

Our Lady Star of the Sea

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 12

- 4:00PM** Marilyn Green
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi
& Serrantonio Families

Sunday, January 13

- 8:00AM** Elizabeth Browne
9:30AM William Donald
11:00AM Rose Izzi
12:30PM Anthony Zito
7:00PM Gerald Krako

Monday, January 14

- 9:00AM** Helen Mione

Tuesday, January 15

- 9:00AM** Helen Bonacorsi

Wednesday, January 16

- 9:00 AM** Mike Caradonna

Thursday, January 17

- 9:00AM** Harry J. Skeggs

Friday, January 18

- 9:00AM** Clorinda Blancato

Saturday, January 19

- 9:00AM** Gregory Owen
4:00PM Dora & Edward DiAntonio
& Mildred & Lucy Gesualdi
5:30PM Rosemarie Alfieri

Sunday, January 20

- 8:00AM** Andrea, Giuseppe & Joe DeLuca
9:30AM Maria Minissale
11:00AM Theresa Lee
12:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.
7:00PM Tom Russo

Banns of Marriage



1st Time: Salvatore Amato & Christy Velazquez

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 17** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

Sisters of Life at OLSS

This Sunday, January 13, 2019

In anticipation of the March for Life happening in Washington D.C., the Sisters of Life will be present at the 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, and 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, January 13th. The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor, and will be speaking to our parish on the gift of life and the dignity of the human person. Information about the Sisters of Life can be found at www.sistersoflife.org

The Sisters will also be inviting women of all ages to participate in their Feminine Genius Brunch in February 2019, at which Sister Virginia Joy, Director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of New York, will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart. Details will be distributed at the Masses.

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

January 13-19, 2019

In Memory of

The Deceased Members of the Sparandera & Tarantola Families

Donated by Gabriel & Angelina Sparandera

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 19

- 4:00PM** L Bauer
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 19

- 4:00PM** B Palomba, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, J Uhlman
& L Barbato
5:30PM C Losi, A Maffeo, G Decker, A Dazio, N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, January 20

- 8:00AM** P Zoltowski
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM S Gambino
7:00PM A Medeiros

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 20

- 8:00AM** M Ennis, S Monteforte, C Rosato, A Shirazi
& J Stanzione
9:30AM J Zinsley, B Weir, J Gatto, T Strange, M Sprague
11:00AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, V Aciri, B Paccione
12:30PM C Belvedere, A McCoy, JM&M Graziano
7:00PM M Randazzo, G LaGrua, M Recanatini, C Houle
& K Melka

Altar Servers – Saturday, January 19

- 4:00PM** D Cavicchio, N Shirazi
5:30PM E Gladstone, N Shirazi

Altar Servers – Sunday, January 20

- 8:00AM** S&N Mejias
9:30AM J Habib, J, E & C Stadler
11:00AM P Marone
12:30PM I Santatemia, S&A Velazquez
7:00PM S, N & A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

**Ann Kozar, Virginia Ferrara, Anthony Pelle Sr.,
Nicolina Gianfortone, Josephine R. O'Brien,
Maureen Reilly, Domenick D'Ambrosio**

Sunday collection for the week of 12/30/18:

\$17,279.37



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1/1/19:

\$5,307.00

God bless you for your generosity!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the end of the Christmas Season and we are so blessed this weekend to host at the Sunday Morning Masses, the Sisters of Life. They will speak after communion on the sanctity of Life and invite us to pray a Novena of Life starting Monday January 14 to January 22.

The Sisters of Life are a community of religious women, began by Cardinal O'Connor and are dedicated to promoting the Sanctity of Human Life. They provide a shelter for women who are pregnant and help them and their babies come to full term. They also give retreats and healing services for women who have had an abortion in their past. Thier lifestyle is both active and contemplative. The early formators of this new community were the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate and the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee. Their motherhouse is in Suffern, New York, where formerly the Parish Mission Team resided from 1983-1999. We welcome them and give them full attention as to how we can promote the dignity of all life from the womb to the grave.

I want to honor all the second grade students of our school and School of Religion and their parents and teachers who helped prepare them for their First Reconciliation. Each in their innocent and open manner welcomed the refreshing grace of God's mercy into their hearts and we know how close Jesus loves the little ones. Let us continue to keep them in our care.

I want to honor as well the outstanding leadership of Monsignor Edmund Whalen as Principal of Monsignor Farrell High School. On January 1, he was appointed the Vicar of Clergy by Cardinal Dolan and Bishop Gerald Walsh would be now the emeritus of that office. I lived with Monsignor Whalen for several years at the Priest Residence at Farrell HS from 2007-2013. I saw firsthand how he was an iconic figure at all football games, parents meetings; the first one in the school each day and the last one to leave. This came as a total surprise and I know he will be totally dedicated to learning his new role. I also know how sad it must be to leave the school he loved so dearly. Please pray for him and the Farrell family and alumni as we go forward. All will be well and the "Vir Fidelis," The Faithful Man, will live on in the lives of all the young men he touched. Please pray for him as he minsters to my brother priests in the days ahead.

