

JANUARY 1, 2012
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK OF
 JANUARY 1, 2012
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
 JENNY LOPEZ
 FROM ELISA AND FRED SEIXAS

"MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF OUR LORD FILL YOUR HEART WITH HIS PEACE DURING THIS HOLY SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR."

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 31, 2011, New Year's Eve

9:00AM MaryAnn Martinelli
4:00PM George Vierno, Albert and Helen Giardina
5:30PM Jared Scotto

Sunday, January 1, 2012, New Year's Day
The Solemnity of Mary

8:00AM Robert and Catherine Smith
9:15AM Jennie and Joseph Arena & Anthony and Mary Gorgia
10:30AM Mary D'Andrea, Mary Evans and Dave Shukri
12 Noon Geneveve Grant
1:15PM Thomas Riley
7:00PM Melchior Cucchiara

Monday

9:00AM John Tobin

Tuesday

9:00AM Brian McTiernan

Wednesday

9:00AM Lydia Floer

Thursday

9:00AM Joseph Fallacaro

Friday

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Saturday, January 7, 2012

9:00AM Francesca Lentini
4:00PM Mario Mattered, Thomas Esposito and Madeline Ansalone
5:30PM Frank Finn

Sunday, January 8, 2012, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM Vincent Pizzuto.
9:00AM James Geehan
10:30AM Frank Citera
12 Noon Emil and Irma Bayerlein
1:15PM Florence Generoso
7:00PM Carol Kasza

WEBCAM

Look for OLSS WEBCAM for 10:30AM Mass on Sundays and 9AM Masses on weekdays, Monday through Saturday. Tell your relatives and friends who are not able to get out – so they can participate in Mass on the Internet. Go to www.olssparish.org to view the Mass.

Lectors – January 7, 2012

4:00PM A. Pompei
5:30PM M. Andreola, C. Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – January 7, 2012

4:00PM J. & F. Marino, A. Lazzara, L. Barbato, A. Petrocelli, M. Maiorana, E. Vitiello
5:30PM A. Maffeo, M. Graziano, G. Scotto, A. Dazio K. Sciarrino, C. Harris, J.M. Graziano

Lectors – January 8, 2012

8:00AM MJ Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi
9:15AM J. Zinsley
10:30AM M. Coppolo
12 Noon C. Messina
1:15PM M.A. Higgins
7:00PM G. LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:00AM P. DeLuca, P. Zoltowski, T. Daluise, L. & R. Bauer, P.A. Walsh, J. Stanzione
9:15AM M. Vierno, A. Brady, R. Corbett, A. Guber, A. Stensland, B. Weir, L. Capobianco
10:30AM L. Appel, M.E. Carey, C. Ordy, F. Shwerek, F. Ruggiero, C. Capuana, B. Barone
12 Noon M. Randazzo, E. & G. Riozzi, C. & J. Gerace, A. & G. Deliso
1:15PM B. Higgins, M. Sprague, G. Decker, M. Recanatini, R. LaMonica, H. Angelina, B. Nicholson
7:00PM C. Houle, R. Scarpati, K. Melka A. Manetti, C. Barone, A. Zuffante, D. McCumisky

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 7, 2012

4:00PM C., D. & J. Struthers, K. Tobin
5:30PM M. Losi, A. & H. Romani, L. Torre

Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:00AM N. D'Angelo, C. Luisi, N. Mele, G. Tucci
9:00AM K. Lee, A. & R. Ruszkowski, T. Walsh
10:30AM L. Caiazzo, D. Pucciarelli, E. Tedesco, G. Tulino
12 Noon R. Carey, C. & J. Nardulli, M. Sutura
1:15PM G. Citarelli, C. Gallo, K. O'Byrne, V. Palazzo
7:00PM J. Palmieri, C. & J. Rubin, J. Petillo



MASS CELEBRANTS

Dec. 31, 2011/Jan. 1, 2012

4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway
5:30PM Msgr. Jeff Conway
8:00AM Fr. Panimayakumar
9:15AM Fr. Jim Hauver
10:30AM Fr. Bob Poveromo
12 Noon Fr. Bob Poveromo
1:15PM Fr. Jim Hauver
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

Jan. 7, 2012/Jan. 8, 2012

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PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 8PM in the Damato Meeting Room in our Athletic Center for prayers of praise, singing, centering and intercessory prayer. New members are welcome. Everyone has the opportunity to be prayed over.

