

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

## Announced Masses

### Saturday, January 28

4:00PM Frances Scarpati

5:30PM Yvonne Cascio

### Sunday, January 29

8:00AM Robert Johnson

9:15AM Michael Fiorito

10:30AM Dr. John P. Curran

12 Noon Joseph DeLuca

1:15PM Antoinette Vulpi

7:00PM Antonio Scarimbolo

### Monday, January 30

9:00AM Carmen Santore

### Tuesday, January 31

9:00 AM Eleanora Pennino

### Wednesday, February 1

9:00AM Jack & Angie Antonini

### Thursday, February 2

9:00AM Fr. Joseph McKenna

### Friday, February 3 – St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throats

9:00AM Andrew Dana

### Saturday, February 4

9:00AM Everly Faith Bilello

4:00PM Ann DeFalco

5:30PM Gabe Verde

### Sunday, February 5

8:00AM Joseph Arena

9:15AM Michelle Scalzo

10:30AM Giacomo & Stefano DiMaggio

12 Noon John Orfano

1:15PM Anthony DiBartolomeo

7:00PM Carlo Barrera & Salvatore & Marietta Giannone

### St. Blaise – Bishop & Martyr - February 3

St. Blaise's early life was devoted to the study of philosophy and later on he became a physician. He was made Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, where he was arrested and sent to prison by Governor Agricola. On his way to prison, he noticed a child was suffering from a throat disease. At his intercession, the child was cured, and since that time he has been invoked to help in diseases of the throat. After being cruelly tortured, St. Blaise was beheaded in year 316. During the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day, the priest holds 2 candles in the form of a cross and touching the throat he prays, "through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen." –JM

## Banns of Marriage

First Time: Mark Mileto & Gina Corio

First Time: Thomas Caputo & Danielle Testaverde



## Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the  
Week of January 29-February 4

Given in Memory of

**Matthew & Matthew Lawrence  
Settembrino**

Donated by their loving family

## Mass Minister Schedule

### Lectors – Saturday, February 4

4:00PM E Vitiello

5:30PM C Losi

### Eucharistic Ministers, February 4

4:00PM L Barbato, J Coscia, & C Harris

5:30PM F Barone, V Acri, J Cimino, A Maffeo & M Lappin

### Lectors – Sunday, February 5

8:00AM L Bauer

9:15AM MA Higgins

10:30AM M Coppolo

12 Noon A Deliso

1:15 PM A Pompei

7:00 PM G LaGrua

### Eucharistic Ministers, February 5

8:00AM R Bauer, M Ennis, M Molinini, J Perdichizzi  
& C Rosato

9:15AM B Higgins, D Avena, J Gatto, S Hitchcock & J Prato

10:30AM B Barone, N Fallacaro, C&J Gerace & C Ordy

12 Noon C Barone, C Belvedere, S Catalano, B Nicholson,  
& B Peters

1:15PM A McCoy, MA Russo, M Sprague, J Tolento,  
& N Villani

7:00PM J Limeri, A Zuffante, K Melka, C Houle, & G LaGrua

### Altar Servers, Saturday, February 4

4:00PM E Harris, V Pavlick

5:30PM N Cammarato, D Heidel

### Altar Servers, Sunday, February 5

8:00AM N Shirazi

9:15AM J Bell

10:30AM M Mattioli

12 Noon G Vassallo, G Marino

1:15PM J Oliveri

7:00PM L & PJ Caiazzo



## Sincere Condolences

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

**Susann Ruggiero**

## 2017 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2017 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. **There are also announced masses still available for 2017.** Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a mass or Sanctuary Lamp.

## Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tues, February 7** at **7:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. (*The next Healing Service will be Feb. 21 @ 3:30 pm.*)

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

This has been a historic week with the inauguration of President Donald Trump, and the Pro-Life March on Washington to draw awareness of so many million lives that have been snuffed out through abortion and also now euthanasia. There are many questions as we face this new era in our American history and recently I listened to a talk by Dr. Jay Shetty, who points out some of the paradoxes of our time and we need to challenge ourselves to determine the direction we want to go in the future.

