

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, December 7

4:00PM Richard Famiglietti
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Thaler
& Matzelle Families

Sunday, December 8

8:00AM Barbara Bisignano
9:30AM James Green & Judy Fusillo
11:00AM Frank & Julie Bortle, Benedict, Viola & John
Saldanha & Maggie & Edmond Tawil
12:30PM Olga & Andres Rosado
7:00PM Leonardo Acquatico

Monday, December 9

9:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy

Tuesday, December 10

9:00AM Emidio Ponzi

Wednesday, December 11

9:00AM Joseph DeCandia

Thursday, December 12

9:00 AM Ida & Salvatore DiMarco

Friday, December 13

9:00AM Frank Fiumano

Saturday, December 14

9:00AM Janet Hayes
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

Advent Candles Memorialized

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



Banns of Marriage



2nd Time: Dominic Gibilisco & Marisa Rizzo

2nd Time: Matthew Forgione & Theresa Luciano

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.

Donation Weekend for Animal Care Centers of NYC
This weekend after all Masses

Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) is almost always in need of donated supplies for their animals. If you have blankets, washcloths, bedsheets and towels that you no longer want or need, please donate them. Also collars, harnesses, leashes, food bowls and dog/cat toys can be donated on **Saturday 12/7/19** and **Sunday 12/8/19** after all masses. **Drop off items at the entrance of the school.** For more information, visit <https://www.nycacc.org>.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
December 8-14, 2019

Donated In Loving Memory of
Jaime Seaman
& **Dominick Zizzamia**
From Theresa, Eddie & Candace

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 14

4:00PM A Pompei
5:30PM C Messina

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 14

4:00PM M Quadrino, C Argano
5:30PM J Uhlman, M Sprague

Lectors – Sunday, December 15

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM M Coppola
11:00AM M Pinto
12:30PM A Deliso
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, December 15

8:00AM M Molinini, C Rosato, A Sparandera
9:30AM J Amodio, J Gatto, M Iacono
11:00AM N Fallacaro, C&J Gerace
12:30PM B Peters, R Marino, R Ruszkowski
7:00PM M Recanatini, C Houle, A Zuffante

Altar Servers

Saturday, December 14

4:00PM J, E & C Stadler
5:30PM D Heidel, J Oliveri

Sunday, December 15

8:00AM A Monferrato, C Rosenberg
9:30AM F Surace, S Artz
11:00AM M, T & J Maresca
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:

**Kathleen Roesch, David Paolino, Vincent DeTrano,
John O'Halloran, Donna Maglio, John J. Cofone,
Sara Ann Sparacio**

Sunday Collection for the week of 11/17/19:

\$16,489.67

2nd Collection: Debt Reduction:

\$4,243.00

Sunday Collection for the week of 11/24/19:

\$15,519.30

**2nd Collection: Catholic Charities Campaign
for Charity & Justice:**

\$2,637.00

All Souls Collection:

\$2,253.00

God bless you for your generosity!

A Letter from the Pastor

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7, 2019

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for gathering with us for the annual lighting of our Memorial Christmas trees. Once again, the Christmas tree reminds us of their beauty as they all point toward heaven. The names of our precious loved ones are not forgotten. In the cold, darkness of the December night, we wait, as the whole Church does during the season of Advent for the coming of the Light of Christ. The twinkling of these white lights being lit thrills us.

Why did Jesus come to us? He came to be born as our Savior.

If we didn't sin, we wouldn't need a Savior. We still need Jesus to point our way to heaven. He still leads us through the darkness of life into an inner freedom of His loving light. We will all prepare for Christmas: gifts, cards, presents, decorations, special desserts, warm drinks and gathering of friends and loved ones. It's a wonderful time. So also is our reception of the Real Presence in Holy Communion. Jesus is the reason for the season. He wants to be born again in each of our souls.

I can hardly remember what gifts I received last year. However, I can't stop thanking Jesus for the blessings he offers to us each day. We still are faithful to a God who intimately loves us and blesses us each day along our journey.

If the journey to Bethlehem has been long and rough for Mary and Joseph, so too is our journey from darkness into light. Let Jesus be our Savior, repent of sin and darkness and trust in His wonderful light. We all glory in the Light. This is a season of not only receiving presents but Presence. May the Prince of Peace fill you with renewed love and aliveness of Spirit.

