

December 27, 2015
Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 26

9:00AM Gladys Voyeau
4:00PM Robert Westrich
5:30PM Mary Legreca

Sunday, December 27

8:00AM William & Theresa Uster
9:15AM Joann Mascarella-Megala
10:30AM Kelvin & Gladys Voyeau
12 Noon Jaime Lee DaSilva
1:15PM Russ Nicholson
7:00PM Anne Sheeran

Monday, December 28

9:00AM John Viscovic

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 AM Michele Mandora

Wednesday, December 30

9:00AM John Emigholz, Sr.

Thursday, December 31

9:00AM Jared Scotto

New Year's Eve Mass

4:00 PM Joseph Annunziato

Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day – The Nativity of the Lord

9:00AM Kelvin Voyeau
12 Noon Joseph Ennis

Saturday, January 2

9:00AM Philip Camia
4:00PM The DiAntonio & Gesualdi Families
5:30PM The Deceased Members of the Antonini
 & Jeromos Families

Sunday, January 3

8:00AM John Tobin
9:15AM Teresa, Frank, & Olga Merola
10:30AM Rosa Tomasi
12 Noon Florence Generoso
1:15PM Beloved Deceased of OLSS
7:00PM Dora Rochford

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
For The Week of
December 27-January 2
In Memory Of
Stephen Lo Castro
& James Motola
Donated by
Their Loving Families

New Year's Eve & Day are separate Schedules

Lectors – Saturday, January 2

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM M Andreola

Eucharistic Ministers, January 2

4:00PM B Nicholson, A Petrocelli, J Uhlman, L Barbato,
 C Harris, & V Caruso

5:30PM C Losi, M Lappin, A Pompei, A Dazio, F Barone

Lectors – Sunday, January 3

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM E Newborn
10:30AM B Paccione
12 Noon B Weir
1:15PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, January 3

8:00AM M Molinini, J Perdichizzi, A Sparandera, R&L Bauer

9:15AM D Avena, W&MA Higgins, M Sprague, J Zinsley

10:30AM C Ordy, G Balestrino, J&C Gerace, G&E Rizzo

12 Noon S Catalano, L Appel, C Belvedere, C Bottiglia,
 & J Tolento

1:15PM B Peters, N Villani, M Recanatini, MA Russo, C Houle

7:00PM C Barone, T Palmieri, A Zuffante, E Bellina, J Limeri

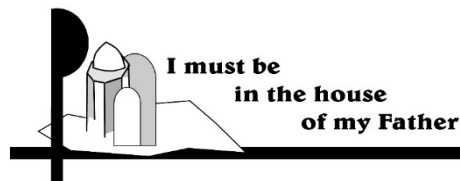
Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 2

4:00 PM V Pavlick, K Martino, D Cavicchio
5:30 PM R&C Nicholaou

Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM M Esposito, J Bell
9:15 AM G Scarmato, N Tucci
10:30 AM K Lee, M Mattioli, G Monreale
12:00 Noon B&M Stackhouse, A Romani
1:15 PM C Trang, G Marino, J Jacoby
7:00 PM L&PJ Caiazza, R Faljean



HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Mass** on **Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30PM.** Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over.
(The next Healing Service will be on Jan. 19 at 3:30PM.)




A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Merry Christmas Parish Family,

Jesus Christ is born. He became flesh, one of us to save us and give us The Light, a Sharing in His love. He is the Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, The Alpha and The Omega, The Way, The Truth and The Life. The Splendor of the Father, The Giver of the Holy Spirit. The Bread of Life, The Gate, The Good Shepherd, The Chief Cornerstone, The Author of Life, The Son of God, The Son of Man, The Son of the Father, The Son of Mary, The Word made Flesh, The Resurrection and The Life. All these titles point to one central fact, Jesus was born to be our Savior. From the wood of the Manger to the wood of the Cross, Jesus came to teach us how to love God and one another. Is there room in the Inn of your Heart for Jesus this Christmas? Let him in.

I have always been moved by this poem during this time:

One Solitary Life



*He was born in an obscure village.
The child of a peasant woman
He grew up in another obscure village
Where he worked in a carpenter shop
Until he was thirty, when public opinion turned against him
He never wrote a book
He never held an office
He never went to college
He never visited a big city
He never traveled more than two hundred miles
From the place where he was born
He did none of the things
Usually associated with greatness
He had no credentials but himself
He was only thirty three
His friends ran away
One of them denied him
He was turned over by his enemies
And went through the mockery of a trial
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves
While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing
The only property he had on earth
When he was dead
He was laid in a borrowed grave
Through the pity of a friend
Nineteen centuries have come and gone
And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race
And the leader of mankind's progress
All the armies that ever marched
All the navies that have ever sailed
All the parliaments that have ever sat
All the kings that ever reigned put together
Have not effected the life of mankind on earth
As powerfully as that one solitary life.*

-Dr. James Allan Francis

Napoleon 1 (1769-1821) was the Emperor of France and one the greatest military commanders of all time. Napoleon knew about shaping history.

"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I founded empires but on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His Empire upon love; and at this hour millions of people would die for Him. Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and His will confounds me. I search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything that can approach the gospel."

As we continue to celebrate this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I want to wish you and all your loved ones a Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year 2016.