*"Albert Einstein famously remarked in a conversation with Werner Heisenburg, 'In the west we have built a beautiful ship that has all the comforts, but actually the one thing it doesn't have is a compass and that's why it doesn't know where it's going.' This paradox of our times was propounded by the Dali Lama when he said, 'We have wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We have taller buildings but shorter tempers.' Will Smith said, 'We spend money on things we don't need to impress people we don't like.' And it's phenomenal how the same technology that brings us closer together to those who are far away, takes us further away from the people we are actually close to. Thirty billion watts of messages are sent on our smartphones every day-but 48% of all people say that they are lonelier in general. The paradox of our times is that we have more degrees and less sense, more knowledge but less judgment, more experts but less solutions. It was Dr. Martin Luther King who said, 'It is the irony of our times that we have guided missiles but misguided men.' Have you ever found it perplexing that we have been all the way to the moon and back, but we struggle to start a conversation across the road or across the train? It's amazing that Bill Gates was known as the top earner in 2015 with a wealth of 79.2 billion, but one in four CEO's claim to be suffering from depression. Do we actually thrive off of this paradox, we seem to feed off of this in our circles? It's this paradox that makes the media and journalism so interesting. Does it seem that we've tried to clean the air, but polluted our soul? We have split the atom but not our prejudices. We are aiming for higher incomes but lower morals. So I'm hearing you ask, 'How do we bring a change? How do we dissect this paradox that exists in our lives?' It starts by each of us pressing pause, pressing reset, and then pressing play again. Taking a moment to become more conscious, taking a moment to become more aware, taking a moment to really reflect on the consequences, the implications of a misplaced word, of an unnecessary argument that we didn't need to have or to speak to someone slightly differently, in a different tone, in a different voice with a different empathy, with a different perspective, to really connect with people on a different level. This thinking out loud started from Albert Einstein. I'll track back to him when he actually said that the problems that we have today can't be solved with the same thinking we used when we once created them. We need to research ultimate teachings. We need to deep down dig into those ancient books of wisdom. We need to go back to understanding if there's anything written in those creased pages of time that can reveal more knowledge and wisdom of how we can transform our experience of life today, otherwise this paradox means that for every step forward we take, we are taking three steps back every time. – Dr. Jay Shetty*

Congratulations to all the children in Our Lady Star of the Sea School. This is Catholic Schools Week, and we open our doors and hearts to our community to see how hard you work and all that you accomplish in your time with us. I am sure you will inspire many to join us next year. Also congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who are applying to Catholic High Schools. Your results have been sent and we are proud of your preparation for this significant choice in your lives.

I will be joining about 10 people on a Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica with the Missionaries of the Poor, from February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Be assured of my prayers as we seek to become humble servants for the poorest of the poor in Kingston. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Tom Devery*

### **RCIA - Come Experience God's Love**

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. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – [jlimeri@aol.com](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.

### **OLSS Star Players**

#### ***Upon the Stars: A Disney Tribute***

Show Dates: TBA

If anyone missed the auditions and would still like to join the show, there will be a parent meeting on **Monday, January 30** at 7 pm in the Damato Meeting Room.

### **Feeding Our Neighbors with Catholic Charities**

Nearly 325,000 children go hungry in the Archdiocese of New York each year. Catholic Charities is working to alleviate these numbers with the help of OLSS Parish through a campaign to "feed our neighbors" in NYC & the Hudson Valley. Bring your canned goods and any other non-perishable items to the collection bin in the Church lobby from **Sunday, January 29 through Sunday, February 5** to join in helping to "feed our neighbors".

### **OLSS 1st Friday Overnight Adoration Vigil**



There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during an overnight vigil on the first Friday of each month. This month's overnight vigil will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, February 3 at 9:00 p.m.** & will end with daily Mass on **Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.** **Eucharistic Adoration is also available in the OLSS daily chapel every Mon-Thurs from 12pm-5 pm.**

## OLSS Blood Drive THIS WEEKEND!

### Emergency Blood Shortage!



**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** is the OLSS Biannual Blood Drive from 9 AM – 3 PM in O'Mara Hall. In order to donate, you will need identification, must weigh more than 110 lbs., and be between the ages of 16-75. Please bring your donor card if you have one. If you are 16 years old, you will need parental consent, and if you are older than 75, you will need a doctor's note. Please make sure to have a good meal and drink plenty of fluids BEFORE you come and donate. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Jennifer McCorry at 516-477-5872.

## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Happy Catholic Schools' Week! Get ready for a week of faith, fun and service. Thank you to all our parents for supporting Catholic education.

Here's what some of our students have to say about attending Our Lady Star of the Sea:

*"I like going to OLSS because we get to pray together."*  
– Stella, 3-2

*"I like my school because we talk about Jesus, help the poor, pray, and I like my teachers!"* – Dash, 3-1

*"I'm new to OLSS and it's been a good experience for me because the students and teachers all made me feel welcome."* – Sean, 7-1

*"I like my teachers because they give me a good education. Everyone is really friendly and that makes me feel wanted. We work hard, but we have a lot of fun too!"* – Erin, 7-2

• Come see OLSS in action! Our next Touring Tuesday will be on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 AM.

• There will be a mandatory 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting for all 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade parents on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in O'Mara Hall.

## OLSS SOCCER



Open Soccer Registration will be held at the OLSS Athletic Center on **Thursday, February 9 from 6-7 PM** for all players which include PeeWee, 3 year olds, and SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players and \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds and siblings. See the website [www.olsssoccer.com](http://www.olsssoccer.com) for registration forms and more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the OLSS rectory. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to register again in the spring.