God Bless you all,

Father Tom Devery

2019 Christmas Trees have been dedicated by the following (as of print date):

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| 1. Our Lady Star of the Sea | 44. Crystal Lia | 86. Raymond Chouinard | 128. Dina Fleming |
| 2. Our Lady Star of the Sea | 45. The Cuffaro Family | 87. Marc Petri & Pride Inc. | 129. Damon Testaverde |
| 3. Our Lady Star of the Sea | 46. Debbie Mattera | 88. Maria Leahy | 130. Frances Bierster |
| 4. Our Lady Star of the Sea | 47. Kosa M. Catanzaro | 89. OLSS Debs Cheerleaders | 131. OLSS 8th Grade Girls Basketball |
| 5. Our Lady Star of the Sea | 48. Mrs. Toni DiFranco | 90. Pat Lomando | 132. Joseph Dellaria |
| 6. Rev. Thomas P. Devery | 49. The OLSS 50 Plus Club | 91. Judith Young | 133. Mandara |
| 7. The Lazzara Family | 50. Frances Flanigan | 92. Karl and Debbie Emigholz & Family | 134. Angela & Sam Nahas & Giada |
| 8. Nancy Puglisi | 51. Joseph Romagnolo | 93. Francesca Camiolo | 135. Angela & Sam Nahas |
| 9. Ginger & Al Petrocelli | 52. Marie Rizzotti | 94. Legion of Mary | 136. The Di Ciollo Family |
| 10. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Argano | 53. Charlie Santiago & Mary Battipaglia | 95. Veronica Ruggiero | 137. Barbara Columbo |
| 11. Roger White | 54. Dominick & Linda Fusillo | 96. Samantha Vinci | 138. OLSS Biddies and Coaches |
| 12. The Sparandera Family | 55. Donna Tobacco | 97. Samantha Vinci | 139. The Alesi Family |
| 13. Nancy Mazziotta | 56. Renee & Richard Dixon | 98. Pat Lomando | 140. The Monforte, Overstrom, Mutz & Hughes Family |
| 14. Lauriann Stephano | 57. JoAnne Graziano | 99. Alyssa Decker | 141. Thomas Consolmango |
| 15. Annette LaBarbera | 58. E. Zaccheo | 100. Brynn, Ralph, Nicholas & Julia Carosella | 142. The Ferlisi and Kennedy Family |
| 16. Paula Freundlich | 59. Linda Nielsen | 101. Anthony Rapacciolo | 143. Barbara Farro |
| 17. Jennifer Iorio | 60. Isabel Tanella | 102. Jeannine Roland | 144. Filippo & Joanne Giuffre |
| 18. Monica Ennis | 61. Lucille DeFelice | 103. Maria Conklin | 145. Santo & Lisa Giglia |
| 19. The DeFalco Family | 62. Lynda LaManna | 104. I.S. 51 Staff | 146. The Rugg Family |
| 20. Joseph Pisano | 63. Michael Iacono | 105. The McVeigh Family | 147. Geoffrey & Mary Byruch |
| 21. The Villani & DiGiallonardo Families | 64. Francesca Saulo | 106. Mr. & Mrs. Sebastian Angelico | 150. PreK-3 & PreK-4 Students of OLSS |
| 22. Maria Molinini | 65. Jackie, John and Jada Montemarano | 107. Christina Noto | 151. The Kindergarten Students of OLSS |
| 23. Rocco Osso | 66. Melissa Pinto | 108. Giuseppe Noto | 152. The 1st Grade Students of OLSS |
| 24. Neil Sansalone | 67. Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Pinto | 109. Jenna DeRosa | 153. The 2nd Grade Students of OLSS |
| 25. Eileen & Bob Purelis | 68. Andrea Maffeo | 110. Jean Fazio | 154. The 3rd Grade Students of OLSS |
| 26. The Colucci Family | 69. Rita Marasa | 111. Elena Catalano and family | 155. The 4th Grade Students of OLSS |
| 27. Lisa Musso | 70. The Vierno Family | 112. The Ornstein Family | 156. The 5th Grade Students of OLSS |
| 28. Vincent & Barbara Puleo | 71. The Pelle Family | 113. The Donahue Family | 157. The 6th Grade Students of OLSS |
| 29. Catherine Angelino | 72. Susan & Vincent Angelico | 114. Anna Maria Geehan | 158. The 7th Grade Students of OLSS |
| 30. Kathy Johnsen | 73. Leonarda & Gregory Petrozza | 115. The Deliso Family | 159. The 8th Grade Students of OLSS |
| 31. Daniel Smolka | 74. Dana Musetti | 116. Frances DeMarco & Catherine DiDomenico | 160. The Administration, Teachers and Parents Association of OLSS |
| 32. Gail & Bill Decker | 75. Ed Newborn | 117. Lucille Hinz | 161. Jennifer Mosiello |
| 33. Krystal Tramutola | 76. Eddie Palmieri | 118. Mary Gannon | 162. Laura Scotto |
| 34. Karen & Bart Fanizza | 77. Michelle Palmieri | 119. Camille Quaglia | 163. OLSS Itty's Cheerleading |
| 35. Anthony A. Pastorelli | 78. Mr. & Mrs. David Michael Baran & Family | 120. Vita Fauci | 164. Gina Nicolaou |
| 36. Stolzenhaller Knights of Columbus | 79. Maria Cilento | 121. Gambino ~Mitrovich~Vernaci | 165. OLSS Mini's Cheerleading |
| 37. The Casanovas Family | 80. Nancy Brennan | 122. Georgia Melnick | 183. Montalbano's of Rosebank |
| 38. Patricia & Steven Giorgio | 81. Angela Cordaro | 123. Tom Bradley | 184. Scarpaci Funeral Home |
| 39. Christine Orsino | 82. The Co-Lon & Mahoney Family | 124. Mr. & Mrs. Ted Parnese | 185. Pat Parrelli |
| 40. Susan Semerad | 83. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Castellano | 125. Dolores McMahon | 186. Jeff Dorry-H&E Tool Rentals & Sales |
| 41. The Caldone Family | 84. Mr. & Mrs. T. Lanigan | 126. Ken & Tania Evans | |
| 42. Gladis Cristadoro & Andrea, Mike & Michael Peter Roder | 85. Joseph Limeri | 127. Palette | |
| 43. Elaena Calamia | | | |

Pray for the Sick



Dominick Battaglia, Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, John Dawidoicz, 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. **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 Mass 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.**

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.

