

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

Announced Masses

Saturday, November 24

4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Domenick & Madeline Manzolillo

Sunday, November 25

8:00AM Antonio N. Aguilar
9:30AM Philip A. DiFranco
11:00AM Lillian Visceglia & Rose Nattoli
12:30PM Deceased Members of the Hoban
& Driscoll Families
7:00PM Domenick Palmieri

Monday, November 26

9:00AM Florence D. Casazza

Tuesday, November 27

9:00AM Jean Balestrieri

Wednesday, November 28

9:00 AM Robert Volpe

Thursday, November 29

9:00AM Matilda Malerba

Friday, November 30

9:00AM Stephanie Marie Hare

Saturday, December 1

9:00AM Alfred Austin
4:00PM Tony Fiumefreddo
5:30PM Corrado Manfredi

Sunday, December 2

8:00AM Richard Jones
9:30AM Anthony Izzi
11:00AM Joseph Fareri
12:30PM Gina, Grazia & Domenica
7:00PM Grace & Vito Lepore

Banns of Marriage



3rd Time: Chris Stack & Kristie DiBenedetto

3rd Time: Paul Repetto, III & Diana Soranno

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** has been changed to **Sunday, December 16** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

November 25-December 1, 2018

In Memory of

Marilyn Maiorana

Donated by OLSS

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 1

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 1

4:00PM J Butalid, A Petrocelli, J Coscia, J Uhlman
& A Lazzara
5:30PM L Bauer, E Burns, J Cimino, A Dazio & N Villani

Lectors – Sunday, December 2

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM S Gambino
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, December 2

8:00AM M Ennis, S Monteforte, C Rosato, A Sparandera
& J Stanzione
9:30AM M Iacono, B Barone, L Capobianco, T Strange
& M Sprague
11:00AM C Ordy, N Fallacaro, V Acri & M Quadrino
12:30PM A McCoy, C Belvedere, JM & M Graziano
7:00PM J Limeri, G LaGrúa, M Recanatini, C Houle

Altar Servers – Saturday, December 1

4:00PM D Heidel, D Cavicchio
5:30PM P Marone, F Surace

Altar Servers – Sunday, December 2

8:00AM C, J & E Stadler
9:30AM J Bell, T&M Maresca
11:00AM J Oliveri, E Gladstone
12:30PM G Vassallo, A&S Velazquez
7:00PM S, N & A Mejias

Giving Baskets



Advent Giving Baskets with tags will be in the Church Lobby the weekends of 11/24 & 11/25 and 12/1 & 12/2. As in the past, this Christmas, we will be helping those in need on Staten Island, by responding to our parishioners & local organizations serving their various needs. This weekend our Giving Baskets will be in the rear of the Church. Please select one or more tags, purchase the items and wrap them. If you pick a tag and find you cannot purchase that gift, please return the tag. All gifts must be new. Original tag must be taped on the package, face up, when returning it. If you have a new item that you would like to donate, just make your own tag, noting the contents of the gift. For example, "Boys Large sweatshirt" and tape it to the gift. If you have volunteered to help with this project in the past or if you would like to join our volunteers this year, please call Donna Ferreri, the organization's coordinator, at 646-932-3030, and leave your name and number. Tags for gift cards for families in need in our parish are needed as well. Please indicate the amount of the gift card on the tag so that we know the value when distributing them. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8 & 9 SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. God bless you for your generosity during this Advent Season!**

Please Join Us for the
2018 OLSS

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 8, 2018

(Immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass)

Sponsored by the
OLSS Holy Name Society



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome the Feast of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday in our liturgical year. We celebrate the universality of Christ as He reigns over all creation and invites to cooperate with Him in building up the Kingdom of God. One of the first places where the Kingdom of God is found is in the family. Many of us celebrated gathering with family this past Thanksgiving. All the preparation of such a fine meal, devoured so quickly. It is wonderful to welcome home members of our family who have been away at college or relations we only see around the time of the holidays.

For some of us, this can be a sorrowful time since a loved one has gone home to God and are very much missed. We certainly feel that at our rectory table this year.

However, I recalled how we would do the Kris Kringle Secret Santa admirer for Advent. A name would be plucked out of a hat and maybe there was a limit to the gifts for adults, but the kids got more. There would be a time for us to pray in a special way for a family member who was secretly selected. It all became a family tradition after the Thanksgiving meal.

