

November 22, 2015
 Our Lady Star of the Sea
 Christ the King

ANNOUNCED MASSES

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

Monday, November 23

9:00AM Peter Yancone

Tuesday, November 24

9:00AM Armondo & Adolorata Goglia
 7:30 PM Mass of Thanksgiving - People of OLSS

Wednesday, November 25

9:00AM Joseph Dominic DeCrescenzo

Thursday, November 26

9:00AM Florence Casazza

Friday, November 27

9:00AM Joseph Buzzetta

Saturday, November 28

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Quinn Family
 4:00PM Mary Kelly
 5:30PM Rita Albanese

Sunday, November 29

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
 & Santino families
 9:15AM Morrissey & Sellitti Families
 10:30AM Deceased Members of the DiFranci, DiMaria
 & Chieco families
 12 Noon Pasquale Campanelli
 1:15PM Daniel Catalano
 7:00PM Rose Fiorentino

St. Catherine of Alexandria-Virgin & Martyr – November 25

Catherine was a very educated woman of the 4th century who converted to Christianity at age 18. She preached the Gospel throughout Alexandria in Egypt. She was imprisoned by the emperor Magnus Maximus and while so, she converted the empress and the captain of the guards – for this she was condemned to death. She was tortured on a spiked wheel, and upon her death, the wheel broke. According to legend, angels carried her body to Mt. Sinai. Venerated in the East since the 9th century, St. Catherine is the patron saint of philosophers, preachers, librarians, and young, unmarried women. (JM)

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Our Lady Star of the Sea's 1st Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Sat., Dec. 5th after the 5:30PM Mass. Afterwards, everyone is invited to O'Mara Hall for refreshments.



The Sanctuary Lamp For The
 Week of November 22, 2015

In Memory Of
 Kevin Haran, Sr.
 & Kevin Haran, Jr.
 Donated by
 The O'Connor Family

Lectors – Saturday, November 28

4:00PM F Monte
 5:30PM A Pompei

Eucharistic Ministers, November 28

4:00PM C Harris, E Vitiello, L Barbato, C Barone,
 J Uhlman, G Decker
 5:30PM T Scaramuzzo, M Andreola, J Amitrano, A Dazio
 J Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, November 29

8:00AM L Bauer
 9:15AM T O'Connell
 10:30AM M Pinto
 12 Noon B Weir
 1:15PM C Messina
 7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, November 29

8:00AM J Perdichizzi, R Bauer, J Stanzone, P Zoltowski
 L Bauer
 9:15AM D Avena, W&MA Higgins, L Capobianco, J Zinsley
 10:30AM C Ordy, B Paccione, J&C Gerace, M Sprague
 12 Noon L Appel, J Prato, M Recanatini, A Maffeo,
 J Tolento
 1:15PM B Nicholson, R Lamonica, MA Russo, N Villani
 A McCoy
 7:00PM J Limeri, G Lagrua, S Caiazza, E Bellina, C Houle

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 28

4:00 PM K Marchisella, D Cavicchio, E Harris
 5:30 PM R&C Nicholaou, C Carr

Sunday, November 29

8:00 AM G&N Tucci, J Bell
 9:15 AM S Marashaj, G Artz, B Bosques
 10:30 AM R Ruzskowski, B Walsh, M Mattioli
 12:00 Noon A Romani, G Vassallo, N Salerno
 1:15 PM C, C, F, & T Nieves
 7:00 PM L & PJ Caiazza, E Tedesco



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:
**Msgr. Joseph Ansaldo, Rosemary Newman,
 Leonard Kinnear**

HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 1 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 Dec. 15 at 3:30PM.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This is the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in the Liturgical Year. During this past year, we have had the predominance of the Sunday Gospel readings from Saint Mark. Next liturgical Year we will feature Saint Matthew. So what does Christ the King Feast mean to us here in 2015? The Church is reminding us that unlike most royal prelates, Christ's crown is not gold, but one of thorns, his throne is not a large chair but rather a cross. In an act of love that redeemed the whole of creature from futility and sin, Jesus died and rose for us. He opened up the gates of heaven. He forgave us of our sins. He poured out His divine life especially in Baptism and Eucharist from his side on that cross. We gaze on Christ the King to learn about our destiny and that's to share in everlasting life.

