



December 6, 2015  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Second Sunday of Advent

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, December 5**

- 9:00AM Vita Amato  
4:00PM Deceased Members of the DiAntonio  
& Gesualdi families  
5:30PM Ralph & Concetta Palmieri,  
Lillian & Salvatore Santino

**Sunday, December 6**

- 8:00AM Bolney Ramirez  
9:15AM Deceased Members of the Healy & Ennis families  
10:30AM Ann Alfonso  
12 Noon Peter Mazzoli  
1:15PM Antoinette & Patrick Vulpi  
7:00PM Frank Criscuolo

**Monday, December 7**

- 9:00AM James Levigne  
VIGIL 7:00 PM Dorothy Lynch

**Tuesday, December 8 – Feast Day - The Immaculate**

**Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:00AM Theodore J. Gallo  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Pallotta Family  
12 Noon Jean Ast  
8:00 PM Mary Kessler

**Wednesday, December 9**

- 9:00AM Laise Look

**Thursday, December 10**

- 9:00AM Gregory Lima

**Friday, December 11**

- 9:00AM Ida DiMarco & Anthony Faiella

**Saturday, December 12**

- 9:00AM Amelia Chiarello  
4:00PM Joseph DeCandia  
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Reynolds  
& McSorley families

**Sunday, December 13**

- 8:00AM Peter Rudden  
9:15AM Deceased Members of the Thaler  
& Matzelli families  
10:30AM Barbara Bisignano  
12 Noon Mary & Dominick Biscardi  
1:15PM Andres & Olga Rosado  
7:00PM Stephen & Lucy Ferrigno

**St. Daniel the Stylite, Priest – December 11**

Daniel was born in Syria in 409 and became a monk near the upper Euphrates. At age 42, he decided he wanted to live like St. Simeon Stylites on top of a pillar. Therefore, Emperor Leo I built a series of pillars with a platform on the top and Daniel was ordained there by St. Gennadus. St. Daniel celebrated mass on his pillar, preached sermons, dispensed spiritual advice and cured the sick who were brought up to him. He counseled Emperors Leo & Zeno and the Patriarch of Constantinople. While he lived pillar spirituality, he came down from his perch only once in 33 years – to turn Emperor Baliscus away from backing the heresy of Monophysitism. St. Daniel died in 493. (JM)

The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
December 6, 2015

In Memory Of  
**Angela Battista**

Donated by

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Del Priore & Family

**Lectors – Saturday, December 12**

- 4:00PM C Harris  
5:30PM C Losi

**Eucharistic Ministers, December 12**

- 4:00PM F Barone, L Barbato, E Vitiello, A Lazzara,  
B Nicholson, J Coscia  
5:30PM A Dazio, M Lappin, J Amitrano, J Cimino,  
A Pompei

**Lectors – Sunday, December 13**

- 8:00AM M Higgins  
9:15AM E Newborn  
10:30AM M Coppolo  
12 Noon M Newell  
1:15PM C Messina  
7:00PM J Limeri

**Eucharistic Ministers, December 13**

- 8:00AM A Sparandera, R&L Bauer, M Molinini, P Zoltowski  
9:15AM M Sprague, S Hitchcock, C Rosato, W&MA Higgins  
10:30AM G&E Rizzo, G Balestrino, N Fallacaro, C Ordy,  
T Strange  
12 Noon J Zinsley, C Bottiglia, S Catalano, J Tolento  
1:15PM MA Russo, C Houle, N Villani, B Peters, B Nicholson  
7:00PM E Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, R LaMonica,  
S Caizzo

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, December 12**

- 4:00 PM E Harris, V Pavlick, D Cavicchio  
5:30 PM M&E Losi, C Carr

**Sunday, December 13**

- 8:00 AM J Bell, N&J Mele  
9:15 AM A&F Auriti, S Marashaj  
10:30 AM R Ruszkowski, G Monreale, M Mattioli  
12:00 Noon A Romani, G Vassalo, N Salerno  
1:15 PM C, C, F & T Nieves  
7:00 PM L&PJ Caizzo, E Tedesco



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

**Ruth Blandi, Nicanor Alejandria, Charles T. Hermansen**

**HEALING MASS**

There will be a **Healing Service on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 3:30PM.** Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over.

**(The next Healing Mass will be on Jan. 5 at 7:30PM.)**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to our 2nd Sunday of Advent. This week we light our Second Advent wreath candle and the evening before 150 Memorialized Christmas Trees were blessed and also lit. Jesus is the light of the world and His birth scattered the darkness of sin.

