

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 5, 2020

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, January 4**

4:00PM Peter Campanella  
5:30PM Vincent DeMarco

**Sunday, January 5**

8:00AM Gerard Mullin  
9:30AM Anthony Santaromita  
11:00AM Lenny Kinnear  
12:30PM Antoinette Gaglaro  
7:00PM Margaret M. DeBonis

**Monday, January 6**

9:00AM Bill Roesch

**Tuesday, January 7**

9:00AM Lena Moliero & Anna & Antonio Masella

**Wednesday, January 8**

9:00AM Leif Eikeseth

**Thursday, January 9**

9:00 AM Kay & Dick Callahan

**Friday, January 10**

9:00AM Paul Barone


**Saturday, January 11**

9:00AM Enrico & Josephine Petrosino & Family  
4:00PM Brad Jack  
5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

**Sunday, January 12**

8:00AM Andrea DeLuca  
9:30AM Rose Izzi  
11:00AM William Roesch  
12:30PM Tommaso Cardone  
7:00PM Anna Giustino


**Banns of Marriage**

 **1st Time:** Antonio Giordano & Gabriella Scaglione

**Wedding Music Workshop**

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 23** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**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.

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The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

January 5 - 11, 2020

Donated In Memory of

**The Deceased Members of the  
Tarantola & Sparandera Families**

From Gabriel & Angelina Sparandera



**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, January 11**

4:00PM E Vitiello  
5:30PM F Monte

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 11**

4:00PM J Butalid, M Quadrino  
5:30PM N Villani, M Sprague

**Lectors – Sunday, January 12**

8:00AM P Zoltowski  
9:30AM M Coppolo  
11:00AM E Newborn  
12:30PM A Deliso  
7:00PM J Limeri

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 12**

8:00AM J Stanzione, M Molinini, M Ennis  
9:30AM L Capobianco, J Gatto, M Iacono  
11:00AM N Fallacaro, R Ruskowski, G Riozzi  
12:30PM MA Russo, G Decker, C Belvedere  
7:00PM M Recanatini, K Melka, C Houle

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, January 11**

4:00PM P Marone  
5:30PM J, E & C Stadler

**Sunday, January 12**

8:00AM S, N & A Mejias  
9:30AM J, T & M Maresca  
11:00AM S Artz, P Marone  
12:30PM N&J Cooper  
7:00PM A Monferrato

**Sincere Condolences**



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

**Theresa Pannone, Suzanne Marston, Fortunata Schiano,  
Dr. Gene Cannataro, Lawrence DeVito, Peter Zummo,  
Anna Titone**

**Sunday Collection for the week of 12/22/19:**

**\$15,967.91**

**2nd Collection: Share in Our Students' Success**

**\$2,597.00**



**God bless you for your generosity!**

**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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

At one of our gatherings just before Christmas, I listened to a poem written by a 13 year- old boy, who is non-verbal with autism. He uses a spelling tablet to communicate. This is what he wrote:

*“Faith is: picture it done. Faith is believing that kites do fly when there’s no wind in sight. Prayer looks like this: Open up the pump with the handle of prayer. Prime the pump with hope. Let the water flow with faith.*

*Explanation of the Trinity  
In the Trinity, the Father is the manager  
The Son is the lover of operations  
The Holy Spirit is the worker. So it’s the 3 in 1 getting things done.  
He is Papa, He is Healer, He is Helper  
The world was created by only three functions that went like this:  
The Father thought it, the Son loved it, and the Holy Spirit carried out the plan.  
That is how the Trinity works.  
So, man must voice, Father, what do you think? Jesus, what do you love?  
Holy Spirit, what should we do about it?”*

- Josiah Cullen

This past year 2019 was filled with blessings and events. First of all, Our Lady Star of the Sea School celebrates all throughout this academic year, the 60th Anniversary of its foundation. There was a wonderful Gala Dinner, on December 5 at the Grand Oaks Country Club and three legacy honors were awarded to Ricardo Lopez, Debbie Emigholz and Gina McEvoy. Countless years of hard work and dedication have been poured out from these individuals and it gave me great joy and profound gratitude to honor them in their awards.

Just prior to the Army – Navy Game, our students in the school were treated to a special visitor, an 2 Star US Army General Alex Matthias. He not only graduated from OLSS, but also attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and graduated from us in 1975 and West Point in 1983. I was present all during his cadet career. This was a surprise visit and after addressing the assembly of students, he led them in the pledge of allegiance. He was amazed at the Athletic Center that had been added to our school.

This was also a year of amazing transitions. For Monsignor Edmund Whelan and Monsignor Gerardo Colacicco to be called by our Holy Father, Pope Francis to become auxiliary bishops is indeed an honor and a tremendous challenge. They chose for their mottos’ “Walk Humbly With God” and “Credo” respectively.

During the last days of 2019 and into the New Year, Carmine Caruso and his 7 classmates will be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, thanks to the generosity of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. I know Carmine will be praying for us. It has been wonderful to have him join us for the Christmas Season.

I was joking in my homily but it’s true: “Honey, I shrunk the staff.” Father Basil, Deacon Jim and I have lost a considerable amount of weight since the summer and we are most grateful for the energy and new life. It’s been an enormous temptation to get through this holiday season without sampling all the goodies passing before our eyes. However, it’s been a long-awaited Advent of new life to our health.

