

JANUARY 6, 2013
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

THE SANCTUARY LAMP—WEEK OF
 JANUARY 6TH
 IN MEMORY OF ANTONIO LAURO
 FROM THE ANGELICO FAMILY

“I pray for God’s peace and blessings, health and happiness in the New Year for all the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea.”

Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013

9:00AM John Tobin
4:00PM Peter Meglio
5:30PM Frank Finn

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2013

8:00AM Christopher Amoroso
9:15AM Gennaro Lattanzi
10:30AM Thomas J. Martin and Frank Citera
12 Noon Florence Generoso
1:15PM Giovanni Iacono
7:00PM Domenico and Rosa Montanaro

Monday

9:00AM John Gazzola

Tuesday

9:00AM Anna Grimaldi

Wednesday

9:00AM Emil and Irma Bayerlein

Thursday

9:00AM James Geehan

Friday

9:00AM Mary Canteruccio

Saturday, January 12, 2013

9:00AM Francis Carbone
4:00PM Margaret Mineo
5:30PM Vincent Maiorana

Sunday, January 13, 2013

8:00AM Jarrid DeCrescenzo
9:15AM Martin Giblin
10:30AM Thomas J. Martin
12 Noon Vito Deliso and Rosa Saponaro
1:15PM Margaret Mineo
7:00PM Carmen Medina

SAINT OF THE WEEK - BROTHER ANDRE- JAN. 6

Brother Andre was born near Quebec in 1845 and entered the Holy Cross Congregation. Because of poor health, he could not attend school and could not read or write. He became the Brother doorkeeper for 40 years at Montreal. He had a great devotion to St. Joseph and people flocked to him to ask for prayers and cures which Brother Andre would entrust to St. Joseph. In time, he was able to build a Chapel to St. Joseph, a shrine which grew into the great Basilica of St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, visited today by pilgrims from all over the world.

Lectors – Jan. 12, 2013

4:00PM C. Harris, E. Vitiello

5:30PM C. Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Jan. 12, 2013

4:00PM V. Caruso, MJ Russo, G. Decker, A. Lazzara, R. Podvesker, L. Barbato, G. Decio

5:30PM M. Sprague, J. Cimino, J. Amitrano, R. DeMaio, A. Dazio, M. Sicari, S. Roberto

Lectors – Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi, MJ Truckenbrodt

9:15AM M. Higgins, T. O’Connell

10:30AM A. Deliso, E. Newborn

12 Noon F. Monte, C. DeMolli

1:15PM B. Weir

7:00PM T. Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, Jan 13, 2013

8:00AM T. Daluise, M. Molinini, A. Sparandera,

P. Zoltowski, P. DeLuca, J. Stanzone, M. Ennis

9:15AM M. Vierno, J. Gatto, J. Zinsley, A. Spoto, A. Brady, J. Prato, D. Avena

10:30AM B. Paccione, C. Ordy, M. Sprague, G. Balestrino, G. Deliso, C. & J. Gerace

12 Noon R. Gamba, P. & L. DeCarlo, S. Catalano, E. & G. Riozzi, G. Donohue

1:15PM J. Tolento, C. Houle, A. Maffeo, M. Randazzo, MA Russo, V. Aciri, B. Peters

7:00PM C. DiDomenico, M. Recanatini, B. Volpicello, A. Zuffante, A. Manetti, C. Pontecorvo, K. Melka

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

4:00 PM C. Harris, A. Mutkoski, A. Napolitano, M. Rivera

5:30 PM J. Albanese, M. Brophy, R. Graziano, A. Romani

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013

8:00 AM J. Bell, C. Luisi, C. Marashaj, N. Mele

9:15 AM M. Gambino, G. Pelucco, F. & G. Scarmato

10:30 AM E. Carey, J. Petillo, D. Russo, K. Tobin

12 Noon L. Cavicchio, A. Mattioli, C. & J. Nardulli

1:15 PM D. Battaglia, G. Citarelli, M. Matrangelo, C. Sikorjak

7:00 P.M. C & J. Rubin, V. Sicari, G. Tulino.



PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group usually 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.

Prayer Group resume on 1/15/13.

January Healing Mass will be Tues., Jan. 8th, at 8PM. Praise and Worship at 7:30PM. No Healing Service in January.



MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday – Jan 5

4:00PM Fr. Kevin Malick

5:30PM Fr. Kevin Malick

Sunday – Jan 6

8:00AM Fr. Kevin Malick

9:15AM Msgr. Jeff Conway

10:30AM Msgr. Jeff Conway

12 Noon Msgr. Peter Smith

1:15PM Msgr. Peter Smith

7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND BANNS: Jennifer Serao and Chris Chiaia

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Feb. 24th at 8:15PM 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.

~PLEASE TAKE NOTE ~

SICK LIST

IN ORDER TO UPDATE, WE HAVE REMOVED ALL NAMES FROM THE SICK LIST. YOU CAN CALL AGAIN, IF YOU WISH TO HAVE SOMEONE PLACED ON THE LIST. THANK YOU



BLOOD DRIVE AT OLSS ON JAN. 27TH

Please give blood at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Blood Drive on Sunday, January 27, 2013. We will be taking donors from 9:00AM to 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 type's o+, O-, A-, and B-. Hel save a life in 2013! Thank you.



2013 SANCTUARY LAMPS

The 2013 Sanctuary Lamps are now available. The donation is \$25. 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 is needed. The sponsor must have proof of Confirmation, a sponsor certificate (see sponsor certificate information below) and 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. 13th and Jan. 27th

Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th

March 10th

April 14th and April 28th

May 5th and May 19th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH

2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Jan 13th and Jan. 27th

Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th

March 10th

April 14th and April 28th

May 5th and May 19th

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.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Condolences to the family of:

*Connie Tocco, Caroline Coccimiglio, Nicola Papandrea
Emily DeLuca, Jules Denore, Jr. and Caroline Tanella*

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

INQUIRY: Did you ever think of becoming a Catholic? Have you been coming to church with a family member or a friend for a number of years and maybe considered Baptism and full Initiation into the Catholic Church? Are you baptized in another faith, but now desire to become Catholic? If interested or would like more information call the rectory: (718) 984-0593.

Epiphany – Overcoming jealousy

Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6 (glory of the new Zion)

Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (commission to preach God's plan)

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the magi)

Key Passage Then Herod sent the (magi) to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

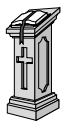
Adult: *When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?*

Child: *When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?*

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY: The group meets on Mondays at 7:30PM. Sessions will begin shortly. If you are interested in attending, you must call the rectory prior to the meeting and leave your name and number.

BOOK GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the book club will be **Thursday, Jan. 10, 2012, at 7:30PM** in the rectory. We will complete the book *Holy Spirit 101* by John L. Gresham.ble online at both Amazon and Barnes and Noble. We will focus on Chapter 3. Please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081 for more information.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our Group, the next meeting is on **January 9th at 7:30PM** in the Rectory and will meet consecutively for the next three Wednesdays at the same time. Please call the rectory to register at (718) 984-0593.



NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be conducting training for new Lectors. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please call the parish office at 718.984.0593 or email at olssparish@si.rr.com.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new Lector workbooks for 2013 are at the Rectory. Please stop by and pick one up. If you take one, please sign the sheet provided, leaving your name and number. Thank you.

THE ST. CLARE UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The group meets on Tuesday nights at 7PM in the Pastoral Center of St. Clare's Parish, 110 Nelson Ave., Great Kills (718) 984-7873. The meeting on the second Tuesday of each month is devoted exclusively to Networking. They are there to help the unemployed. It is a free service operating over 16 years and are open to all.



SCHOOL NEWS

Open House and Information Session

We invite you to attend our open houses and information sessions in our Pre 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

January 9 and March 1

Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM

January 10 and March 7

Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten Information Sessions from 7PM to 8PM January 15

OLSS Tradition Continues

As is tradition each year, our eighth grade performs a spectacular Christmas celebration in front of a packed audience of students, parents and alumni. This year was no different. *The Elf's Hat*, a play written by OLSS administration and faculty, included parts for all 77 students. Acting, singing, and dancing showed the gifted talents of all our students. It culminated with the real reason for the season – The Nativity.

