

**JANUARY 8, 2012**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

"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, January 7, 2012**

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

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

- 8:00AM** Vincent Pizzuto.  
**9:15AM** James Geehan  
**10:30AM** Frank Citera  
**12 Noon** Emil and Irma Bayerlein  
**1:15PM** Florence Generoso  
**7:00PM** Carol Kasza

**Monday**

- 9:00AM** Theresa, Gabrielle and Maria Tignanelli

**Tuesday**

- 9:00AM** Vincent Pizzuto and Frank Citera

**Wednesday**

- 9:00AM** Mary Canteruccio

**Thursday**

- 9:00AM** Robert Cilento

**Friday**

- 9:00AM** Salvatore Martino

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

- 9:00AM** Margaret Faulds  
**4:00PM** Vincent Maiorana  
**5:30PM** Joseph Surace and Vincent Mangogna

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

- 8:00AM** Andrea DeLuca  
**9:15AM** Rosemarie Alfieri  
**10:30AM** Adeline and Francesco Cafiero  
**12 Noon** George and Elaine Quinn  
**1:15PM** Theresa and Rosario Randazzo and Victor DeMeo  
**7:00PM** Thomas DeFelice

**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](http://www.olssparish.org) to view the Mass.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK OF  
 JANUARY 8, 2012  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
 MADALYN T. CASTELUCCI  
 FROM THE BARBATO FAMILY

**Lectors – January 14, 2012**

- 4:00PM** C. Harris, A. Deliso  
**5:30PM** B. Weir

**Eucharistic Ministers – January 14, 2012**

- 4:00PM** A. Petrocelli, G. Deliso, MJ Russo, T. Scaramuzzo,  
 C. Baggot, G. Decio, V. Caruso  
**5:30PM** E. Viola, ME Carey, A. Maffeo, J. Amitrano,  
 C. Barone, A. Dazio, C. Losi

**Lectors – January 15, 2012**

- 8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi, M. Edkins  
**9:15AM** R. LaMonica  
**10:30AM** F. Monte, B. Paccione  
**12 Noon** M. Newell  
**1:15PM** C. Messina  
**7:00PM** G. LaGrua

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 15, 2012**

- 8:00AM** T. Daluise, P. DeLuca, J. Stanzione, R. & L. Bauer,  
 PA Walsh, MJ Truckenbrodt  
**9:15AM** C. Scalzo, S. Roberto, J. Gatto, A. Lazzara,  
 P. Walsh, M. Vierno, T. Strange  
**10:30AM** C. Ordy, L. Puleo, F. Ruggiero, C. Capuana,  
 R. Taranto, B. Jankunis, R. Colacino  
**12 Noon** E. Talarico, MA Russo, M. Sicari,  
 P. Basirico, C. & J. Gerace  
**1:15PM** V. Acri, H. Angelina, L. & P. DeCarlo, R. & F.  
 Marino, M. Sprague  
**7:00PM** J. Zinsley, D. D'Onofrio, B. Volpicello, M. Recanatini,  
 F. & A. Saulo, G. Scotto

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

- 4:00PM** E. Buccini, B. Killen, A. Mutkoski, A. Napolitano  
**5:30PM** T. Banks, M. Losi, M. McDonough, A. Mattioli

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

- 8:00AM** J. AllGeier, C. Marashaj, N. Mele, G. Tucci  
**9:15AM** F. & G. Scarmato, A. & R. Ruskowski  
**10:30AM** N. Giaquinto, A. Loscalzo, C. & J. Nardulli  
**12 Noon** M. Brophy, D. Battaglia, M. Matrangolo,  
 G. Monreale  
**1:15PM** N. Campanella, S. Campitiello, C. Gallo, V. Palazzo  
**7:00PM** J. Modica, A. Olivia, P. Scarpa, V. Sicari

MASS CELEBRANTS

Jan. 7, 2012/Jan. 8, 2012

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

Jan. 14/Jan. 15

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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.

The next Healing Mass will be on Tues., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM in the Church . The next Healing Service will be on Tues., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM in the Church.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maggie Anglemeyer, Jeanne Ardine, Debra DiDomenico, Dustin Cabereza, Frances Carbone, Gary Carter, David and Ethel Cohen, Marion Condadora, Jaime Cucuzza, Vincent DeMarco, Debra DiDomenico, John Foder, Anthony Galante, Nancy and Antoinette Gallo, Andrew Hardin, Marcella Lawless, Alice Lombardo, Nina Polio, Camille and Richard Polly, JoAnn Price, Rachelle Puglisi, Denise Santanella, Celeste Setty, Steve Speranzo, 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:

*Francis Kielbasa and Lorraine Downey*

### MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1PM, in OLSS Athletic Center. Wed., April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>

### BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>

### 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.



### BLOOD DRIVE AT OLSS ON JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup>

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!

