

**DECEMBER 23, 2012**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

*"I pray for God's peace and blessings, health and happiness at Christmas and in the New Year for all the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea."*

*Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**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

**Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, Christmas Eve**

**9:00AM** Dec. Members of Casso and Ferraioli Families  
**4:00PM** Joseph and Gaetana Levantano, Richard Rauch and Netta Scimecca  
**6:00PM** Nicholas Clohessy and Nicholas D'Ambrosio  
**12 Midnight** Stephen Haran and John Milo

**Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, Christmas Day**

**7:30AM** Lorenzo Taglienti  
**9:00AM** Nunzio Giustino, Marie DeVito and Rose and Vincent Barone  
**10:30AM** Thelma and Susan Stack and Gladys Voyeau  
**12 Noon** Richard Angelina and Jamie Lee DaSilva  
**1:30PM** Michael Clapps  
**7:00PM** Thomas McKinney and Joseph Fallacaro



**Wednesday**

**9:00AM** Victor DeMeo

**Thursday**

**9:00AM** Jamie Lee DaSilva

**Friday**

**9:00AM** Robert Gorman, William Laerz and Giovanna Greco

**Saturday, December 29, 2012**

**9:00AM** George Perretti and Pasquale Russino  
**4:00PM** Dora and Edward DiAntonio and Deceased Members of Samaritano Family  
**5:30PM** Bobby Smith

**Sunday, December 30, 2012**

**8:00AM** John Lagno  
**9:15AM** Vincent Pizzuto  
**10:30AM** Thelma and Susan Stack  
**12 Noon** Thomas, Edwin and Josephine Schuster  
**1:15PM** Catherine and Robert Smith  
**7:00PM** Deceased Members of Persichilli and Palmieri Fms.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP—WEEK OF DEC. 23<sup>RD</sup>  
 IN MEMORY OF CARL CAPOBIANCO  
 FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY ASSIGNMENTS. PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CANNOT FULFILL YOUR ASSIGNMENT.**

**Lectors –Dec. 29, 2012**

**4:00PM** C. Harris, M. Sicari  
**5:30PM** F. Barone, C. Losi

**Eucharistic Ministers –Dec.29, 2012**

**4:00PM** MJ Russo, C. Baggot, C. Bottiglia, A. McCoy, S. Roberto, J. Coscia, V. Caruso  
**5:30PM** C. Biondolillo, M. Andreola, G. Scotto, JM Graziano, M. Graziano, A. Spoto, M. Lappin

**Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012**

**8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi, MJ Truckenbrodt  
**9:15AM** A. Pompei, T. O'Connell  
**10:30AM** M. Pinto, M. Newell  
**12 Noon** C. Messina  
**1:15PM** B. Weir  
**7:00PM** A. Saulo, K. Melka

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012**

**8:00AM** T. Daluise, M. Molinini, L. & R. Bauer, P. Zoltowski, P. DeLuca, J. Stanzione  
**9:15AM** M. Vierno, L. Appel, A. Brady, R. Scarpati, M. & S. Hitchcock, L. Capobianco  
**10:30AM** G. Balestrino, B. Jankunis, PA Walsh, C. Ordy, E. & G. Rizzo, E. Talarico  
**12 Noon** E. Viola, R. Gamba, N. Fallacaro, C. Houle, R. & F. Marino  
**1:15PM** J. Tolento, C. Barone, M. Randazzo, MA Higgins, B. Higgins, G. Decker, B. Nicholson  
**7:00PM** G. Donohue, D. McCumisky, F. Saulo, C. Pontecorvo, G. Scotto, T. Scaramuzzo, M. Sprague

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012**

**4:00 PM** L. Cavicchio, C., D. & J. Struthers  
**5:30 PM** T. Banks, R. Carey, M. Losi, M. McDonough

**Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012**

**8:00 AM** A. Discenza, C. Luisi, N. Mele, G. Tucci  
**9:15 AM** J. Bell, E. Buccini, D. Smerina, K. Tobin  
**10:30 AM** F. Auriti, E. Carey, G. Monreale, C. Sikorjak  
**12:00 Noon** C. Carr, N. D'Angelo, V. Palazzo, V. Sicari  
**1:15 PM** N. Campanella, G. Citarelli, D. Dunn, G. Steinmetz  
**7:00 PM** L. Caiazzo, C. & S. Campitiello, J. Petillo

 Pray Constantly

**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 January)**

**January Healing Mass will be Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8PM. Praise and Worship at 7:30PM.**

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR  
CHRISTMAS 2012



Dear Parishioners:

Christmas is a time to allow Jesus Christ into our hearts and to be filled with the peace that only He can give, the peace that passes all understanding and will stand guard over our minds and hearts.