Next weekend we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and this season reminds us more than ever, how we all need a Savior to be born for us and show us how to truly live and love and bring forth His reign on earth.

Finding Jesus in the here and now isn't easy, especially if we have busy lives and lots to accomplish each day. Yet He wants intimately to be a part of every aspect of our day. In the Book, "Jesus Calling" there was a reflection for November 9th that struck me as poignant and I'd like to share it with you. The author of this reflection is Sara Young.

Imagine Jesus speaking directly to us, "Sit quietly with Me, letting all your fears and worries bubble up to the surface of your consciousness. There, in the Light of My Presence, the bubbles pop and disappear. However, some fears surface over and over again, especially the fear of the future. You tend to project yourself mentally into the next day, week, month, year, decade, and you visualize yourself coping badly in those times. What you are seeing is a false image, because it doesn't include Me. Those gloomy times that you imagine will not come to pass, since My Presence will be with you at all times."

When a future oriented worry assails you, capture it and disarm it by suffusing the Light of My Presence into that mental image. Say to yourself, "Jesus will be with me then and there. With His help, I can cope!" Then, come to the present moment, where you can enjoy My Peace in My Presence". (Read Luke 12:22-26; Deuteronomy #1:6; 2 Corinthians 10:5).

The month of November has been action packed. With the Mass of Remembrance on the Feast of All Souls, then we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for all our 8th grade students. There have been several couples who stood before our altar and exchanged wedding vows and rings. Our seminarian, Carmine Caruso flew from Boston to Baltimore to address the Bishops of the United States for their November Convocation about his vocation journey and recommending Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts for older men pursuing priesthood. Seminarian Anthony Gorgia, unexpectedly came home for surgery and recovery time. Our own beloved Monsignor Vincent J. Bartley, shortly after arriving back home to his family in Dublin to attend his sister in laws wake and funeral, went home to God suddenly and most peacefully. We had Cardinal Dolan preside at his Memorial Mass. The Sons and Daughters of Mary hosted a group of sisters, The Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate from Monroe, New York and their newest postulant Christina Sorrento. They spoke about their mission of door to door evangelization and teaching religious education and contemplative adoration. We welcomed at our Thanksgiving Mass the Boy Scouts who helped gather food to give to our less advantaged. It's been a busy month, not to mention our first slushy snowfall before the official start of winter. In all this we need Christ's reign at work and hopefully the call to become more prayerful this Advent.

May the Light of Christ the King fill you with Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

Fr. Tom Devery

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- There will be a mandatory Confirmation Meeting for all parents of 2nd graders on Monday, November 26 at 7:30 pm in the church.
- Our Supernovas Science Club, for 5th & 6th grade OLSS students, will meet on Wednesday November 28!
- Good luck to our 8th graders who are competing in the Sphero Robotics Competition at St. Joseph by the Sea on November 28th!
- Thanks to all who contributed to our annual food drive! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to help many families enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving dinner!

Pray for the Sick



Malk Ahmed, Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Andy Bruno, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Mario Clemente, John Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Florence Fitzgerald, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginie Ledwon, Ann Mannino, William Masel, Lena Moliero, Justo Gil Mori, Dee Napolitano, Bea Nicholson, John Orsini, Walter Osborne, Valerie Pace, Dominick Palomba, Fran Peccia, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Camille Polly, Vincent & Linda Ranallo, John Robertson, Sr., Anthony Ruggaro, Caesar Russo, Msgr. Peter Smith, Ann Strandberg, George Weir, Mona Williams, Teresa Zizzamia **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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, December 18 at 3:30 pm.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLSS

Confirmation Meeting

There will be a Confirmation Meeting for 7th Grade parents on **Monday, November 26th at 7:30 pm** in the Daily Mass Chapel in the Church.



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 it will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass Chapel on **Friday, December 7 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, December 8 at the 7 am Holy Day Mass.**

Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, December 8 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.



