

November 15, 2015
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Thirty-third Sunday In
Ordinary Time

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, November 14

- 9:00AM** Bolney Ramirez
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Bertola & Grezzo
Families, Vincent Maeorano & Mario Mattera
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Scaramuzzo
& Presco Families

Sunday, November 15

- 8:00AM** Mary Petit
9:15AM Sophie & Joe Iorio, John & Jane Graziano
10:30AM Frank & Julie Bortle & John & Cecelia Smith
12 Noon Robert Santiago
1:15PM Peggy McNamara
7:00PM Louis & Anna Scarpa

Monday, November 16

- 9:00AM** Donald Scherer

Tuesday, November 17

- 9:00AM** Josephine Grado

Wednesday, November 18

- 9:00AM** Michele Mandara

Thursday, November 19

- 9:00AM** Angelo & Marry Gazzola
Joseph & Theresa Fallacaro

Friday, November 20

- 9:00AM** Carmine Gelormino

Saturday, November 21

- 9:00AM** Joseph Graziano
4:00PM Anthony Pepe
5:30PM Anna & Donald O'Connor

Sunday, November 22

- 8:00AM** Anna Marie Tobin
9:15AM Christopher Amoroso
10:30AM Edna Gorman
12 Noon Lillian Visciglia & Rose Nattoli
1:15PM Philomena Napolitano
7:00PM Paul Falco

St. Gertrude the Great – November 16

At age 5, Gertrude was given to the nuns at Helfta in Saxony, where she remained for the rest of her life. The monastery was distinguished by women of great learning and mystics. When she came of age, Gertrude was professed as a nun. At age 25, she experienced a vision of Christ. He said, "Fear not. I will save and deliver you." Dazzling light emanated from His five wounds. Gertrude enjoyed frequent mystical revelations. She recorded them in a book, "The Herald of Divine Love," a work combining great theological sophistication with mystical ardor. The principle theme is God's love for His creatures. Gertrude had a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, where she heard two pulsations. Jesus told her the first pulse was for the salvation of sinners, the second for the salvation of the just. She died November 17, 1302. Her feast is observed on November 16. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp For The
Week of November 15, 2015

In Memory Of
Kevin Haran

Donated by
The Emigholz Family

Lectors – Saturday, November 21

- 4:00PM** C Harris
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, November 21

- 4:00PM** C Biondolillo, L Barbato, A Petrocelli, A Lazzara,
B Nicholson, J Coscia
5:30PM A Dazio, M Lappin, C Losi, J Cimino, A Pompei

Lectors – Sunday, November 22

- 8:00AM** M Higgins
9:15AM T O'Connell
10:30AM M Coppolo
12 Noon M Newell
1:15PM G LaGrua
7:00PM T Palmieri

Eucharistic Ministers, November 22

- 8:00AM** A Sparandera, R&L Bauer, M Molinini, P Zoltowski
9:15AM M Sprague, S Hitchcock, C Rosato, W&M
Higgins
10:30AM G&E Riozzi, G Balestrino, N Fallacaro, C Ordy,
T Strange
12 Noon B Weir, C Bottiglia, S Catalano, J Tolento
1:15PM MA Russo, C Houle, N Villani, B Peters,
B Nicholson
7:00PM E Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, R LaMonica,
S Caiazzo

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 21

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

Sunday, November 22

- 8:00 AM** N&J Mele, M Esposito
9:15 AM G&F Scarmato, M Coelho
10:30 AM K Lee, G Monreale, G Gulotta
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, R Faljean
1:15 PM C Trang, G Marino, J Jacoby
7:00 PM J LoPiccolo, J Magnotti, J Rubin

HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Service on Tuesday, November 17 at 3:30PM**. Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over. **(The next Healing Mass will be on Dec. 1 at 7:30PM.)**

CHAPEL MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE

One month memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

May the Lord bless you abundantly during this Month of November, when we remember all our beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. I want to thank the Parents' Association for their successful bake sale after all the Masses last weekend. Also if you have noticed tiny little orange flags on the lawn in front of the church and the school, these are markers for rebar which will hold the Christmas Trees that will grace our parish from the middle of December until the end of January. I want to thank all the men of our parish and the Boy Scouts for their labor in setting all this up in time for the 5:30 Mass on Saturday December 5th when we will have our tree lighting ceremony. Mark your calendars and join us for this Jubilee event.