***PLEASE NOTE: Prayer Group resumes on Jan. 3rd at 8PM.**

The next Healing Service will be on Tues., Jan. 3rd, at 3:30PM in the Church. The next Healing Mass will be on Tues., Jan. 17th at 8:00PM in the Church .



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maggie Anglemeyer, Jeanne Ardine, Gary Carter, Jaime Cucuzza, Vincent DeMarco, John Foder, Anthony Galante, Nancy and Antoinette Gallo, Andrew Hardin, Marcella Lawless, Alice Lombardo, Nina Polio, JoAnn Price, Robert Wideman and Mary Yacovacci.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Mary D'Onfrio, Robert Fleming and Patricia Hoey

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Feb. 26th at 8:15PM IN THE CHURCH, we will have our Music Workshop, at which time you will be able to select the liturgical music for your wedding and ask any questions.

MOM AND TOTS PLAY GROUP

Our Wednesday morning Mom and Tots Play Group meets from 10:30AM to 12:30PM in the Rectory Basement. No registration necessary. (Next play group will be on Jan. 4th)

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting – Jan. 27th, 1PM, in OLSS Athletic Center.

Wed., April 18th, Bus trip to Renault Winery, with lunch, wine tasting and a stop at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Reservations must be made by January. Call Terry (718) 317-1801.

ATTENTION LECTORS

If you did not get your 2012 Lector Workbook, you can pick them up at the rectory at any time. Just check your name off on the sheet provided. Thank you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR?

If you are a high school senior or an adult, who would like to serve your parish in this important ministry, we are in need of Lectors for our weekend masses. Training will be provided for anyone interested in serving. Please call Sr. Linda at (718) 984-0593 for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 23rd, at 6PM, in the Rectory Basement. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Rectory (984-0593). Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

All Parish Families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the Parish Baptismal Preparation Program. The program is held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12 Noon in the Athletic Center (Damato Meeting Room). We invite you to bring along your baby's Godparents to hear this special presentation. Please call the rectory for a Registration Packet before attending the Sunday Meeting. A copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of Confirmation for sponsors (the sponsor must be at least 14 years of age), the Baptismal donation of \$100 and the yellow registration form must be brought to the Parish Office (Mon.-Fri. 9 to 4PM), prior to the Baptism Meeting. You may then bring the completed registration form to the meeting of your choice.

BAPTISMAL CLASS

12 Noon – 2nd and 4th Sundays
OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Jan. 8th and Jan. 22nd
Feb. 12th and Feb. 26th
March 11th and March 25th
April 22nd
May 13th and May 27th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Jan. 8th and Jan. 22nd
Feb. 12th and Feb. 26th
March 11th and March 25th
April 22nd
May 13th and May 27th

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 **AFTER** any of the other Sunday Masses. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** and request one.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please try to find time in your day to partake in our weekday Adoration. If interested Please call **Carol at *82 (917) 536-8576**.

PLEASE NOTE: No Adoration on Monday, Jan. 2nd.