Father Tom Devery




Banns of Marriage

THIRD TIME: Nick McCarthy & Alyssa Ferraiuolo

WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, December 27th**. At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (*Next workshop: Feb. 28.*)

SICK LIST



Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carbone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Master Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, Lee Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Ralph Quezada, Caesar Russo, Jamie Seaman, Summer Marie Semerad, Sandy Trapani, Dora Valiente, Jack Walsh. **Please Note: If you would like to place a name on the sick list, please call and leave the name with the rectory.**

Adult Volunteer Thank You Party Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:

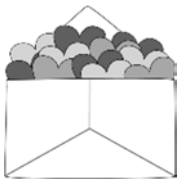
<i>Eucharistic Min. & Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Adult Care Committee</i>
<i>Ushers & Sacristans</i>	<i>Adult Choir</i>
<i>Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Bd.</i>	<i>Soccer Executive Board</i>
<i>Contemporary Ensemble</i>	<i>50 Plus Group Officers</i>
<i>Bereavement Core Team</i>	<i>Parents' Association Board</i>
<i>Div. & Separated Core Team</i>	<i>RCIA Core Team</i>
<i>Adult Faith Formation Team</i>	<i>Food Pantry Volunteers</i>
<i>Eucharistic Adorers</i>	
<i>OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff</i>	

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, January 2nd so that we are prepared with the right amount of food. Call 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our 8th grade Super Stars for their wonderful performance in "A Wizard of Oz Christmas" on December 23.

As 2015 comes to a close, we the want to thank all of you who have supported Our Lady Star of the Sea School this year! May 2016 bring you peace and joy!



SHARE IN OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS!

A new monthly envelope has been added to the registered parishioner collection packet. Each month, there will be a 2nd envelope that is named "Share in our Students' Success." Any contributions donated through this envelope will go into a scholarship fund for OLSS school students who might otherwise not be able to afford a Catholic education. God bless you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE

Memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. The name of the deceased is placed on the vigil light. Envelopes are located in the book racks. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory. There are 28 candles available each month, requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

GROUP MEETINGS

50 Plus Club – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on **Jan. 8**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

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

Bereavement Group – The Bereavement group will not be meeting during the holidays. If anyone needs to speak to someone during this time, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number, and someone will get in contact with you.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 PM** in the OLSS rectory and new members are always welcome. Our next selection is *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society - Our next meeting for the new OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **January 13th at 8 PM** in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. For more information please call Chairmen Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

There will be an upcoming training for new ushers at all masses. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact John Manetta, Sacristan, or call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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. Is God calling you now? Are you ready to take that step in faith? The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jilimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – ST. CLARE'S PARISH

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on Saturday, January 2nd in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Ave) at St Clare's parish. They meet right after the Saturday 9am mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10am.

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



Dec. 27th
Jan. 10th and 24th
Feb. 14th and 28th
March 13th
April 10th & 24th

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMAL CLASS ON DEC. 27TH. THE NEXT CLASS WILL BE JAN. 10TH.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Certificates attesting to the fact that a 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

The New York Archdiocese initiative "Making All Things New" seeks to address how the archdiocese can best meet the religious, spiritual, and pastoral needs of the people of God now and in the future. This section is devoted to informing OLSS parishioners of various events that are being held at other Cluster Parishes.

Cluster Parish Mass Times

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. Eve. 4:30 PM Family Mass; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM Family Mass, 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 4 PM (Spanish) & 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



12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun.	5:30PM
AA	Sun.	8:15PM
	Mon.	10AM
	Tues.	4PM
	Thurs.	4PM
	Fri.	4PM
	Sat.	7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues.	6:30PM
	Fri.	6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues.	8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs.	7:15PM

PLEASE NOTE:

Staten Island Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating, binge eating and other eating disorders using the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of OA*. (*Adaption granted by AA World Services) Friday Night Meeting "Many Symptoms, One Solution" Group 8 - 9 PM Face-to-Face Meeting in our Basement Rectory Phone Meeting (Simultaneous) Dial: 1-712-432-1212

Access Code: 950-897# (Press *6 to mute & unmute phone) For Additional Meetings and More Information Visit www.sioa.org or call 718-605-1393

STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

*PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, at 6PM, 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 7.

OLSS Presents Paul Failla in:

"The Class of Life"



*A Theatrical Experience
Directed by
Michael Moriarty*



Saturday, January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Class of Life is a theatrical experience that takes the audience on a journey which highlights one man's life and many people's experiences. Utilizing a blend of humor, drama, and life experience, the actor takes his audience on an emotional roller coaster through stories relating to all. This poignant presentation will surely touch the lives of those who value family, tradition, and comedy.

Tickets \$25 per person

OLSS - O'Mara Hall

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Showtime 8 p.m.

A variety of wraps, salads, coffee, tea, and dessert will be served before the show.

For questions call: Tony Langella (917) 817-1110

or email: classoflifeolss@yahoo.com

Return this form with payment to OLSS Rectory

All checks payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea

18 years and older please

The Class of Life

January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Name _____

EMAIL _____

Phone _____

of Tickets @ \$25ea. _____

Amt enclosed \$ _____

All Tickets must be purchased in advance.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR