

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2016
Announced Masses

Saturday, December 17

4:00PM Robert Westrich
5:30PM Monsignor Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 18

8:00AM Joyce Pizzimenti
9:15AM Deceased Members of the Zingaro, Merola & Pallante Families
10:30AM Deceased Members of the Mineo Family
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Molinari, Marcellino & D'Elia Families
1:15PM Deceased Members of the D'Agostino & Nicholson Families
7:00PM Antonio Persichilli

Monday, December 19

9:00AM Theresa Scaramuzzo

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 AM Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brullo

Wednesday, December 21

9:00AM Lenny Galati

Thursday, December 22

9:00AM Anna O'Connor

Friday, December 23

9:00AM Margaret Leahy

Saturday, December 24

9:00AM Warren Johnsen
4:00PM Joseph & Gaetano Levantino, Richard Rauch & Netta Scimecca
6:00PM Deceased Members of the Gagliardi & Castelucci Families

MIDNIGHT John & Ella Milo

Sunday, December 25

7:30AM James Motola & Stephen LoCastro
9:00AM Joseph Ennis
10:30AM Deceased Members of the Mule & Saccheri Families
12 Noon Michael Claps
1:30PM Gladys Voyeau

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 7 PM MASS ON 12/25

St. Servabus – December 23

Servalus was born in Rome in the 6th century. As an infant he had palsy and was never able to stand, sit upright or feed himself. His family would carry him to the church of St. Clement so that he could beg. Whatever he collected that was not needed for himself, he would share with other needy people. He also purchased scriptures which he would ask others to read to him. In 590, he died thanking God for His goodness, despite the terrible existence he was forced to endure. –JM

Banns of Marriage

First Time: Anthony Agostino & Marian Cunsolo



Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 26** 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 18-24
Given in Memory of
Angela DeLeonibus
Donated by the Perrone Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 24

4:00PM C Harris/C Losi
6:00PM F Barone
MIDNIGHT G LaGrua

Eucharistic Ministers, December 24

4:00PM A McCoy, L Barbato, B Barone, A Maffeo & V Caruso
6:00PM M Sprague, C Bottiglia, S Catalano
MIDNIGHT E&G Riozzi, C Belvedere, V Caruso

Lectors –Sunday, December 25

7:30AM M Andreola
9:00AM A Pompei
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon L Bauer
1:30 PM B Weir
NO 7:00PM Mass

Eucharistic Ministers, December 25

7:30AM J Uhlman, J Stanzione, C Rosato, P Zoltowski
9:00AM J Gatto
10:30AM L Appel
12 Noon MA Russo, R Bauer, B Peters
1:30PM S Caiazzo, N Villani, C Ordy, R&F Marino
NO 7:00PM Mass

Altar Servers, Saturday, December 24

4:00PM V Pavlick, D Cavicchio, D Heidel, E&M Losi, & P Marone
6:00PM J Oliveri, S&N Mejias, K Marchisella
MIDNIGHT S&G Artz, N Cammarato

Altar Servers, Sunday, December 25

7:30AM N Shirazi
9:00AM M Esposito, N&S Mejias
10:30AM F Surace, N Shirazi
12 Noon G&S Artz, N Salerno, G Vassallo
1:30PM S&N Mejias
NO 7:00PM Mass

Sincere Condolences



The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of: **Loretta Giarusso, Lucille Cancelleri-France, Frank Santeramo**

Advent Candles Memorialized



The Advent Candles, which are on our Advent Wreath, have been memorialized by the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who serve at the 8AM Mass.

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.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

The Third Sunday of Advent is here and if you are like me there's still so much that needs to be done to get ready for Christmas. Tomorrow, Monday, December 19th has been declared Advent Reconciliation Monday and every priest will be reporting to a parish for the Sacrament of Confessions from 4-8PM. This is a wonderful soul preparation for Christmas, in a sense it's a gift we give ourselves the grace of mercy and peace in our lives and making room to receive the very life of Jesus, like Mary in Bethlehem. Below in this letter is and outline of an Examination of Conscience to help people make dutiful preparation.

