

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, 2018  
**Announced Masses**



**Saturday, January 6**

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Samaritano,  
DiAntonio & Gesualdi Families  
5:30PM Sal Lalicata

**Sunday, January 7**

8:00AM Paul Cheuvront  
9:30AM Mercedes Marra  
11:00AM Corrado Manfredi  
12:30PM Luise Fischetti  
7:00PM Thomas Chiusano

**Monday, January 8**

9:00AM James Geehan

**Tuesday, January 9**

9:00 AM Kay & Dick Calihan

**Wednesday, January 10**

9:00AM Paul Barone

**Thursday, January 11**

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

**Friday, January 12**

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Carbone  
& Fatuzzo Families

**Saturday, January 13**

9:00AM Muriel Ward  
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi  
& Serrantonio Families  
5:30PM Samuela Bodiford

**Sunday, January 14**

8:00AM Arnel Veracruz  
9:30AM Rose Izzi  
11:00AM Carolina Sciluffo  
12:30PM Vincent Mangogna  
7:00PM Mercedes Marra



**Banns of Marriage**

1<sup>st</sup> Time: Brad Mason & Elaine Seaman

**Wedding Music Workshop**

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 25** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

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

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. 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
January 7 – January 13

Given in Memory of

**Rosemary Freund**

Donated by all who loved her

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, January 13**

4:00PM C Harris  
5:30PM C Losi

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 13**

4:00PM A Lazzara, E Vitiello, M Sprague, A Maffeo,  
A Pompei  
5:30PM F Barone, J Cimino, M Lappin, F Ruggiero,  
R Marino

**Lectors – Sunday, January 14**

8:00AM L Bauer  
9:30AM M Coppolo  
11:00AM E Newborn  
12:30PM A Deliso  
7:00PM K Melka

**Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday, January 14**

8:00AM M Molinini, J Stanzone, C Rosato, A Sparandera,  
A Shirazi  
9:30AM M Quadrino, T Strange, J Zinsley, J Gatto  
11:00AM J Tolento, E&G Riozzi, B Paccione, J Galletta  
12:30PM J Amodio, C Belvedere, MA Russo  
7:00PM G LaGrua, C Houle, A Zuffante, E Bellina,  
C Barone

**Altar Servers – Saturday, January 13**

4:00PM K Marchisella, V Pavlick  
5:30PM E Losi

**Altar Servers – Sunday, January 14**

8:00AM E Gladstone  
9:30AM M Esposito, N Shirazi  
11:00AM P Marone, N Salerno  
12:30PM J Oliveri  
7:00PM C Nieves



**Sincere Condolences**

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

**Janet Hotchkiss, Joseph Lanza**

**2018 Sanctuary Lamps**

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2018 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. There are also announced masses still available for 2018. Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a mass or Sanctuary Lamp.



*A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the Feast of the Epiphany, Little Christmas, the Visit of the three Magi to the Holy Family. This is one bitter cold weekend, maybe the coldest of the year. I am praying for your good health. I hear starting with Cardinal Dolan this past Christmas Eve until now, people have been down with the flu. It's a nasty bug so wash hands often and take those vitamins. I am sounding more like my mother. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and technically that is the end of the Christmas Season. If you have decorated your Memorial Christmas Trees that have been aglow since the first Sunday of Advent, you may want to collect those decorations since soon after the trees will be dismantled and carted away.

We welcome back all our children from the Christmas – New Year break and we are praying that this year be filled with the Holy Spirit, God's wisdom and true growth.

During the month of January, second graders from our school and Religious Education program will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturdays January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of what will hopefully be many times when they approach Jesus and receive the tremendous gift of forgiveness, and merciful love.

After a long two year wait on January 3<sup>rd</sup> Father Basil returned home to Kafanchan, Nigeria. Incidentally, the weather there is about 90 degrees. Although the political climate is very dangerous with Catholics, Father Basil is delighted to see his mom and siblings and their families. Father Willy Dodo of Holy Child church went home as well. So keep them in your prayers. They will be home in mid-February.

I am delighted that many people have expressed interest in the two upcoming seminars. The *Life in the Spirit* Seminar begins on Tuesday evenings in the Church from 7-9PM and will last six weeks. The *Caregivers Seminar* conducted by Diane Hopkins, RN will be held on Saturday afternoons at 12 Noon for four weeks in the D'Amato Room located in our Athletic Center beyond the food concession stand. I am going to visit Renew International and pick up about 25 workbooks for the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Just as in the past for the Gospel of Saint Luke, we will utilize these workbooks and we will use the New American Bible as our sacred text. The cost of the workbooks is \$25 and I will save shipping since Sister Maureen will direct me to the storage space in their head office. The Gospel of Saint Matthew Renew Group will commence on February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Basement of the Rectory from 10-11:30AM on Thursdays. I hope you can join us.

