

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

## Announced Masses

### Saturday, December 15

**9:00 AM** Renee Steinbuch & Judith Fusillo  
**4:00PM** Patricia Balestrieri & Family  
**5:30PM** Deceased Members of the Reynolds  
& McSorley Families

### Sunday, December 16

**8:00AM** Anthony J. Ragaini  
**9:30AM** Berta & John Matzele  
**11:00AM** Josephine, Edward & Leon Klinkosz  
**12:30PM** Deceased Members of the Molinari,  
Delia & Marcellino Families  
**7:00PM** Giuseppe & Maristella Blanco, and  
Teresa & Sebastiano Calabrisotto

### Monday, December 17

**9:00AM** Rosemarie Lanzarone

### Tuesday, December 18

**9:00AM** Joyce Negrete & Emilio Stucchio

### Wednesday, December 19

**9:00 AM** Margaret Leahy

### Thursday, December 20

**9:00AM** Angela DeLeonibus

### Friday, December 21

**9:00AM** Lenny Galati

### Saturday, December 22

**9:00AM** Florence & Michael Generoso  
**4:00PM** Robert Westrich  
**5:30PM** Jennieann Maffeo

### Sunday, December 23

**8:00AM** Carmela Dacunto  
**9:30AM** Andrej Rinkovsky  
**11:00AM** Louis & Antoinette Clementi  
**12:30PM** Russ Nicholson  
**7:00PM** Deceased Members of the Palmieri  
& Persichilli Families

## Banns of Marriage



**1st Time:** Christopher Santigate & Kaitlyn Luisi

**2nd Time:** Michael Pinto & Kristen Dalto

## Wedding Music Workshop

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

## Thank you to & from the *Holy Name Society*



The Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone for coming out last Saturday for the Christmas Tree Lighting. We hope everyone enjoys their trees this Christmas Season! We would also like to thank Rob Cermeli, Peter Cappellino and the Holy Name Society for their hard work and dedication in making this event so successful and enjoyable for all.



# The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

December 16-22, 2018

In Loving Memory of

**Amelia Newborn**

Donated by The Newborn-Potenza Family

## Mass Minister Schedule

### Lectors – Saturday, December 22

**4:00PM** L Bauer  
**5:30PM** B Weir

### Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 22

**4:00PM** L Barbato, C Harris, A Lazzara, E Vitiello  
& G Decker  
**5:30PM** A Maffeo, A Dazio, F Barone, C Messina  
& M Lappin

### Lectors – Sunday, December 23

**8:00AM** P Zoltowski  
**9:30AM** S Zisblatt  
**11:00AM** E Newborn  
**12:30PM** MA Higgins  
**7:00PM** G LaGrua

### Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, December 23

**8:00AM** C Rosato, M Ennis, A Shirazi & M Quadrino  
**9:30AM** J Gatto, S Hitchcock, M Iacono & M Randazzo  
**11:00AM** L Appel, C&G Gerace, R Ruskowski, J Tolento  
**12:30PM** R Marino, S Catalano, M Recanatini, MA Russo  
& B Higgins  
**7:00PM** K Melka, A Zuffante, J Bellina, B Palomba  
& G LaGrua

### Altar Servers – Saturday, December 22

**4:00PM** K Marchisella, N Shirazi  
**5:30PM** N Shirazi, J Habib

### Altar Servers – Sunday, December 23

**8:00AM** J Bell  
**9:30AM** M Esposito, T&M Maresca  
**11:00AM** J Oliver, P Marone, I Santatemia  
**12:30PM** B Stackhouse  
**7:00PM** S, N & A Mejias



## Sincere Condolences

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

**Stephen Violetta, Sandra Kahle Texiera, Dina Fragiaco  
Pena, Judith Fusillo, Janette Donza, Maureen Oehlmann,  
Robert Green**

### Sunday collection for the week of 12/2/18:



**\$16,768.36**

**God bless you for your generosity!**



## Advent Candles Memorialized

The Advent Candles, which are on our Advent Wreath, have been given by the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who serve at the 8AM Mass in memory of **Rosaria and Salvatore Perdichizzi**.

## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

This is called Gaudete Sunday, "Rejoicing Sunday". The Rose vestments are worn by the priest and the rose colored candle is lit on our Advent wreath to remind us that the light is soon coming into our dark world, that light is Christ. Saint Paul reminds us in Sacred Scripture, "Rejoice in the Lord, Always, I say it again, Rejoice!" In what do we find our joy? Well primarily, Jesus came from heaven to us as a baby and He was born to be our Savior. What did He save us from? Jesus saved us from our sin, our fears, our worries, our depression and our confusion. We can get so wrapped up in stress during this time that we forget that God became one of us to lead us and to guide us. Why did he come as a baby? Jesus came as a baby so that we would not fear Him. Who is afraid of a baby? Jesus' coming to be born again in us fills us with relief, gladness and down deep peace. Things will never be perfect. We look and strive for excellence in our lives and to become holy, charitable and filled with His joy. However, we do still sin. We somehow manage to organize our lives apart from God and we all need to heed that call to repentance and come home to His great love. There is a penitential aspect to the season of Advent.

Cardinal Dolan called for Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> to be an Advent Reconciliation Monday, so every church in the three dioceses of New York, Brooklyn and Rockville Centre will be open from 4 to 8PM and every priest has been directed to ready to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we are reconciled to God and ourselves, we can look "eye ball to eye ball" into God. That's what "cilia" means in reconciliation, it's "eyelash". We don't need the "Elf" on the Shelf or the "Mench on the bench" to report to Santa if we have been good or not. We know we need to start over. So come and avail yourself of this great grace.

It makes no difference how long it's been, whether one week or 75 years, God is silently waiting for us, like the Father in the story of the Prodigal Son, to run to us with open arms and welcome us home. For too long, we have been living with denial of sin, ignoring confession. When I was on the Parish Mission Team and we offered Confessions on a Wednesday Evening, I recall preaching, "Guilt leads to flagellation, (we want to beat ourselves up) but "Sorrow leads to consolation".

There is so much I need to Rejoice in this Gaudete Sunday. First, I want to thank our Holy Name men who worked in frigid weather to prepare for last week's "Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting". It was a magnificent turn out. So many families have chosen to honor their loved ones with a lovely tree and bright lights and in some cases lovely decorations. I am so grateful for all who partook of this great event.

I am equally grateful to all our Religious Education teachers, students as well as Our Lady Star of the Sea students and faculty who have come for the Sacrament of Confession. Last Friday, we had a wonderful evening of Lessons and Carols to prepare for the coming of Christ. I am so glad that the children and parents and our music ministry helped us recall the long awaited coming of the Messiah.

I rejoice in our Maintenance Staff and Sacristans who enlisted the aid of our students to firstly replace our missalettes and music issues and then decorate our Church so beautifully for Advent and soon Christmas. I rejoice in the care and pride they took in this.

I rejoice in the choirs rehearsing, the adorers who come day and even all night to silently pray before the Blessed Sacrament. I rejoice in the Legion of Mary, the Sons and Daughters of Mary, the Men's Bible Sunday group, our Thursday Morning Renew Group with the Gospel of Saint Matthew, our ministers of consolation who offer prayers at the wakes of our parish's deceased. I rejoice in the ministry of bereavement, the ministry of Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers in church and to our homebound. I rejoice in our sacristans, our Freedom Cleaners, our 50 Seniors Club, our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, our Saint Edward Food Pantry suppliers, our altar linens cleaners, our Rite of Christian Initiation teams in preparing people for their sacraments. I rejoice in all the couples preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism and Holy Matrimony, and our faithful preparers for Pre-Cana and Baptismal Class instruction. I am rejoicing in all our coaches, sports teams, concession handlers, our lunchroom monitors and all our teachers and principal and staff. I rejoice in our catechists and directors of religious education. I am especially rejoicing in Deacon Jim and Maria Quadrino, Karl and Debbie Emigholz, Father Basil and Father Antony, Michael Ancona, John Manetta and the gift of their dedicated and diligent presence.

May Christ's coming sink deeper still into your soul this Advent, fill you with a Rejoicing Heart, and prepare you for the great feast of Christmas.

