

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
The Feast of the Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 30, 2018  
**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, December 29**

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Palmeri  
& Sarullo Families  
5:30PM Msgr. Leo Bierster

**Sunday, December 30**

8:00AM Frank & Virginia Gallinaro  
9:30AM Donald Boyd  
11:00AM Roland DeRossi  
12:30PM Donald Malvica  
7:00PM Frank Bronzo

**Monday, December 31**

9:00AM Jared Dane Scotto

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**December 31, 2018 - Vigil Mass**

4:00PM Bill & Kay Roesch (Living)

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

9:00AM Thomas DiPietro  
12Noon Ana Aponte

**Wednesday, January 2**

9:00 AM Rita Gallina & Francesca Graziano

**Thursday, January 3**

9:00AM Matthew Caminiti

**Friday, January 4**

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Masella,  
Hayeck & Awed Families

**Saturday, January 5**

9:00AM Michael McCaffrey  
4:00PM Michael Pallante  
5:30PM Vincent DeMarco

**Sunday, January 6**

8:00AM Elaine Dowd  
9:30AM William Donald  
11:00AM Marie Colletta  
12:30PM John P. McGowan  
7:00PM Giuseppe & Giuseppina Brulla

**Banns of Marriage**



3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Christopher Santigate & Kaitlyn Luisi

**Wedding Music Workshop**

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 17** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

**UPCOMING HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS**

Monday, 12/31/18 – New Year's Eve – 9 am – 4 pm  
Tuesday, 1/1/19 – New Year's Day - CLOSED



The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of  
December 30, 2018 - January 5, 2019

In Loving Memory of  
**Mary & Stephanie Vierno**

Donated by Their Loving Family

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – Saturday, January 5**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 5**

4:00PM L Barbato, L Bauer, E Burns, J Coscia, A Lazzara  
5:30PM M&JM Graziano, A Maffeo, J Uhman, M Lappin

**Lectors – Sunday, January 6**

8:00AM M Coppolo  
9:30AM B Weir  
11:00AM B Paccione  
12:30PM C Messina  
7:00PM G LaGrua

**Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 6**

8:00AM M Ennis, M Molinini, C Rosato, A Shirazi  
& S Monteforte  
9:30AM B Barone, L Appel, MA&B Higgins, J Gatto  
11:00AM V Acri, J&C Gerace, C Ordy  
12:30PM S Catalano, A McCoy, R Marino, M Quadrino  
7:00PM J Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone, K Melka, J Limeri

**Altar Servers – Saturday, January 5**

4:00PM J Oliveri, N Shirazi, J Habib  
5:30PM J, E & C Stadler

**Altar Servers – Sunday, January 6**

8:00AM N Shirazi  
9:30AM S Artz, T&M Maresca  
11:00AM J Oliveri, P Marone  
12:30PM I Santatemia  
7:00PM S, N & A Mejias



**Sincere Condolences**

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

**Thomas Scaglione**

**Sunday collection for the week of 12/16/18:**

\$16,167.63



**Second Collection – Debt Reduction:**

\$3,760.00

God bless you for your generosity!



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

– A Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass Times**

**Monday, December 31, 2018 – 4 pm**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 9 am & 12 Noon**

## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate during this Christmas Season, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family welcomed Christ into their homes, each one of us is precious, sacred and loved. We celebrate that the Divine entered into our humanity as a baby in a family. All babies are needy; we come helpless into our world. We were all watched carefully, fed lovingly and held with the greatest of care and wonder. Each of us is sacred, never to be repeated. If we were to map the iris of our eyeball, or trace the fingerprints of our hands; no two are alike. What engineering genius is our God! He can create us and no two are exactly alike, even though you may be an identical twin. There are many different and unique aspects of our lives. If we really think about it, God foreknew what family we would be born into, what talents and gifts we would possess, what contributions our lives would make for the growth and betterment of this world. There is a growing interest thanks to DNA technology, to find out our ancestry, and to trace it back for generations. With a swipe of a Q-tip and in a laboratory of microscopes, we can be linked to our families, long before coming to America. All this wonder points us to the most amazing child ever to be born of a woman, Jesus. Jesus came to tell us that we are not loved because we are beautiful; no, we are beautiful because we are loved.

Jesus is not just another historical philosopher, another leader, teacher, rabbi, prophet, or backwater itinerant carpenter. No, He is the Son of God. God who is being itself, the Creator of the Universe, the uncreated Being, which Holy Scripture calls "The Word". Jesus is the Word made Flesh. Jesus is like us in all things but sin. Why was he born? Jesus was born, to set us free from Sin, Suffering and Death. He came to defeat Satan's hold on this world. The Word of God was at one time etched into the stone tablets as Commandments with Moses coming down from Mount Sinai. But upon its' arrival at the base camp of wandering Jews in search of the Promised Land, it was met with the revelry of people dancing around the Golden Calf. We have many variations of Golden Calves today that distract us from God. When prophet's spilt blood resulted in Israel's refusal to listen to God, then the word became flesh. Jesus is born into a family to lead us all to become happy, healthy and holy.

