

Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, November 25

4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Cathy Decker

Sunday, November 26

8:00AM Florence Casazza
9:30AM Robert Volpe
11:00AM Luciano Di Giallonardo
12:30PM Frank Bronzo
7:00 PM Deceased Members of the Florentino
& Orfano Families

Monday, November 27

9:00AM Sr. Jean Wagner, PBVM

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 AM Nancy Sacco

Wednesday, November 29

9:00AM Kate Barrett

Thursday, November 30

9:00AM John Strange

Friday, December 1

9:00AM Cynthia Crane

Saturday, December 2

9:00AM Alfred Austin
4:00PM Lucy & Mildred Gesualdi
5:30PM Marie Cancelleri

Sunday, December 3

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Mineo Family
9:30AM Gustave Martino
11:00AM Teresa & Sebastian Calabrisotto
12:30PM Andres & Olga Rosado
7:00 PM John Strange

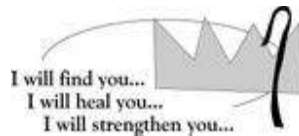
Banns of Marriage



1st Time: William McGoorty & Alyssa Decker
3rd Time: Albert Danza & Leandra Manfredini

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 25** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of November 26-December 2
Given in Memory of
Pietro Ciaravino
Donated by His Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 2

4:00PM S Gambino
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 2

4:00PM L Barbato, J Coscia, B Palomba & A Lazzara
5:30PM M Quadrino, B Weir, J Uhlman & J Cimino

Lectors – Sunday, December 3

8:00AM MA Higgins
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM A Medeiros
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, December 3

8:00AM A Shirazi, J Stanzione, A Sparandera, P Zoltowski & J Perdichizzi
9:30AM B Barone, J Gatto, L Appel, M Iacono & Sr. Rosemary
11:00AM N Fallacaro, J&C Gerace, C Messina & C Argano
12:30PM J Amodio, B Peters, A McCoy, R Marino & MA Russo
7:00PM E Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, A Pompei & J Limeri

Altar Servers - Saturday, December 2

4:00PM K Marchisella
5:30PM D Heidel, R&C Nicholaou

Altar Servers - Sunday, December 3

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito
11:00AM F&A Aurti
12:30PM B&M Stackhouse, P Marone
7:00PM N&S&A Mejias

Giving Baskets

Advent Giving Baskets with tags will be in the Church Lobby the weekends of 11/25 & 11/26 and 12/2 & 12/3. As in the past, this Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island, by responding to our parishioners & local organizations serving their various needs. This 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 sweatshirt" 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 646-932-3030, and leave your name and number. Tags for gift cards for families in need in our parish are needed as well. Please indicate the amount of the gift card on the tag so that we know the value when distributing them. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9 & 10 SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. God bless you for your generosity during this Advent Season!**



**Please Join Us for the
2017 OLSS Tree Lighting
Ceremony**

Saturday, December 2, 2017
(Immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass)

Sponsored by the
OLSS Holy Name Society

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

I want to wish you and yours a Blessed Happy Thanksgiving Weekend. I trust all went well. I can't believe that time marches on so fast. It seemed that only a few weeks ago we were enjoying balmy weather and the kids were going off to college and saying that they would be home for Thanksgiving. That seemed so far away. And now it has come and gone. With all the bad news we have been hit with over the last several months, it would almost seem that there's very little to give thanks for. But behind all that veneer of disasters and painful moments there is a deep abiding faith in the love of family gathered around the table. This is the one unique holiday in America that unites every household. All religions point to giving Thanks to God for His abundant gifts to us.

This is a feast to remind us that it is more than just the harvest abundance that we honor. It is much more than the historic events that brought Pilgrims and Native Americans to that first feast in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. This Thanksgiving is special for what we give thanks to God for, here and now.

One day a teacher asked the children in the class, "What are the Seven Wonders of the World? While many were thinking about places like the Taj Mahal, a bright fellow said this. "The Seven Wonders of the World are, I can see, I can smell, I can taste, I can touch, I can hear, I can think, and I can believe. We should be thankful for all those wonders each day.

