

November 1, 2015  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
All Saints

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, October 31**

9:00AM John Emigholz & Thomas Ruggiero  
4:00PM Maria Xouris & Lee Cook  
5:30PM Rocco Riccio

**Sunday, November 1**

8:00AM Anthony Mineo  
9:15AM Deceased members of the  
Hayes & Lapetina Families  
10:30AM Sydney Stacey, Sr.  
12 Noon Nazzarena Italia  
1:15PM Vincent DiDomenico  
7:00PM Deceased members of the  
Palmieri & Persichilli Families

**Monday, November 2 – ALL SOULS DAY**

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

**Tuesday, November 3**

9:00AM Margaret & Daniel Leahy

**Wednesday, November 4**

9:00AM Giuseppe & Elisabeta Iacoviello

**Thursday, November 5**

9:00AM Mark Lamonta

**Friday, November 6**

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Mule & Saccheri Families

**Saturday, November 7**

9:00AM Bolney Ramirez  
4:00PM Dora & Edward DiAntonio  
5:30PM Mario Schiera

**Sunday, November 8**

8:00AM Peter Ricciardi  
9:15AM Ruth Kahns  
10:30AM Alfred Austin  
12 Noon Marco Fusillo  
1:15PM Frank Citera  
7:00PM Henry Hermann

**Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin – November 4**

Helen belonged to the noble Enselmini family of Padua, Italy. In 1220, she became a Poor Clare nun by St. Francis. Later she was afflicted with a painful illness which remained for the rest of her short life. Helen suffered with Christian patience. She was shown the glory of the elect in heaven, had visions of purgatory and saw souls set free by prayers and good works of the faithful on earth. For several months, she survived only by taking the sacred Host. Toward the end of her life, she had St. Anthony of Padua as her spiritual director. Having also been afflicted with blindness and the loss of speech, she died in 1242. Her cult was approved in 1695 by Pope Innocent XII. (JM)

**HEALTH CARE WHITE MASS**

All health care professionals and students are invited to join us in the celebration of the Holy White Mass for Health Care Professionals, which will include a "Blessing of the Healing Hands." The Mass will be held on Thursday, November 5 @ 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 30 Manor Rd, with Monsignor Peter Finn & Deacon Richard Salhany presiding. There will be a reception to follow in the parish school hall. Sponsored by: Catholic Mental Health Professionals of Staten Island. For more info, contact Dr. Constance Salhany at csalhany@aol.com or (347) 273-1290.

The Sanctuary Lamp For The  
Week of November 1, 2015

In Memory Of

Lee Cook

Donated by

The Emigholz Family

**Lectors – Saturday, November 7**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers, November 7**

4:00PM J Coscia, A Lazzara, J Uhlman, L Barbato, B  
Nicholson, G Decker  
5:30PM C Losi, M Lappin, A Pompei, F Barone, A Dazio

**Lectors – Sunday, November 8**

8:00AM L Bauer  
9:15AM MA Higgins  
10:30AM M Coppolo  
12 Noon M Newell  
1:15PM C Messina  
7:00PM J Limeri

**Eucharistic Ministers, November 8**

8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, A Sparandera,  
R Bauer, J Stanzione  
9:15AM D Avena, W Higgins, M Sprague, C Rosato,  
J Gatto  
10:30AM C Ordy, J&C Gerace, G&E Riozzi, B Paccione  
12 Noon S Catalano, C Belvedere, A Maffeo, J Prato,  
E Talorico  
1:15PM B Peters, N Villani, C Houle, MA Russo,  
M Recanatini  
7:00PM K Melka, C Barone, A Zuffante, E Bellina,  
T Palmieri

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, November 7**

4:00 PM E Harris, V Pavlick, K Martino  
5:30 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves

