

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, December 14

4:00PM Berta & John Matzele
5:30PM Amelia Newborn

Sunday, December 15

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri
& Persichilli Families
9:30AM Anthony Izzi
11:00AM Josefa Edward Klinkosz
12:30PM Deceased Members of the Marcellino, Molinari
& Delia Families
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Quattrochi
& Calamia Families

Monday, December 16

9:00AM Anthony & Florence Romano

Tuesday, December 17

9:00AM Meredith Holly Grant

Wednesday, December 18

9:00AM Connie Gersbeck & Rosemarie Lanzarone

Thursday, December 19

9:00 AM Francesco LoCascio

Friday, December 20

9:00AM Daniel & Margaret Leahy

Saturday, December 21

9:00AM Carol Cabane
4:00PM Lenny Galati
5:30PM Robert Westrich

Sunday, December 22

8:00AM Antonio Persichilli
9:30AM Michele Surrey
11:00AM Ambrogio & Loreta Grieco
12:30PM Joanne & John Quattrocchi
7:00PM Mary Bassi

Advent Candles Memorialized

The Advent Candles, which are on our Advent Wreath, have been given In Memory of Rosaria & Salvatore Perdichizzi.



Christmas Flower Offering

During the Christmas Season, our church is adorned with lovely Christmas flowers. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flower fund, please use the envelope found in your packet of Sunday envelopes, noting the name of the loved one you would like remembered on the line provided.



Banns of Marriage



1st Time: James Sammarco & Andrea Rapacciuolo
3rd Time: Dominic Gibilisco & Marisa Rizzo

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, December 29** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
December 15-21, 2019
In Loving Memory of
Bernice Mayronne



Donated by her loving cousins,
Barbara & Albert and Arlene & Bill

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 21

4:00PM C Harris
5:30PM F Monte

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 21

4:00PM B Palomba, L Barbato, J Coscia
5:30PM A Dazio, C Houle, E Burns

Lectors – Sunday, December 22

8:00AM A Medeiros
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, December 22

8:00AM M Quadrino, M Ennis
9:30AM V Acri, B Barone
11:00AM L Appel, C Ordy, J Tolento
12:30PM S Catalano, C Belvedere, MA Russo
7:00PM C Barone, J Bellina, K Melka

Altar Servers

Saturday, December 21

4:00PM D Cavicchio
5:30PM A Monferrato, D Heidel

Sunday, December 22

8:00AM J, E & C Stadler
9:30AM F Surace, S Corso
11:00AM J Oliveri, P Marone
12:30PM J&N Cooper
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias

Sincere Condolences



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

Mary Reilly

Sunday Collection for the week of 12/1/19:



\$14,584.35

God bless you for your generosity!

Giving Baskets

Gifts are due THIS weekend so that we can distribute them in time for Christmas!



God bless you for your generosity during this Advent Season!

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As we make our way through this Advent Season, with longing for the coming of Jesus and making “a highway” into our hearts. I was delighted to receive a wonderful letter from Father Basil’s brother Emmanuel Akut. I would like to share that with you.

Dear Father Devery,

I hope this letter meets you in good health. I send you fraternal greetings from Zaria town in Kaduna State, Northern Nigeria.

On behalf of my wife, Clara and my two daughters, Maria (8) and Camilla (4), I wish to register our sincere thanks and appreciation to you and your entire parishioners.

My elder brother, Fr. Basil Akut, wired me the sum of \$3500 as the generous donation from you and the beloved parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. Suffice it to say that we were shocked to our delight for your generosity. He also enclosed all the beautiful card and kind words of consolation and encouragements from the parishioners, as well as, laminated picture post cards of our late daughter Magdalene Akut.

We greatly appreciate your love, support and encouragement in this difficult time. We are consoled and our faith strengthened. We hope to use part of the money to bring awareness to other families about the need to constantly go for malaria screening to prevent children mortality due to malaria.

We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to pray for you also.

Please extend our sincere gratitude to your beloved parishioners.

Sincerely,

Engr. Emmanuel Akut

Emmanuel Akut’s daughter Magdalene died of complications due to malaria. She was only 2 years old. Then as if it were out of the Book of Job, Emmanuel’s family was robbed in the middle of the night. This letter represents the lovingkindness and generosity of our parish. I am exceeding grateful, as is Father Basil.

I also want to thank all the parishioners who have come and brought great consolation to Father Joseph Roesch, MIC and family over the recent passing of his mother, Kathleen “Kay” Roesch. She went home to God on the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel that day had Jesus saying to Dismas, the good thief on the cross with Him, “This day you will be with me in paradise”. Both Kay and Bill Roesch, were long time parishioners and indeed prayer warriors, who attended Mass daily. When they became frail, they moved to Florida to be care for by Claire, their daughter’s family. Bill died about 16 months ago and Father Joe was able to travel to their home just before Kay passed. May the Lord bless each of them with eternal life.

The Gospel message of Advent stresses the words: Stay Awake, Be Vigilant, Now is the time for the coming of the Lord. As we heed these words we are urged to:

Pray like Nehemiah, Obey like Daniel, Lead like Moses, Serve like Martha, Believe like Mary, Fight like David, Educate Like Paul, Build like Noah and above all Love like Jesus.

I also want to congratulate Our Lady Star of the Sea School’s Parents’ Association for hosting a wonderful Gala for the 60th Anniversary of our school.

This is a gentle reminder that Advent Reconciliation Monday is December 16 from 4PM to 8PM in the Church. All priests from the three dioceses will be ministering to the faithful for their souls to get ready for the coming of Christ. Give yourself the gift of Peace coming from Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

God Bless You,

Father Tom Devery

Thank you to & from the Holy Name Society



The Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone for coming out last Saturday for the Christmas Tree Lighting. We hope everyone enjoys their tree this Christmas Season! We would also like to thank Rob Cermeli, Peter Cappellino and the Holy Name Society for their hard work and dedication in making this event so successful and enjoyable for all.