By now, you may have noticed the giving tree in the vestibule of the church and you are most welcome to take a tag and purchase a gift item for someone less fortunate. I would like to highlight a few of the upcoming events that will help us prepare for Christ's in-breaking into our hearts. We will be hosting an Interfaith Friendship Dinner in the O'Mara Hall on Sunday evening at 5PM with the Council of Churches and Interfaith communities here in Staten Island. You may recall we had about forty people attend an "honest conversation about race relations" back on October 4th. It was a very successful meeting and we wanted to draw on the strength of that good spirit and invite people to come and just sit at table with each other and share a meal. There will be a guided conversation following the meal and we will once again host our brothers and sisters from various churches and synagogues and mosques here on Staten Island.

Then during the week on Friday, December 11th at 8 PM, children from our Religious Education program will lead us in our annual Advent Lessons and Carols. It is always wonderful for us to hear the story of how our Savior came to be born in Bethlehem. Please come and join in the Christmas caroling. The children are precious.

The day after Thanksgiving, I had the wonderful pleasure of traveling into the area near Lancaster PA, to the Sight and Sound Theatre for their production of the "Miracle of Christmas." The music was awesome and the cast was amazingly talented and also the use of live animals in their panoramic scenes was impressive. The theater must have been the size of Radio City Music Hall and busloads of people gathered from all over the country. What struck me was the development of the theme of the oppressive times that Jesus was born into, with Rome occupying Israel and exacting hard labor and taxes upon them. Most interesting was the scene of the betrothal ceremony of Joseph and Mary, and the portrayal of how much they loved each other. When Joseph heard from Mary that she was with child, the hurt, anguish, and agony of Joseph was dramatically portrayed. Even Mary was deeply disturbed by the people's reaction to her pregnancy. It became apparent that she could have easily been stoned to death for such a sin. But she found hope and trust in the Lord. What was beautifully illustrated was the joy of Jesus' birth although in a cold stable setting. The music and acting was delightful.

This week, Father David Rider returns to Rome. He has requested a week off in order to attend the 1st vows and final vows of the Missionaries of Charity, the order of sisters founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He will enjoy being reacquainted with the sisters who were his students, since he taught them Church History, this time last year. He will also enjoy many reunions with friends he made over the last 5 years. Father David will be in Rome for the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, beginning on December 8th. He is truly a missionary of mercy to us as he grows in deeper love and joy of celebrating the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Voyces for Christmas" is a chorale of acapella trained voices singing Christmas madrigals from the Middle Ages and recent times. They will be singing on December 13th at 5PM on our Church. This will definitely be a moving experience.

Advent Reconciliation Monday will take place from 4:00 to 8:00PM. All four priests will be in the church during this time to hear confessions and get our souls spruced up for Christmas. Please come and be set free from your sins.

On Thursday evening, December 17th at 7:30PM Father David will lead the parish in an Advent Forgiveness Liturgy. He will be preaching on the 15 reasons why people don't forgive and lead us in a special prayer service to be healed from all un-forgiveness. It promises to be a powerful evening. If at all possible clear your calendar and join us.

Advent is not only a time when Christ comes to us but more important when we intensify our prayerful stance and we come before Him. May you encounter His light and love.

A Blessed Advent to you all,

*Father Tom Devery*



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**SECOND TIME:** Salvatore Annarumma & Marie McNiece

**THIRD TIME:** Stephen Blanco & Danielle Barlotta  
Leonard Parente & Bonnie Lopez

### 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.)

### Holy Day of Obligation

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass times for the Holy Day will be:

**Monday, Dec. 7 - 7 pm (Vigil)**

**Tuesday, December 8 - 7 am, 9 am,  
12 NOON & 8 pm**



### SICK LIST

Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, Vera Criscuolo, Gen Decio, Anthony DeSousa, Jr., Chief Mstr. Sgt. James F. Dwyer, Zeina Enciso, Thomas Paul Gaither, Margaret Generoso, Matthew Hall, Rich Hogrogian, Thomas LaMantia, 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.**

### OLSS LESSONS & CAROLS

Our annual tradition, "A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols" will be held on Friday, Dec. 11th at 8 PM in the Church. Please join us for an uplifting evening of scripture and song. Refreshments to follow. We look forward to a wonderful evening filled with the spirit of the season shared with good friends.



