

January 31, 2016
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Announced Masses

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

Monday, February 1

9:00AM Deceased family members of the
Saccheri & Mule Families

Tuesday, February 2

9:00 AM Alice Pedersen

7:30 PM Remembrance Mass for
Our Beloved Deceased of 2015

Wednesday, February 3 – Feast of St. Blaise

9:00AM **Blessing of the Throats**
Angelo Minnetello & Sr. Jude Watson

Thursday, February 4

9:00AM Donald Cossean, Sr.

Friday, February 5

9:00AM Esperanza Rodriguez

Saturday, February 6

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono
4:00PM Pasquale Fuda
5:30PM John C. Orfano

Sunday, February 7

8:00AM Caroline & Philip Tanella
9:15AM Rosario Succoso
10:30AM Teddy Klinkosz
12 Noon Joseph O'Connor
1:15PM Carmen Carcia
7:00PM Rosario Succoso

St. John De Britto – Martyr, February 4

John was born in Portugal in 1647, his father was Governor of Brazil. At age 15, he entered the Jesuit novitiate, and after ordination in 1673, he was sent to India and because of his many conversions, the Brahmins sought to kill him. He was arrested, tortured and released. He then made a short visit to Portugal and then returned to India, where despite threats, he continued to preach. He was then arrested and sentenced to death. John told the executioners, "My friend, I have prayed to God. I have done what I should do. Now do your part. Carry out the order you have received." St. John was beheaded February 4, 1693 and received the crown of martyrs. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1947. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of January 31-February 6
Given In Memory Of

John Orfano

Donated by His Loving Wife,
Children & Grandchildren

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 6

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers, February 6

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, February 7

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM J Zinsley
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon B Weir
1:15PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, February 7

8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, A Sparandera, R&L Bauer

9:15AM J Gatto, L Capobianco, D Avena, M Sprague,
& T Seaman

10:30AM C Ordy, G Balestrino, J&C Gerace, E&G Riozzi

12 Noon S Catalano, M Haran, C Belvedere, C Bottiglia,
& J Tolento

1:15PM B Peters, N Villani, M Recanatini, MA Russo, C Houle

7:00PM C Barone, T Palmieri, A Zuffante, E Bellina, J Limeri

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 6

4:00 PM D Cavicchio, K Marchisella
5:30 PM M&E Losi

Sunday, February 7

8:00 AM N Tucci, J Bell
9:15 AM M Coelho, B Bosques, S Marashaj
10:30 AM A Castelle, R Ruskowski
12:00 Noon G Vassallo, R Faljean, N Salerno
1:15 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves
7:00 PM L&PJ Caiazza, R Faljean



Sincere Condolences

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

**Frank Bronzo, Ray O'Neill, John C. Gerken, Jr.,
Gemma Deliso**

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 in 2015, please
call the Rectory to have their name added to the list.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we come to a close for the Month of January, I would like to offer you intentions we can pray at any time when we pray the Pro-Life Rosary.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation: For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The Visitation: That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

The Nativity: That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

The Presentation: That fathers of young children will model Saint Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: For all the children that have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to where they are treasured, protected and loved.

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus: That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

The Wedding Feast of Cana: For all husbands and wives that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God: That those who pray and work for the greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

The Transfiguration: That the world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

The Institution of the Eucharist: That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony of the Garden: For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

The Scourging at the Pillar: That the victims of violence, torture, and slavery will be delivered from their suffering and find healing and know that God is close to them.

The Crowning with Thorns: That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for religious freedom and conscience right of all.

The Carrying of the Cross: For all who labor under the burden that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty, or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

The Crucifixion: For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection: For all who have lost loved ones and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted, or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

The Ascension: For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, that they may triumph over temptations and gain strength and peace.

Pentecost: That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

The Assumption of Mary: For mothers who died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and with their children know God's peace.

The Coronation of Mary: For all mothers that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.

Wishing you all the treasures of heaven during this Jubilee of Mercy as we pray together the most holy rosary.