I want to honor all the people of our parish who participated in the Consecration to Mary utilizing the reflections from the book "**33 Days to Morning Glory**" authored by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. This spiritual journey began on November 5th and ended with the Marian Feast of the Immaculate Conception. For us, I want to express my appreciation to Father David Rider for leading us in the para-liturg during the 8PM Mass on Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. During the homily, Father David explained the powerful story behind Saint Bernadette and her 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes and then invited those who were prepared to make the consecration to come and offer a white rose to the Blessed Mother, then the prayer of consecration was prayed. I was amazed that so many people participated, well over 100. What a glorious treasure for our parish dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and especially during our 100th Jubilee.

People can still purchase this book **33 Days to Morning Glory** on Amazon and there is a calendar of when to begin, that will culminate on a Marian Feast and so you too can participate.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan announced on December 9th that Bishop John Barres has been appointed by Pope Francis to become the fifth bishop of Rockville Centre to succeed Bishop William Murphy. "Born in the Archdiocese of New York and baptized by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He became a priest of the Wilmington, Delaware Diocese and since 2009 has been the Bishop of Allentown, Pennsylvania. On a personal note, there was a time when John Barres was a seminarian at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, Yonkers and I was then a chaplain at West Point. During one of our quarterly annual retreats called TEC, Troops Encounter Christ, some of the seminarians joined the cadets as candidates on the retreat weekend, one of them was John Barres.

Nearly thirty years later, precisely on the day of Cardinal Dolan's installation Mass I bumped into him and he said, "So, you don't say hello, Tom Devery," he was a bishop by this time and I said, "O Lord, look what they did to you", and we both laughed. In 2014 when I went to the Jesuit Spirituality Center, Wernersville, Pennsylvania for the 30 Day silent Ignatian Retreat, who's picture was in the sacristy as bishop of Allentown? Bishop John Barres. God bless him in these days to transition and I hope we bump into each other again.

Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 19 from 4-8 pm - Examination of Conscience

Sins that need to be confessed

Abortion	Ingratitude
Adultery	Intentional violation of school rules
All use of illegal drugs	Jealousy
Any dealing with occult, e.g. ouija boards, visiting psychics & reading horoscopes	Judgmentalness
Artificial Birth Control	Laziness
Blasphemy: disrespect toward God or toward His Holy Name	Lying
Breaking promises deliberately	Malice: The deliberate choice of evil
Bringing dishonor to family, school, community, or the Church	Masturbation: impure actions with yourself
Calumny: telling lies about another	Missing Mass on any Sunday or Holyday
Cohabitation: living together before marriage	Murder
Criticizing others	Not praying every day
Deliberately concealing a mortal sin in confession	Not giving to the poor and the Church
Despair: To believe that God will refuse to forgive you	Premarital sex, including oral sex, intercourse, impure touching of another
Destruction of other people's property	Presumption: Sinning and saying God MUST forgive me
Detraction: Telling an unkind truth about another	Pride
Disobedience toward parents/teachers	Prostitution
Drunkness, including any drinking under the age of 21	Receiving the Eucharist after mortal sin without confession
Dwelling on impure thoughts	Reckless driving that endangers you, passengers, or others
Excessive materialism	Rudeness
Failing to trust in God and His goodness	Selfishness
Getting married outside the Catholic Church	Stealing
Gluttony: eating or drinking to excess	Superstition
Gossip: talking about others	Unjustified anger
Hatred	Using others for your own personal gain
Homosexual actions	Viewing pornographic material
Impatience	Wasting time or money
Indifference to good or evil	

Blessings of Mercy and Peace this week,

Fr. Tom Devery

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

Monday, December 19, 4-8 PM



Monday, December 19th 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.

