

**DECEMBER 16, 2012**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

"MAY THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP SAFE THE GOOD PEOPLE  
OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA. "

*Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, December 15, 2012**

**9:00AM** Theresa Scaramuzzo  
**4:00PM** Robert Westrich  
**5:30PM** Raul Ghiano

**Sunday, December 16, 2012**

**8:00AM** Peter Rudden  
**9:15AM** Deceased Members of Ennis and Healy Fms.  
**10:30AM** Angela and Gennaro Lattanzi  
**12 Noon** Deceased Members of Reynolds  
and McSorley Fms.  
**1:15PM** Carmela Mesiti  
**7:00PM** Barbara Besignano

**Monday**

**9:00AM** Rosemarie Lanzarone

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**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Margaret Neville Leahy

**Thursday**

**9:00AM** Emilio and Joyce Negrete

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Leonard Galati

**December 22, 2012**

**9:00AM** Anna O'Connor  
**4:00PM** Berta and John Matzele  
**5:30PM** Theresa and Rosario Randazzo  
and Victor DeMeo

**Sunday, December 23, 2012**

**8:00AM** The Dec. Members of the Smith Fm.  
**9:15AM** George Vierno, Sr.  
**10:30AM** Olga Merola and Michael Pallante  
**12 Noon** Henry Chapman  
**1:15PM** Margaret Eccleston and Irene Scaffa  
**7:00PM** Santo and Anna Chillemi



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea wishes to express our sincere condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Condolences to the family of *John Simonelli, Gus Cipoletti and Catherine Schroeder*

**2013 SANCTUARY LAMPS**

*The 2013 Sanctuary Lamps are now available. The donation is \$25. Thank you.*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP—WEEK OF  
DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup> IN MEMORY OF LENNY GALATI, SR.  
FROM THE GALATI FAMILY**

**Lectors –Dec. 22, 2012**

**4:00PM** C. Harris  
**5:30PM** M. Andreola

**Eucharistic Ministers –Dec.22, 2012**

**4:00PM** R. Taranto, A. Lazzara, R. Podvesker,  
C. Argano, V. Caruso, S. Goodman, J. Prato  
**5:30PM** A. Spoto, G. Decker, C. Bottiglia, J. Uhman,  
M. Sicari, J. Cimino, J. Amitrano

**Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012**

**8:00AM** MJ Truckenbrodt, J. Perdichizzi  
**9:15AM** J. Zinsley  
**10:30AM** E. Newborn, M. Higgins  
**12 Noon** G. LaGrua, M. Newell  
**1:15PM** B. Weir  
**7:00PM** T. Palmieri

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012**

**8:00AM** K. Brady, P. DeLuca, R. & L. Bauer, T. Daluise,  
P. Zoltowski, J. Coscia  
**9:15AM** B. Higgins, R. Corbett, M. & S. Hitchcock,  
ME Carey, A. Guber, T. Strange  
**10:30AM** R. Scarpati, A. Pompei, G. Balestrino,  
R. DeMaio, C. Ordy, B. & MA Higgins  
**12 Noon** R. & F. Marino, A. Maffeo, C. & J. Gerace,  
S. Catalano, E. Talarico  
**1:15PM** M. Sprague, V. Aciri, MA Russo, A. McCoy,  
S. Roberto, M. Sicari, C. Barone  
**7:00PM** M. Recanatini, J. Limeri, C. Pontecorvo,  
C. Houle, K. Melka, J. Prato, A. Zuffante

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012**

**4:00 PM** C. Harris, C., D. & J. Struthers  
**5:30 PM** R. Graziano, C. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani

**Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012**

**8:00 AM** J. Bell, C. Luisi, C. Marashaj, G. Tucci  
**9:15 AM** G. Pelucco, F. & G. Scarmato, G. Tulino  
**10:30 AM** J. Petillo, E. Tedesco, B. & T. Walsh  
**12:00 Noon** D. Battaglia, C. & J. Nardulli, D. Russo  
**1:15 PM** N. Campanella, G. Citarelli, R. DeForge,  
C. Trang  
**7:00 PM** C. & S. Campitiello, C. & J. Rubin