I have been reading some wonderful books and I would like to recommend for your winter spiritual development these following books. All can be found on Amazon.com:

The Anonymous Disciple by Gerald Coggins
Life after Loss: Healings Piece by Peace by Maria Dellaventura (OLSS Parishioner).
Tattoos of the Heart The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle
Barking at the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship by Gregory Boyle.
The Bishop of The Abandoned Tabernacle by Saint Manuel Gonzalez Garcia.
In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart by a Benedictine Monk
Peace will have the Last Word by Sister Emmanuel Mailland

I have the dates for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation; Bishop John O'Hara will administer this sacrament to our 8th grade students in our school on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 and to our School of Religion on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Both times are the same: 4PM.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta provides us with wisdom in her following sayings:

Every time you smile at someone; it is a gift to that person.
Some enter your life as blessings, others as lessons.
If we want to love, we must learn how to forgive.
God didn't call me to be successful, He called me to be faithful.
If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.
If you judge people, you have no time to love them.
If you want to change the world; love your family.
Spread love everywhere you go.
Peace begins with a smile.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

Fr. Tom Devery



Pray for the Sick

Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Zeina Encico, Florence Fitzgerald, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie Ledwon, Ann Mannino, William Masel, Lena Molero, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, John Robertson, Sr., Anthony Ruggario, Caesar Russo, Msgr. Peter Smith, Ann Strandberg, George Weir, Mona Williams, Teresa Zizzamia **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.**

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, January 15 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **Due to the New Year Holiday, there will NOT be a Healing Mass in January. The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 pm.**

ADNY Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949. She may be reached via email at victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.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.

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

Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. 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.



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to our "There Ought to be a Law" contest winners! Isabella Piccone, Luigi Fanelli and Nicolette Mauriello were honored by Senator Lanza for their ideas on creating a new law.

• Registration for incoming OLSS siblings will take place on Monday, January 14.

• Come see OLSS in action! Join us on January 29 for Touring Tuesday and see all the wonderful things happening in our school. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

• Check out our school website for updates on registration and Catholic Schools Week event.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 25** from 1-3 pm in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

WINGS - (Widows & Widowers In a New Life Getting together Socially) The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 17** from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Living Room of the **OLSS Rectory**. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– There will be a new session beginning at a future date TBD. 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.

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

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meet 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, January 14 at 7:30 pm** in the **Chapel**. The LOM is responsible for Friday adoration and prays an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. They also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation. For more info or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **January 16**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Giving Tree Thanks

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for all the wonderful donations. We received hundreds of gifts and gift cards. Thank you to **Debbie Emigholz** for organizing the Giving Tree program and the individual gift donations and a special thank you to **Donna Ferreri**, who celebrated her 18th year of coordinating the organizations and volunteers: **Anne Marie Colombo, Bob & Jeanne Casanovas, Chuck & Kathy Melka, Marcia Varaceli, Maryann Russo, Diane Parenti, Carol Ordy and Nancy Fallacaro** for all their hard work. Your donations and all our volunteers helped to make the Christmas season a bright one for the less fortunate of our parish and the following community organizations: Project Hospitality, St. Edward's Food Pantry (Franciscan Handmaids of Mary), Memorial Sloan Kettering Pediatric Unit, Eden II, Seaview Home, Crossroads Foundation, Seamen's Society for Children, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (St Mary of the Assumption) R.C. Church and Amethyst House.



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 more information, please contact Joe Limeri at jlimeri@aol.com or 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

OLSS STAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS

The Star Players will be holding auditions for their spring show:

SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Auditions: Monday & Tuesday, January 14 & 15 from 6-9 pm
Please Note for Auditions:

- Come prepared with a song from the show or a Broadway style song
- Bring a recent photo or headshot
- Be prepared to learn a movement combination

Callbacks: Thursday & Friday, January 17 & 18 from 6-9 pm.

Please note for Callbacks: You only need to attend if you are offered a callback. Times will be broken up depending on character. Callbacks will only be for lead roles

Show Dates: June 28, 29 & 30

(Must be available for all show dates)

Auditions are held in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center and are first come, first serve. Auditions are open to children ages 4 through college.

9 Days for Life Novena

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

Archcare TimeBank Events at OLSS

The ArchCare TimeBank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. To RSVP to any of these events, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Diabetes Management Workshop with SIUH

Overall look on health, with tips and tools on how to manage and prevent Diabetes. **Monday, January 14th** at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement.

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Supplies are limited-please bring necessary tools and wire. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 5** at 6 pm in the Damato Mtg Room.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The next sessions of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be from 11:45 am -1:15 pm in the Rectory Basement on **Thursdays January 24 and February 7 & 21**.

Growth in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Growth in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place & Time: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel from 7-9 pm

Dates: January 22, 29 and February 12, 19 & 26

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

Event Honoring Msgr. Jeffrey Conway

We were just notified of this event. If you would like to attend, please call 347-951-9650 to make a reservation, and you can pay at the door.

ILLUMINART PRODUCTIONS
Presents...
EMPOWERING VOICES A Musical Revue to benefit IlluminArt's youth programs
2019 Honorees...
Sunday January 13, 2019 5:00 PM
The Historic Old Bermuda Inn
301 Veterans Road West
Staten Island, NY 10309
Tickets \$75*
(*Includes wine/beer, appetizers, dinner, & dessert)
For reservations and sponsorship opportunities visit:
www.bit.ly/EmpoweringVoices2019
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Bernardo Pace
Advocate for individuals with autism

The HOPE Program and Step Up.
Step Forward. Stop Bullying Poster and Writing Competition of the Office of the Richmond County District Attorney
Michael E. McMahon

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM

AA _____ Sundays 8PM

_____ Mondays 10AM

_____ Tuesdays 4PM

_____ Thursdays 4PM

_____ Fridays 4PM

_____ Saturdays 7:30PM

PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM

AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 6PM

OA (Overeaters Anonymous) _____ 2nd Friday at 7PM

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every 1st 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 **February 7**.

Addiction Angels –There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction at 7 pm on **Thurs., February 21** in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

Cluster Corner

Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians -7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, 1 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

