

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22, 2017

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, January 21**

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

**Monday, January 23**

9:00AM Amelia Newborn

**Tuesday, January 24**

9:00AM Anna Badalamenti

**Wednesday, January 25**

9:00AM Craig Riccio

**Thursday, January 26**

9:00AM Donald Bennett

**Friday, January 27**

9:00AM Thomas C. Krumpter

**Saturday, January 28**

9:00AM Paola Montenora  
4:00PM Frances Scarpati  
5:30PM Yvonne Cascio

**Sunday, January 29**

8:00AM Robert Johnson  
9:15AM Michael Fiorito  
10:30AM Dr. John P. Curran  
12 Noon Joseph DeLuca  
1:15PM Antoinette Vulpi  
7:00PM Antonio Scarimbolo

**St. John Almsgiver - January 23**

John was born in 550 in Cyprus, the son of Epiphanius, the governor of the island. John married at a young age, but when his wife and child died, he entered the religious life, gave his income to the poor, and became known for his holiness and charity. Upon becoming patriarch of Alexandria, he distributed the wealth of his see to aid the poor. He also helped refugees from Syria and Jerusalem fleeing from the Persians. He also visited the sick in hospitals and build churches. He fought simony, ended corruption and worked to eliminate the unfair taxes levied by the governor. For these reasons, he is called the almsgiver. -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 22-28  
Given in Memory of  
**Gemma Deliso**

Donated by Nancy & friends

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors - Saturday, January 28**

4:00PM B Weir  
5:30PM M Andreola

**Eucharistic Ministers, January 28**

4:00PM C Harris, J Uhlman, E Vitiello, C Barone  
5:30PM J Cimino, F Ruggiero, A Dazio, M Lappin, & V Aciri

**Lectors - Sunday, January 29**

8:00AM P Zoltowski  
9:15AM J Zinsley  
10:30AM M Pinto  
12 Noon A Medeiros  
1:15 PM C Messina  
7:00 PM J Limeri

**Eucharistic Ministers, January 29**

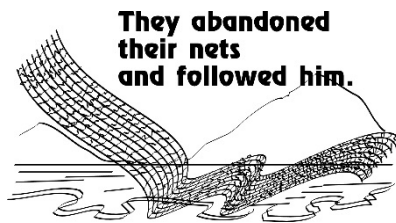
8:00AM A Sparandera, R&L Bauer, J Perdichizzi, & C Rosato  
9:15AM D Avena, L Capobianco, B&MA Higgins & J Gatto  
10:30AM B Paccione, T Strange, C Ordy, L Appel, & B Barone  
12 Noon F&R Marino, E&G Riozzi, & N Villani  
1:15PM J Tolento, MA Russo, G LaGrúa, M Recanatini & G Decker  
7:00PM E Bellina, K Melka, C Houle, A Zuffante & J Limeri

**Altar Servers, Saturday, January 28**

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

**Altar Servers, Sunday, January 29**

8:00AM J Bell  
9:15AM J Mele  
10:30AM N Mele, P Marone  
12 Noon G Marino  
1:15PM G Vassallo  
7:00PM B&M Stackhouse



**Sincere Condolences**

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

**John Strange, Albert Young**

**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.



**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!

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

I want to still comment on the beautiful legacy and the funeral of Detective Steve McDonald. His passing occurred in the midst of many other funerals that week. I was awed by the turnout of people who waited two hours on line at the Community Center of Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center. Periodically, as we waited on line, police officers made the announcement; that if people were in a rush and didn't wish to converse with Patti Ann or Conor McDonald, they were free to enter a special door and say their prayers, before the coffin of Steve McDonald, and leave. To my surprise, no one left the long line. We stood with many friends, police families, Sisters of Life, members of the Guardian Angels with Curtis Sliwa, and even a group of people with Down Syndrome. All patiently were receiving hugs and words of appreciation from Conor and Patti Ann.

I met Steve's father, David McDonald. He drove all the way from Florida in the midst of snow and ice to get to Long Island to be with his son before he died. He is well into his eighties. He asked me, if I would lead a group of people in praying the rosary; and would. The room where Steven was laid out was comparable to the size of the nave of our Church. There were tables set up which held hundreds of framed photographs of the McDonald Family through the years. It was a wonder to me that here is a man so paralyzed, profoundly challenged and yet he went to so many schools, police precincts, parishes, prisons, Knights of Columbus Halls, Lourdes, Medjugorje, Northern Ireland, and the Middle East and Bosnia. He was one of the most active people I have ever met. There was one photo that was iconic and memorable. It was taken in 1995 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. It was Saint John Paul II touching Steven's cheek and conversing with Patti Ann and the young child Conor. Steve indeed was an apostle of forgiveness and took a strong stance on pro-life issues.

It wasn't until I heard Monsignor Seamus O'Boyle preach at his funeral Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, that further details of Steve's life were revealed. Msgr. O'Boyle is a distant cousin of Patti Ann and is a priest in England. He witnessed their wedding in 1984. Monsignor indicated that Steven at first could not speak after he was shot and the ventilator was operating well with his breathing. Cardinal O'Connor would offer Mass every day at his bedside at Bellevue Hospital. He preached on the most powerful miracle of Jesus was his death on the cross. When Christ was totally powerless, then He was most powerful. He forgave all the sins of the world and gave us a share in His divine life. It was a special surgery in Denver that allowed Steve to regain his voice. He never stopped talking about Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary, and told his story as an active duty NYPD detective.