Once again we were dismayed and saddened by the tragic attack of ISIS upon the people of Paris. It immediately set off in me the sickening feeling of panic and fear that 9/11 produced in me. Your heart gets flooded with a rush of negative feelings and thoughts and the unhealthy longing for revenge. These events could have the potential in making us become as evil as the evil that was perpetrated upon those innocent victims. We pray for their consolation and courage in the days ahead and for deep healing from the scars of trauma. We surrender all these thoughts and feelings to Christ the King and truly pray for His kingdom to come and swallow up all evil.

On December 8 of this year until the Feast of Christ the King in 2016, Pope Francis is calling for an extraordinary year of Jubilee, a Year of Mercy. The questions this year poses are timely, "Are you in need of mercy?" "How do you show mercy to others?" & "Are there ways you can help make our world more merciful?"

What is a jubilee year? It is an ancient Hebrew custom that every 50 years there is a time for rest and restoration, when captives were set free, debts were paid, and land was not sown or harvested. It was a time to celebrate the abundance of the Lord. There is also a Catholic tradition of celebrating jubilees to encourage people to return to the life of holiness. The last one was during the year 2000 celebrating the birth of Christ. Now Pope Francis senses the need for mercy.

Why Mercy? There is a tremendous need for mercy in our violent world. Pope Francis is calling for parishes to become "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference". He goes on to say in his apostolic Letter "Misericordiae Vultus" the official proclamation for the Year of Mercy, he wants to bring consolation to the poor and liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in our modern age. "From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends."

The pope points out that when people become more merciful in their own lives and bring God's mercy to others that the goal of this jubilee is accomplished. He wisely declared that living a merciful life does not mean that we ignore justice in our society. Mercy is not opposed to justice, but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. God's justice is mercy.

Beginning on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the close of the 2nd Vatican Council, Pope Francis will open a Holy Door in Saint Peter's Basilica and it will become a "Door of Mercy". All throughout the world, holy doors will be designated with special plenary indulgences granted for those who spiritually participate in this Year of Mercy. I am waiting to see the list of Holy Doors designated for the Archdiocese of New York. To walk through the Door of Mercy is a sign of inner pilgrimage to the heart of Jesus and being transformed by His grace.

Thank you for your contributions last weekend to the seminarians raffle cause last week. Thanks to your kindness and generosity over \$6,000 was raised. I want to honor Anthony Gorgia and Carmine Caruso for coming to us and sharing about their life's goal to be a priest, a missionary of mercy.

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom Devery



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME: Stephen Blanco & Danielle Barlotta
Leonard Parente & Bonnie Lopez

SECOND TIME: David Immiti & Lauren Cambria
Carl Gianino & Krystle Peralta

THIRD TIME: Hector Hernandez & Kaitlin Sparnroft
John Kucsma & Regina DeFelice
Frank Citera & Lauren Cipoletti

WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, Dec. 27.** At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (*Next workshop: Feb. 28.*)

SETON FOUNDATION CHANCE TICKETS

This weekend after all the masses, representatives from the Seton Foundation for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults ages 3 to 21 years will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 savings bond. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Please support this very worthy program.



SICK LIST

Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Matthew Hall, 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. **If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

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.

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

There will be an upcoming training for new ushers at 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.



Come enjoy the seasonal sounds of

Voyces

An Early Music Vocal Ensemble

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. OLSS presents the choral group **Voyces**, a Staten Island-based early music ensemble dedicated to the study and performance of Renaissance & Baroque vocal works, directed by Beth Johanning. **Voyces** will present a stunning celebration of early English Advent & Nativity Music that you will not want to miss! This concert is open to everyone and free of charge; a goodwill offering will be taken at the concert.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Report cards will be distributed to our school parents on Monday, Nov. 23 from 12:45-2:30 pm and from 7-8:30 pm.
- Our annual food drive will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Please send in non-perishable food with your child that day to help Staten Island families in need. No glass jars please.
- We received a note of thanks from the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Rev. Mark Hallinan, thanking us for the generous donation of coats from our annual coat drive. Thanks to all who contributed coats to this cause!