I would like to encourage our parish family to be vigilant with the elderly and the frail to see if anyone needs snow shoveling, or looking into for household problems like frozen pipes, heaters or boilers not working, or worse if people need food shopping or medicine because they are homebound. This is the cold season, the flu season and it's extremely difficult to breathe for people suffering with asthma. This is the season when we need patience with our patients and cabin fever is a reality. Prayer is the great antidote. If you are stricken, please offer up your sufferings to the Crucified Lord for graces. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen would comment that the greatest waste in the world today is suffering. We need to unite it to the sufferings of Christ on His cross. Remember when the nuns would say in class, "Offer it up!" If you are old like me, you understand.

Once again may the Magi's search for the Star's Light lead you to the source of all Light, Jesus who came to scatter the darkness of sin, suffering and death. This Feast of the Epiphany is a feast for evangelization. Let us bring the light of Christ to those who simply don't know Him, or once did and forgot.

During this week, I want to remember the first anniversary on January 10<sup>th</sup> of the passing of Detective Steve Mc Donald and especially remember his wife Patti Ann and son Conor. I am hopeful we will have another saint from New York on the Church calendar.

With grateful affection,

*Fr. Tom Devery*



## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

• Come see OLSS in action! Join us for our first Touring Tuesday of 2018 on Tuesday, January 9 from 9-11 am. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

- Re-Registration for current OLSS students, for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on Monday, January 8 for Pre-K 3 and 4, and on Tuesday, January 9 for those students in grades K-7.
- Midterms for grades 3-8 begin on January 17. Please refer to the schedule sent home before the Christmas break.
- God bless our second graders who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday!

### Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 26 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Widowed Club** – A group is available for widows and widowers to come together and share their experiences. The next meeting will be **Thurs., January 11** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

**Bereavement Group** – The Bereavement Group meetings will begin a new session at a future date. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, and you would like to speak with someone in the bereavement ministry in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

**Holy Name Society** – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, February 7 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room. 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 7:30 pm in the Rectory.

**Faith-Sharing Group** – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meets on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

**Legion of Mary** – The next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary will be **Monday, January 8** at 7:30 pm in the **Rectory**. We guard for Friday adoration and pray an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. We also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation and bring Communion and/or visit the sick or homebound. For more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message Our Facebook page--"Legion of Mary ollspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.



### Pray for the Sick

James Accardi, Barbara Allen, Jean Allen, Robert Augustino, Christopher Balk, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Sarah Brodine, Mary Ann, Thomas & Yelena Casale, Christine C., Alfred Canteruccio, Serafina Carlone, Anne Casconi, Mario Clemente, Ethel Cohen, David Colon, Joanne Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concodora, Lou Correard, Brielle Cunningham, Lisa Cunningham, Russell Cunningham, Juanita Curran, Dominick D'Argenio, John Dawidoicz, John DeLuca, Jeanette Dovile, Chelsea Dutton, Zeina Encisco, Barbara Foresti, Patricia Franzeb, Thomas Paul Gaither, Herbert Gruberger, Thomas Lanza, John Leahy, Dolores Lucardi, William Massi, Anne Merlino, Baby Dean Michael, Lily Moncado, Bea Nicholson, Robert O'Connor, Ann Marie Pederson, Camille Polly, Betty Popick, Joe Puglisi, Rochelle Puglisi, Stephen Puglisi, Deanna R., John Ragona, Carmen Ragona, Eva Ragona, Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Caesar Russo, Baby Vincent Salatino, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Msgr. Peter Smith, Margaret Smith, Eleanor Spaguolo, Robert Stranberg Sr., Michelle Surreys, Dustan Vasquez, Lisa Vasquez, Sarah Weathers **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.**

### Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, January 16 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm.**

## Religious Education News

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CCD STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS DONATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- The school coat drive;
- The Thanksgiving food collection;
- For furnishing the senior citizens of our Parish with coffee and supplies for their meetings;
- For diapers and wipes supplied to the Crossroad Foundation;
- For Christmas cards sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital;
- For donations to transport school buses to Nigeria.

*God bless you for your extreme kindness and generosity!  
Best wishes for a happy, healthy and holy new year!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

This is the Season for Gifts! The Holy Spirit has gifts to give you! You are invited to attend the "Life in the Spirit Seminar!"

Place: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel

Dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 13 & 20

Time: 7-9 pm

For more info, please contact Maria at 917-992-9471

### OLSS Movie Night

On **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 pm** in O'Mara Hall, OLSS will be showing the movie of the month – **The Face of Jesus**. Join us to learn about Devine Mercy through St. Faustina.

