

DECEMBER 30, 2012
THE HOLY FAMILY
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

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 Susan Stack
12 Noon Thomas, Edwin and Josephine Schuster
1:15PM Catherine and Robert Smith
7:00PM Palmieri and Persichilli Family

Monday, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2012

- 9:00AM** Jared Dane Scotto
4:00PM Deceased Members of Gesualdi & DiAntonio Fms.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, Solemnity of Mary

- 9:00AM** Saverio Mancuso
12 Noon Barbara & Mary Monaco, Mary D'Andrea and
 Mary Evans

Wednesday

- 9:00AM** Robert Smith

Thursday

- 9:00AM** Genevieve Grant and
 Joan Malone

Friday

- 9:00AM** Joanne and Pete Boland and Harry Dnnelly

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2013

- 9:00AM** John Tobin
4:00PM Peter Meglio
5:30PM Frank Finn

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2013

- 8:00AM** Christopher Amoroso
9:15AM Gennaro Lattanzi
10:30AM Thomas J. Martin and Frank Citera
12 Noon Florence Generoso
1:15PM Giovanni Iacono
7:00PM Domenico and Rosa Montanaro



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST BANNS: Jennifer Serao and Chris Chiaia

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

On Sunday, Feb. 24th 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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP-WEEK
OF DEC. 30TH
IN MEMORY OF GLADYS VOYEAU
FROM HER DAUGHTER CAROL ORDY

Please refer to the schedule for New Year's Assignments

Lectors - Jan. 5, 2013

- 4:00PM** C. Losi, C. Harris
5:30PM B. Weir

Eucharistic Ministers - Jan. 5, 2013

- 4:00PM** B. Barone, V. Caruso, C. Baggot, L. Barbato,
 R. Taranto, MA Russo, A. McCoy
5:30PM M. Sicari, F. Barone, D. McCumisky, B. Peters,
 S. Roberto, A. Dazio, J. Cimino

Lectors - Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013

- 8:00AM** J. Perdichizzi, MJ Truckenbrodt
9:15AM M. Higgins
10:30AM E. Newborn, M. Pinto
12 Noon F. Monte
1:15PM C. Messina, A. Deliso
7:00PM K. Melka

Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, Jan 6, 2013

- 8:00AM** T. Daluise, P. DeLuca, J. Stanzione, R. Bauer,
 M. Molinini, P. Zoltowski, L. Bauer
9:15AM T. Strange, M. Vierno, MA & B. Higgins, P. Walsh,
 J. Gatto, R. Corbett
10:30AM M. Randazzo, E. & G. Rizzo, G. Balestrino, \\\n
 E. Viola, A. Maffeo, C. Ordy
12 Noon M. Sprague, F. & R. Marino, N. Fallacaro, C. Houle,
 M. Recanatini, C. Capuana
1:15PM L. & P. DeCarlo, G. Deliso, M. & JM Graziano,
 E. & G. Rizzo
7:00PM A. Zuffante, J. Limeri, R. Gamba, C. Pontecorvo,
 G. LaGrua, A. Mannetti, B. Volpicello

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Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013

- 4:00 PM** A. Albanese, D. Battaglia, C. Harris, A. Mutkoski,
 A. Napolitano, M. Rivera
5:30 PM R. Graziano, M. Losi, J. & K. Martino,
 C. & R. Nicholaou

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2012

- 8:00 AM** A. Discenza, C. Marashaj, N. Mele, G. Tucci
9:15 AM M. McDonough, M. Gambino, F. & G. Scarmato,
 G. Pelucco
10:30 AM F. Auriti, E. Buccini, M. Matrangolo,
 R. Ruskowski, E. Tedesco, K. Tobin
12 Noon A. Mattioli, G. Monreale, D. Russo, G. Steinmetz,
 B. & T. Walsh
1:15 PM C. Carr, R. DeForge, F. & T. Nieves,
 C. Sikorjak, C. Trang
7:00 PM M. Brophy, C. & S. Campitiello, V. Sicari,
 N. Turturro, L. Caizzo

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 Jan. 1. Meetings resume on 1/15/13. (No Healing Service in January)

January Healing Mass will be Tues., Jan. 8th, 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

Saturday – Dec. 29	Saturday – Jan. 5
4:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway	Fr. Kevin Malick
5:30PM Msgr. Jeff Conway	Fr. Kevin Malick
Sunday – Dec. 30	Sunday – Jan 6
8:00AM Fr. Kevin Malick	Fr. Kevin Malick
9:15AM Fr. Kevin Malick	Msgr. Jeff Conway
10:30AM Msgr. Jeff Conway	Msgr. Jeff Conway
12 Noon Fr. Kevin Malick	Msgr. Peter Smith
1:15PM Msgr. Jeff Conway	Msgr. Peter Smith
7:00PM Msgr. Jeff Conway	Msgr. Jeff Conway

