

January 17, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announced Masses

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

Monday, January 18

9:00AM Rose Palazzo

Tuesday, January 19

9:00 AM Matilda Oliva

Wednesday, January 20

9:00AM Richard Addoivizio

Thursday, January 21

9:00AM Karl Henri Almonor

Friday, January 22

9:00AM Sally Sekulo

Saturday, January 23

9:00AM Amelia Newborn
 4:00PM Tony Fiumefreddo
 5:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.

Sunday, January 24

8:00AM Arthur Barlotta
 9:15AM Karen Fantini
 10:30AM Joann Nespoli & Douglas Myers
 12 Noon Antoinette Vulpi
 1:15PM Vincent Tancredi
 7:00PM Giovanna Portera

Bl. Laura Vicuna, Virgin, January 22

Laura was born in Chile in 1891. Her soldier father died and left his wife Mercedes with 2 year old Laura and a baby sister. Mercedes became the mistress of a well to do man, Manuel Mora. At age 8, Laura attended a boarding school run by the Salesian Sisters. At a young age, she asked permission to become a Salesian, but was advised to wait a few years. In 1901, Laura was horrified to receive improper advances from Mora. She begged God to help her and help her mother from the life of a concubine. She asked her confessor to allow her to offer her life for her mother's conversion and because of her genuine spirituality, he agreed. When Mercedes and the children refused to return to Mora, in a drunken rage, he beat Laura into unconsciousness. A week later, she was dead. That night her mother renewed her life and returned to the sacraments.

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of January 17-23
Given In Memory Of
Alfonso Farugia

Donated by Pasquale Guardì & Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 23

4:00PM F Monte
 5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, January 23

4:00PM J Coscia, A Petrocelli, C Bondolillo, C Harris, V Caruso, & F Monte
 5:30PM C Losi, M Andreola, A Pompei, Sr. Rosemary

Lectors – Sunday, January 24

8:00AM L Bauer
 9:15AM E Newborn
 10:30AM B Paccione
 12 Noon B Weir
 1:15PM R LaMonica
 7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers, January 24

8:00AM M Ennis, P Zoltowski, R Bauer, C Rosato, J Stanzione
 9:15AM J Gatto, L Capobianco, D Avena, M Sprague, J Zinsley
 10:30AM C Ordy, E&G Rizzo, B Barone, G Balestrino, T Strange
 12 Noon A Maffeo, J Prato, C Belvedere, S Catalano, L Appel
 1:15PM G Decker, F&R Marino, A McCoy, C Messina
 7:00PM C Barone, G LaGrua, S Caiazzo, E Bellina, A Zuffante

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 23

4:00 PM K Martino, E Harris, D Cavicchio
 5:30 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves

Sunday, January 24

8:00 AM J Bell
 9:15 AM G Scarmato, B Bosques, G Artz
 10:30 AM R Ruskowski, G Gulotta
 12:00 Noon G Vassallo, N Salerno
 1:15 PM C Trang, M Esposito, J Jacoby
 7:00 PM J LoPiccolo, J Magnotti, R Faljean



Sincere Condolences

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

**John McDonough, Louise Marino Tammaro,
 Venora Cirello, Mary Ferguson**



U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. Women, men and children in the U.S. & around the world are subjected to forced labor, domestic servitude and the sex trade at the hands of human traffickers. U.S. Catholic Sisters are working together to end this crime. *Ending Slavery is Everyone's Work!*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Recently I heard Christopher West, a lay theologian who is dedicated to Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body speak about the "Hook-up" culture of our secular times. He was invited to speak at Duke University. The following is an excerpt from his talk:

"The only thing that affords this 'hook-up' culture is contraception and if that fails, abortion. When we remove fertility from the equation and have this condom culture, sex gets reduced to the pursuit pleasure. Fifty years ago, if a man said to a woman that I want to have sex with you, she could rightly conclude that he wants to be the father of my children and he wants to lay down his life for me, have a family with me and be married. Today if a man says that I want to have sex with you, he's saying, 'you're hot and I just want to have an orgasm'. What happened here, and how did this happen? When we remove fertility and pregnancy from the equation, then pregnancy is seen as a pathology. I proposed to the Duke students last night: What would the world look like if we came to see our bodies as God made them with the gift of fertility as something good, something to be embraced, and something to guide our choices and decisions rather than something to be erased from our humanity? Is the body good or not good? And what does a condom culture say? The condom culture says that the way that God made my body, and that sex leads to babies is not good. So what's the real pathology here? Is pregnancy and fertility pathology or is the way we treat our fertility the pathology. These are the questions we need to ponder and when we do, we come to realize that the Catholic Church isn't crazy after all on these issues. Maybe we have swallowed 'a pill' of goods. Maybe a 'Trojan Horse' has entered the city of God to our condom culture."

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to who we really are, Lord open our eyes to the goodness and gift of our fertility. Help us to recognize that embracing our fertility we are embracing the way you made us in your image and likeness. Amen.

Christopher West also commented on last Sunday's reading on the Baptism of the Lord, entitled "Christ Makes Baptism a Bath of Rebirth":

"Christ is baptized in the Jordan River. It's a mystery of unfathomable depths – in fact as the Catholic Catechism tells us, it's a 'nuptial mystery' (CCC 1617). In the second reading of last Sunday, Saint Paul speaks of the 'generous love of God' that saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit. A generous love, as the root of the word indicates, is a love that generates, a love that gives birth. The Holy Spirit—"The Lord, the giver of life", as we say in the Nicene Creed – is the generous/generating love of God. Natural generation through perishable seed points to the supernatural generation of baptism in which Christ gives his 'imperishable seed' (CCC 1228) to his Church – Bride and she 'brings forth sons and daughters ... to a new and immortal life' (CCC 507). In baptism we encounter an open exchange between heaven and earth: heaven opens its mysteries to be poured out on earth and earth opens to receive them. This is what occurred in Christ's baptism; 'Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended,' as we read in the Gospel. In turn, earth opened and all her waters were impregnated with the power to give new life. Blessed are those who are regenerated through water and the Spirit!"

CCC refers to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. May the Lord abundantly bless you in your response to your baptismal call to be a people with a purpose and mission to love God and each other!

Father Tom Devery



Banns of Marriage

FIRST TIME: Raffaele Zerilli & Joey Nicole Cona

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.)

Giving Tree Thanks

Thank you to all our generous parishioners for all their wonderful donations. We received hundreds of gifts and gift cards. Thank you to Debbie Emigholz for organizing the Giving Tree Program and the individual gift donations, and a special thank you to Donna Ferreri, who coordinated the organizations and her volunteers: Anne Marie Colombo, Nancy Fallacaro, Diane Parenti, Mary Ann Russo, Jeanne Casanovas, Sheila Catalano, Marcia Varacalli, and Carol Ordy. Your donations and all our volunteers helped to make the Christmas season a bright one for the less fortunate of our parish and our community.

Volunteer Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please call the Rectory and leave your name so that one can be left for you either at the Rectory or at the Church Sacristy.

March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Friday, January 22nd marks the 43rd anniversary of the monumental Roe v. Wade decision of the US Supreme Court which legalized abortion in all 50 states. On that day, Americans from throughout the country will again rally in Washington, D.C. to peacefully protest and petition our government to restore legal protection to the most helpless in our society - the unborn members. A bus will leave from St. Charles Church on Penn Ave. after the 6:45 a.m. Mass and return at approximately 9:30 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per person round trip. To reserve a seat on the bus and/or receive more information call Elisa DiSimone at 718-815-4267 or 347-874-3346. Donations to help cover the cost are also greatly appreciated.



Bi-Annual Blood Drive Next Sunday!