**Sunday, November 8**

8:00 AM N&J Mele, M Esposito  
9:15 AM G Scarmato, G Artz, B Bosques  
10:30 AM M Mattioli, G Gulotta, G Monreale  
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, N Salerno  
1:15 PM C Trang, J Jacoby, G Marino  
7:00 PM E Tedesco, J Rubin, J Magnotti



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

**Monsignor James Dorney, Raymond Celentano,  
Warren Johnson, Angela Imperato,  
Alfred Consoli, Valida Copain**

**HEALING MASS**

There will be a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30PM**. Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over.  
*(The next Healing Service will be on Nov. 17 at 3:30PM.)*

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR***

Dear Parish Family,

As Fr. Tom gathers this week with the other pastors of the parishes of the Archdiocese to discuss their work of ministering to the Christian community of New York, I am grateful for the opportunity to address you in the corner of our bulletin usually reserved for the pastor. Since this weekend we are celebrating the solemnity of All Saints, I would like to offer a brief thought on what the Catholic Church calls the "universal call to holiness."

When most people think of the saints, what are the first names that usually come to mind? At the top of the list for most people would probably be St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Patrick, Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, and Padre Pio. These men and women followed Christ radically and without reservation, often in the face of tremendous challenges, and thus rightly deserve to be numbered among the greatest saints in the history of the Catholic Church. Besides their outstanding holiness, however, all of the saints just named have one other thing in common: none of them was married. Each of them, with the exception of St. Francis, who was an unmarried deacon, was a priest or a nun. It's not hard to imagine, therefore, how a glance at such a list could give the impression that it's necessary to become a priest or a nun in order to become a saint. For the Catholic Church, however, nothing could be further from the truth!

In an attempt to put such an idea to rest once and for all, last Sunday in Rome Pope Francis made history. For the first time ever in the history of our Church a married couple was declared to be saints in the same ceremony of canonization. The names of the husband and wife were Louis and Zelig Martin, a French couple who lived at the end of the 19th century and who gave birth to one of the unmarried saints on our list, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Just like their daughter, whose "little way" has provided a path to holiness for so many who are devoted to her, Louis and Zelig Martin did nothing remarkable to merit the title "saint." They simply placed God at the center of their marriage and family life, strove to conduct lives of virtue at work and in the home, and, like their daughter, they did many "ordinary things with extraordinary love." In his homily, the Pope praised the Martins for practicing "Christian service in the family, creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters." By canonizing Louis and Zelig Martin at the end of the Synod of the Family in Rome, Pope Francis has given us a powerful reminder of the very important truth that the vocation to marriage and the family – to which the majority of the baptized are called – is a legitimate pathway to holiness.

This canonization, along with today's solemnity of All Saints, is a beautiful occasion to remind ourselves that the ultimate goal of each of our lives, regardless of our specific vocation, is to become a saint. This is what the Church refers to as the "universal call to holiness," and it is "universal" because no baptized Christian is exempt from it. As the bishops gathered for the Second Vatican Council taught, "Therefore in the Church, everyone, whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness...all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity...[for] the classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one." Therefore, we can and must affirm that of the many goals to which we commit our time and energies in life, no other goal is worthy of as much of our time and energy as the goal of becoming holy. This is what life is all about, this is what ultimately matters the most for a follower of Jesus Christ. To put it in the famous words of the philosopher Leon Bloy, "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint."

Sound intimidating? Seem like too unrealistic a demand? Let us not allow our hearts to be troubled! The Lord never asks us for the impossible, and he always gives us all the grace we need to do what he is asking of us. Don't even know where to begin? Well it's simple: all holiness begins with the desire to be holy. If we do nothing more this week, let us ask the Holy Spirit every day to instill in each of our hearts a deep desire to be holy. Once we have that desire, we will be well on our way to becoming saints, and the Lord, in his time, will teach us the rest. Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us! All you holy men and women, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. David Rider



### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**FIRST TIME:** Robert Iovino & Jessica Gurdemir  
**SECOND TIME:** John Grande & Devon O'Leary  
Anthony Bongiardina & Jennifer Romeo  
**THIRD TIME:** Derek Dieken & Juliana Formica

### **WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP**

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, December 27th**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (Next workshop: Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.)