Blessings and 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.*)



Banns of Marriage

THIRD TIME: Raffaele Zerilli & Joey Nicole Cona

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Help Needed!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each week, Monday-Thursday in the OLSS Chapel from 12 noon-5pm. Volunteers, or Adorers, sign up for one hour shifts to sit with our Lord during this time. We welcome you to sign up for any one hour that would suit your needs, however, we are in urgent need of Adorers to sit for the following times:

Mondays 12-1 PM (Need 2 people)

Tuesdays 1-2 PM

Thursdays 2-3 PM

If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration, please call Carol Ordy at 917-536-8576.

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 through **today, January 31** to join in helping to "feed our neighbors".

Seton Foundation Thanks OLSS

The following letter was received as a thank you to the generosity of OLSS Parishioners during the Seton Foundation's Christmas Raffle this past December:

January 15, 2016

Dear Fr. Devery:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Parent Guild and most especially the children of the Seton Foundation, I would like to express our gratitude for allowing us to conduct our annual Christmas Raffle at your parish.

This raffle is the major fund raising activity each year, and it enables us to raise approximately 10% of our annual operating budget for Mother Franciska Elementary School and Bishop Patrick V. Ahern High School. This year the raffle raised approximately \$96,000 of which your parishioners contributed \$8,815.

The prayers and support we receive from you and your parishioners are a great blessing for us. We are very grateful for the generosity of our loyal friends.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our programs for God's special children. Best wishes from all of us at Seton Foundation for a very blessed and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Hughes, Esq.
Executive Director

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Touring Tuesday – Please join us this **Tues, Feb. 2**, to see all the great things that are happening at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Prospective parents are invited to tour the school and see OLSS in action from 9-11am. We look forward to seeing you!

Catholic Schools Week Celebration – This is a week of pride, fun, and excitement over our collective understanding of the value of Catholic education. During this week students in all grades participate in special events and games which help create a festive atmosphere for all. Perhaps now more than ever before, a Catholic education can be recognized as priceless!

Students of the 7th grade have summed it up in heartfelt quotes which are proudly displayed in the hallway of OLSS. Here are just a few of the beautiful expressions of how they feel about OLSS:

Michael Spungin said, "Being a student at OLSS is a one of a kind privilege because I know that I will have a great education and I will be very smart when I grow up. I love OLSS School!"

Guilianna Forentino shared, "Being a student at OLSS means growing our faith stronger, together. We practice our religion freely, and can be taught more about it as well. Having a Catholic education allows me to learn more about what is important in my life, while being surrounded by other children of God."

God Bless Our students, their parents, and all those who work hard to make Catholic education the best it can be!

First Friday Mass – Please join us at **9 am on Fri, Feb. 5** for our school Mass. During the Mass we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week and honor the members of our National Junior Honor Society.



Sick List



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

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.



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.

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., February 3 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 **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.

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.

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

February 14 & 28
March 13, April 10 & 24

✓ Mark Your Calendar

The Class of Life - RESCHEDULED

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

Doors open at 6:30 pm with Sandwiches, Salads, Coffee & Tea served, 8 pm Showtime.

Tickets are still available! Please contact Tony Langella at 917-817-1110 or classoflifeolss@yahoo.com. \$25 per person, no tickets sold at door.

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).

Goretti Group Event

Join us for Part II of the Freedom to Love-Theology of the Body series on **Friday, Feb. 5** at Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd., SINY 10314). There will be music in the church at 7 PM followed by Mass at 7:30 PM and video with discussion at 8:15 PM. After-event fellowship at Jimmy Max bar/restaurant.

Ignation 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.

St. Francis Catholic Singles Movie Night

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, on **Thurs., February 18, at 7:15 pm** for A Valentine-ish Movie Night: Join us as we watch Little Boy, a dramedy about a seven year old boy and his father who is sent to fight in World War II. Social to follow. Cost: \$10 appreciated. For more information, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, email sfcssi@gmail.com, or check our website: www.sgspsi.org. New and returning members always welcome.



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

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
Science Discovery sponsored by SJN KidzKlub and Girl Scout Troop 5256. **Sun., Feb. 21st from 3-5pm**, Rectory Basement - \$8 per participating child (kindergarten - 5th grade). Please email sjnkidz@gmail.com if interested.

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.

