

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

### Announced Masses

#### Saturday, January 5

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

#### Monday, January 7

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Kent Family

#### Tuesday, January 8

9:00AM James Geehan

#### Wednesday, January 9

9:00 AM Dick & Kay Callahan

#### Thursday, January 10

9:00AM Liz Mangano

#### Friday, January 11

9:00AM Ana Aponte

#### Saturday, January 12

9:00AM Enrico & Josephine Petrosino  
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi  
& Serrantonio Families  
5:30PM Marilyn Green

#### Sunday, January 13

8:00AM Elizabeth Browne  
9:30AM William Donald  
11:00AM Rose Izzi  
12:30PM Anthony Zito  
7:00PM Gerald Krako

### Wedding Music Workshop

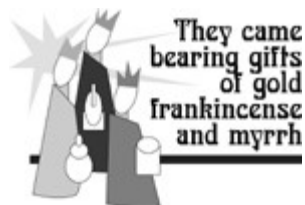
The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, February 17** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

### **Sisters of Life at OLSS**

#### **Next Weekend January 13, 2019**

In anticipation of the March for Life happening in Washington D.C., the Sisters of Life will be present at the 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, and 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor, and will be speaking to our parish on the gift of life and the dignity of the human person. Information about the Sisters of Life can be found at [www.sistersoflife.org](http://www.sistersoflife.org)

The Sisters will also be inviting women of all ages to participate in their Feminine Genius Brunch in February 2019, at which Sister Virginia Joy, Director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of New York, will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart. Details will be distributed at the Masses.



# The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of

January 6 - 12, 2019

In Loving Memory of

**Tony Fiumefreddo**

Donated by Your Loving Wife

### Mass Minister Schedule

#### Lectors – Saturday, January 12

4:00PM C Harris  
5:30PM F Barone

#### Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 12

4:00PM J Butalid, E Vitiello, A Pompei, A Petrocelli  
5:30PM J Cimino, N Villani, B Palomba, A Dazio

#### Lectors – Sunday, January 13

8:00AM C Ambrosino  
9:30AM A Medeiros  
11:00AM M Pinto  
12:30PM A Deliso  
7:00PM J Limeri

#### Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 13

8:00AM A Sparandera, J Stanzione, P Zoltowski, A Shirazi & G Decker  
9:30AM L Capobianco, S Hitchcock, M Iacono, J Gatto & M Andreola  
11:00AM N Fallacaro, R Ruskowski, J Tolento, E&G Riozzi  
12:30PM MA Russo, C Messina, C Belvedere, R Marino & B Peters  
7:00PM G LaGrua, M Recanatini, A Zuffante, C Houle & K Melka

#### Altar Servers – Saturday, January 12

4:00PM D Cavicchio, N Shirazi  
5:30PM P Marone, N Shirazi

#### Altar Servers – Sunday, January 13

8:00AM J Bell  
9:30AM M Esposito, S Artz  
11:00AM E Gladstone, I Santatemia  
12:30PM G Vassallo  
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:

**Michael Polimeni, Joan Crowe,**

**Giuseppe Buttarò**

#### **Sunday collection for the week of 12/23/18:**

**\$19,035.28**

#### **Second Collection – Share in our Students' Success:**

**\$2,850.00**

**God bless you for your generosity!**

*A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year and may 2019 fill you with peace and blessings! It's still the Christmas Season and recently I received this little item of quotes from people from all ages summarizing the wisdom gained during the last year. I hope you enjoy these.

Age 5 "I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing 'Silent Night'."

Age 7 "I have learned that my dog doesn't like to eat my broccoli either."

Age 9 "I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and they wave back."

Age 12 "I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again."

Age 14 "I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up."

Age 15 "I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice."

Age 26 "I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures."

Age 29 "I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there."

Age 30 "I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it."

Age 42 "I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it."

Age 44 "I've learned that you can someone's day by simply sending them a little note."

Age 46 "I've learned that the greater the person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others."

Age 47 "I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies."

Age 48 "I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, like will go on and it will be better tomorrow."

Age 49 "I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours."

Age 50 "I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone."

Age 51 "I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."

Age 52 "I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills."

Age 53 "I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die."

Age 58 "I've learned that making a living is not the same as making a life."

Age 62 "I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance."

Age 64 "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands, you need to be able to throw something back."

Age 65 "I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you."

Age 66 "I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision."

Age 74 "I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one."

Age 76 "I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch – holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back."

Age 78 "I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."

Age 80 "I've learned that life is what you make it, and your life is much better when you make someone happy."

If things get better with age, then Happy and Blessed New Year 2019. Keep learning.

*Fr. Tom Devery*

## 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! Join us on January 8 for Touring Tuesday and see all the wonderful things happening in our school. There is limited space for the incoming Kindergarten class, so if you are interested in enrolling your child for Kindergarten, be sure to attend Touring Tuesday. 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.
- God bless our second graders who received the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday!

### 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 Dawidoicz, Philip Defonte, John DeLuca, Marie Defonte, Anthony DelRe, Ileana DeJesus, Zeina Encico, 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.**

### 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 17** 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

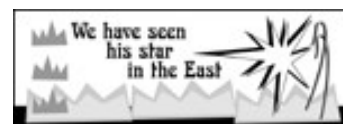
**Baptismal Class Dates for Parents**

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.



## ✓ 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**.

### 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

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!"

Place & Time: OLSS Daily Mass Chapel from 7-9 pm

Dates: January 22, 29 and February 12, 19 & 26

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



### 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

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

### **The Epiphany of the Lord** **January 6, 2019**

*Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.*

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."

### 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 **February 7**.

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