2017 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2017 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. There are also announced masses still available for 2017. Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a mass or Sanctuary Lamp.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon,

Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Zenia Enciso, Cristina Fico, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez, Thomas Vecchi, Louis Vitale, Isabel Gondrey, **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 **Tues, December 20** at 3:30 p.m. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be January 3 @ 7:30 pm.)*



**OLSS Adult Volunteer
Thank You Party**

**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in
O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 6, 2017
from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:**

*Eucharist Ministers & Lectors
Ushers & Sacristans
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble
Bereavement Core Team
Div. & Separated Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team
Eucharistic Adorers*

*Altar Adult Care Committee
Adult Choir
Soccer Executive Board
50 Plus Group Officers
Parents' Association Board
RCIA Core Team
Food Pantry Volunteers
Holy Name Exec. Board*

**OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff
Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 984-0593 by Friday,
December 30th so that we are prepared with the right
amount of food.**



**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Christmas Mass Schedule – 2016**

Saturday, December 24
4 pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Sunday, December 25
7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am,
12Noon, & 1:30 pm

Masses are in the Church only.
Please note that the 3 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!



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to our Parents' Association For organizing the Toy Sale, and for the wonderful Breakfast with Santa! The 8th grade Christmas Show will be held on Thursday, December 22 at 1PM in O'Mara Hall! Save the dates...Our 2nd graders will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 7 at 11 AM. Our first Touring Tuesday of the New Year will be on Tuesday, January 10 from 9-11AM. Re Registration for our OLSS families will be on Wednesday, January 11.

VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 8th annual OLSS SPORTS Valentine's Dance Fundraiser will take place on **Saturday Feb. 4th** from **7pm-1am** in the Athletic Center. This is an adult only event. Tickets are \$30/person and includes a catered buffet, DJ, photo booth, door prizes, raffles and more! Tables of 10 or more can be made, or we can add you to any table. Help support the sports program! For more info, contact Kris Zieris at 917-499-3942.

**Luke: My Spirit Rejoices!
Bible Study Resuming**

Thursday morning and evening classes for the *Luke: My Spirit Rejoices* bible study will resume on **Thursday, January 5, 2017** in the Rectory Basement. The Morning session will be from 10 am – 11:30 am and the evening session will be from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club –The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 21 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group – Bereavement meetings will resume in January.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday, January 5 at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We will continue our next selection which is *Winning The Battle Against Sin- Hope Filled Lessons From The Bible* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ (The Word Among Us Press). For more info, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, January 4 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

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

RCIA - Come Experience God's Love

Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? 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. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the 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 Class & Ceremony Dates

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISM CLASS OR CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 25, 2016.

2017 - January 8 & 22, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 23, May 14 & 28

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place at 2:15 PM in the Church.

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.



Cluster Corner



Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, 4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 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

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. Francis Catholic Singles' Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 18th 6:30 pm

Saint Francis Catholic Singles' (for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s) Christmas celebration is Sunday, **December 18, 6:30 – 9:30 pm** at the West Shore Inn, 3955 Victory Blvd. Price of \$35 includes three course meal, dessert and wine followed by 9:30 pm Karaoke. Email us by **2:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 18** to let us know you'll be attending-- sfcssi@gmail.com For more info., find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles or check our website: www.sgspsi.org. (Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child 3 – 14 years of age.)

Ignatian Spirituality Session at

St. Clare Parish – January 7, 2017

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on Saturday January 7th in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Rd.) at St Clare's parish. We will meet right after the Saturday 9am mass (optional) and the one-hour session will begin at 10am.



She will have a son
and name him
Emmanuel

Jesus

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM

AA _____ Sundays 8:15PM

_____ Mondays 10AM

_____ Tuesdays 4PM

_____ Thursdays 4PM

_____ Fridays 4PM

_____ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM

PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM

_____ Fridays 6:30PM

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM

AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 5:30PM

Addiction Angels – There will be a combined Parent & Sibling Support Group meeting on **Tues., December 20 at 7 pm** in the **Damato Mtg. Room**. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every first 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 **January 5**.