I want you join with me in welcoming Anthony Gorgia and Carmine Caruso and the seminarians of Cathedral Residence for Priestly Formation in Douglaston, Queens. They will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend to invite you to participate in a raffle to send all the 45 seminarians from the college and pre-theology from the Archdiocese of New York, Brooklyn, and Rockville Centre to the Vatican during this upcoming Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has been inviting pilgrims to come to Rome and become "missionaries of Mercy" during this upcoming year. Starting December 8th and extending to 2017, there are special plenary indulgences granted for people who pass through the Holy Doors of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. In addition to seeing Saint Peter's in Rome, the seminarians are planning to visit Saint Paul's Outside the Wall Basilica, Saint John Lateran Basilica, and Saint Mary Major Basilica as well as Assisi. It's a once in a lifetime experience they will never forget. I was able to attend the ICTE program at the Pontifical North American College in January 2013. ICTE stands for Institute for Continuing Theological Education. We were given the privilege of going through the four basilicas in Rome with an art historian and saw many treasures of our Catholic faith that have been handed down for the last two millennia.

If you would be interested in attending an 8 day pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, from April 1-8, 2016, there is one being planned by Peter's Way Tours. For a detailed brochure call (516) 605-1551 or email peter@petersway.com.

If you are not able to travel to Rome for this special Holy Year of Mercy there will be an opportunity to receive the same graces going through the doors of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. More details will be forthcoming as this year's events unfold.

In an effort to provide greater outreach to Catholics who are separated or divorced, the Family Life/ Respect Life Office will be offering a Facilitator Training Session for parish/cluster leaders to learn how to facilitate the 12 week Catholic Divorce Survival Guide course. This will be held on Saturday December 5, 2015 at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers from 10AM to 3PM. Lunch is provided and there is no cost for the training.

The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide Facilitator Training consists of viewing small segments of the program DVD's and discussing topics including, facilitating small groups, understanding the journey from divorce to healing, ordering materials and setting up a 12 week session at your parish/cluster, and addressing difficult issues that may arise during the 12 week session. All potential facilitators must be approved by the pastor prior to attending the training and the pastor must acknowledge that the person attending is a practicing Catholic, faithful to the Teachings of the Catholic Church. It is noted that each participant in the 12 week session will need to pay for his/her own participant course book/ materials, - approximately \$20.

If you feel interested or called to this special ministry please contact me.

Blessings and Peace,

Father Tom Devery



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: David Immiti & Lauren Cambria
Carl Gianino & Krystle Peralta
SECOND TIME: Hector Hernandez & Kaitlin Sparnroft
John Kucsma & Regina DeFelice
Frank Citera & Lauren Cipoletti
THIRD TIME: Robert Iovino & Jessica Gurdemir

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: Feb. 28.)

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact John Manetta, Sacristan, or call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.



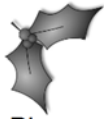
SICK LIST

Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Collier, 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, Jamie Seaman, 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.**

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – Nov. 22

Next weekend, there will be an Archdiocesan Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This campaign's donations will be dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Thank you for your generosity.

OLSS CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS WEEKEND



O'Mara Hall

Nov. 14th – 3-7 PM

& Nov. 15th 9 AM – 5 PM

Please stop by and get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting our school at the same time!

SCHOOL NEWS

Report Cards - Report cards will be distributed to our school parents on Monday, November 23 from 12:45-2:30 pm and from 7-8:30 pm.

Food Drive - Our annual food drive will take place on Tuesday, November 24. Please send in non-perishable food with your child that day to help out other Staten Island families. No glass jars please.

CUB SCOUTS

The OLSS Cub Scout Pack 5's 6th Annual Cake Auction will be Friday, November 20 in O'Mara Hall. Check in and Registration will be at 7 pm followed by the Auction and Silent Auction at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend!