**HERO SAINT OF THE WEEK – DEC. 18**

**ISAAC HECKER – FOUNDER OF THE PAULIST FATHERS**

Isaac was born of German immigrants in NYC in 1819 and in his youth, experimented with the Methodist Church and also Unitarianism, Mormonism and Transcendentalists. However, in 1844, at age 24, he entered the Catholic Church during the worst outbreak of anti-Catholic violence in America. He believed that Americanism and Catholicism were compatible and complimentary and, by divesting of its European appearance, the Church could fulfill its mission in the United States. Having been first ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1856, he received permission from Pope Pius IX to establish a community devoted to converting Protestants in America to the Congregation of St. Paul, the Apostle. His order preached and demonstrated how the Catholic Faith corresponded to the cravings of the heart. Through his efforts, the Church accepted its desirable ideals, the principles of democracy, the separation of church and state and religious pluralism. (JM)

## MASS CELEBRANTS

### Saturday – Dec. 15

4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway  
5:30PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

### Sunday – Dec. 16

8:00AM Fr. Kevin Malick  
9:15AM Msgr. Peter Smith  
10:30AM Msgr. Peter Smith  
12 Noon Fr. Kevin Malick  
1:15PM Fr. Kevin Malick  
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway

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### PRAYER GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Prayer Group usually meets on Tuesdays at 8PM in the Damato Meeting Room in our Athletic Center for prayers of praise, singing, centering and intercessory prayer. New members are welcome. Everyone has the opportunity to be prayed over.

No Prayer Group on 12/25 or Jan. 1. Meetings resume on 1/15/13.

(No Healing Service in December or January)

The December Healing Mass will be on Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. January Healing Mass will be Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8PM. Praise and Worship at 7:30PM.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Paul Alaimo, Denise Amore, Maggie Anglemeyer, Jeanne Ardine, Betty Barrasso, Joan Bartenhagen, Christine Bessi, Barbara Boscia, Dustin Cabeza, Marion Concaduna, David, Lanette, Ethel and Nanette Colon, Connie Bonanno, Dustin Cabereza, Rosanna and Mike Cannavan, Erminia Cancellare, Frances Carbone, Serafina Carlone, Stephanie Cerchio, Fred Chilvers, Paul Ciaccio, Philip Civello, Sal Civello, Frances Codispodo, David and Ethel Cohen, Marion Condadora, Edith G. Corredor, Vincent Crispino, Jaime Cucuzza, Marie Curcio, Virginia Cutrone, Joan DiFiore, John Emigholz, Sr., Joseph Ennis, Carol Federic, John Foder, Anthony Galante, Nancy and Antoinette Gallo, Carol Gawron, Eddie Gelormino, Dolly Gerardi, Joan Gordon, Richard Kempton, Andrew Hardin, Stanley Kielbasa, Tarek Kamal, Victor Lamberti, M. Lawler, James Ledger, Elaine Lewis, Alice Lombardo, Fay McKeveney, William Magrino, Jr., Vincent Malchiodi, Domenico Mallozzi, Michael Maniscalco, Judith Matzio, Laureen Mauro, RoseMary McGraw, Tiffany Mezzatesta, Anna Milham, Eileen Narbut, Amelia Newborn, Bea Nicholson, Dave O'Hanlon, Joseph Pagano, Lucy Peters, John Petrizzo, Josephine Petrosino, Joseph Pineiro, Camille Polly, Rachelle Puglisi, Carmen Rangon, Mary Rizzuti, Denise Santanella, Carlos Santiago, Mildred Santostefano, Maria Scaglione, Celeste Setty, Lorraine Skelly, Sr. Maureen Skelly, Frances Slattery, Steve Speranzo, Dan Speranzo, Jr., Maryann Taranuk, Susan Tawes, Cynthia and Stephanie Tonback, Lisa Vasquez, Olga Walchok, Robert Wideman, Carol Wright, Mary Lou Yacovacci.

### MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM we will have our Music Workshop, at which time you will be able to select the liturgical music for your wedding and ask any questions.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND BANNS: William Marshall and Loretta Gall  
Ralph Stuto and Victoria Patanio



### BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

All Parish Families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the Parish Baptismal Preparation Program. The program is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 Noon in the Athletic Center (Damato Meeting Room). We invite you to bring along your baby's Godparents to hear this special presentation. Please call the rectory for a Registration Packet before attending the Sunday Meeting. A copy of the child's birth certificate is needed. The sponsor must have proof of Confirmation, a sponsor certificate (see sponsor certificate information below) and must be at least 14 years of age. The Baptismal donation of \$100 and the yellow registration form must be brought to the Parish Office (Mon.- Fri. 9 to 4PM), prior to the Baptism Meeting. You may then bring the completed registration form to the meeting of your choice.

### BAPTISMAL CLASS

12 Noon – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>

### BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>

### 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 **AFTER** any of the other Sunday Masses. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** and request one.



### ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 from 7 to 11PM for all:

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Adult Care Committee
Ushers	Adult Choir
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Girl Scout Exec. Board	Sports exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School & Rel.
Bereavement Core Team	Education Faculty
Divorced and Separated Core Team	RCIA Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team (AFF)	Parents Assoc. Bd.
Eucharistic Adorers	

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Fri., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call 984-0593 and leave your name and number. Thank you.**

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**INQUIRY:** Did you ever think of becoming a Catholic? Have you been coming to church with a family member or a friend for a number of years and maybe considered Baptism and full Initiation into the Catholic Church? Are you baptized in another faith, but now desire to become Catholic? If interested or would like more information call the rectory: (718) 984-0593.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2012

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**RECONCILIATION - MON., DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**4PM TO 8PM**

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**MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4PM, 6PM AND MIDNIGHT MASS**

**MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

**7:30, 9 AND 10:30AM, 12 NOON,**

**1:30 AND 7PM**

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Masses are in the Church only. Please note that the 4PM and 10:30AM are very crowded. If necessary, you can use the municipal lot across from the library on Huguenot Avenue.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY-DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Cardinal Dolan has designated Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, as "Advent Reconciliation Monday." All parishes in the Archdiocese, including OLSS, will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8PM on this day. Please take advantage of this opportunity. As usual, here at OLSS, confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:30 to 4PM and 5 to 5:30PM.



## 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 loved one you would like remembered on the line provided.*

### Third Sunday of Advent – The joy of kindness

**Reading 1** Zephaniah 3:14-18a (promise of a Savior)

**Reading II** Philippians 4:4-7 (joy and peace)

**Gospel** Luke 3:10-18 (John calls the people to justice)

**Key Passage** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice, Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

(Philippians 4:4-5)

**Adult:** *To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?*

**Child:** *What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?*

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY:** The group meets on Mondays at 7:30PM. Sessions will begin shortly. If you are interested in attending, you must call the rectory prior to the meeting and leave your name and number.

**BOOK GROUP MEETING:** The next meeting of the book club will be **Thursday, Jan. 10, 2012, at 7:30PM** in the rectory. We will complete the book *Holy Spirit 101* by John L. Gresham, available online at both Amazon and Barnes and Noble. We will focus on Chapter 3. Please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081 for more information.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to join our Group, the next meeting is on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Rectory and will meet consecutively for the next four Wednesdays at the same time. Please call the rectory to register at (718) 984-0593.

### NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be conducting training for new Lectors. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please call the parish office at 718.984.0593 or email at [olssparish@si.rr.com](mailto:olssparish@si.rr.com).