Come enjoy the seasonal sounds of

## Voyces

An Early Music Vocal Ensemble

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. OLSS presents the choral group **Voyces**, a Staten Island-based early music ensemble dedicated to the study and performance of Renaissance & Baroque vocal works, directed by Beth Johanning. **Voyces** will present a stunning celebration of early English Advent & Nativity Music that you will not want to miss! This concert is open to everyone and free of charge: a goodwill offering will be taken at the concert.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Congratulations to our OLSS Spelling Bee Champions!** Nicholas Wilson and Lorenzo Colangelo will represent Our Lady Star of the Sea School at the Island-wide Archdiocesan Spelling Bee on December 11th. Good luck boys!

**Toy Drive** - Thanks you to all who contributed to our annual toy drive. We collected over 300 toys which will be distributed to needy families on Staten Island through Amazing Grace Ministries.

**Don't forget!** We will be collecting new pajamas and sharing our favorite Christmas stories on Monday, December 7th. It will be a comfy dress down day for all!

**Get ready for your close-ups!** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Christmas pageant will be held on Wed., December 9, and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas play will be on Wed., December 23.

CYO Players present:

## “Christmas Countdown”

Sat., Dec. 12 @ 1 pm & 7 pm and Sun., Dec. 13 @ 3 pm  
Performances in OLSS O'Mara Hall

For ticket information call Maryann @ 718-966-0671

## GROUP MEETINGS

**50 Plus Club** – Meets in the Damato Meeting Room in the OLSS Athletic Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be on **December 11**. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

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

**Bereavement Group** – New support group forming for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and is grieving. Join us as we journey from grief to healing on Wednesday, **December 9 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. If you would like to join and if you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (718) 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

**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. We will continue our discussion of the book *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee Ilibagiza, as well as other Marian apparitions and devotions to Our Blessed Mother. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**Holy Name Society** - Our next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **December 9th 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.

## GIVING BASKET

As in the past, this Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island, by responding to our local organizations serving their various needs. This weekend and next weekend, our Giving Baskets are 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 Sweat Shirt” 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. We also have tags for gift cards for families in need in our parish. Debbie Emigholz, Parish Manager, is coordinating the gifts for parish families in need. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12 & 13- SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.**

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### CHRISTMAS FAIR MONSIGNOR FARRELL HS

Sunday, December 6 from 10 am – 5 pm

Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family

Vendors, Raffles, Food & Baked Goods and visit from Santa!

For more info email: [FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com](mailto:FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com)

### YOUNG ADULT MASS

#### WITH MATT MAHER & AUDREY ASSAD

All are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach for a Young Adult Mass presided by Cardinal Dolan on **Wed., Dec. 9** at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Confessions & Adoration with music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm. Learn more at [www.catholicnyc.com](http://www.catholicnyc.com).

Staten Island Catechetical Office invites you to an

### ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

on **Thursday, Dec. 10** at Our Lady of Pity Church from 7-9 p.m. The Theme will be on the *Year of Mercy* and will feature special guest speaker, Fr. Brian McWeeney. Contact Sr. Mary Crucifix at 718-273-3833 for more info.



## 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

### Cluster Parish Events

- **Gingerbread House Party** – The children of Cluster Parishes & their families are invited to a Gingerbread House party at Our Lady Help of Christians on Friday, Dec. 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please put your house together the day before so it is dry and sturdy to decorate that night. Bring your own decorating supplies. Hot chocolate, coffee, tea, and desserts will be served. Please RSVP to [patricia.dresch@olhccparish.org](mailto:patricia.dresch@olhccparish.org) or [joanbaggs@olhccparish.org](mailto:joanbaggs@olhccparish.org). All gingerbread houses will be blessed at this family event!



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  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea - 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.

Questions or Reservations call: Tony Langella (917) 817-1110  
 or email: classoflifeolss@yahoo.com

Return this form with payment to Our Lady Star of the Sea 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**

**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. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>



**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: There will be no baptismal class on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be held on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> instead. \*\***

**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.

**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 – [jlimeri@aol.com](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) – 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

**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](http://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.



*A Parish Campaign*



**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SHARING OUR GIFTS CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to all the families who participated in our campaign and committed to increasing their offertory!

Your generosity ensures a more stable financial future for our parish.

If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider helping the parish by increasing your weekly contribution.