

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 14

4:00PM Arthur Witkiewicz

5:30PM Jeanne Agnello

Sunday, January 15

8:00AM Andrea Rosalia & Giuseppe DeLuca

9:15AM Rose Izzi

10:30AM Gaetano Boccio

12 Noon Anthony & Emily DeLuca

1:15PM Andre & Olga Rosado

7:00PM Gemma Deliso

Monday, January 16

9:00AM Richard Mallary

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 AM Ignacio Piedilato

Wednesday, January 18

9:00AM Rosalie Cochran

Thursday, January 19

9:00AM B. William & Sylvia Puleo

Friday, January 20

9:00AM Josephine Cruz

Saturday, January 21

9:00AM Judato & Brenda Butalid (living)

4:00PM Laraine Malone

5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, January 22

8:00AM Angela Giordano

9:15AM Kathleen Rossiter

10:30AM Rosemarie Alfieri

12 Noon Frank Bronzo

1:15PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.

7:00PM Leonard Kinnear

St. Ita (Ida) - January 15

Ita was born in Waterford, Ireland. Though she came from a noble family, she decided to dedicate her life to God. She organized a famous training school for boys in Limerick. She trained two boys who later became saints - Sts. Brendan and Mochoemoc. Brendan asked what three things God loved in a special way, and Ita's reply was, "One - true faith in God with a pure heart, two - a simple life with a religious spirit, and three - an open hand inspired by charity." Asked what 3 things God abhorred, she replied, "One - a scowling face, two - obstinacy in wrong doing, and three - arrogant trust in the power of money." Teachers help us to see the world in new ways, they help us see ourselves and our potential in ways we might never have seen without them. -JM



Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of January 15-21

Given in Memory of

Florence & Michael Generoso

Donated by their loving children,
grandchildren, and great grandchildren

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors - Saturday, January 21

4:00PM C Harris

5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, January 21

4:00PM L Barbato, V Caruso, J Coscia, & A Petrocelli

5:30PM F Ruggiero, V Acri, J Cimino, A Maffeo, J Uhlman

Lectors - Sunday, January 22

8:00AM J Perdichizzi

9:15AM E Newborn

10:30AM F Monte

12 Noon T Solimeo

1:15 PM MA Higgins

7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, January 22

8:00AM R&L Bauer, M Ennis, C Rosato, J Stanzione

9:15AM J Gatto, Sr. Rosemary, S Hitchcock, J Prato,
& D Avena

10:30AM B Barone, C&J Gerace, N Fallacaro & C Ordy

12 Noon C Belvedere, S Catalano, C Messina, B Nicholson,
& G Decker

1:15PM C Houle, A McCoy, M Sprague, B&MA Higgins

7:00PM S Caiazza, A Zuffante, G LaGrua, C Barone,
& K Melka

Altar Servers, Saturday, January 21

4:00PM D Cavicchio

5:30PM M&E Losi

Altar Servers, Sunday, January 22

8:00AM N Shirazi

9:15AM G Artz

10:30AM G Gulotta, C Trang

12 Noon B&M Stackhouse

1:15PM G Vassallo

7:00PM L&PJ Caiazza

Sincere Condolences



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

**Donald M. Vinci, Jessica Cimmino, John & Louise Kucel
Detective Steven McDonald, Paul Liu**

2017 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2017 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. **There are also announced masses still available for 2017.** Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a mass or Sanctuary Lamp.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

Winter has finally landed in, with all its cold, snow, freezing temperatures and cabin fever. Anxiety is high over many things, the world, the inauguration, sicknesses and the worry of falling on ice. Yet through it all, we are tough and resilient and rely more on our prayer and God's graces to get us through this more than ever. We bid farewell to our Florida snowbirds who will enjoy a break from these harsh days. We welcome this Dr. Martin Luther King Weekend to have a midwinter break and yet are aware that God is calling us into a deeper union with Him. Recently someone sent me a list of what to prepare for **Planting Our Spring Garden**:

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is complete without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden, We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends



Water Freely with Patience, Cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

A special word of thanks to Karl, Debbie, Karl, Jr. and Jennifer Emigholz for providing for our Parish Volunteer Party last Friday, food, drink and entertainment. I am so glad that we were able to gather and celebrate all before the snows came on Saturday. I am also grateful to the folks at Portobello Café for the wonderful food.

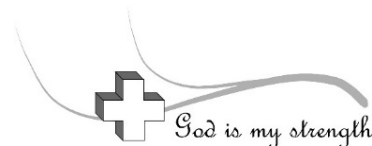
At the time of this writing, we have just found out that Detective Steven McDonald has passed away. Last Friday, he suffered a heart attack at home and was on life support in the ICU until Tuesday, when the Lord took him from his suffering. Both Patti Ann, his wife and Sgt. Connor McDonald, his son have thanked people for the outpouring of prayer and support. Det. Steve McDonald was shot over 30 years ago and had been paralyzed ever since. He had been active in his role on preaching a message of forgiveness and reconciliation. He even went to Northern Ireland to preach this message. He forgave the young man who shot him in Central Park and had been an outstanding witness to God's mercy. This past June, we were blessed to have him speak to our 8th grade during the First Friday Mass. I pray that our Blessed Lord and Our Blessed Mother surround him with their love.

A blessed week to all of you,

Fr. Tom Devery

RCIA - Come Experience God's Love

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. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.



Thank you **Volunteer Thank You Gifts**

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please see the Sacristan after Mass. (One gift per family, please.) Thank you!

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• We are happy to announce that, beginning in September 2017, our Pre-K4 families will have a choice of either five or three full days. The Pre-K3 program will continue to be available. Open registration for Pre-K3 will be on Tuesday, January 24th and Pre-K4 through grade 7 will be on Wednesday, January 25th.