Sunday, January 24th is the OLSS Biannual Blood Drive! While everyone is enjoying their gifts from Christmas, you can be a part of giving the greatest gift - life. Please put aside your fears and help give a future that might not have been without you. The blood drive will be from 9 AM – 3 PM in O'Mara Hall. In order to donate, you will need identification, must weigh more than 110 lbs., and be between the ages of 16-75. If you are 16 years old, you will need parental consent, and if you are older than 75, you will need a doctor's note. Please make sure to have a good meal and drink plenty of fluids BEFORE you come and donate. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Jennifer McCorry at 516-477-5872.

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.

Sick List



Carmella Beirne, Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, 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, Robert Petersen, 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.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Open Registration for OLSS School - Registration will be held on **Tues, January 26th** for Pre-K 3 and on **Wednesday, January 27th** for Pre-K4 through Grade 7. Registration will be held on both days from 9-11am. Feel free to call the school office if you have any questions.



Reminder...Midterms continue this week!

Save the Date – Please join us for our next **Touring Tuesday** on **February 2** 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!

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 **Thurs, Feb. 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 Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **Feb. 17th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, 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.

Help Wanted!

Certified Catechist - Adult RCIA Program

The RCIA Program at OLSS has expanded so that it can meet the needs of our parish community. We are in need of an additional catechist who can lend a hand and assist our core team with the program. If you are an experienced certified catechist and would like to be considered for this wonderful ministry, please contact Joe Limeri at 347-541-9757.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

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.

Prayer Service

The Staten Island Council of Churches will be hosting a Prayer Service on Thurs., Jan. 21 at Zion Lutheran Church (505 Watchogue Rd) in conjunction with the ecumenical week of prayer for Christian unity. Bishop John O'Hara will preside over the service. The evening will begin with hymns at 7 pm, followed by a worship service at 7:30 pm and refreshments. For more information, please call 718-761-6782 or email sicoc@nyc.twcbc.com.

Ignatian Spirituality Session

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on **Saturday February 6th** in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Rd.) at St Clare's parish. They meet right after the Sat. 9am Mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10am.

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. Feb. 13**. 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 24 (Ceremony only), 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



The New York Archdiocese initiative "Making All Things New" seeks to address how the archdiocese can best meet the religious, spiritual, and pastoral needs of the people of God now and in the future. 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

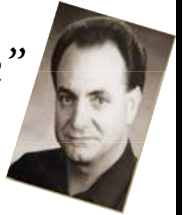
CALLING ALL SCOUTS! There will be a special Cluster Youth Mass to celebrate Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and our Troop Leaders on **Sun, Jan. 31 at 11 am at St. John Neumann**. Each child will receive a special token of remembrance of this Scouts Mass. Refreshments to follow in Rectory Basement.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

FAITH through
THE SPIRIT



OLSS Presents Paul Failla in:
"The Class of Life"



A Theatrical Experience
Directed by Michael Moriarty

Saturday, January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

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.

Tickets \$25 per person

OLSS - O'Mara Hall

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Showtime 8 p.m.

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

Return this form with payment to OLSS Rectory
All checks payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea
18 years and older please

The Class of Life

January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Name _____

EMAIL _____

Phone _____

of Tickets @ \$25ea. _____

Amt enclosed \$ _____

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

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun.	5:30PM
AA	Sun.	8:15PM
	Mon.	10AM
	Tues.	4PM
	Thurs.	4PM
	Fri.	4PM
	Sat.	7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues.	6:30PM
	Fri.	6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues.	8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs.	7:15PM

PLEASE NOTE:

Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating, binge eating and other eating disorders using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA*. (*Adaption granted by AA World Services) Friday Night Meeting "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM Face-to-Face Meeting in our Basement Rectory Phone Meeting (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212
Access Code: 950-897# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone)
For Additional Meetings and More Information Visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393

STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

*PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, 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 4.