SEED

Success through Early Exploration and Discovery

Our Lady Star of the Sea Preschool has an exciting SEED program. In a developmentally age appropriate and print rich environment, our preschoolers move from learning center to learning center, exploring and discovering the world of Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Incorporating Art, Music and Movement, and Computer technology helps to strengthen our preschoolers to become highly active and eager learners! Our 3 year olds initially focus on the social and readiness skills. As the year progresses, there is more in depth focus on the children's literacy program *The Letter People*. Our 4 year olds are immersed in the new innovative *Happily Ever After*, a readiness program with children's literature at the heart! This program teaches a rich curriculum of early literacy skills such as story structure and appreciation, print and book awareness, letter recognition and naming, auditory discrimination, phonological and phonemic awareness, listening and direction following, oral language development, and emergent writing through children's dictation. The SPARKS program, which focuses on physical activity and healthy nutrition, is also used. Our full day 4 year olds also have the opportunity to spend time each week using the computers in our state of the art computer lab! It is exciting to be a preschooler at Our Lady Star of the Sea School!

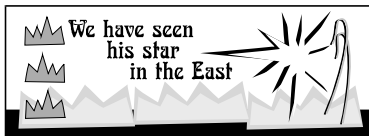
USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers for certain weekend Masses, especially the 5:30PM on Saturday and the 12 Noon, 1:15PM and 7PM on Sundays. If you would like to help in this important ministry, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number for Sacristan, John Manetta (718) 984-0593.

Please Take Note

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, JAN. 6, 2013

The Interfaith Council of Clergy at the suggestion of Boro President Molinaro and Cardinal Dolan have requested that Staten Islanders of all Faiths come together at the beginning of the New Year and urge parishioners and friends to join in prayer as we enter a New and God willing Year of Peace and Justice. **On Sunday, Jan. 6th, Holy Rosary Church on Jerome Ave., will hold a Prayer Vigil at 3PM**, to pray for the victims of the Newtown Massacre, the victims of Hurricane Sandy, the firemen shot and killed in Upstate New York and their relatives and friends who mourn their loss. Starting a New Year, we shall pray and honor all those mentioned and do so "As the Light of the World," We in prayer shall commit ourselves to fight evil with goodness and love united in our belief in a loving God.



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

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2013**

"God's secret plan was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: In Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers of the promise, through the preaching of the gospel."... "They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

The great celebration of Epiphany or the visit of the Magi or the journey of the three kings is well noted in art, in music and in literature. Stories related to the wise men or astrologers, tell of persons searching, inquiring and discovering the person of the Christ.

Guided by the Spirit they crossed lands, met royalty, and finally in an out of the way place 'found the Child with Mary His mother.' After their visit they faded into history but the plan of God was revealed.

The joy surrounding the visit should be little in comparison to our search and discovery, as we encounter Christ today. We are not the gift bearers but the receivers of the great gift of inheritance, membership and sharers in the promise.

At this time of gift giving and gift returns, apply the epiphany moment to consider the gift of God to us of the Savior. Is it not more precious than those brought by the magi? As I pay Him homage, what is the gift I offer Him in return? The drummer boy's was his song, the shepherd's a lamb. What gift do I bring?

How often, when receiving a gift a person says 'You should not have...' As I find the Lord in my life today I say 'Thank you for giving Him to me.' I too search, inquire and discover.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is held from 12 noon to 5pm, Monday to Thursday. We are in need of Adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament every hour. If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please call Carol Ordy at *82-917-536-8576.

ESTATE PLANNING

Remember Our Lady Star of the Sea in your estate planning. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about including OLSS in your will or living trust, please call the Archdiocese of New York at (212) 371-1000 Ext. 3317 or email gift.planning@archny.org for more information.

50 PLUS CLUB

Trip to Resorts Casino Hotel – Feb. 19th, \$51 per person – Christopher Macchio, starring in a Valentine's Day Event at Atlantic City. Trip includes \$25 slot play at Resorts Casino, Valentine Show, transportation (including tips and taxes). For reservations, call Terry at (718) 317-1801. **The next meeting is Jan. 11th in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM.**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

12 STEP MEETINGS – RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun., 5:30PM
AA	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
New AA Meeting	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM and 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues., 6:30PM and
	Fri., 7:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues., 8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs., 7:15PM
<i>For INTERVENTIONS call Joe Bratt (718) 290-7012</i>	