We definitely need that peace now as we stand in the shadow of the Newtown, Connecticut massacre, a modern day "slaughter of the innocents." All through history, there have been those leaders and individuals that have spilled out their hatred on young innocent children, from Herod to this deranged 20-year old. But, we know that these evil people do not define our history – Jesus does! He was born, He lived, He died, and He rose again so that all of us can triumph over anything that the devil throws at us – even death. Because of Jesus, all these children live with Him in glory. They see Him face-to-face and they are transformed to be more like the angels, living forever in resurrected glory.

Closer to home, we experienced the death and devastation of Hurricane Sandy in October, but we also have experienced the love of God in November and December, coming to us through so many of our fellow Staten Islanders and so many people from all over America and throughout the world. People were inspired by the Holy Spirit to reach out with clothes, food, money, physical labor and support to those who were hurt. While the devil threw a storm at us, God spread love over us. And in the end, the good will drown out the evil.

By Jesus' birth, everything was transformed. God became an intimate participant in all our sorrows, all our problems, all our hopes and dreams. He became one of us, so that He can lead us out of the slaughtering of innocents, out of hurricanes, out of wars, out of hatred into His peace, His love, His joy, and His eternal life.

Everything is different because He came. In the midst of all the seeming chaos, there is a "peace" that nothing can touch, a deep inner peace that comes from Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, who is born in our hearts, and who promises all of us a rebirth into glory.

May you and all your family and friends have a blessed Christmas in which Christ is born again in you.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Jeff Conway  
Pastor

### MASS CELEBRANTS

<b>Saturday – Dec. 22</b>	<b>Saturday – Dec. 29</b>
<b>4:00PM</b> Fr. Kevin Malick	Msgr. Jeff Conway
<b>5:30PM</b> Fr. Kevin Malick	Msgr. Jeff Conway
<b>Sunday – Dec. 23</b>	<b>Sunday – Dec. 30</b>
<b>8:00AM</b> Msgr. Peter Smith	Fr. Kevin Malick
<b>9:15AM</b> Msgr. Peter Smith	Fr. Kevin Malick
<b>10:30AM</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	Msgr. Jeff Conway
<b>12 Noon</b> Fr. Kevin Malick	Fr. Kevin Malick
<b>1:15PM</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	Msgr. Jeff Conway
<b>7:00PM</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	Msgr. Jeff Conway
<b>Monday – Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve</b>	
<b>4:00PM</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	
<b>6:00PM</b> Fr. Kevin Malick	
<b>Midnight</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	
<b>Tuesday – Dec. 25 – Christmas Day</b>	
<b>7:30AM</b> Fr. Kevin Malick	
<b>9:00AM</b> Fr. Kevin Malick	
<b>10:30AM</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	
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<b>7:00PM</b> Msgr. Jeff Conway	



### 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, Edna Gorman, 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.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**THIRD BANNS:** William Marshall and Loretta Gall  
Ralph Stuto and Victoria Patanio  
Joseph Mirabello and Jessica Giordano



### 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

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 24<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>  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 24<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:**

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| Eucharistic Min. & Lectors       | Altar 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              | 50 Plus Group Officers     |

**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.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent – Obedience to God's will

**Reading I** Micah 5:1-4a (restoration through the Messiah)  
**Reading II** Hebrews 10:5-10 (the second covenant)  
**Gospel** Luke 1:39-45 (the visit to Elizabeth)  
**Key Passage** Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (Luke 1:45)  
**Adult:** *When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?*  
**Child:** *When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?*

**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, ble 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. 26<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.

### 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.**



### 2013 SANCTUARY LAMPS

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



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2012

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### MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

DEC. 24, 2012

4PM, 6PM AND MIDNIGHT MASS

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### MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC. 25, 2012

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.



### 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.*

### USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers for certain weekend Masses, especially the 5:30PM on Saturday and the 12 Noon, 1:15PM and 7PM on Sundays. If you would like to help in this important ministry, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number for Sacristan, John Manetta (718) 984-0593.

### 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.

## 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**

### CHRISTMAS WISHES

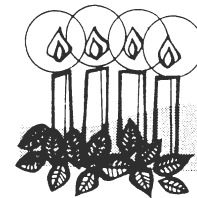
Our Lady Star of the Sea School has been blessed in many ways. We have wonderful students, very involved parents, and a very dedicated administration, faculty and staff. We also have the support and encouragement of our parishioners. This means a great deal to the entire school community. Therefore, at Christmas and throughout the new year, may our parishioners treasure the gifts of love, peace, and hope that Jesus continues to give each of us! May Jesus live in your hearts and the hearts of all those whom you encounter!

### ESTATE PLANNING

Remember Our Lady Star of the Sea in your estate planning. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about including OLSS in your will or living trust, please call the Archdiocese of New York at (212) 371-1000 Ext. 3317 or email [gift.planning@archny.org](mailto:gift.planning@archny.org) for more information.

### 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.



### 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>	