation by animal expert Dom Rizzo, of Rizzo's Reptiles and Wildlife Adventures of New Jersey. Members enjoyed a fascinating talk and demonstration and were even able to handle some of the species. It was clear that our club members have a firm understanding of their responsibilities as stewards of all God's creations. Mr. Rizzo praised the members for their high level of interest, their desire to learn, their gentleness in handling the animals, and their respectful behavior during the event.

Congratulations to the 2nd graders who received their 1st Reconciliation on Saturday!

Reminder...Midterm exams begin on Wednesday, January 13th.



Share In Our Students' Success!

A new monthly envelope has been added to the registered parishioner collection packet. Each month, there will be a 2nd envelope that is named "Share in our Students' Success." Any contributions donated through this envelope will go into a scholarship fund for OLSS school students who might otherwise not be able to afford a Catholic education. God bless you for your generosity.

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 **Jan. 22**. 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 next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be on **Wed., January 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join or would like more information, please call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

Book Club - The next meeting of the book club will be **Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Miracles Do Happen: God Can Do the Impossible* by Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society - The 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.

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

March for Life in Washington DC

The Staten Island Right to Life Committee is providing transportation to the annual March for Life on **Friday, January 22** in Washington DC. The round trip cost is \$25 per person. Buses will depart from Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Charles Church. If you are unable to go, but would like to sponsor someone, any donation would be greatly appreciated. For reservations or information call Elisa DiSimone at 718-815-4267 or 347-874-3346.

Minty Awards Dinner Gala

The Minty Organization for the Performing Arts will be hosting its annual Minty Awards Dinner Gala on **January 14 at 7pm** at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn. It will be a night of dining, dancing, entertainment and fantastic raffles. Honorees include Marian Sparago, Betsy Joslyn, Rosemarie Callahan, Sen. Andrew Lanza, Msgr. Farrell's 1983 cast of "West Side Story" and beloved chaplain Msgr. Joseph Ansaldi. Tickets are \$85 (\$65 for those under 21) and can be purchased by calling 347-688-9527 or visiting www.mintys.org. **RSVP by Jan. 11**. Over the past five years, The Minty Awards has honored and showcased the best of Staten Island's Catholic high school theatre departments and its students, donating over \$50,000 back to these programs.

Day of Prayer and Healing

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available and the pain & sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime. "Days of Prayer & Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The next "Day of Prayer & Healing" is Sat. Jan. 16. For location and confidential registration, call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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

January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28
March 13, April 10 & 24

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISM CLASS ON JAN. 24TH, IT WILL BE HELD ON JAN. 31ST 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.

Cluster Corner

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

Cluster Events

CALLING ALL SCOUTS! There will be a special Cluster Youth Mass to celebrate Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and our Troop Leaders on **Sun, Jan. 31 at 11 am at St. John Neumann**. Each child will receive a special token of remembrance of this Scouts Mass. Refreshments to follow in Rectory Basement. Sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Cluster 3 Parishes.

St. John Neumann-Thursday evenings - 6pm - AA Mtg in rectory basement, 7:30pm - Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet - Rectory Chapel, 8:00pm - Prayer Group - Bible readings & discussion

OLSS Presents Paul Failla in:

“The Class of Life”

A Theatrical Experience

Directed by Michael Moriarty



Saturday, January 23, 2016

O'Mara Hall, OLSS

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Showtime 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25 per person



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.

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

For questions call: Tony Langella (917) 817-1110
or email: classoflifeolss@yahoo.com
18 years and older please

Return this form with payment to OLSS Rectory
ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 18

“The Class of Life” with Paul Failla - January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Name _____ Email _____

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

Please make all checks payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea

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