BLOOD DRIVE AT OLSS ON JAN. 22ND

Please give blood at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Blood Drive on Sunday, January 22, 2012. We will be taking donors from 9:00AM – 3:00PM in O'Mara Hall. Donors must be between the ages of 16 and 75, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good general health. Most medications, including those that treat high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes, will not stop you from donating blood. For any other questions regarding medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900. Please eat a healthy meal before donating and bring a form of ID. We would like to especially reach out to types O+, O-, A-, and B-. Help save a life in 2012!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Join us through November and December as we check out: "What is really going on in the Mass?" Meetings are Thursdays at 7pm at O'Mara Hall, welcoming **all teens, 8th grade through high school** who are looking to have some fun while deepening their faith. All teens are also welcome to join our brand new **Teen Faith Sharing** – Sundays at 3pm in the Rectory Living Room Follow our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/OLSSYMReality.

CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED – If you are 18 years or older and would like to help bring our youth to a relationship with Christ, please contact our Youth Minister Danny D'Onofrio at (718) 974-9900 or email – dannydono@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH SHARING GROUP: This group is for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's looking to Share their faith with other individuals of similar interests. If you are interested please contact Young Adults Faith Sharing: olssyoungadults@yahoo.com or friend us on Facebook@OLSS Young Adults Faith Sharing Group for the latest information on meeting times, places and events.

CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED – If you are interested in assisting the ministry coordinator with planning, facilitating, meeting prep etc, please contact Danny D'Onofrio @ olssyoungadults@yahoo.com

SPORTS NEWS

OLSS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/T-BALL REGISTRATION: **Wed., Jan. 11th from 6:30-8:00 in the front lobby of the Athletic Center.** Fee is \$100 for the Instructional baseball programs, grades Pre-k 4 and Kindergarten and the Rookie league, grades 1 and 2. Fee is \$175 for grades 3-8. For more information, please contact Dennis DellaValle at olssbaseballsoftball@verizon.net (718) 757-1630

NURSING HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are a parishioner, who has a loved one presently in a nursing home or hospital on Staten Island and you would like a priest from our parish to visit them, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. Thank you.

CHALICES AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION

If you would like to purchase a chalice in memory of a deceased loved one, call John Manetta, our Sacristan, at the Rectory, for more information (718) 984-0593.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

The party is on Friday, Jan. 6th, from 7 to 11PM for all:

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Adult Care Committee
Ushers	Adult Choir Members
Boy/Cub Scout Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Girl Scout Exec. Board	Sports Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School and Rel.
Bereavement Core Team	Education Faculty
Rainbows Program Team	RCIA Team
AFF Team	Parents' Assoc. Exec. Bd.
Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament	Parish Staff

RSVP by Monday, Jan. 2nd. Call 984-0593 and leave your name and number. Thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS

OLSS Pre K and Kindergarten

Open House and Information Session

We invite you to attend our open houses and information sessions in our **PRE K SCHOOL BUILDING** so you can learn more about us. We know we can be the perfect fit for your child! Please mark these dates on your calendar: **Pre K 4 and Kindergarten Open Houses from 9AM -10AM on January 11 and March 7**
Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM on January 12 and March 8
Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten Information Sessions from 7PM to 8PM on January 5

OLSS GRADUATE RECEIVES CYO SHINING STAR AWARD

Congratulations to David Beyar, OLSS Class of 2011, who recently was presented with the CYO Shining Star Award. This prestigious award is presented to students who have made a positive impact in their community. While a student at OLSS, David was actively involved in community and civic affairs.

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

Our Lady Star of the Sea School can earn cash through Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program. Register your Stop & Shop card online at www.stopandshop.com/aplus or call 1-877-275-2758 or register in the store. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School by using **ID # 15043** This program runs until **March 29, 2012**. The money earned will be used for many of our school's educational needs.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Reading I Numbers 6:22-27 (the priestly blessing)
Reading II Galatians 4:4-7 (free sons of God in Christ)
Gospel Luke 2:16-21 (the shepherds' visit)
Key Passage: So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a Child then also an heir, through God. (Galatians 4:7)
Adult: Which of God's blessings are you most thankful for right now?
Child: What does it mean to you to be a child of God?
Questions taken from *Heritage of Faith*, (Jo McClure Rotunno, and CTL)

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Our support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one meets on **Thursdays, 7:30 to 9PM in the Rectory. The next meeting is Thurs., Jan 12th.** If you or someone you know has questions or concerns regarding this group, please call **Sr. Linda at (718) 984-0593.**

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The next meeting for those who are going through a separation or divorce is on **Monday, Jan. 9, 7:30 to 9PM in the Rectory.** If you or someone you know has questions or concerns regarding this group, please call **Sr. Linda at (718) 984-0593.**

BOOK GROUP MEETING: Next meeting, **Thursday, Jan. 5th, at 7:30PM in the Rectory Living Room.** We will complete the **"R" Father.** Next book to be announced.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Religious Education students participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, run by the Manresa Council 2147 Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to the following students who won prizes for their posters Robert Pravato, Brian Marino, Anna Battaglia, Giuliana Gulotta, Gianna Mannino and Gina Tempesta.

WHERE TO TURN

“Where to Turn” is looking for student volunteers 7th grade or older to participate in this year’s Snow Shoveling for Seniors Program. Students will be assigned a senior within walking distance of their home and commit to shovel the sidewalk and a path to the front door of the senior’s home each time it snows. In return, the student will receive ten hours of community service recognition. We currently have nearly 2,500 seniors requesting help. To register, contact “Where to Turn” at (718) 966-6531 or info@where-to-turn.org.



THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD/ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

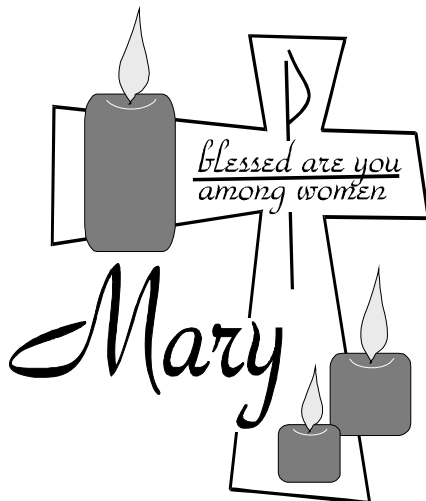
The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted ones and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord / Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2012

“The proof that you are sons is the fact that God has sent forth into our hearts the spirit of his Son which cries out ‘Abba!’ (“Father”). You are no longer a slave but a son! And the fact that you are a son makes you an heir, by God’s design.”... “Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

Openings are always important. The opening game, the premiere of a movie, the first night of a show, all take on special meaning. As we begin this new year, let’s give it special meaning. What has transpired this past week?

We have celebrated the coming of our God in history, as one with us, Emmanuel. He has answered our need, our urgent request for a savior. Not only that, He remains in us through His Spirit dwelling within us. We know a loving God, who generously has saved us and because He is kind allows us to call Him “Daddy.” It is interesting that the scripture leaves the word in the original, before translating Abba.

We begin a new year, aware of who we are and whose we are. A great inheritance awaits us and we begin 2012 with our plans to unite us with God’s design. Like Mary we treasure what has happened in history and to us. Like Mary we begin the year, grateful for what was, eagerly looking forward to what can be as we too reflect, ponder or weigh how special it is to launch this new year of grace. May we conform our lives to the plan of God and see His hand present in all that will occur.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

AA MEETINGS:	SUN: 8:15PM
	MON: 10AM
	THURS: 4PM
	SAT: 7:30PM and 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS:	TUES: 6:30PM and
	FRI: 7:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:	TUES: 8:00PM
AL ANON:	THURS: 7:15PM
(Support program for Families of alcoholics and addicts.)	

INTERVENTION HAS BEEN MOVED FROM OLSS BASEMENT TO CHRIST LUTHERAN, LOCATED ON CLEVELAND AVE. IN GREAT KILLS, ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30PM. CALL JOE BRAT AT (718) 290-7012.