I know that I have been twice made aware of the love of family. Once was on August 9th when the Irish cousins got to meet and greet the American side in one amazing reunion. You realize that when the older generation has run their course and now rest in the Lord, and we are now the "old ones". What a responsibility it is to treasure those loving moments of encounter, story-telling and laughs! Don't get me wrong, we are far from the perfect family, but it's the bonds of love and having come through the tough times that make us grateful for the gift of Life, the gift of Faith and the gift of Love that we are to each other. There's never a day when I don't pray for my family and especially the next generation. This Thanksgiving Season reminds me to pause and realize all that has been given to us is a pure blessing.

The other great moment of Thanks I want to give is ultimately to Jesus for the gift of the priesthood. November 5th marks 40 years. I think it was Henry Thoreau who once said, "No love, no friendship, can ever cross the path of our lives that doesn't leave a mark on it that lasts forever". I have my blood family and my Church family. I mentioned in my anniversary Mass how people would stop and ask me if I regretted not being married and having a family? The honest answer would be yes; there have been lonely times but not having a family, no. You see every time I baptize a baby they become a part of my Church family. Most parents will treasure the gift of children living at home until they are about 18 years of age and then they move out, some far away, some close; but they are beginning a new life of their own. The Church family I see begin and grow lasts for eternity. Jesus made the promise to never leave us, even if he wasn't there physically. Being a priest is such a unique privilege to experience a miracle every day when He is present on our altar. Words have power. God's word is even more powerful, for it effects when it spoken. When I say, "I absolve you from all your sins, in the name of the Father..." or "I baptize you in the name of the Father..." or "This is my Body and This is my Blood": these moments of grace enrich our lives.

Did you know what the Greek work "Eucharist" means? It means Thanksgiving. I am thankful for what He has done for us each day. As we prepare for the great season of Advent, may Christ the King reign in our hearts and prepare us to meet Christ when He comes in history, mystery and majesty.

Next Saturday, December 2nd after the 5:30 PM Mass, there will be the lighting of all the Memorial Christmas Trees. There will be over 200 trees ready to light up our parish campus. We hope you are able to join us.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Tom Devery



Sincere Condolences

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

Marie Finamore, Frances Scarcello

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, December 19 at 3:30 pm.**

Pray for the Sick



James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Mary Bonfiglio, Sarah Brodine, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, Dolores Lucardi, Marilyn Maiorana, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Margaret Smith, Msgr. Peter Smith, Eleanor Spaguolo, Robert Stranberg Sr., Michelle Surreys, Dustan Vasquez, Lisa Vasquez, Sarah Weathers
Please Note: Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Thank you to all who contributed to our food drive. Thanks to you we were able to help families in need right here on Staten Island.

• Smile...8th grade graduation pictures are on **Tuesday,**

November 28th.

• We are getting into the spirit of giving this holiday season! Our Lady Star of the sea students are taking part in two Advent projects this year. We are participating in Adopt-A-Senior, through the Staten Island Board of Realtors and the Giving Circle, and the Make-A-Wish Letters to Santa Campaign through Macy's.

• Our Annual Toy Drive, to benefit Amazing Grace Ministries, will take place on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**. If you would like to donate a new toy, you can drop it off at the school office before 9 am on 12/6.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, December 1 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Widowed Club – A group is available for widows and widowers to come together and share their experiences. The next meeting will be **Thurs., November 30** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement Group meetings will begin a new session at a future date. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, December 6 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm in the Rectory.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Legion of Mary – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, November 27 at 7:30 pm** in the OLSS Chapel. The LOM is responsible to guard for Friday adoration and will pray an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. We also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation and to bring Communion and/or visit to the sick or homebound. Our Facebook page is "Legion of Mary OLSS Praesidium". If you are interested in joining the Legion or the auxiliary, please attend one of the meetings or contact Carol at 917-621-7914 for more info or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home.

RCIA - Come Experience God's Love

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. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

Movie Night - December 1 at 7:30 pm

On Friday, December 1st, we will be showing "The Bells of St. Mary's" in the **Damato Meeting Room at 7:30 pm**.

1st Friday Overnight Adoration Vigil

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month it will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, December 1 at 9 pm** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, December 2 at 9 am**.



Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, December 2nd at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.



Make-up Reconciliation Meeting

There will be a make-up Reconciliation Meeting for 2nd Grade parents on **Monday, December 4th at 7:30 pm** in the Daily Mass Chapel in the Church.

OLSS Holiday Fair

Saturday, December 9 from 3 pm to 7 pm
& **Sunday, December 10 from 9 am to 5 pm**
In OLSS O'Mara Hall

Tables are still available for \$75 a piece. Please contact Christine at 201-452-5998 to reserve a table.

Altar Server Workshop and Training

Saturday, December 16 @ 12 Noon in the Church. . All altar servers should attend with parents. Sign in sheets will be put out for 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas/New Year's masses. New altar servers are welcome to attend as well.

Items to be Memorialized

There are several liturgical items available to be memorialized. If you would like to have an item memorialized for your loved one, please call the Rectory and leave a message for John Manetta.

Ladies Retreat

Day of Prayer at Loyola Jesuit Center-Morristown, NJ

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Prepare yourself for Christmas and treat yourself! Get away for a day! This Day of Prayer is an opportunity to get a taste of the Loyola retreat experience. Days of prayer are Ignatian mini-retreats in semi-silence from 9:30 am to 3 pm and include a light breakfast and lunch, Reconciliation and Mass. The bus will leave OLSS Athletic Center at 7:30 am and will be back around 5 pm. Cost: \$70 per person cash or check made to OLSS. NO REFUNDS. Any questions, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728 or maria.quadrino@gmail.com.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on our 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 Ceremonies

EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm (excluding Dec. 24 & Dec. 31)

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

November 26, December 10 (no class-12/24), January 14 & 28

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Baptism Ceremonies take place in the Church EVERY Sunday at 2 pm.

Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS 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 & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8:15PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
_____ Fridays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 5:30PM

Addiction Angels –For more info on Parent and Sibling support group meetings for families battling addiction, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every first Thursday, 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 **November 30**.

Cluster Corner



Our Lady Help of Christians Mass Times

7396 Amboy Rd. Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass),
12 PM, 4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 6:30 PM.
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

Parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas-St. John Neumann

Mass times at St. Thomas - 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

Mass times at St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Archcare TimeBank Enrollment Session

November 27, 2017 at 6:30pm

Join us at Our Lady Help of Christians School Gym (23 Summit St.) for an enrollment session of the Archcare TimeBank program on Monday, November 27 at 6:30 pm. The TimeBank is a great community program where neighbors help neighbors. The ArchCare TimeBank is FREE and open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. When someone needs a hand, the ArchCare TimeBank makes a member-to-member connection to fill that need. Please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or alfano@archcare.org to RSVP.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, December 1, 6:30 to 9:30 PM

Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314

Join us as Maria Malaspina, an experienced Catholic evangelist and missionary takes a look into Love and Responsibility, the foundational work of Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. She will help discover the simple truth of chastity. Music and confessions at 6:30 PM, followed by 7 PM Mass, dinner, and talk.

St. Clare Ignatian Prayer Group

Saturday, December 2nd

in the Presentation Center at St. Clare Church
Gathering for coffee after the 9:00 am Mass
Prayer begins at 10:00 am



Respond to the stirring in your heart to move closer to God through music, prayer with scripture, spiritual conversation and discussion of topics in Ignatian spirituality.

Msr. Farrell High School Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 3 from 10 am – 5 pm

Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family, free parking. 2900 Amboy Rd. For more info, contact farrellchristmasfair@gmail.com.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles

Annual Christmas Dinner

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will have their 17th annual **Christmas Dinner** on **Friday, December 15** at 7:30 pm at Café Bella Vita (1919 Hylan Blvd., S.I., NY 10305). Price is \$40 per person and includes a four course meal. All payments must be postmarked by Monday December 11. Mail CHECKS made out to CASH (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo box) with your name, number and email to: Holy Family Parish; Attn: Singles Christmas Party; 366 Watchogue Road; SI, NY 10314. For more info please visit: www.sgspsi.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child 3 – 14 years of age to benefit the East Shore Parishes of Staten Island.