

Our Lady Star of the Sea
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

Announced Masses

Saturday, January 19

4:00PM Dora & Edward DiAntonio
& Mildred & Lucy Gesualdi
5:30PM Rosemarie Alfieri

Sunday, January 20

8:00AM Andrea, Giuseppe & Joe DeLuca
9:30AM Maria Minissale
11:00AM Theresa Lee
12:30PM Michael J. Molinari, Jr.
7:00PM Tom Russo

Monday, January 21

9:00AM Vincent Visto

Tuesday, January 22

9:00AM Elizabeth Browne

Wednesday, January 23

9:00 AM Amelia Newborn

Thursday, January 24

9:00AM Joseph Vesce

Friday, January 25

9:00AM Anthony & Emily DeLuca

Saturday, January 26

9:00AM Tom Russo
4:00PM Fred & Marie Grasso
5:30PM Isabella Mulé

Sunday, January 27

8:00AM Anthony Medeiros
9:30AM Rosemarie Durante
11:00AM Fr. Joseph McKenna
12:30PM Frank Joseph Desiderio, Jr.
7:00PM Joseph Caggiano



Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Salvatore Amato & Christy Velazquez

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.



**Winter Blood Drive Sign Up
This Sunday 1/20**

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding our winter blood drive on Sunday, January 27 from 9 am to 3 pm in O'Mara Hall. Today at the 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm Masses, a representative will be in the lobby of the church to sign up donors and answer any questions you may have. To be eligible to donate, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 16 years of age with parental consent. If you are 76 or older you are required to have a physician's note of approval. Please ensure you have a photo ID. Remember, each pint of blood collected helps save 3 lives. Please help us reach our goal of 45 pints. Come give the greatest gift of all.....LIFE!

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
January 20-26, 2019
In Memory of
Norman Finnegan

Donated by the Messina Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 26

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM C Losi

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 26

4:00PM J Coscia, C Harris, M Sprague, A Pompei
& J Butalid
5:30PM J Cimino, C Houle, E Burns, F Barone & M Lappin

Lectors – Sunday, January 27

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM S Zisblatt
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 27

8:00AM J Stanzione, A Sparandera, M Molinini
& M Quadrino
9:30AM T Strange, S Hitchcock, M Iacono, B Barone
11:00AM L Appel, C&J Gerace, R Ruskowski,
& L Capobianco
12:30PM B Peters, S Catalano, MA Russo, J Amodio
& B Higgins
7:00PM C Barone, A Zuffante, J Bellina, M Randazzo
& J Limeri

Altar Servers – Saturday, January 26

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

Altar Servers – Sunday, January 27

8:00AM J Bell
9:30AM M Esposito
11:00AM P Marone
12:30PM I Santatemia, 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:

**Lena Moliero, Anna Domingo, Christine A. Cioffi,
Katherine Stetson, Jack Navatta**

Sunday collection for the week of 1/6/19:

\$18,772.24

2nd Collection –

Communications & Catholic University:

\$3,146.50

God bless you for your generosity!

Rectory Closed - Monday, January 21

The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 22 at 9 a.m.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

On this weekend, when we listen to the Miracle of the Wedding Feast of Cana and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I write to you with a most important request. Go to the following website: <https://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/>. On this page, there is a link provided to send to the Governor your protest of a bill that would allow abortion through the full 9 months of a pregnancy and the murder of a child if born alive to one desiring abortion (INFANTICIDE!!!). Please do before January 22, let your voice be heard and then pray.

I want to honor the Sisters of Life for their dedication and witness to us at last Sunday's Masses. Their testimony to the sacredness of all life was indeed refreshing. Please pray for them as they continue to grow their order. The Sisters came to invite our parishioners to the seminar on February 16, at the Nicotra Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel where the topic will be "The Feminine Genius and the Gift of Life." You'll find more details on how to reserve your seat later on in this bulletin.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be presenting a Growth in the Spirit Seminar every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the weekday Chapel. This is a follow up from last year's Life in the Spirit Seminar. It does not matter whether or not you attended last year's seminar or if you can't make it the entire 6 weeks this time, all are welcome. There will be a specific theme each week and time for discussion, prayer and praise. Please come and join us.

On Thursday January 24, at our parish from 7-9 PM, we are hosting the Prayer for Christian Unity 2019. All the Christian Churches on Staten Island have been invited to participate and pray for unity at this special time. The theme chosen this year is "Justice and Only Justice You Shall Pursue". There will be time for fellowship and light refreshments at O'Mara Hall following this prayer service. Please mark your calendars and come join with us.

I received this most wonderful note in the mail last week.

I am writing on behalf of Catholic Charities of Staten Island to express our most sincere appreciation for your donation of blankets and scarves, which we received through our partners at Arch Care and the Time Bank of New York. The items were presented to our Staten Island Case Management program which serves low-income individuals and families who struggle to make ends meet. We are distributing your beautiful warm items to families who need help staying warm this winter. When they see these hand-made blankets and scarves they are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude. Thank you for the time, care and thoughtfulness you have put into helping others. On behalf of the clients, and staff of the program, we thank you and we wish you a happy, healthy, and blessed 2019.

– Michelle La Vignera, Director of Staten Island Social Services of Catholic Charities.