## OLSS SPORTS

### VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 8th annual OLSS SPORTS Valentine's Dance Fundraiser will take place on **Saturday Feb. 4th from 7pm-1am** in the Athletic Center. This is an adult only event. Tickets are \$30/person and includes a catered buffet, DJ, photo booth, door prizes, raffles and more! Tables of 10 or more can be made, or we can add you to any table. Help support the sports program! For more info, contact Kris Zieris at 917-499-3942.

## Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Dawn Dutton, Zenia Enciso, Cristina Fico, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Isabel Gondrey, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, James Ledger, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez, Louis Vitale, **Please Note: Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.**

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, February 10 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Bereavement Group** – The next session of "It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing" will begin on **Wed., February 1 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

**Book Club** - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday February 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We will continue with *Winning The Battle Against Sin-Hope Filled Lessons From The Bible* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ (The Word Among Us Press). For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**Holy Name Society** – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, February 1 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

**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.

## OLSS 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

February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 23,  
May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

**PLEASE NOTE:** Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place at 2:15 PM in the Church.

## Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS 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**  
**Cluster Parish Mass Times**



**Our Lady Help of Christians** – 7396 Amboy Rd.  
 Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM,  
 4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 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 Events**

**St. John Neumann Scout Sunday Mass** – Come celebrate Scout Sunday on **Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11 am Mass.** Coffee and cake to follow in the rectory basement.

**SJN Kidz Klub Chocolate Party** - Come join the fun if you enjoy hot chocolate, chocolate treats, and chocolate games. The party is at St. John Neumann Church, 1380 Arthur Kill Road, Tues., 2/21, from 6-8pm in the Rectory Basement. Cost is \$8 pre-registered, \$10 at the door. Please rsvp by 2/14 to email: [sjnkidzklub@gmail.com](mailto:sjnkidzklub@gmail.com).

**Cluster Parish Mission**-Monday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 5 from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

**✓ Mark Your Calendar**

**Goretti Group Event:**

**Building a Culture of Dignity**

Everyone is welcome to join the Goretti Group on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-9:30 pm** at Holy Family Catholic Church (366 Watchogue Rd., SINY 10314) Music & Reconciliation will begin at 6:30 pm with celebration of Mass at 7 pm followed by a talk by Weronica Janczuk on Building a Culture of Dignity. For more details, visit [www.thegorettigroup.com/new-york/](http://www.thegorettigroup.com/new-york/).

**Ignatian Spirituality Session**

The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality" will be on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Rd.) at St Clare's parish. We will meet right after the Saturday 9am mass (optional) and the one-hour session will begin at 10am.

**Staten Island Centering Prayer Group**  
**Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 pm**

St Joseph's Retreat House (850 Hylan Blvd SINY 10305)  
 The prayer group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact Anne-Louise DePalo at (718) 351-3748. A \$20 good will offering will be collected.

**St. Louis Academy Alumni**

There will be an "all years" reunion of SLA alumni at the Staaten on **Saturday, March 11, 2017.** We are looking for ALL alumni. Please pass the word along. For more information, please contact Patti Lampo Sobkowski ([patticake323@gmail.com](mailto:patticake323@gmail.com)), Colleen Finnegan Whelan ([colleenfwhelan@msn.com](mailto:colleenfwhelan@msn.com)) or if you prefer, call Janet Kelly at 646-209-3412 for more information. Please help spread the word!!

**Jane B. Thompson Pro-Life Essay Contest**

Open to students 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, with first prize of \$100 in 3 age groups: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades, and 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. Mail original essay (& keep a copy) on or before **April 1** to: Staten Island Right to Life League, Inc., P.O. Box 60520, SINY, 10306. For more info, call 646-662-3914.

**12 Step & Community Meetings**

- ACOA \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays 5:30PM
- AA \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays 8:15PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mondays 10AM
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 4PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 4PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays 4PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM
- PILLS ANONYMOUS \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 6:30PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays 6:30PM
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 8:00PM
- AL-ANON \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 5:30PM

**Addiction Angels** – There will be a Parent and sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

**12 Step Night of Reflection:** Every first Thursday, 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 **February 2.**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 29, 2017**

**“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger. But I will have as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly... How blest are the poor in spirit...”**

How many people we know who spend their time pursuing what they do not have. Those without work read the want ads, write lengthy resumes and try to connect with someone to help them. Those with health issues look for a second opinion or find a specialist to address their needs. Young people look to guidance counselors at school to assist them in making a career choice.

But how few of us earnestly and eagerly seek the Lord. We presume God’s presence, but how rarely do we set out to strengthen our relationship with Him. Do I work for justice, am I humble and dependent before the Lord? The Lord asks me to ‘act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly before my God.’

The Beatitudes in the gospel today will help us to see our lives as the Lord looks upon us, not in anger but with love. I want to be poor in spirit, putting God first. I want to be humble, work for justice, walk the way of holiness and care for those in need. All disciples are called to be people of the beatitudes and look for ways to put them into practice.