OLSS Watercolor Group Exhibit

The paintings in the church vestibule this weekend are on exhibit courtesy of the parishioners involved in the OLSS Watercolor class held by Maria Quadrino. We invite you to please stop by and see the watercolor paintings!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

**Come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
this Advent Season!**

Monday, December 16, 4-8 PM



Monday, December 16 has been designated "Advent Reconciliation Monday" in the Archdiocese of New York. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4 pm to 8 pm. You may go to any parish during this time. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive the Sacrament during this Advent Season! Confessions are also heard here at OLSS every Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.



**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Christmas Mass Schedule – 2019**

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4 pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Wednesday, December 25

7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am,
12Noon, & 1:30 pm

Masses are in the Church only.

Please note that the 4 pm and 10:30 am Masses are usually very crowded, and parking may be difficult.

If necessary, you may use the municipal lot across from the public library on Huguenot Ave.

Please do not use the TD Bank parking lot.

Thank you!



Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, John Dawidowicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Mario Garafola, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Jack Miller, Steven Morvillo, Pauline Orfano, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Elizabeth White. **Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.**

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, December 17 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 pm.**

2020 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2020 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a Sanctuary Lamp.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Our Lady Star of the Sea students are reaching out to help others during this Advent season. We hosted a successful Toy Drive for Amazing Grace Ministries, participated in Adopt-A-Senior and Stockings for Soldiers! Thank you to all who contributed and helped to make the holiday season a little brighter!

• Carlee DiDonna & Jordan Amodio of Grade 5 were chosen as finalists in Senator Andrew J. Lanza's "There Ought to be a Law" contest! Great job, girls!

• The 8th grade Christmas Spectacular, A Peter Pan Christmas, will take place on Friday, December 20th at 1 pm.



OLSS Adult Volunteer

Thank You Party

**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in
O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 10, 2020
from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:**

Eucharist Ministers & Lectors

Ushers & Sacristans

Girl/Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board

Contemporary Ensemble

Bereavement Core Team

Volunteer Catechists

Adult Faith Formation Team

Eucharistic Adorers

Legion of Mary Exec. Board

Sons & Dtrs of Mary Exec. Board

OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff

Altar Adult Care Committee

Adult Choir & Cantors

Soccer Executive Board

50 Plus Group Officers

Parents' Association Board

RCIA Core Team

Food Pantry Volunteers

Holy Name Exec. Board

OLSS ArchCare Exec. Brd

Prayer Group Exec. Board

**Please RSVP to the Rectory, 984-0593 by Friday, January 3
so that we are prepared with the right amount of food.**

OLSS Baby Bin



The OLSS Pro-Life Committee has set up a Baby Bin in the lobby at the main entrance of the church to accept donations of diapers, wipes and other essentials for newborns. Items collected will be sent to the Cross Road Foundation and the Good Counsel Home both on Staten Island. Please check the bin for a list of the items that can be accepted. Disposable diapers and wipes are especially needed. God bless you for your generosity in supporting the Gospel of Life.

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 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Ceremonies – Every Sunday at 2 pm

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

December 22, January 12 & 26

12 Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. Dates for Baptisms are not guaranteed until the required documents are turned into the Rectory and the date is confirmed by rectory staff.

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, December 20** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Ginny at 718-356-6611.

Bereavement Group– A new session of “*It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing*” will begin at a future date. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to call Veronica at 347-620-8484 for more information.

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

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

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – Come and learn how to make rosaries. No prior skill needed, all the material is supplied. The rosaries will be sent to missionaries all over the world. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **12/17, 1/7, 1/21**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Knitting & Crochet Group – Meets on the 1st & 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **12/18, 1/8, 1/22**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

Bible Study Group – Thursdays from 10-11:30 am in the Rectory Basement. For info, call Lenore at 917-642-3377.

Legion of Mary – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, December 16 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory**. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium” or contact Carol at 917-621-7814. The Legion of Mary offers the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to visit your home. To arrange a visit call Marie 917-459-4121.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima - The Legion of Mary offers the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to visit your home. To arrange a visit call Marie 917-459-4121 or message them at their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium”.

Stolzenhaller Columbiettes Team Week at Modell's Shop at Modell's Sporting Goods from Now through 1/9/20 with this coupon

Save
15% OFF
OF PURCHASES MADE
During Your “Team Weeks.”
Shopping Period

Your Team Receives
5% BACK
OF PURCHASES MADE
During Your “Team Weeks.”
Shopping Period



Earn Rewards While
Supporting Your Team!

A Vibrant Catholic Women's Service Organization

Looking for a way to get involved in parish and Columbiette events? Enjoy social activities? Want to enrich your Catholic faith? Join the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more information.

Thank you to our Parishioners

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. The donated items were dropped off at the **Animal Care Center** and everyone there were appreciative of your kindness. You have fulfilled a need. God bless you for your generosity.

Ave Maria Crochet/Knitting Rectangle Program

On December 21st and 22nd, our completed blankets will be displayed in the church's vestibule.

The blankets, hats, scarfs, gloves and socks will be given to the homeless on the streets of NYC.

As of right now, we have made: 70 hats, 18 blankets and 70 scarfs. Please stop by to see the wonderful work of your fellow parishioners.

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✓ Mark Your Calendar

Young Adult Marriage Discussion Group

Friday, December 27 from 7:30 -8:30 pm

St. Charles Rectory (644 Clawson St., SI, NY 10306)

This monthly group will study and discuss what the church teaches about the sacrament of marriage and will include young adult married witnesses.