

January 24, 2016



Our Lady Star of the Sea
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Announced Masses

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

Monday, January 25

9:00AM Linda Goldford

Tuesday, January 26

9:00 AM Rafaella Tierno

Wednesday, January 27

9:00AM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.

Thursday, January 28

9:00AM Stephen LoCastro

Friday, January 29

9:00AM Edward A. Sansone

Saturday, January 30

9:00AM Lenny Cascio
4:00PM Rosario Succoso
5:30PM Kelvin Voyeau

Sunday, January 31

8:00AM Cecelia Pastorelli
9:15AM Susan Athing
10:30AM Rosario Succoso
12 Noon Paul Barone
1:15PM Lena, Ciro, & Jerry D'Agostino
7:00PM Louis & Anna Scarpa

Bl. Yvette of Huy - Widow

Yvette had extraordinary charisma. Born into a wealthy family in Liege in 1158, at a very young age, her parents married her off. By the age of 18, she was widowed with 3 children. Due to her great beauty, she had many suitors, however, she dedicated herself for 11 years to caring for lepers out of her surpassing love for God. For the last 36 years of her life, she lived as a hermit and had many mystical experiences. Her prayers and miracles made her famous, and she aided countless people who came to consult with her. (JM)

THE CLASS OF LIFE - RESCHEDULED

The Class of Life with Paul Failla has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 6 in O'Mara Hall.

Tickets are still available!

Please contact Tony Langella at 917-817-1110 if you are interested in coming to the rescheduled date.

Week of January 24-30

Given In Loving Memory of
The Deceased Members of the
Cancelleri & Emigholz Families

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 30

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, January 30

4:00PM B Nicholson, A Petrocelli, J Uhlman, L Barbato,
C Harris, V Caruso
5:30PM C Losi, M Lappin, A Pompei, A Dazio, F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, January 31

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM M Coppolo
12 Noon M Newell
1:15PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, January 31

8:00AM M Ennis, M Molinini, A Sparandera, P Zoltowski,
& C Rosato
9:15AM W&MA Higgins, D Avena, M Sprague, J Zinsley
10:30AM C Ordy, J&C Gerace, N Fallacaro, G Balestrino,
& B Paccione
12 Noon A Maffeo, S Catalano, J Prato, C Bottiglia, J Tolento
1:15PM B Peters, N Villani, C Houle, MA Russo, M Recanatini
7:00PM C Barone, G LaGrua, T Palmieri, A Zuffante, J Limeri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 30

4:00 PM E Harris, D Cavicchio
5:30 PM R&C Nicholaou

Sunday, January 31

8:00 AM M Esposito
9:15 AM G Scarmato, G Artz, M Coelho
10:30 AM K Lee, G Monreale
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, C Carr
1:15 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves
7:00 PM J Rubin, E Tedesco, A Meola



Sincere Condolences

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

Baby Antonio Castellano, John Hansen, Aldo Sarnella

Mass of Remembrance

There will be a Mass of Remembrance in memory of our family members and loved ones who passed away in 2015 on Tuesday, February 2 @ 7:30 PM. If you would like to include the name of a loved one who passed away in 2015, please call the Rectory to have their name added to the list.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

I had the privilege of making a little pilgrimage to Saint Patrick's Cathedral after going to confession, so as to walk through the Door of Mercy. I was thinking I had made the intention and the right choice when I saw the main doors of the Cathedral opened, however I was mistaken. After speaking with Father Esteban Sanchez, now a parochial vicar stationed at the Cathedral, he told me that "The Door of Mercy" is the smaller door located on East 51st nearest to 5th Avenue. There's a sign in front declaring it so.

I hope you have the opportunity to go and receive the graces of this Jubilee year of Mercy. In fact, I would like to go again on Saturday Feb 20th at 10 AM by train, ferry and subway. If you would like to join me, call the rectory and we'll leave after the 9AM Mass here at OLSS.

Last week we had the memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18 and on January 22nd there was the Right to Life March in Washington DC to defend the right to life all pre-born children. I received this prayer from Derek Prince Ministries, and would like to share this with you. It's called, "Confession for Overcomers."

My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, and sanctified by the Blood of Jesus. My members, parts of my body, are instruments of righteousness, yielded to God for His service and for His glory. The devil has no place in me, no power over me, no unsettled claims against me. All has been settled by the Blood of Jesus. I overcome Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of my testimony, and I love not my life unto the death. My body is for the Lord and the Lord is for my body. AMEN

1 Corinthians 6:19 – Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Ephesians 1:7 – In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Psalms 107:2 – Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He had redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

1 John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.

Hebrews 13:12 -- Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Romans 6: 13 – And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 9: 33-34 – Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justified. Who is he who condemned? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Revelation: 12: 11 – And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

1 Corinthians 6: 13—Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.

I also want to thank who will participate in our Parish Blood Drive this Sunday. A reminder that the Class of Life has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 6.

May the Lord fill you with his gift of mercy and reconciling love!

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.)



Banns of Marriage

SECOND TIME: Raffaele Zerilli & Joey Nicole Cona

Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the 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.

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!*

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Nearly 325,000 children go hungry in the Archdiocese of New York each year. Catholic Charities is working to alleviate these numbers with the help of OLSS Parish through a campaign to "feed our neighbors" in NYC & the Hudson Valley. Bring your canned goods and any other non-perishable items to the collection bin in the Church lobby from January 24 – 31 to join in helping to "feed our neighbors".

Sick List



Carmella Beirne, 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, Thomas Eagers, 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. **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 Our Lady Star of the Sea School - Registration will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, for Pre-K 3 and on Wednesday, January 27th for Grades 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.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31st and we are ready to celebrate at OLSS! We have lots of great events planned for the week including Bingo, scavenger hunts, a musical recital, Cranial Crunch competitions, career day, assemblies and a school mass.



Religious Education News

- The 1st Reconciliation originally scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 23 has been rescheduled to Saturday, Feb. 6 at the same times.
- There will be a **mandatory** 2nd Grade Parents Communion Meeting on Monday Evening, February 1 at 7:30 pm in O'Mara Hall.

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 **Feb. 12**. 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 27 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. Brieghe 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 **February 17th 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 - 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.

Sign Language Classes Available

Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language is offering American Sign Language classes for the Spring 2016 semester. Classes are 5 college credits each. Call 718-984-8200 for tuition and other information.

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.

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.

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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Calling New CDA Members for the New Year!

Ladies, see what we're about, come enrich your lives. The Staten Island Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court St. Clare meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting of 2016 is Tues., February 2nd at 12noon in the Msgr. Murphy Meeting Room (lower level of the St. Clare Lady Chapel, 110 Nelson Ave.) New members from all parishes are welcome! Please contact the parish office for more information, (718) 984-7873, email: StClareCDA@aol.com, or see Florence or Julie in the Choir (OLSS 10:30 Mass)

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.

Jane B. Thompson Pro-Life Essay Contest

Open to 7th Grade through 12 Grade, with first prize of \$100 in 3 age groups: 7th/8th Grades, 9th/10th Grades, and 11th/12th Grades. Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. Mail original essay and keep a copy on or before March 1 to: Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc., P.O. Box 60520, SINY, 10306. For more information call 646-662-3914.



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

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.

1st Annual OLSS Parents' Association

MURDER MYSTERY

Dinner



Thursday, January 28

7 pm – 11 pm

The Historic Old Bermuda Inn

Tickets \$65 per person
Includes sit down dinner, dessert,
coffee & tea. Cash bar.



To RSVP contact Christina
at 201-452-5998
by Tuesday, January 26