

January 3, 2016

*Our Lady Star of the Sea  
The Epiphany of the Lord*



**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, January 2**

- 9:00AM Philip Camia  
4:00PM The DiAntonio & Gesualdi Families  
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Antonini  
& Jeromos Families

**Sunday, January 3**

- 8:00AM John Tobin  
9:15AM Teresa, Frank & Olga Merola  
10:30AM Rosa Tomasi  
12 Noon Florence Generoso  
1:15PM Beloved Deceased of OLSS  
7:00PM Dora Rochford

**Monday, January 4**

- 9:00AM Patricia Pristavec

**Tuesday, January 5**

- 9:00 AM Vincent DeMarco

**Wednesday, January 6**

- 9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

**Thursday, January 7**

- 9:00AM Carmen Masferrer

**Friday, January 8**

- 9:00AM Anthony Pepe

**Saturday, January 9**

- 9:00AM Maureen Elkins  
4:00PM James Geehan  
5:30PM Louis Principato

**Sunday, January 10**

- 8:00AM Mike Melillo  
9:15AM Michele & Maria Mandora  
10:30AM John Orfano  
12 Noon Paul Barone  
1:15PM Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brullo  
7:00PM John Orfano



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

*The Sanctuary Lamp For The  
Week of January 3-9, 2016*

*Given In Memory Of*

*The Deceased Members of the  
Sparandera & Tarantola Families*

*From Gabriel & Angelina  
Sparandera*

**Lectors – Saturday, January 9**

- 4:00PM F Monte  
5:30PM C Losi

**Eucharistic Ministers, January 9**

- 4:00PM J Coscia, E Vitiello, C Bondolillo, C Harris, L Barbato  
5:30PM J Cimino, M Andreola, M Lappin

**Lectors – Sunday, January 10**

- 8:00AM L Bauer  
9:15AM J Zinsley  
10:30AM M Coppolo  
12 Noon M Newell  
1:15PM R LaMonica  
7:00PM G LaGrua

**Eucharistic Ministers, January 10**

- 8:00AM J Stanzone, P Zoltowski, R Bauer, C Rosato, M Ennis  
9:15AM J Gatto, L Capobianco, D Avena, W&MA Higgins  
10:30AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, G Balestrino, B Paccione,  
& T Strange  
12 Noon A Maffeo, J Prato, C Belvedere, B Weir, C Bottiglia  
1:15PM G Decker, F&R Marino, A McCoy, C Houle  
7:00PM C Barone, J Limeri, S Caiazza, A Zuffante, E Bellina

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, January 9**

- 4:00 PM K Marchisella, D Cavicchio, K Martino  
5:30 PM C, C, F & T Nieves

**Sunday, January 10**

- 8:00 AM G&N Tucci, J Bell  
9:15 AM N&J Mele, M Coelho  
10:30 AM R Ruskowski, A Castelle  
12:00 Noon G Vassallo, N Salerno, C Carr  
1:15 PM J Jacoby, G Marino, C Tring  
7:00 PM J LoPiccolo, J Rubin, A Meola



**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

*Sylvia Bianco, David J. Nelligan, Sr.,  
Ignazio Palmeri, Nettie Anselmo, Gordon J. Rugg, Sr.,  
Helen Marino, Cathy Arcuri*

**2016 SANCTUARY LAMPS**

There are no announced Masses available for 2016, however, unannounced Masses are available. If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2016 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open & the donation is \$35.



## *A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR*



Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year! May 2016 be a year filled with Extraordinary Jubilee Graces of Mercy. Pope Francis is leading our Church deeper into the mystery of God's love for us.

I received a wonderful Christmas interpretation of First Corinthians 13, this is timely and usually read at weddings as the second reading.

### 1st Corinthians 13

*-If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love. I am just another decorator.*

*-If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.*

*-If I work in a soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.*

*-If I trim the spruce tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ. I have missed the point.*

*-Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired.*

*-Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and linens.*

*-Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.*

*-Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.*

*-Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but the gift of love will endure forever.*

*- Author Unknown*

*The Special Meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas* - Today the cost of all the items of the twelve days of Christmas would be around \$28,000. The truth is that each and every one of us, as followers of Christ, have already received this extravagant gift. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England during a period when Catholics were banned from practicing their faith in any form – public or private. In fact, from 1558 to 1829, it was a crime to be Catholic in England. If discovered, the punishments were severe and ranged from imprisonment to torture to death. According to the legend, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written to help young Catholics to learn the tenets of their faith.

This song's gifts are secret codes which represent the teachings of the Catholic faith. When we hear "On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me," "true Love" does not mean a lovesick boyfriend or girlfriend, but rather God Himself. "Me" the person receiving the gift, is every baptized person.