## EPIPHANY Unexpected Gifts

**Reading I** 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:** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. (Matthew 2:10)

**Adult:** *When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?*

**Child:** *Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?*

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 12<sup>th</sup>.** 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, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30PM in the Rectory Living Room.** We will complete the **"R" Father.** Next book to be announced.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/OLSSYMReality).

**YOUTH MIN. 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](mailto: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](mailto:olssyoungadults@yahoo.com) or friend us on Facebook@OLSS Young Adults Faith Sharing Group for the latest information on meeting times, places and events.

**YOUNG ADULTS CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED** – If you are interested in assisting the ministry coordinator with planning, facilitating, meeting prep etc, please contact Danny D'Onofrio at [olssyoungadults@yahoo.com](mailto:olssyoungadults@yahoo.com)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

## SPORTS NEWS

**OLSS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/T-BALL REGISTRATION:** **Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 [olssbaseballssoftball@verizon.net](mailto:olssbaseballssoftball@verizon.net) (718) 757-1630

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

**When: January 22, 2012 at 9:00AM**

**Where: Our Lady Star of The Sea Athletic Ctr.**

Contest for Boys and Girls Ages 10 to 14

All Encouraged to Participate - Age Eligibility Determined as of Jan. 1st.



## 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 – A School of Giving

Our Lady Star of the Sea School students have learned from a very young age the importance of giving. The parents as the primary educators in conjunction with the school have helped instill in our children the importance of giving to those less fortunate. In recent months the children from Pre K 3 – Grade 8 have donated:

- Over 1200 coats to the needy;
- Toys to County Clerk Stephen Fiala's Lend a Helping Hand Campaign;
- Approximately \$3000 dollars to the Seton Foundation by holding a Penny Drive;
- Wrapped presents to nursing home residents;
- Assorted necessities for soldiers to Project Homefront;
- Letters to Santa which raised money for Make A Wish Foundation.

## 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](http://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.

### “THE SCHOLARSHIP COACH”

You are cordially invited to a presentation given by Ben Kaplan, “The Scholarship Coach” and author of “How to Go To College Almost For Free.” Mr. Kaplan will speak about the importance of attending college and give practical suggestions and proven methods to fund a college education. It is never too early to start planning for your child’s future. The presentation will take place at PS 41, 216 Clawson Street in New Dorp on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11AM. Please enter through the Locust Ave. entrance with ID. Interpretation services will be available.

### 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, Sacristan, at the Rectory, for more information (718) 984-0593.

### WHERE TO TURN

“Where to Turn” is looking for student volunteers 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@where-to-turn.org).

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

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

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; But upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.”

The feast of Epiphany, the Three Kings and the coming of the Magi is not unfamiliar. The tradition of three, because of the gifts, the star, the GPS of their day, seeking the newborn King, and the dream comprise the remarkable details of this biblical narration. As we live the day of manifestation, we look at our world today.

How few countries are walking by His light. How great the thick clouds of hopelessness and despair cover the people. How few are seeking the Lord, rather than protecting themselves. Isaiah’s call to open our eyes and see the world as it is tells us plainly that something, Someone, important is missing.

Foreign policy is often based on self interest. People come fleeing despots, war and poverty and are despised and rejected. The military return from the ravages of war, traumatized and disillusioned. Scarcity of money is not considered when buying armaments and weapons. In a few weeks we will have a report on the state of the union. On this day may we look at the state of the world and find solace in the Savior who made His presence known. On this day in the life of the church we discover the presence of the Christ, bring Him the gift of ourselves, and receive the wonderful gift of His life in grace through the sacraments.

### STRESS In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

.....**RETROUVAILLE** is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, N.J.

Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next weekend is **February 10-12, 2012**. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information please call the Family Life Office (days) 732 562-1990 x1624 or Tom & Pat McTague (732) 583-4468.

### SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, OP, at (212) 371-1000 X2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at (917) 861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure



### ST. EDWARD’S FOOD PANTRY

St. Edward’s Food Pantry is very low on food. Items that are especially needed are peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, cereal, tuna and juice. You may bring the food directly to the food pantry or drop it off at church and we will deliver the donations to the food pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

### 12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

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

**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.**