

Our Lady Star of the Sea
4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, December 21

4:00PM Lenny Galati
5:30PM Robert Westrich

Sunday, December 22

8:00AM Antonio Persichilli
9:30AM Michele Surrey
11:00AM Ambrogio & Loreta Grieco
12:30PM Joanne & John Quattrocchi
7:00PM Mary Bassi

Monday, December 23

9:00AM Emilio Stucchio & Joyce Negrete

Tuesday, December 24

9:00AM Luciano Di Gallonardo

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00PM Joseph, Peter & Gaetana Levantino,
 Richard Rauch, Frank & Netta Scimecca
6:00PM George, Mary & Stephanie Vierno
12Mndt John & Ella Milo

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day -

7:30AM Carlo Ferraro
9:00AM Joseph DeMarco
10:30AM Gladys & Kelvin Voyeau
12Noon Laura, Vincent & George Marsicano
 & Ralph Moceo
1:30 PM Olga & Paul Podobinski

Thursday, December 26

9:00 AM Gladys Voyeau

Friday, December 27

9:00AM Rita Caradonna

Saturday, December 28

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palomba Family
4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Msgr. Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 29


8:00AM Janet Hayes
9:30AM George Vierno
11:00AM Marc Fusillo
12:30PM Deceased Members of the Reynolds
 & McSorley Families
7:00PM Leonardo Acquatico

Advent Candles Memorialized

The Advent Candles, which are on our Advent Wreath, have been given In Memory of Rosaria & Salvatore Perdichizzi.



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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

Tuesday, 12/24/19 – Christmas Eve – 9 am – 4 pm
 Wednesday, 12/25/19 – Christmas Day - CLOSED
 Tuesday, 12/31/19 – New Year's Eve – 9 am – 4 pm
 Wednesday, 1/1/20 – New Year's Day - CLOSED



The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
December 22-28, 2019

In Loving Memory of our beloved
 Mom & Grandma
Marie Cancelleri

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, December 28

4:00PM E Vitiello
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, December 28

4:00PM A Lazzara, J Butalid, A Petrocelli
5:30PM A Dazio, N Villani, C Barone

Lectors – Sunday, December 29

8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM J Zinsley
11:00AM B Weir
12:30PM MA Higgins
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, December 29

8:00AM J Stanzione, C Rosato, A Sparandera
9:30AM S Monteforte, M Iacono, A Maffeo
11:00AM M Quadriano, J Tolento
12:30PM B Higgins, B Peters
7:00PM A Zuffante, K Melka, J Limeri

Altar Servers

Saturday, December 28

4:00PM D Heidel
5:30PM J, E & C Stadler

Sunday, December 29

8:00AM N&J Cooper
9:30AM A Monferrato, C Rosenberg
11:00AM J Oliveri
12:30PM P Marone
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

Neil Mazzella, Anne Cambria, Giuseppe Inserra

Sunday Collection for the week of 12/8/19:

\$22,042.28

(includes a one-time donation of \$6,000)



2nd Collection: Debt Reduction

\$3,712.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Banns of Marriage



2nd Time: James Sammarco & Andrea Rapacciuolo

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **Sunday, December 29** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, so close to Christmas, I found these two poems that were insightful and help me realize how special Christ's coming as Savior of the world really is. I hope these are inspiring to you as well.

God Said No

I asked God to take away my habit. God said No.
It's not for me to take away but for you to give it up.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said No.
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said No.
You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you more fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life, God said No.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me to love others as much as He loves me.
God said, "Ahh, finally you got the idea"

A Christmas Prayer – Ian Oliver

On that holy night, somehow it happened.
Somehow God took a handful of humanity: Proud, petulant, passionate;
And a handful of divinity: Undivided, inexpressible, incomprehensible;
And enclosed them in one small body.

Somehow, all too human touched the divine, and was not vaporized.
To be human was never the same: but forever thereafter
Carried a hint of its close encounter with the perfect.
And forever thereafter God was never the same,
But carried a hint of the passion of the mortal.

If God can lie down in a cattle-trough,
Is any object safe from transformation?
If peasant girls can be mothers to God,
Is any life safe from the invasion of the eternal?

If all this could happen, O God, what places of darkness on our earth
are pregnant with the light waiting to be born this night?
If all this could happen, O God, then You could be, and are, anywhere, everywhere,
Waiting to be born this night in the most
Unbelievable places, Perhaps even in our hearts. Amen.

May the infant Savior be born anew in your hearts, in your homes, in our parish and transform our world.
Merry Christmas.

God Bless You,
Father Tom Devery


Our Lady Star of the Sea
Christmas Mass Schedule – 2019

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4 pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Wednesday, 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!

Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Edward Canfield, John Dawidowicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Mario Garafola, Vincenza Gialluisi, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Jack Miller, Steven Morvillo, Pauline Orfano, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Pederson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White. **Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.**

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. **The next Healing Service will be Tuesday, January 21 at 3:30 pm.**

2020 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2020 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.