We just celebrated Christmas, a time of love being shared, gift giving, families gathering to remember and delight in the bonds that make us have infinite dignity and worth. For some this is a sad time, Christmases past may have had more wonderful memories and we find it hard since we miss the bonds of love with people who have gone home to God. Christmas may be a time of sorrow and stress since there are people who are suffering from sickness, and diseases and need special attention. Christmas can be a lonely time, if people are deployed in the military half way around the world or people move to another part of the country. WhatsApp, FaceTime, and even a family vacation at this time does not fill places in the heart that being together in peace and love quite fill. This is why it's important to go and visit people in nursing homes, hospitals and prison. Your presence in someone's life is better than any wrapped present. So share that love, which is the spirit of Christmas, all year long.

As we all watch the ball drop in a few days at Times Square and we ring in the New Year I pray for peace, good health, loving happy relationships, good productive work, growth in holiness; and above all I wish you and your loved ones, Jesus. Be happy, healthy and Holy.

I want to give a shout out to Mike and Kristen Pinto who were wed this past week. We give thanksgiving for their gifts and talented lives that have brought such joy to so many in the Minty Awards and beyond. May your Sacramental Love be a beacon of Christmas' light every day of your married lives! I recall a few years ago witnessing the wedding of a young Marine to a young Math teacher here at OLSS. And now this week the two of them in one flesh will be brought to the baptismal font for new life and eternal life in Christ. Welcome to the Church, Jameson Patrick McCarthy.

Happy New Year and may God's choicest blessings be upon you and your loved ones from all of us here at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

*Fr. Tom Devery*



## 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:**

<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>
<i>Sons &amp; Dtrs of Mary Exec. Board</i>	<i>Prayer Group Exec. Board</i>
<i>OLSS Parish, School &amp; Religious Education Faculty &amp; Staff</i>	

**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.**

## OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



- January will be a busy month at OLSS! Check the school website for updates on testing, registration and Catholic Schools Week events.
- Come see OLSS in action! Our first Touring Tuesday of 2019 will take place on Tuesday, January 8. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.
- In house registration will take place on January 7 for Pre-K4 and January 8 for Pre-K3.
- The midterm schedule for grades 6-8 is as follows: January 7 – ELA, January 8 – Science, January 9 – Math, January 10 – Religion and January 11 – Social Studies. Grades 3-5 will take the religion midterm on January 10.
- Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! School resumes on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

### Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Andy Bruno, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, Joyce Castaldo, 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, January 15 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 Mass will be Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 pm.**

## 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, January 7 at 7:30 pm** in the **Chapel**. 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 **January 16**. 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**

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.

## 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.

## ✓ 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 Workshop with SIUH

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 sessions of ArchCare's TimeBank Knitting & Crocheting group will be from 11:45 am -1:15 pm in the Rectory Basement on **Thursdays January 10 & 24 and February 7 & 21**.

### 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, January 4 at 9 pm** & will end on **Saturday, January 5 at 9 am**.

### Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, January 5 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church  
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary.



### Goretti Group Event

Friday, January 11, 2019

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Holy Family Church

(366 Watchogue Rd, 10314)

You are invited to join as Lauren Gentry presents "Fully Alive: Daring to Live as God's Beloved Sons & Daughters." All are welcome. Music and confessions will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7 pm, and dinner and talk at 8:15 pm.

### Growth in the Spirit Seminar

OLSS Daily Mass Chapel

From 7-9 pm

January 22, 29 and February 12, 19 & 26

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

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



FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**December 30, 2018**

**"Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect... Joseph went to the region in Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth."**

We are still admiring the many gifts of Christmas. The packages have been opened and their contents displayed. There are gifts you still have to be shared with others. You did not deliver them yet. They are the virtues enumerated by St. Paul in his letter. Surely there is someone waiting to receive your gift of patience, humility and kindness. It is not too late to make sure they receive it. The gift of love is the gift wrap, bow or ribbon to bring everything together.

Can't you see the Holy Family, settling down after their journey from Bethlehem to Egypt, happy to take a few minutes to relax and be glad that they have a home. As this special family began to accustom themselves to a new experience, they surely must have been glad the infant Son was with them. As we settle, as we approach a new year, may we find the same Lord as the center of our attention with our family in our home.

## 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



## 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** -Parent & Sibling support group meetings are held for families battling addiction. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.