1. The Partridge in the pear tree symbolized Jesus Christ which is why this gift is received on the first day of Christmas – the birth of our Lord and Savior. Truly, this is the gift of love. The partridge is a bird willing to sacrifice its life, if necessary, to protect its young by pretending to be injured to draw away predators.
2. Two Turtle doves represent the Old and New Testament
3. Three French hens stand for the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.
4. Four calling birds signify the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. Five Golden Rings are meant to be the first five books of the Bible, which provides the history of man's fall from grace and the great love of God in sending a Savior.
6. Six geese a laying represent the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a swimming are the seven Sacraments, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Awe of God.
8. Eight maids a milking reflect the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing refer to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness or Kindness, Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Chastity.
10. Ten lords a leaping stand for the 10 Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful disciples.
12. Twelve drummers drumming are the twelve points of the doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

This Christmas Season and New Year, let us remember the great gifts we have already received: our faith and salvation through the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year,

*Father Tom Devery*

## USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

There will be an upcoming training for new ushers at all masses. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact John Manetta, Sacristan, or call the Rectory at 984-0593 and leave your name and number.

## WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP

The next wedding music workshop for brides and grooms will be at **8:15PM (after the 7PM Mass) on Sunday, February 28.** At this time you will be able to select your wedding music. (*Next workshop: April 24.*)

## Adult Volunteer Thank You Party

**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:**

*Eucharistic Min. & Lectors  
Ushers & Sacristans  
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Bd.  
Contemporary Ensemble  
Bereavement Core Team  
Div. & Separated Core Team  
Adult Faith Formation Team  
Eucharistic Adorers  
OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff*

*Altar Adult Care Committee  
Adult Choir  
Soccer Executive Board  
50 Plus Group Officers  
Parents' Association Board  
RCIA Core Team  
Food Pantry Volunteers*


**Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> so that we are prepared with the right amount of food. Call 984-0593 and leave your name and number.**

## HEALING MASS

There will be a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30PM.** Anyone in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to attend and be prayed over.

**(The next Healing Service will be on Jan. 19 at 3:30PM.)**

## SICK LIST

 Marguerite Bogda, Norma Bolanos, Michele Cali, Serafina Carlone, Margaret Carollo, Stephanie Cerchio, Jay Coller, Nanette Colon, 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, Lee Levantino, Bi Lian Lin, Paul Maros, Grace Miranda, Ralph Pagliuca, Ann Marie Pederson, Steven Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Ralph Quezada, Joanne Ruggerio, Caesar Russo, Michelle Scalzo, 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.**

## MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE

Memorial vigil lights are available in the chapel at the cost of \$25 each. The name of the deceased is placed on the vigil light. Envelopes are located in the book racks. Please deposit completed envelopes either in the collection basket or in the vigil light boxes, poor boxes, or bring it to the rectory. There are 28 candles available each month, requests over 28 will be honored the following month. Requests must be made prior to the start of the month.

## 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.

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### 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 **Jan. 8.** 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** – The Bereavement group will not be meeting during the holidays. If anyone needs to speak to someone during this time, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number, and someone will get in contact with you.

**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. Our next selection is *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

**Holy Name Society** - The next meeting for the OLSS Holy Name Society Men's Club will be on **January 13th 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.

### WALKING THROUGH THE DOORS OF MERCY

What does this Jubilee of Mercy mean? Come join us as Sr. Maureen Colleary from Renew International presents on what it means to "Walk through the Holy Doors" during this Year of Mercy on **Monday, January 4 at 7:30 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room.

### ST. MARIA GORETTI GROUP MEETING

Join us for our "Freedom to Love" Theology of the Body video and discussion series on Friday, January 8 at Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd.). The evening will begin with music in the church at 7 PM, followed by Mass at 7:30 PM, & video/discussion at 8:15 PM.

## 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

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISM CLASS ON JAN. 24<sup>TH</sup>, IT WILL BE HELD ON JAN. 31<sup>ST</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.



### 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

#### 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.



OLSS Presents Paul Failla in:

## "The Class of Life"

*A Theatrical Experience*

*Directed by Michael Moriarty*

Saturday, January 23, 2016

O'Mara Hall, OLSS

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Showtime 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25 per person



A variety of wraps, salads, coffee, tea, and dessert will be served before the show.

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.

For questions call: Tony Langella (917) 817-1110

or email: [classoflifeolss@yahoo.com](mailto:classoflifeolss@yahoo.com)

**18 years and older please**

Return this form with payment to OLSS Rectory

"The Class of Life" with Paul Failla

January 23, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets @ \$25ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Amt enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Tickets must be purchased in advance.

All checks payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**