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new Lector workbooks for 2013 are at the Rectory. Please stop by and pick one up. If you take one, please sign the sheet provided, leaving your name and number. Thank you.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is held from 12 noon to 5pm, Monday to Thursday. We are in need of Adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament every hour. If you can find some time in your day to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please call Carol Ordy at \*82-917-536-8576.

### THANK YOU FROM A PARISHIONER

The following note was sent to us by an OLSS family who lost their home during the hurricane:

*To Msgr. Jeff, Fr. Kevin and to OLSS Parishioners:  
Your donation helped us buy the saws, tools, lumber and siding to rebuild our home. Your thoughtfulness meant much more than any words can say! Thank you very much. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord! (Psalm 33:5).*

*In Christ's Love,  
A Grateful Family*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Open House and Information Session**

We invite you to attend our open houses and information sessions in our Pre School Building so you can learn more about us. We know we can be the perfect fit for your child! Please mark these dates on your calendar:

**Pre K 4 and Kindergarten Open Houses from 9AM -10AM**

**January 9 and March 1**

**Pre K 3 Open Houses from 9AM -10AM**

**January 10 and March 7**

**Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten Information Sessions from 7PM to 8PM January 15**

#### HOLIDAY HELP FOR THE NEEDY

If you know of a needy family who could use some help during the Christmas season, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number. All calls are kept confidential. If you would like to **donate a ham or a supermarket gift certificate**, you can bring them to the Rectory by Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### 50 PLUS CLUB

Trip to Resorts Casino Hotel – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, \$51 per person – Christopher Macchio, starring in a Valentine’s Day Event at Atlantic City. Trip includes \$25 slot play at Resorts Casino, Valentine Show, transportation (including tips and taxes). For reservations, call Terry at (718) 317-1801. **The next meeting is Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM.**

#### OLSS INFO ON WEB PAGE

The OLSS webpage will soon have the 2011-2012 financial position for the Church and the School for the fiscal year ending 8/31/12. If interested go to [olssparish.org](http://olssparish.org).



#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 16, 2012**

**“The crowds asked John, ‘What ought we to do?’ In reply he said ‘Let the man with two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same... ‘Teacher what are we to do?’ ‘Exact nothing over and above your fixed amount.’ ‘What about us?’ He told them, ‘Do not bully anyone. Denounce no one falsely. Be content with your pay.’ The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah.”**

We begin the final full week of Advent. In the conversations of John we learn about real Christmas giving – a coat or food to the one in need. We learn about fairness and justice. We are taught about a new word in legal terms ‘no bullying.’

As we begin the novena before Christmas, it serves us well to look at ourselves and ask ‘what should I do?’ I have been blessed with so much, and my giving should not be an example of material gifts, but a sign of true concern and love for others, especially those in need. The coat, the food, the need for justice and not taking advantage of someone might be the most important gift I can give or receive.

Take a moment as we begin this week and ask two questions. ‘What about me? What about others?’ The people were full of anticipation. I am too as I consider what I can do for others.



#### **12 STEP MEETINGS – RECTORY BASEMENT**

<b>ACOA</b>	<b>Sun., 5:30PM</b>
<b>AA</b>	<b>Sun., 8:15PM</b>
	<b>Mon., 10AM</b>
<b>New AA Meeting</b>	<b>Tues., 4PM</b>
	<b>Thurs., 4PM</b>
	<b>Fri., 4PM</b>
	<b>Sat., 7:30PM and 9PM</b>
<b>PILLS ANON.</b>	<b>Tues., 6:30PM and</b>
	<b>Fri., 7:30PM</b>
<b>GAMBLERS ANON.</b>	<b>Tues., 8:00PM</b>
<b>AL ANON</b>	<b>Thurs., 7:15PM</b>
<b><i>For INTERVENTIONS call Joe Bratt (718) 290-7012</i></b>	