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 **December 11**. 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 Damato Room in the Athletic Center.

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 18 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, December 3 at 7:30 PM** in the OLSS rectory and new members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

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.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Rehearsals are on **Mondays, at 3:45PM**, in the Church. Children who are in the 1st through 6th 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 7th 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, on **Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 7:15 pm**. The topic of discussion will be, "Understanding the Mass: How It Unites Us with Christ's Sacrifice. The Church teaches that the Mass is the source and summit of Christian life. Join us as Father Brendan Gormley, new pastor of Holy Family Church, discusses (the Church's understanding of) why the Eucharist is so vital to Christian living. A canned food collection will be taken this night to benefit the Holy Family Food Pantry.

COMEDY NIGHT

The Staten Island Chapter of Columbiettes presents a Comedy Night on **Friday, November 20** at the Looney Bin Comedy Club (141 E Service Rd., by Showplace Bowling). Doors open at 7:30 pm, with a 9 pm showtime. \$30 per person. Please make checks payable to SI Chapter. For more info, contact Pattie at battlinbat2@aol.com or 646-247-6469. (Two drink minimum per person, food available for purchase).

POOR PEOPLE'S DINNER

Project Hospitality is sponsoring their annual "Poor People's Dinner" at 6 PM, on Monday, November 23 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Ave., SINY. They ask you to bring at least one bag of canned or non-perishable food to stack the food pantry shelves for the upcoming winter season. For information and reservations, contact Anita Yuen at (718) 448-1544, ext. 163 or anyuen@projecthospitality.org.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – ST. CLARE'S PARISH

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on Saturday **December 5th** in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Ave) at St Clare's parish. They meet right after the Saturday 9am Mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10am.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MONSIGNOR FARRELL HS

The Annual Christmas Fair at Msgr. Farrell HS will be held on Sun., Dec. 6 from 10 am – 5 pm at 2900 Amboy Rd. Over 80 vendors will be present displaying crafts, jewelry, clothing and collectibles. Admission: \$3 per person or \$5 per family. For more info email: FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CLASS OF LIFE!

OLSS presents a theatrical event on January 23, 2016 called:

The Class of Life

The Class of Life is a theatrical experience that takes the audience on a journey which highlights events in one man's life. Utilizing a blend of humor, drama, and life experience, the actor takes his audience through stories relating to many of his life's experiences as a police officer, his proud Italian heritage, his upbringing and married life. This poignant presentation will surely touch the lives of those who value family, tradition, and comedy. You won't want to miss this! For information, please contact Anthony Langella at 917-817-1110.

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. 22nd
Dec. 13th and Dec. 27th
Jan. 10th and 24th
Feb. 14th and 28th

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMAL CLASS ON DEC. 27TH. IT WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 20TH INSTEAD.

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.

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

- **Christmas Fair** – The St. Joseph – St. Thomas Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday Nov. 20** from 3-9 pm, **Saturday Nov. 21** from 9 am-9 pm, and **Sunday Nov. 22** from 10 am-5 pm. FREE Admission, 50 Maguire Ave. Call (718) 356-0452 for more info.
- St. John Neumann Kidz Club is holding a special Craft and Pre-Christmas Fun Morning. It will take place on **November 28, at 10:00 AM** at St. John Neumann, 1380 Arthur Kill Rd. The Fee is \$6.00 per child. Drop off envelope with name on it to the Rectory by November 14th so supplies can be ordered in advance. For more info email sjnkidz@gmail.com.
- **Breakfast with Santa** - Come enjoy Breakfast with Santa at St. John Neumann Church, **Saturday, December 5th** from 10am - 12:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now -\$12 per child, \$6 per adult. Enjoy breakfast, face painting, tattoos, 50/50, and raffle baskets. Come meet Santa & Mrs. Claus and take a picture with them. For more info call 718-984-8535.

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 December 3.



SHARING OUR GIFTS



We are blessed to have a faithful parish community where we are able to witness the Word of the Lord each week.

Part of the *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign is to encourage stewardship. Let us share the gifts that we are blessed with.

Please consider sacrificially increasing your weekly offertory.