SAINT OF THE WEEK

BLESSED ANGELA OF FOLIGNO – JAN. 4

Blessed Angela of Foligno was born in Umbria, Italy in 1248. At first, she lived a very carefree and pleasure filled life. After a while, this wife and mother dedicated her life to God. Shortly afterwards, her mother, her husband and all her children died. She then joined the Third Order of Penance of St. Francis. She developed a great love of God and humanity, especially the poor. She practiced great humility, patience and poverty. Angela was blessed by God with heavenly favors, had a special devotion to the life of Christ and left many remarkable writings on spiritual subjects which gained for her the title, “Teacher of Theologians.” (JM)

PLEASE NOTE: NEXT WEEK, WE WILL REMOVE ALL NAMES FROM THE SICK LIST. YOU CAN CALL AGAIN, IF YOU WISH TO HAVE SOMEONE PLACED ON THE LIST. THANK YOU

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 Petruzzo, 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.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE
MONDAY, DEC. 31, 2012 – 4PM
TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 2013
9AM AND 12 NOON

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 2nd and 4th 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 – 2nd and 4th Sundays
OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Jan. 13th and Jan. 27th
 Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th
 March 10th
 April 14th and April 28th
 May 5th and May 19th

BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH
2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Jan 13th and Jan. 27th
 Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th
 March 10th
 April 14th and April 28th
 May 5th and May 19th

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.

2013 SANCTUARY LAMPS

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



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

*Arthur Surrey, Joann Muscarella Megala,
 Mary Ellen Internicola, Robert Cancelleri and Elvira Chiesso*

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.

Holy Family – Respect for Elders

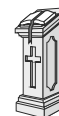
Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (duties toward parents)
Reading II Colossians 3:12-21 (the practice of virtues)
Gospel Luke 2:41-52 (the finding in the temple)
Key Passage Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)
Adult: *What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?*
Child: *Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?*

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. 26th 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.

RCIA Catechumen Gathering: The RCIA Catechumen will not meet on Sunday, December 30th. The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, January 6th. Kindly call or email Joe Limeri if you are unable to attend.



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.

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. 19th, \$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. 11th in the Damato Meeting Room at 1PM.**



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

OLSS Angels

As part of our many wonderful traditions, OLSS third graders recent Christmas Pageant performance was mesmerizing. The retelling of the Christmas story by the children and their angelic singing was certainly inspirational to all. Our third grade teachers Marie Colonna and Gina McEvoy along with Music teacher John Csorba and teacher aide Lillian Raffaele did amazing job preparing the children for this performance.

Help needed

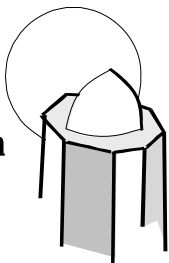
USHERS NEEDED

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.

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 for more information.

**Mary
and
Joseph
found
Jesus
in the temple.**



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2012

“The parents of Jesus used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve they went up for the celebration as was their custom. As they were returning at the end of the feast, the child Jesus remained behind unknown to his parents... His mother meanwhile kept all these things in memory. Jesus, for his part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.”

Family travel is a wonderful thing. How many look for vacations to a warm spot at this time of the year, or journeys to Orlando or Sea World. Parents appreciate the joy these sites bring to them and their children. The Holy Family whom we honor today traveled too. They fled Herod and went to Egypt. They traveled and presented the child Jesus to Simeon and Anna at the temple. Today, they come on religious pilgrimage to the temple, God’s special dwelling place.

Disaster sets in. Child lost! No police record or Division of Youth and Family Services to prosecute and investigate. The anxious family looked for Jesus themselves. Not being with their fellow travelers they retrace their steps, and where did they find Him? In His Father’s house!

The conversation which follows speaks of relief as the search had ended, but a new search begins. What did He mean?

Imagine the conversation as they went back to Nazareth and the beginning of the hidden life of Jesus. As we all progress steadily in age, wisdom and grace, speak with your family describing how you would have assumed the role of Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus. May we try to grasp what it means to lose and then find Jesus in our own lives. May we celebrate and bless the gift of family life in all its aspects, joys, sorrows, pain and pleasure. Our family is God’s gift to us, and our gift to one another.

12 STEP MEETINGS – RECTORY BASEMENT

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