When each of the four dignitaries gave their eulogy, His honor Mayor Bill DeBlasio, The Chief of Police of the NYPD, James O'Neill, Adam Graves, manager of the New York Rangers and finally his son, Conor; each were eloquent and moving. His son thanked all of New York for the overwhelming outpouring of love from all of New York and around the world. Conor honored the marriage love of his mom, Patti Ann and immediately she received a long profound standing ovation. There was even a recognition of the presence of David Letterman, who had been present as a friend during these past 30 years. While waiting for the coffin to arrive, the priest chaplain at Chaminade High School, said that he had been in the hospital for the four last days of Steven's life and that President Elect Donald Trump called each day and spent a long time talking to Conor and Patti Ann. Bishop O'Hara and I agreed that one day we could see a cause for Steven McDonald being elevated to sainthood. In a time when our nation has been so divided, when the throw away culture seems to want to end life for people because they suffer and are not able to function, here's an example of someone so powerless, like Christ on the Cross, who in fact became powerful in lifting up the supreme reverence for all human life.

I believe it was WPIX's Mary Murphy that had a remarkable quote to sum up Steve McDonald's life; "HE NEVER LET HIS INJURY DAMAGE HIS SOUL". As I stood on 5th Avenue and saw the tribute of all those officers, and the fly over of all those police helicopters, as I saw later the tribute paid to Steven by the New York Rangers and as I recalled my many moments of my personal encounter with Steven; all I could think of was the Italian phrase, mentioned at the time of Pope John Paul's Funeral in Rome, "Santo Subito", or "He's a saint already". Both Conor and Patti Ann asked me to remember them in my prayers. I pass that on to you all as well. Let us pray to the Apostle of Forgiveness for the gift of unity and peace.

May the peace of the Lord be with 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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.

### **Emergency Blood Shortage!**

#### **OLSS Blood Drive Next Sunday**

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** is the OLSS Biannual Blood Drive 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.



Please bring your donor card if you have one. 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.

## No Parking on Huguenot Ave Entrance & Driveways

Please note: The Huguenot Avenue driveway and the driveway on Amboy Road between the church and the school are EXIT ONLY. Cars that park in these driveways are blocking the roadway and preventing other cars from safely exiting as well as causing a potentially hazardous situation. Please plan accordingly when coming to Mass; there is parking available in the main Church parking lot, the Athletic Center parking lot as well as the municipal parking lot on Huguenot Avenue. We thank you for your consideration of your fellow parishioners.

### 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, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tues, February 7 at 7:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Service will be Feb. 21 @ 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 25 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

### 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.

## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



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

- Catholic Schools Week begins on **January 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- Come see OLSS in action! Our next Touring Tuesday will be on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** from 9-11 am.

There will be a mandatory Communion Meeting for all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in O'Mara Hall.

### OLSS Star Players Auditions

#### *Upon the Stars: A Disney Tribute*

Show Dates: TBA, All auditions will be in the Damato Mtg Rm  
Singing Auditions: Jan. 23 & 27 from 6-9 pm

\*Please come prepared with a Disney related song\*

Dance Auditions: January 24 from 6-9 pm

\*Dress to dance, dancers will learn a combination\*

### 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.

### 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

**Scout Sunday Mass at St. John Neumann** – Come celebrate Scout Sunday on **Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### March for Life in Washington, D.C.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the monumental Roe v. Wade decision of the US Supreme Court which legalized abortion in all 50 states. On **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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 a 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 347-874-3346 or 718-815-4267 or email [brucebiggins@hotmail.com](mailto:brucebiggins@hotmail.com). Donations to help cover the cost of the bus are also greatly appreciated.



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



**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 the Goretti Group on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, visit [www.thegorettigroup.com/new-york/](http://www.thegorettigroup.com/new-york/).

### Ignatian Spirituality Session at St. Clare

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

### St. Louis Academy Alumni Reunion

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](mailto:patticake323@gmail.com)), Colleen Finnegan Whelan ([colleenwhelan@msn.com](mailto:colleenwhelan@msn.com)) or if you prefer, call Janet Kelly at 646-209-3412 for more information.

### Jane B. Thompson

#### Pro-Life Essay Contest for Grades 7-12

Open to students 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, with first prize of \$100 in 3 age groups: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades, and 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. Mail original essay (& keep a copy) on or before **April 1** to: Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc., P.O. Box 60520, SINY, 10306. For more info, call 646-662-3914.

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

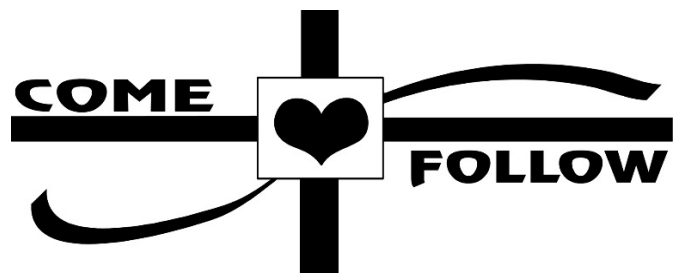
### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2017

**"I beg you brothers in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, to agree on what you say. Let there be no factions; rather be united in mind and judgment...Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel – not with wordy 'wisdom however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning."**

From the early days of the church questions and disputes arose, as the communities were formed and began to grow. Two thousand years later, people continue to line up, choose a banner or are pasted with a label. The words of St. Paul should cause us to pause and think.

I hear many sermons, read many tracts, watch a variety of religious programs. All seem to have different perspectives. If they are credible, they should lead us to the cross of Jesus Christ. If they fail to do this, they are of little worth.

Did we not hear the scripture words "there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father?" May we learn to listen with a special ear, discern with a keen eye and discover the wisdom of Jesus Christ and the cross. Next time, don't listen for just what you want to hear, but what you need to hear.



### 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**.