### **ST. MARIA GORETTI GROUP**

Friday, November 6th from 7- 9:30 PM  
Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd.

Come join the group for worship music at 7 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30 and a talk at 8:15 by speaker Christine Wong. Christine lives in Brooklyn, has a passion for fashion and is a certified chastity speaker with Pure of Heart. She will be speaking on "Striving for Chastity and Modesty in Modern Society."



### **SICK LIST**

Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Serafina Carlone, Stephanie Cerchio, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Matthew Hall, Lorraine Hamer, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Ralph Quezada, Caesar Russo, Summer Marie Semerad, Sandy Trapani, Dora Valiente, Jack Walsh. **Please Note: If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

### **MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE BY THE CHAPEL CRUCIFIX**

One month 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. If we receive more than 28 requests, those requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

## SCHOOL NEWS

- **Coat Drive Success!** A big thank you to all who donated to our coat drive. We collected over 750 coats which will help keep fellow Staten Islanders warm this winter!
- **Tennis anyone?** Our Kindergarten, first and second grade students will be learning to play tennis during gym class this month. A tennis pro will be teaching the children the basics of the game.
- **The Supernovas:** The Science and Engineering Club of OLSS School is geared up for another fine season. This club boasts a unique, fun learning experience for its members. Students in grades 5 & 6 work side by side with teachers, peers and student mentors from grades 7 & 8 and Xaverian and Farrell High Schools.



### TACHS

Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools  
Archdiocese of New York

Test Date: **Friday, November 6, 2015**

Registration Forms available at:

- [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com)

- Your local Catholic elementary or high school
- 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247) to request a copy

### STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES 2015

Sunday, November 1 – Notre Dame – 1-4 pm  
Sunday, November 1 - St. Peter's Boys – 1-4 pm

### Our Lady Star of the Sea 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Fair

Start your shopping early!

Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – 3pm -7 pm & Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – 9am -5pm

OLSS Athletic Center - O'Mara Hall

If you are interested in being a vendor,  
please call Marilee at 718-619-3098

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be a MAKEUP Reconciliation Meeting on **Wednesday, November 4 from 4:15-5:15 pm** in the Damato Meeting room for 2nd Grade parents (school & religious ed.) who missed the last one.

## OLSS SPORTS NEWS

### CYO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



We will be holding registration for current high school boys & girls who would like to play CYO basketball at OLSS. Registration will be held on Wednesday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30pm. ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR SCHOOL ID. Registration cannot be processed without it. Please visit [www.olssbasketball.com](http://www.olssbasketball.com) for the forms & fee schedule.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Rehearsals are on **Mondays, at 3:45PM**, in the Church. Children who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. If you would like to join, come to rehearsal. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:15AM Mass on Sundays.

**TRADITIONAL CHOIR:** The Traditional Choir is looking for members 18 years or older. If you would like to join, come to rehearsal. **Rehearsals are on Mondays, at 6PM, in the Church.** The Traditional Choir sings at the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays.

**CONTEMPORARY CHOIR:** Please note that we have lowered the age for the contemporary choir. If you are going into the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or older, you may join. This is a good opportunity for Confirmation Service Hours. Rehearsals are in the Church on Sunday nights at 5:30 PM. The Contemporary Choir sings at the 7PM Mass on Sundays.

## GROUP MEETINGS

**Bereavement Group** – New support group forming for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and is grieving. Join us as we journey from grief to healing on Wednesday, **November 4 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join and if you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

**Book Club** - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory and new members are always welcome. Our first selection will be *The Long Loneliness-The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist Dorothy Day*. We will cover up to page 132. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**50 Plus Club** – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on **November 13**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Prayer Group** – Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Damato Room in the Athletic Center.

