

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 18

4:00PM Marcy Ramos
5:30PM Giuseppi Croce

Sunday, January 19

8:00AM Arthur Reynolds
9:30AM Rosemarie Alfieri
11:00AM Theresa Swanson
12:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.
7:00PM Remo DeAcetis

Monday, January 20

9:00AM Gary Felling

Tuesday, January 21

9:00AM Thomas Maritato

Wednesday, January 22

9:00AM Jennifer Hoban

Thursday, January 23

9:00 AM Amelia Newborn

Friday, January 24

9:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy

Saturday, January 25

9:00AM Nicholas Viggiano
4:00PM Deceased Members of the DiAntonio
& Gesualdi Families
5:30PM Emmanuela Cubelo

Sunday, January 26

8:00AM Lt. Col. William Thomas Gorman
9:30AM Robert Cambria
11:00AM Monica Rudden
12:30PM Dr. John P. Curran
7:00PM Joseph Nieves

Banns of Marriage



3rd 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.

Winter Blood Drive Sign Up- Sunday 1/19/2020



Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding our winter blood drive on Sunday, January 26 from 9 am to 3 pm in O'Mara Hall. Today at the 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm Masses, a representative will be in the lobby of the church to sign up donors and answer any questions you may have. To be eligible to donate, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 16 years of age with parental consent. If you are 76 or older you are required to have a physician's note of approval. Please ensure you have a photo ID. Remember, each pint of blood collected helps save 3 lives. Please help us reach our goal of 45 pints. Come give the greatest gift of all.....LIFE!

2020 March for Life in Washington DC

Friday, January 24, 2020

There will be a bus leaving from Holy Child Church at 7:30 am, and returning back at 4 pm. Cost \$30 per person. To RSVP, call Angela at 347-896-2307.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
January 19-25, 2020



In Memory of
Maria DeSimone

From Marie & Gennaro Pugliese

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 25

4:00PM L Bauer
5:30PM A Deliso

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 25

4:00PM C Harris, L Barbato, J Butalid
5:30PM C Houle, J Amodio

Lectors – Sunday, January 26

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM J Limeri

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 26

8:00AM A Sparandera, M Quadrino
9:30AM B Barone, M Iacono
11:00AM L Appel, C&J Gerace
12:30PM B Higgins, C Belvedere, MA Russo
7:00PM K Melka, C Barone, J Bellina

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 25

4:00PM D Cavicchio
5:30PM P Marone, D Heidel

Sunday, January 26

8:00AM A Monferrato, C Rosenberg
9:30AM J, E & C Stadler
11:00AM N&J Cooper
12:30PM F Surace
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:

Giuseppe Inserra, Ann Strandberg

Sunday Collection for the week of 1/5/20:

\$15,427.62



**2nd Collection: Communications
& the Catholic University of America
\$2,549.00**

God bless you for your generosity!

Special Collection for Puerto Rico

Earthquake Disaster Relief

Weekend of February 1 & 2, 2020

There will be a special collection taken up at all masses the weekend of February 1 & 2. This collection is at the directive of the Archdiocese of New York and will go to Puerto Rico for earthquake disaster relief. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Last week my letter was more of a Christmas riddle about recognizing Christmas songs. Here's the answer key: 1. Jingle Bells, 2. Walking In a Winter Wonderland, 3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town, 4. Tidings of Comfort and Joy, 5. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 6. O Come, All Ye Faithful, 7. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas, 8. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, 9 What Child is This?, 10. We Three Kings, 11. Deck the Halls, 12. I Saw Three Ships, 13. O Holy Night, 14. Noel, 15. Away in a Manger, 16. The 12 Days of Christmas, 17, I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus, 18. All I Want for Christmas is my two front teeth, 19. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire, 20. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, 21. Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow, 22. Silent Night, 23. O Little Town of Bethlehem, 24. Silver Bells. That was it.

"I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly, my Lord was speaking, "My Name is I Am". He paused. I waited. He continued, "When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My Name is not I was. When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My Name is not I will be. When you live in the moment, it is not hard! I AM here! My name is I AM."-taken from the Franciscan Friars of Mount Alvernia, Wappingers Falls, NY.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for our 2nd grade students was celebrated last week. This is a precious time. They are coming to great awareness of right and wrong, of sin and forgiveness and God's abundant grace. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who searches for the lost sheep and when he finds them, He rejoices. I always marvel how such innocence moves the parents, grandparents and adults. Like Isaiah's prophecy, "A little Child shall lead them". If anyone wishes to go to confession and cannot be present between 3:30PM – 6PM in our church; you can always call the rectory and make an appointment. God's grace, like the best things in life are free.

On January 3rd the Church celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Jesus, just repeating that name in prayer will lead us to freedom from sin, deeper mindfulness of his great love and you could never have a better companion who is always with you and within you. Our Holy Name Society men have worked hard this year from Gaudete Sunday to January 11th, with setting up our beautiful Christmas trees, drilling rebar, fastening the trees onto them with clasps, and adding lights and signs. Then came the task of taking down these decorations and lights, removing the trees and the rebar in the cold weather. It's a grueling task done by these fine men under the leadership of Robert Cermeli and Pete Cappellino. Each year the task is done, and I want to honor them. We miss the beauty of the brilliant lights. May the name of Jesus be your light all throughout this year.