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.

Advent Reconciliation Monday

Come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent Season!

Monday, December 16, 4-8 PM



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.

Giving Baskets

Advent Giving Baskets with tags will be in the Church Lobby the weekend of 12/7 & 12/8. 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 14 & 15 SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. God bless you for your generosity during the upcoming Advent Season!**

Special Thank You from Fr. Tom



I would like to thank all the Volunteers from the OLSS Fathers Club and Holy Name Society that spent their valuable time making the 2019 Christmas Tree Lighting a success. Also a special thank you to Ronnie and Dennis from Green Side up Garden Center, Pat and Cosmo from Montalbano's of Rosebank and Jeff Dorry from H&E Tools Rentals and Sales.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for November! The value for November was **Gratitude** and was awarded to: **Frank Onesto, Vanessa Lacca, Nicolas Giudice, Brayden DeVito, Anthony Lanza, Santina Corso, Gerard Alesi, Bobbi Stefanelli, Marisa Feliciano, Danielle Mitrovich, Vito Lavignani, Michael Duta, Emily Charlemagne, Dominick Capuano, Louis Longobardi, Alessandra Giordano, Robert Cermeli & Logan Perdomo.**

• The Third Grade Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 11. The performance for parents is at 1 pm.

• Congratulations to our Spelling Bee champions, Cassandra Ampo, 6-1 and Peter Marone, 8-1! Cassandra & Peter will represent OLSS at the Island Wide Spelling Bee on December 12th. Good Luck!

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 9 at 7:30 pm** in the **Church**. 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.

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".

Archcare TimeBank Event at OLSS

Writing Memoir Workshop– Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room.

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 8 & 22, January 12 & 26

12Noon 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.

Knitting & Crocheting Group Rectangle Campaign



You are invited to participate in the annual rectangle campaign at OLSS! Donations of knitted or crocheted rectangles from will be accepted now **through December 31**. Donations of yarn are also greatly appreciated. Any thickness yarn, size of needle, hook, any color or pattern may be used to complete the rectangle, **but they must be 7" x 9"**. **If we do not have uniformity of size**, it is extremely difficult to assemble the rectangles into finished blankets. The rectangles will be joined together to make afghans for the homeless and others in need through the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal shelter. Your participation will provide comfort and warmth to people in need during their most difficult times. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule. Any questions, please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

Stolzenthaler Columbiettes

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 Stolzenthaler Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more information.

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.

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 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

✓ Mark Your Calendar



Msgr. Farrell High School Christmas Fair Sunday, December 8 from 10 am – 4:30 pm

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

The Stolzenthaler Columbiettes present:

RADIO BINGO

Come join the Fun! Bingo, Dancing, Food, Raffles & 50/50

Hosted by DJs @ Work

Friday, December 13 in O'Mara Hall,

Doors open at 7 pm

Admission is \$45 pp (includes radio bingo games, hot buffet, light snacks on table, soda, water, coffee, cake) Guests are welcome to bring their own refreshments as well. Paid reservations a **MUST** by December 10. For tickets, please contact Debbie at (718) 984-0593 or Debbie.emigholz@gmail.com. Proceeds to benefit local charities & parishes as well as to fund a scholarship to OLSS school.

Goretti Group Event

Friday, December 13 from 7:30 -9:30 pm

Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY 10314)

Young adults ages 18-42 are invited to join as Katelyn D'Adamo from Generation Life of Philadelphia, PA shares on Mission Impossible: Dating Chastely in the 21st century. Confessions begin at 7 pm with Mass to follow at 7:30 pm and talk at 8:15 pm. There will be an after-event fellowship at Jimmy Max Bar/Restaurant.

ADNY Young Adult Night

Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 pm

OLSS Church & Damato Meeting Room

Young adults ages 21-39 are invited to a night of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, with live praise and worship music in the Church. Confessions will also be available. The night will end with a social in the Damato Meeting Room with wine, snacks, and fellowship! Presented by Catholic Staten Island, Office of Young Adult Outreach, a Ministry Funded by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

OLSS Watercolor Group Exhibit

We are pleased to announce the first Watercolor Art Exhibit which will feature paintings by OLSS parishioners. It will take place in the church vestibule next weekend, **Saturday 12/14 & Sunday 12/15**. Please come and see the watercolor paintings!

OLSS 50 Plus Group Trip

**to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse's production of
Sherlock Holmes Returns on Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

Cost \$93 per person includes show, lunch, bus and tips.

Payment must be received by December 13. Contact Laraine

Grande at 718-948-8151 to reserve your seat.

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