My deepest appreciation to all of you who sent, cards, gifts, Christmas presents to the poor, also to our Sacristans, Ushers, Choirs, Cantors, Lectors. Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. These days of worship fill us with tremendous hope, because Christ is born as our Savior. May you rest healthfully in your heart and home this New Year and may God bless your families abundantly.

Happy New Year 2020,

*Father Tom Devery*

## Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Edward Canfield, John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Mario Garafola, Vincenza Gialluisi, 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, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White. **Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.**

## Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, January 21 at 3:30 pm.**

## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Join us on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 9-11 am for the first Touring Tuesday of the new year. Come see all the wonderful things OLSS has to offer your child. Call the school office at 718-984-0593 for further information or to schedule a tour.

• Check out the school website for our midterm schedule and January events.

• **OLSS 2020-2021 Registration will be as follows:**

- January 6 – Current Pre-K 3 & 4 - Save a seat forms due
- January 15 – Sibling Registration for Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten from 9-11 am. Child registering should be present.
- January 23 – In House Registrations Due.
- February 5 – Open Registration for Pre-K 3 & 4 from 9- 11 am.
- February 6 – Open Registration for K-7 grades from 9-11 am.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 718-984-5750.

## 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**

January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23

**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.

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 10** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **1/7, 1/21**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

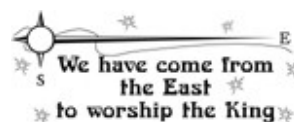
**Ave Maria Knitting & Crochet Group** – Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **1/8, 1/22**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

**Watercolor Painting Group** – Join us for a relaxing morning. No prior skills needed. Please bring your own watercolor paint, watercolor brush and watercolor paper. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10AM in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **1/14, 2/11**. For more information contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

**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, January 6 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”.



## 12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays 5:30PM

AA \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays 8PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays 10AM

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 4PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 4PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Fridays 4PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays 7:30PM

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 8:00PM

**AL-ANON** \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 6PM

**OA (Overeaters Anonymous)** \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6**.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

**Goretti Group Event**

Friday, January 10 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm  
Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd, SI, NY)  
Join us as Ethan Mack from World Youth Alliance speaks about the connection between striving for excellence and promoting human dignity. Confessions begin at 7 pm with Mass at 7:30 pm followed by talk at 8:15 pm and after-event fellowship at Jimmy Maxx Bar/Restaurant. Ages 18-42 only please.

**St. Clare's Employment Group**

**Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 pm**

Talks will include "Looking for a Job was my Full-Time Job" - Edie Coniglione, Legal Assistant, Staten Island University Hospital, and "What Worked in my Job Search" - John Donnelly, Vice President, JP Morgan Chase (Retired). The meeting will take place in the Presentation Center Dining Room, 169 Lindenwood Road, Staten Island 10308. Please bring a copy of your resume to all meetings. For more info, please call St. Clare's Rectory at 718-984-7873.

**ADNY Young Adults Events**

**Staten Island Theology on Tap**

Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 pm  
The Liberty Tavern (382 Forest Ave, SI, NY)  
Join us at our NEW LOCATION and NEW DAY! Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? Well you're in luck! Join for Catholic Staten Island's Theology on Tap to find out the "WHY" behind the "WHAT." Bring friends and coworkers, and come excited for a great talk while sipping on a fantastic brew! The Archdiocese will be paying for some appetizers. Doors open at 7 pm with the talk starting at 7:30 pm.

**Staten Island Young Adult Night**

Saturday, January 18 at 7:30 pm  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church & Damato Mtg Room  
Spend an hour with Jesus! Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a night of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration with live praise and worship music. Confessions will be available. The night will end with a social with wine, snacks and fellowship.

**Annual ProLife Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral**

Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 10:15 a.m.

**Sisters of Life Event - Healing After Abortion**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: January 18, February 8, February 22 (Spanish) & March 21. For more dates locations, and confidential registration or just to talk with a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

**Dine Out Fundraiser**

**for the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 12 Noon to closing**

**Dine in Only at Jimmy Maxx (280 Watchogue Rd)**

50% of your bill will be donated back to the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes to benefit various local Charities. You must bring this flyer for the Columbiettes to receive credit!

**Writing Workshop with George Hopkins**

Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Damato Meeting Room

**Stolzenhaller Columbiettes**

**Team Week at Modell's**

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**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.

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 5, 2020**

**"God's secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel."**

This great day in the life of the church, tells us more than the jealousy of a threatened king, the ardent search of the wise men from the east, and their discovery of the Savior and Mary His Mother. The event has allowed so many rich traditions to develop to enhance our faith. The number of visitors with three gifts for royalty, priesthood and eventual anointing in death, the star directing them like a GPS, and the humility of these rich visitors coming before the infant.

The message to use Paul's words is 'no less than this'. I am included as a coheir, I have life in the Lord because He is my Savior. I am sent, like them on a different route to bring my experience of Jesus Christ to others. It is no less than this. May I offer the gift of self, the richness of my faith, and travel the journey with others in this new year.

We are  
sharers  
of the promise

**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, & 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