• Midterms for Grades 3-8 will begin on Tuesday, January 17th. A schedule of exams was sent home before the Christmas break.

• Catholic Schools Week begins on **January 29th**.

• Come see OLSS in action! Our next Touring Tuesday of the new year will be on **Tuesday, January 31st** from **9-11am**.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Dawn Dutton, Zenia Enciso, Cristina Fico, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Isabel Gondrey, Herbert Gruberger, Ted Gunther, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, James Ledger, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavo, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez, Louis Vitale, **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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be Feb. 7 @ 3:30 pm.)*

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club –The next meeting will be **Friday, January 27 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– The next session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* will begin on **Wed., January 18 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday February 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We will continue with *Winning The Battle Against Sin-Hope Filled Lessons From The Bible* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ (The Word Among Us Press). For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, February 1 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. 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 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

Cluster Corner

Cluster Parish Mass Times



Our Lady Help of Christians – 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

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

St. John Neumann

SJN Kidz Club - Gift Card Bingo on **Sun., Jan. 22nd** in Rectory Basement. **Grades K-5 from 2-4 pm** – Please bring \$10 gift card for exchange and \$2 for snacks and drinks. **Grades 6-8 from 5-7 pm**. Please bring \$10 gift card for exchange and \$5 for pizza and drinks. For info, email SJNKidz@gmail.com.

Scout Sunday Mass – Come celebrate Scout Sunday on **Sunday, Feb. 5th at the 11 am Mass**. Coffee and cake to follow in the rectory basement.

Cluster Parish Mission

Monday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 5 from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

OLSS 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 22, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26,
April 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place at 2:15 PM in the Church.

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.

OLSS SPORTS VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 8th annual OLSS SPORTS Valentine's Dance Fundraiser will take place on **Saturday Feb. 4th** from **7pm-1am** in the Athletic Center. This is an adult only event. Tickets are \$30/person and includes a catered buffet, DJ, photo booth, door prizes, raffles and more! Tables of 10 or more can be made, or we can add you to any table. Help support the sports program! For more info, contact Kris Zieris at 917-499-3942.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Could God be calling you to a vocation as a Secular Franciscan?

The **Order of Secular Franciscans** is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. It was founded by St. Francis of Assisi himself for those lay people who are single or married, but who wish to follow in his footsteps as their way to grow in the spiritual life, and we endeavor to sincerely mirror his Christ-like example, especially toward those we encounter as we go about our day.

They invite you to join them as their guest at their next meeting on **Thursday January 19th at 3:30 pm**, at Msgr. Farrell High School (first floor). Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Justin Biase, OFM Conv., their latest member will be admitted to the Order, and all will enjoy the annual January celebration of the Extractions of Saints. Refreshments will be served. For more information, email them at franciscans@verizon.net and check out their website at franciscansatfarrell.org.

Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 20th Annual Staten Island Prayer Service Thursday, January 19th at 7 pm

St. Charles Catholic Church (200 Penn Ave, SINY)
Preaching: Bishop Victor A. Brown, Senior Pastor, Mt. Sinai United Christian Church. Refreshments to follow the service. For more info, contact the Staten Island Council of Churches at 718-761-6782 or sicoc@nyc.twcabc.com.



AOH & LAOH Division #4 10th Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Dance Benefit for Michele & Lauren Surrey



Saturday, January 28th from 7 pm - Midnight
St. Christopher's School (15 Lisbon Place, SINY 10306)

\$40 per person, RSVP Required

(includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda & live entertainment)
50/50 tickets will be sold, baskets & prizes available.

For info, call Margaret DelBagno (718-667-0669), Yvonne Sheehan (718-987-5167) or Kathleen Gorman (718-356-6142).

Goretti Group Event

Building a Culture of Dignity

Everyone is welcome to join in a Christmas celebration on **Friday, February 3rd from 6:30-9:30 pm** at Holy Family Catholic Church (366 Watchogue Rd., SINY 10314) Music & Reconciliation will begin at 6:30 pm with celebration of Mass at 7 pm followed by a talk by Weronica Janczuk on Building a Culture of Dignity. For more details, please visit www.thegorettigroup.com/new-york/.

Ignatian Spirituality Session

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on **Saturday, February 4th** in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Rd.) at St Clare's parish. We will meet right after the Saturday 9am mass (optional) and the one-hour session will begin at 10am.

St. Louis Academy Alumni

There will be an "all years" reunion of SLA alumni at the Staaten on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. We are looking for ALL alumni. Please pass the word along. For more information, please contact Patti Lampo Sobkowski (patticake323@gmail.com), Colleen Finnegan Whelan (colleenwhelan@msn.com) or if you prefer, call Janet Kelly at 646-209-3412 for more information. Please help spread the word!!!

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

"But as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: 'When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, 'This is God's chosen One.'

A logo or trademark makes it easy to recognize a product. The sari of St. Teresa of Calcutta or the gentle smile of Pope Francis leave no doubt of whom we speak. A familiar melody or words from the scripture often bring joy to our ears. They stay with us.

When the Baptist said he did not at first recognize the Christ until another sign was offered, he kept on looking. I ask myself, where can I recognize Christ today? How can I discover Him? The saint of Calcutta found Him in the poor and abandoned. The Holy Father tells us He is out on the streets, in the poor, homeless and needy. Where do I look?

Many young people give of themselves as Jesuit Volunteers, builders for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters for our youth. These serve a dual role – they discover Christ and bring Him as well. It is kind of like a smile – something I give away and hold on to at the same time. May others recognize the Christ in me.



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 and sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Thursday, January 26 at 7 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room. 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 **February 2**.