OLSS Holiday Fair in O'Mara Hall

**Saturday, December 8 from 3 pm to 7 pm
& Sunday, December 9 from 9 am to 5 pm**



Sunday collection for the week of 11/11/18:

\$16,621.35

2nd Collection – Share in Our Students' Success:

\$2,875.00

God bless you for your generosity

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, Nov. 30** from 1-3 pm in the Damato Mtg Rm. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

WINGS - (Widows & Widowers In a New Life Getting together Socially) The next meeting will be **Thursday, December 13** from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Living Room of the **OLSS Rectory**. For more info, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– There will be a new session beginning at a future date TBD. 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.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm in the Chapel.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meet 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, November 26 at 7:30 pm** in the **OLSS Rectory**. The LOM is responsible for Friday adoration and prays an outdoor rosary the first Saturday of every month in front of the Church at 9:45 am. They also offer the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima for home visitation. For more information or to arrange Pilgrim Virgin Visitation to your home please message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium" or contact Carol at 917-621-7814.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **December 19**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

OLSS Sports

High School CYO Basketball Registration

Registration for high school Boys and Girls grades 9-12 is now open. Please register on line at olssbasketball.com. CYO HS Division is open to any player who does not play for their high school team.

OLSS/SIA Swim Team

Registration for girls and boys in grades k-8 for the OLSS/SIA Swim Team is now open. Please go to olssbasketball.com for more information. Practices start soon so please check website for information and registration forms.

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

November 25, December 9 & 23, January 13 & 27

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center on the 2nd and 4th 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.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Theology on Tap: Stump the Priest Edition

Monday, November 26 from 7-10 pm

Flagship Brewery (40 Minthorne St. St. NY 10301)

Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? This month a panel of priests will be ready to tackle the toughest theological questions! The evening will feature Fr. Angelo J. Micciulla, Fr. Fredy Patino, Fr. Jeff Pomeisl, and Fr. Jack Soler on a panel where young adults (ages 21-39) will be given the opportunity to ask their questions about the faith. The ADNY Office of Young Adult Outreach will be providing pizza. Feel free to bring friends. Please RSVP at the FB event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/897820720407392/>.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles Event

Wednesday, November 28 @ 7:15 pm

Esposito Community Center

(136 Midland Ave, St. NY 10306)

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host a talk by Fr. Thomas DeSimone on "Death and Dying in Union with Christ". Light refreshments will be served, \$5 - \$10 appreciated at the door. For more information, visit www.sfcssi.wixsite.com/website, or email sfcssi@gmail.com. St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.



Msgr. Farrell High School Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 2 from 10 am – 5 pm

Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family, free parking. 2900 Amboy Rd. For more info, contact farrellchristmasfair@gmail.com.

Archcare TimeBank Events at OLSS

The ArchCare TimeBank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages. Members share their time helping each other. To RSVP to any of these events, please contact Laura Alfano at 917-716-2905 or lalfano@archcare.org.

Diabetes Management/Health Workshop

One Wednesday a month there will be a discussion on different health topics relating to Diabetes Management & prevention. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm** in the **Damato Mtg. Room** of the Athletic Center. The topic will be "Keeping up with your Diabetes Care."

Writing Memoir with George Hopkins

Learn how to create a story of moments & events that have taken place in your life. **Monday, November 26 at 6 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Supplies are limited-please bring necessary tools and wire. **Tuesday, December 4 at 6 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The next session of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be on **Thursday, December 6 at 11:30 am** in the Rectory Basement.

Blanket Campaign

If you know how to crochet or knit, you are invited to help make blankets for homeless shelters. The OLSS Knitting and Crocheting group along with ArchCare TimeBank is making 7" x 9" rectangles, any color, any stitch, knit or crochet. Please leave the rectangles in the designated basket in the church vestibule **by December 2**. They will be collected to make twin-size blankets. Any questions please call Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. In Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, who has made us into a kingdom of priests for His God and Father, to Him be glory and power forever. Amen."

On the day of our baptism when the minister took the holy chrism and anointed our foreheads we were told that now we share with Jesus in the threefold role of priest, prophet and king. The name Christ means the anointed one. We often refer to baptism by another name 'christening.'

As we bring the church year to a close, we pledge our loyalty to Jesus Christ, and dedicate ourselves to build the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The many parables taught by Jesus described His kingdom, the church. Many told us of the hidden treasure, as well as the weeds and the wheat. The kingdom of Jesus finds good and bad, strengths and weaknesses, but it's the kingdom of the Lord and we are part of it. Let us build the kingdom of God, as He wishes it to be. May we pray, 'thy kingdom come' with new awareness and deep devotion.

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 more information, please contact Joe Limeri at jlimeri@aol.com or 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 6PM
OA (Overeaters Anonymous) _____ 2nd Friday at 7PM

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every 1st 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 **December 6**.

Addiction Angels –There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Tuesday, November 27** at 7 pm in O'Mara Hall. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

Cluster Corner

Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians -7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM, 1 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