**Holy Name Society** - Our next meeting for the new OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **November 18th 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.

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

*Given by Fr. Basil Akut & sponsored by the  
St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelite Community*

Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Adalbert's School Auditorium, 355 Morningstar Rd.

Donation: \$10 per person

Coffee and water will be served, please bring a bag lunch.

Kindly RSVP to Belle Parsons 718-273-5249 or Maria Ugenti 718-356-1886 if you would like to attend.

## FILL THESE HEARTS

*An evening with Christopher West*

Join best-selling author Christopher West as he explores the ancient but forgotten truth that our deepest desires of body and soul are meant to lead us to the infinite, to God. Experience an unforgettable introduction to Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body by one of today's most dynamic Catholic speakers.

When: Friday, November 13 from 7-9 pm

Where: Holy Child Church, 4747 Amboy Rd.

Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person and are available by emailing

[holychildmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:holychildmarriage@gmail.com) or online

at [www.corproject.com/events](http://www.corproject.com/events)

## 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

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<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 Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.



**Last Chance!  
Sponsor your 2015 OLSS Christmas  
Tree before November 6!**

Families of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2015 Advent Season.

Each tree will be lit, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the parish grounds.

A Lighting and Dedication Ceremony will be coordinated with more details to follow at a later date.

The cost to dedicate a Christmas Tree is \$250 each. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. All proceeds will benefit our Parish.

Trees must be reserved by November 6 in order to have the names listed in the bulletin & on the site map in the church.

If you have any questions, please email [olsshns@gmail.com](mailto:olsshns@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 718-984-0593.



**CLUSTER CORNER**

The New York Archdiocese began its pastoral planning initiative "Making All Things New" which 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. A Parish Core team was formed consisting of the pastor and a few members of the parish from the newly formed Cluster Parishes (OLSS, St. Joseph/St. Thomas, St. John Neumann & Our Lady Help of Christians). This particular section of the bulletin will be devoted each week 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 Parish Events**

- Our cluster will hold a special **"Take me out to the Ball Game"** Mass to recognize sports teams, coaches and cheerleaders. It will be held Saturday November 14, 2015 at 4:00 PM in the Mount Loretto Church. A reception will follow in the Old Gym, Building # 7 including hot dogs, chips and drinks. A special Prayer card will be given to each child. This mass counts for Sunday obligation. Envelopes collected during the mass will be given to the respective parishes.
- St. John Neumann Kidz Club is holding special Craft and Pre-Christmas Fun Morning. It will take place on November 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM at St. John Neumann. The Fee is \$7.00 per child. Drop off envelope with name on it to the Rectory by November 14th so supplies can be ordered in advance.

**Bus Trip to see "Miracle of Christmas"  
At Sight & Sound Theatre-Lancaster, PA**

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015

Leaving: OLSS Parking Lot at 9:30AM

Lunch at Good'n Plenty Restaurant 12:30PM

Sight & Sound Show 2:45PM

Return approx. 7:45PM

Cost: \$115 per person (Show, lunch, bus & tips)

**RSVP: by November 11, 2015**

Make check payable to: OLSS

Put "bus trip" on the memo line and submit with tear off sheet to:

**OLSS Rectory Attn: Gail Decker**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address/email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of Persons Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
SAVE THE DATES!**

Anniversary Mass  
with Cardinal Timothy Dolan  
Sunday, September 25, 2016

Anniversary Gala  
Sunday, October 2, 2016  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Ticket information to follow



*A Parish Campaign*

**OUR PARISH IS OUR HOME**

We are a family, united in the mission of Jesus Christ. By participating in the *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign, you will help us continue providing the services and ministries that make our parish vibrant.

Please consider sacrificially increasing your weekly offertory.

How much can you afford to increase to help our parish?

Current Weekly Offertory	Increase By:				
	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10
\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20
\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50
\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100
\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200