I have been contacted by the *Retrouvaille* Marriage Ministry of the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. *Retrouvaille* is a French word meaning "Rediscovery". This is a retreat program for marriages that are in trouble. Their trifold says, "Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart?"

Someone once said, "Marriages are made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth". In our society, with the pressures of conflicting demands and too little time, personal relationships are taken for granted. With all the distractions, we easily forget that loving, caring relationships take work. Without attention, couples slowly quietly drift apart or are torn apart by terrible words and actions. Many are married only for the sake of the kids, for many it has been ages since a strong loving relationship. When infidelity, alcohol or drug abuse is involved, the situation may seem hopeless. *Retrouvaille* is helping couples put the pieces back together. This is a weekend retreat experience and a follow-up.

For more information call Rich and Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, 732 562-1990 Ext 4573 or visit the website www.retrouvaille.org.

Blessing and peace to you all this week,

Fr. Tom Devery

Staten Island Council of Churches'

21st Annual Service of Worship

Thursday, January 24 at 7 pm

at Our Lady Star of the Sea

The Staten Island Council of Churches' 21st Annual Service of Worship marking the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at OLSS on **Thursday, January 24** with Praise Songs beginning at 7 pm and the Worship Service beginning at 7:30 pm.

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Robert Bauer, Abdalla Beshay Catherine Biondolillo, Marilyn Bartolo, Billy C., Vincenza Caccano, Gabe Carbone, William Carney, Joyce Castaldo, Mario Clemente, Zioe Grace Comito, 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, John McNamara, 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 Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, February 19 at 3:30 pm.**

Volunteer Thank You Gifts

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Thank You Party, and would like to pick up your gift, please see the Sacristan after Mass or stop in the Rectory office Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30 pm. (One gift per family, please.) Thank you!



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 27, February 10 & 24, March 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 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.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is this week, in O'Mara Hall, at 9 am. The dates are as follows:

Pre-K3 – Tuesday, January 22

Pre-K4 – Wednesday, January 23

Grades K-7 – Thursday, January 24

• Come see OLSS in action! Our next Touring Tuesday is on Tuesday, January 29 from 9-11. Call the school office at 718-984-5750 for more information.

• Check out our school website for updates on registration and Catholic Schools Week event.

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, February 7** 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, January 28 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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. The next meeting will be on **February 20**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

OLSS SPORTS

Annual Valentine's Dance Fundraiser

February 2nd, 2019 is the night! Come out to OLSS for our annual Valentine's Dance. Individual seats or tables are available. \$35/person gets you Dinner, Soda/water, DJ, Photo Booth, raffles and much more. Help support our sports programming while having a great time! To register online, go to www.olssbasketball.com otherwise, you can call 718-710-7161 for more information.

OLSS Baseball/Softball/T-Ball

The cold is still here but it is already time to think about dusting off the glove and get ready for some baseball! Registration for t-ball (pre-k & k) and CYO (1-8 grade) baseball is open - go to www.olssbasketball.com and look for the baseball tab, registration will be available under that tab.

✓ 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.

Jewelry Making

Come and be creative while making jewelry together. Supplies are limited-please bring necessary tools and wire. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 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 24 and February 7 & 21**.

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

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS)

Saint Francis Catholic Singles will host "Achieving Optimal Wellness of Mind, Body, and Soul and the Importance of Prayer" a talk by Nurse Practitioner, Melissa Lanza, on **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 pm** at St. Christopher's Parish Community Center - 136 Midland Avenue, S.I., NY 10306. Light refreshments will be served, \$10 appreciated, at the door. For more information, go to <http://www.sfcssi.wixsite.com/website>, email sfcssi@gmail.com, or find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles. 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.

Feminine Genius Brunch

Sponsored by the Sisters of Life

To all women of the parish...the Sisters of Life invite you to a **Feminine Genius Brunch** on **Saturday, February 16 at 10AM** at **Nicotra's Ballroom** at the Hilton Garden Inn Staten Island. In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr. Virginia Joy, the director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart and these distinct attributes as women. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please RSVP to <https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com> by February 11. For more info, contact sr.virginia.joy@archny.org.

AOH & LAOH Division #4

12th Annual Fundraiser

for John Perrina

Saturday, February 2, 2019

St. Charles' School Hall (200 Penn Ave, SI NY 10306)

7:00 PM – 12 Midnight - \$40 per person

Price includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda & and live entertainment by Band of Rogues. 50/50 tickets will be sold.

Reservations a must. Please call for any questions:

Margaret DelBagno at 718-667-0669

Yvonne Sheehan at 718-987-5167

Kathleen Gorman at 718-356-6142

Donations also accepted if you are not able to attend.

John suffers from Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy.



ADNY Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949. She may be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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 jilimeri@aol.com or 347-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

Catholic Daughters of America-Court St. Clare

Attention Ladies: Begin 2019 with an even more fulfilling life! Come see what Catholic Daughters of America is all about. CDA Court St. Clare meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. 2019's 1st meeting is Tues., February 5th @ 12noon in the Msgr. Murphy Meeting Room, lower level of the St. Clare Lady Chapel (110 Nelson Ave.). New members from all parishes are welcome! Please contact us for more information, (917) 974-9582 or StClareCDA@aol.com. Also on Facebook: Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court St. Clare.

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 **February 7**.

Addiction Angels –There will be a Parent & Sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction at 7 pm on **Thursday, February 21** in the Damato Meeting Rm. 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