*Fr. Tom Devery*

**Come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
this Advent Season!**

**Monday, December 17, 4-8 PM**



Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> has been designated "Advent Reconciliation Monday" in the Archdiocese of New York. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4 pm to 8 pm. You may go to any parish during this time. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive the Sacrament during this Advent Season! Confessions are also heard here at OLSS every Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.



**Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Christmas Mass Schedule – 2018**

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

Monday, December 24

4 pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Tuesday, December 25

7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am,  
12Noon, & 1:30 pm

Masses are in the Church only.

Please note that the 4 pm and 10:30 am Masses are usually very crowded, and parking may be difficult.

If necessary, you may use the municipal lot across from the public library on Huguenot Ave.

Please do not use the TD Bank parking lot.

**Thank you!**

**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.



**2019 Sanctuary Lamps**

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2019 in memory of a deceased loved one, the book is open and the donation is \$35. Please come in to the Rectory to reserve a Sanctuary Lamp.



**OLSS SCHOOL NEWS**



• Letters to Santa! OLSS students wrote over 600 letters to Santa as part of Macy's Campaign for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For each letter sent to Santa, Macy's will donate \$1 up to \$1,000,000!

• Our Pre-K Christmas Show is Monday, December 17 at 9 am in O'Mara Hall.

• The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Spectacular, The Nutcracker Prince, will take place on Friday, December 21 at 1 pm.

**Pray for the Sick**



Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Andy Bruno, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Mario Clemente, John Dawidowicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Florence Fitzgerald, Nancy Gallo, Cole Gottlieb, Herbert Gruberger, Corinne Hayes, Donato Herman, Sarabhjit Kaur, Caylee Kashubo, Ginnie 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 Ruggario, 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 Service**

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, December 18 at 3:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **Due to the New Year Holiday, there will NOT be a Healing Mass in January. The next Healing Service will be January 15 at 3:30 pm. The next Healing Mass will be Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 pm.**

**OLSS Adult Volunteer**

**Thank You Party**



**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:**

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| <i>Eucharist Ministers &amp; Lectors</i> | <i>Altar Adult Care Committee</i> |
| <i>Ushers &amp; Sacristans</i>           | <i>Adult Choir &amp; Cantors</i>  |
| <i>Girl/Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board</i>   | <i>Soccer Executive Board</i>     |
| <i>Contemporary Ensemble</i>             | <i>50 Plus Group Officers</i>     |
| <i>Bereavement Core Team</i>             | <i>Parents' Association Board</i> |
| <i>Volunteer Catechists</i>              | <i>RCIA Core Team</i>             |
| <i>Adult Faith Formation Team</i>        | <i>Food Pantry Volunteers</i>     |
| <i>Eucharistic Adorers</i>               | <i>Holy Name Exec. Board</i>      |
| <i>Legion of Mary Exec. Board</i>        | <i>ArchCare Exec. Board</i>       |

*Sons & Daughters of Mary Executive Board*

**OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff  
Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 984-0593 by Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> so that we are prepared with the right amount of food.**

**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](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) or 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

## Group Meetings

**50 Plus Club** – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 25** 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, January 3** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, December 17 at 7:30 pm** in the **Rectory Basement**. 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 info 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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

December 23, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24

**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 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

**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



## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

### 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](mailto:lalfano@archcare.org).

#### Diabetes Management/Health Workshop

Overall look on health, with tips and tools on how to manage and prevent Diabetes. Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement.

#### Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Supplies are limited-please bring necessary tools and wire. **Tuesdays January 8 & February 5 at 6 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room.

#### Knitting & Crocheting Group

The next session of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be on **Thursdays January 10 & 24 at 11:45 am** in the Rectory Basement.

### Thank You from OLSS Knitting & Crochet Group



Our sincere thanks to each and every parishioner who donated material and/or created blankets at home. Special thanks to all those who came to the group meetings and created these blankets for those in need. Thank you to Maria Quadrino for leading the group and sharing her skills with others. These blankets will be donated to Catholic Charities, Carmel Richmond, and the Hospital for those in need. The group will resume January 10 at 11:45 am in the Rectory Basement.

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **January 3**.

**Addiction Angels** –There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Thursday, December 20** at 7 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.