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.

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 – jilimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

GIVING BASKET

As in the past, this Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island, by responding to our local organizations serving their various needs. Next weekend, and the following weekend, our Giving Baskets will be in the rear of the Church. Please select one or more tags, purchase the items and wrap them. If you pick a tag and find you cannot purchase that gift, please return the tag. All gifts must be new. Original tag must be taped on the package, face up, when returning it. If you have a new item that you would like to donate, just make your own tag, noting the contents of the gift. For example, "Boys Large Sweat Shirt" and tape it to the gift. If you have volunteered to help with this project in the past or if you would like to join our volunteers this year, please call Donna Ferreri, the organization's coordinator, at 656-932-3030, and leave your name and number. We will also have tags for gift cards for families in need in our parish.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER 5 & 6 AND DECEMBER 12 & 13 – NO LATER! – SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

*Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
of gathering for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
the freedom to enjoy it,
and other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
we pray for health and strength
to carry on and try to live
as you would have us.
This we ask in the Name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Lord, Amen.*



THANKSGIVING MASS

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

The principal Mass for Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 PM. Let us give thanks as a community for all our blessings. The Boy Scouts will be collecting non-perishable foods for the pantry at Project Hospitality such as canned vegetables and fruits, cereals, pastas, canned meats, beans, tuna and peanut butter, which will be picked up after Mass. There will be a Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at 9 AM.

If you know of a needy family who could use some help for the holidays, please call the rectory and leave the information with us. All calls will be kept confidential.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

**Knights of Columbus Fr. John C Drumgoole Auxiliary
Columbiettes Christmas Fair**

Get a jump on your Christmas gift shopping! Come to the Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council Hall, 397 Clarke Ave., on Sunday, November 22nd from 9:30 am to 4 pm. For more info, call Dot at 718-698-0673.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MONSIGNOR FARRELL HS

Sunday, December 6 from 10 am – 5 pm
Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family
Vendors, Raffles, Food & Baked Goods and visit from Santa!
For more info email: FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com

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 stock 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.

LADIES OF CHARITY

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, Dec. 5th at 12 noon, the Ladies of Charity will host their Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Island Chateau, 900 Fingerboard Rd., SINY. Cost \$50 per person. RSVP to Joanne Pastore, 718-494-2024 or Pat Brady 718-698-6947 by Nov. 23rd.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

WITH MATT MAHER & AUDREY ASSAD

All are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach for a Young Adult Mass presided by Cardinal Dolan on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Confessions and Adoration with music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please arrive early. Learn more at www.catholicnyc.com.

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Join them for their 15th annual Christmas party at Crown Palace, 201 New Dorp Lane on **December 11** from 7:30-11 pm. Price is \$35 per person if received by Fri., Dec 4: \$45 afterwards and includes three course meal, dessert, and drinks. Payment must be received by Monday, Dec. 7. Bring check made out to CASH (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo), mail with your name, phone number and email to: Holy Family Parish; Attn Singles Christmas Party; 366 Watchogue Road; SINY 10314. For more info, please visit www.sgspci.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS at ST. PETER'S

Start the Christmas season the old fashioned way! St. Peter's H.S. Seton Chorale/Glee Club Alumni present the 6th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church, December 13 at 4 PM. For ticket information call Wayne at 718-971-3267. For program ads call Theresa at 718-981-8047.



HOLY CHILD'S HANDBELL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CD

The Holy Child Bell Choir has recorded a CD of Christmas music in honor of the parish's bicentennial anniversary. The cost is only \$12 per CD or 2 for \$20. Please send check to Holy Child, 4747 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY 10312 Attn: Sandra - Golden Bells. For more info, please contact Sandra Pace at holychildmusic@yahoo.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.



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. 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 – Our Lady Help of Christians, St. John Neumann, & St. Joseph-St. Thomas.

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

- **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.

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



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.

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.



A Parish Campaign



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our parish was built by a hardworking and dedicated faithful community.

The *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign will help

our parish continue to be a house of worship for the faithful generations to come.

Please join your fellow parishioners and participate in this vital campaign to increase our regular offertory.