The Thursday morning bible study group will be finishing their study of the Gospel of John and their next topic will be the Old Testament and as their text they will explore *The Real Story* by Edward Sri and Curtis Martin. Here's a magnificent quote from the early chapter. It is in reference to the Creation Story in Genesis being fulfilled in Jesus. Lenore Puleo has recommended an excellent book for this study.

"Consider what happened when Adam was tested in the Garden of Eden and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. As a result of the fall, Adam faces several curses. His work will not be as easy as it once was in the Garden of Eden; now he will have to "sweat" in his labors while his crops bear "thorns and thistles" .Even the ground where he will work is cursed. The most severe of the curses, however, is that he will no longer live forever but return to the ground from which he was made. God says to Adam, "You are dust and to dust you shall return".

All this sheds light on the climax of Christ's mission in His passion and death. As the New Adam, Jesus confronts the curses laid on Adam that have plagued the human family ever since the Fall. Like Adam, Jesus, on the night before he died, enters a garden – The Garden of Gethsemane– where He is tested. There, He takes on Adam's sweat as He experiences sweat like drops of blood falling from His face. On Good Friday, Jesus symbolically takes on the curse of Adam's thorns as He is handed over to the Roman soldiers, who place a crown of thorns on His head. Finally, Jesus even takes on the curse of Adam's death as He goes to a tree- the wood of the cross- and dies on Calvary. And, like Adam, Jesus is placed in the ground, where He is buried in a tomb. It is precisely from the darkness of the tomb in the cursed ground that Jesus, the Light of the World, rises victoriously from the dead, on Easter Sunday, to shine the light of salvation at the dawn of the new creation." - excerpt from *The Real Story* by Edward Sri.

This is the God who loves us and whom we worship. I hope if you are free you can unpack all the treasures of the Old Testament, when this series starts. Stay tuned.

Father Tom Devery

Rectory Closed - Monday, January 20

The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 21 at 9 a.m.

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 Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, January 21 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 pm.**

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- God bless our second graders who received the sacrament of Reconciliation on January 10th.
- Join us on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 9-11 am for Touring Tuesday. 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 is sponsoring a Pet Supply Drive to benefit several local animal rescues and shelters on Wednesday, January 29. Please check out our website for a list of supplies needed.
- **OLSS 2020-2021 Registration will be as follows:**
 - 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.
- School will be closed on Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 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 31** 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: **1/21, 2/4, 2/18**. 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: **1/22, 2/5, 2/26**. 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 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **2/11, 3/10**. 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 27 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.

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".

Altar Serving at OLSS

"I GO UNTO THE ALTAR OF GOD,

THE GOD THAT GIVES JOY TO MY YOUTH" Psalm 43.

The Altar Server Ministry at OLSS allows you to serve your parish. When you serve at the altar, you serve the community and you show commitment to church and God. Young men and women from First Holy Communion through 12th grade may participate in this ministry. This ministry is ancient in the church and is derived from the Acolyte sub order.

On August 12, 2001, Pope John Paul II spoke to more than two thousand young men and women altar servers gathered in Rome. He believed as an Altar Server, you will be more than helpers. *"...you are servers of Jesus Christ...you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus..."*

God does not call strangers. He calls friends. If he is calling you to serve, please answer by contacting Deacon James & Maria Quadrino @ 917-417-5728.



✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

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

Dine Out Fundraiser

for the Stolzenhaler 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 Stolzenhaler Columbiettes to benefit various local Charities. You must bring this flyer for the Columbiettes to receive credit!

OLSS STAR PLAYERS EVENTS

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

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.



Auditions: Tues & Thurs, January 21 & 23 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: Friday, January 24 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 19, 20 & 21

(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.

The OLSS Star Players present their Disco Fundraiser:

Let's Boogie

Saturday, January 25 at 7 pm in O'Mara Hall

\$40 per person (tables of 10 will receive a discount)

DJ, Dinner, Coffee, tea & Desserts will be included. Bring your own refreshments, purchase raffle tickets, and enjoy a night of dancing.

To purchase tickets, email starplayersprogram@gmail.com.

Pro Life Event – Seamless Garment

Sunday, January 26, 2020

St. Clare Church (110 Nelson Ave)

1 pm Mass with Reception & Program to follow in school auditorium (151 Lindenwood Road)

The Parish of St. Clare will host its annual pro-life event called *Seamless Garment*. Edward Mechmann, Director of Public Policy for the Archdiocese of NY, will speak on current legislation, what is happening in the effort to stop abortion and how we can participate. Come hear from people who have dealt with the issue of abortion in their own lives. Refreshments provided-all are welcome. Admission is free.

Writing Workshop with George Hopkins

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

OLSS SPORTS

Annual Valentine's Dance Fundraiser

February 1, 2020 is the night! Come out to OLSS for our annual Valentine's Dance. Individual seats or tables are available. \$35/person gets you Dinner, Soda/water, DJ, Photo Booth. There will be raffles and much more. Help support our sports program while having a great time! To register online, go to www.olssbasketball.com.

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: 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.

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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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.

Meals on Wheels-Volunteers Needed!

This mission of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly, delivered through the use of volunteers, who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. We are currently feeding over 1300 seniors every day, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! As the demand for meals continues to increase, so does our need for volunteers. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your neighbors. Please call the Meals on Wheels of S.I. at 718-727-4435 for further information.

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) _____ 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 6**.