### Caregiver Seminar Series

January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 2018

12 Noon in OLSS Damato Meeting Room

In addition to prayer, what else are you doing to take care of yourself while caring for others?

Come to hear some concrete measures to learn the impact of self-care on overall health and what actions to take to maintain your balance and protect your physical and emotional resilience. Dr. Herbert Benson of the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital calls this "Remembered Wellness." For more information, please call Diane Hopkins, RN, MA at 718-948-7824.

### Will Seminar: Planning Your Legacy

**FREE SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL, ESTATE PLANNING, HEALTH CARE PROXIES, POWER OF ATTORNEY, LIVING TRUSTS AND PROBATE.**

Writing a will isn't the most pleasant of tasks. That might explain why so many adults avoid this cornerstone of estate planning. According to an AARP survey, 2 out of 5 Americans over the age of 45 don't have a will.

But creating a will is one of the most critical things you can do for your loved ones. Putting your wishes on paper helps your heirs avoid unnecessary hassles, and you gain the peace of mind knowing that a life's worth of possessions will end up in the right hands.

What is a Will? What happens if I die without a Will? What is a Health Care Proxy or a Power of Attorney? Who should I name as my executor? What if there are minor children or grandchildren? How often does a Will need to be updated? Please join us for a free tutorial to answer these and other questions for you.

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM (After 4 PM Mass)

Place: Our Lady Star of the Sea – O'Mara Hall

Speaker: Joanne Seminara, Esq., GRIMALDI & YEUNG LLP

RSVP: (646) 794-3317 or email [dawn.ellwood@archny.org](mailto:dawn.ellwood@archny.org)

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### Bus Trip to Sand's Casino

The Stolzenhaller Council of K of C is sponsoring a trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, January 9**. The cost is \$30 per person, with \$20 back in slot play and \$5 back in food. The bus will leave Stolzenhaller Council at 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Newborn @ **917-697-5603** for information & reservations.

### Minty Awards Dinner Gala

The Minty Organization for the Performing Arts will be hosting its annual Minty Awards Dinner Gala on **January 11 at 7pm** at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn. It promises to be a night of dining, dancing, entertainment and fantastic raffles. Honorees include the Sr. Raimonde Bartus (Carl W. Lesch Memorial Award for Educator of the Arts), Frank Lombardi (Distinguished Alumni Award), Ed Burke (Community Enrichment Award), Moore Catholic's 1972 SHOW BOAT (Outstanding Show Award) and Tyler Kelly and Dominique Treglia (Msgr. Joseph C. Ansaldi Memorial Prize). Tickets are \$85 (\$65 for those under 21) and can be purchased by calling [347-688-9527](tel:347-688-9527) or visiting [www.mintys.org](http://www.mintys.org). **RSVP by January 8**. Over the past seven years, The Minty Awards has honored and showcased the best of Staten Island's Catholic high school theatre departments and its students, donating over \$60,000 back to these programs. Co-sponsoring the Gala is the Hilton Garden Inn.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Worship

#### Staten Island Council of Churches

The Staten Island Council of Churches' 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Worship marking the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on **Thursday, January 18** with Praise Songs beginning at 7 pm and the Worship Service beginning at 7:30 pm. Zion Lutheran Church, 505 Watchogue Road, Willowbrook. Rev. Msgr. Richard Guastella of the Church of St. Clare will give the reflection.

### OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on our 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 Ceremonies**

EVERY SUNDAY at 2 pm

#### **Baptismal Class Dates for Parents**

January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25

**PLEASE NOTE:** Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Baptism Ceremonies take place in the Church EVERY Sunday at 2 pm.

### **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

### Our Lady Help of Christians Mass Times – 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



### Parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas-St. John Neumann

#### Mass times at St. Thomas - 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

#### Mass times at St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM

Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM



## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

## FAMILY LIFE † RESPECT LIFE OFFICE



Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please join us.

All are welcome.

Saturday retreats offered in 2018 throughout the Archdiocese:

January 13-Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, Putnam County

February 24-Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow

April 28-St. Peter/St. Mary, Haverstraw

(Spanish-language retreat),

October 20-St. Francis of Assisi, Manhattan

One-day retreat is from 9:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner. Scholarships are available. To register online, [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny), or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator for Parenting and Family Life Education: [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or (646) 794-3191

### 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

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays 8:00PM

AL-ANON \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays 5:30PM

**Addiction Angels** – There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **January 25 at 7 pm** in the Damato Mtg Rm. 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 1**.