Knitting & Crocheting Group Rectangle Program



This weekend, the completed blankets from the Ave Maria Crochet/Knitting group will be on display in the church's vestibule. The blankets, hats, scarves, gloves and socks will be given to the homeless on the streets of NYC. As of right now, the totals include: 70 hats, 18 blankets and 70 scarves. Please stop by to see the wonderful work of your fellow parishioners.

OLSS Baby Bin



The OLSS Pro-Life Committee has set up a Baby Bin in the lobby at the main entrance of the church to accept donations of diapers, wipes and other essentials for newborns. Items collected will be sent to the Cross Road Foundation and the Good Counsel Home both on Staten Island. Please check the bin for a list of the items that can be accepted. Disposable diapers and wipes are especially needed. God bless you for your generosity in supporting the Gospel of Life.

OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Congratulations to the Value of the Month recipients for December! The value of December was **Hope** and was awarded to: **Sienna Ansten, Angelo Lettieri, Michael Carbone, Gianna Riggio, Justin Stassi, Gianna Montagna, Ella Petri, Sydney Hammill, Camryn Sagaria, Marcello Giordano, Adrianna Matrone, Rudolfo Seddio, Madison Sciulla, John Scarcella, Annabelle Leone, Michael Antinoro, Christopher Mitrovich and Logan El-Sherif.**

• A very special thank you to all who helped make this Advent season so special for our OLSS families. A big thank you to the Parents' Association for organizing our 60th Anniversary Gala, Breakfast With Santa, the Christmas Shoppe and of course for our Christmas t-shirts! Thanks to parents and teachers who organized our Toy Drive, Adopt a Senior and Stockings for Soldiers. You showed our children the importance of giving back to others. Thanks to the 3rd grade teachers and students for showing us the true meaning of Christmas through your Christmas pageant. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten shows let us view the holiday season through the eyes of our children. And thank you to the 8th grade for reminding us to have fun and enjoy the season. A sincere thank you for the outpouring of generosity, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Wishing you all a blessed and peace-filled Christmas season!

OLSS Adult Volunteer Thank You Party



**Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held in
O'Mara Hall on Friday, January 10, 2020
from 7:30 PM to 11 PM for all:**

<i>Eucharist Ministers & Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Adult Care Committee</i>
<i>Ushers & Sacristans</i>	<i>Adult Choir & 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>OLSS ArchCare Exec. Brd</i>
<i>Sons & Dtrs of Mary Exec. Board</i>	<i>Prayer Group Exec. Board</i>
<i>OLSS Parish, School & Religious Education Faculty & Staff</i>	

Please RSVP to the Rectory, 984-0593 by Friday, January 3 so that we are prepared with the right amount of food.

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 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Ceremonies –Every Sunday at 2 pm

Upcoming Baptismal Class Dates for Parents

December 22, January 12 & 26

12Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room

PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. Dates for Baptisms are not guaranteed until the required documents are turned into the Rectory and the date is confirmed by rectory staff.

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.

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club – The next meeting will be **Friday, January 10** at 1 pm in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Ginny at 718-356-6611.

Bereavement Group– A new session of “It’s a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing” will begin at a future date. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to call Veronica at 347-620-8484 for more information.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm in the Chapel.

Faith-Sharing Group – The Sons & Daughters of Mary meet on Fridays from 10-11 am in the Rectory Basement.

Stella Maris Rosary Makers – Come and learn how to make rosaries. No prior skill needed, all the material is supplied. The rosaries will be sent to missionaries all over the world. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **1/7, 1/21**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Knitting & Crochet Group – Meets on the 1st & 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **1/8, 1/22**. For more info, call Maria at 917-417-5728. All ages & skill levels are welcome!

Watercolor Painting Group – Join us for a relaxing morning. No prior skills needed. Please bring your own watercolor paint, watercolor brush and watercolor paper. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM in the Rectory Basement. Upcoming dates: **1/14, 2/11**. For more information contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

Bible Study Group – Thursdays from 10-11:30 am in the Rectory Basement. For info, call Lenore at 917-642-3377.

Legion of Mary – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, December 23 at 7:30 pm** in the **Church**. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium” or contact Carol at 917-621-7814. The Legion of Mary offers the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to visit your home. To arrange a visit call Marie 917-459-4121.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima - The Legion of Mary offers the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to visit your home. To arrange a visit call Marie 917-459-4121 or message them at their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium”.

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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 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.

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5% BACK
OF PURCHASES MADE
During Your “Team Weeks.”
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Looking for a way to get involved in parish and Columbiette events? Enjoy social activities? Want to enrich your Catholic faith? Join the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes! Please contact Patricia Valerio, Past President at 718-948-5043 for more information.

✓ **Mark Your Calendar**

Young Adult Marriage Discussion Group

Friday, December 27 from 7:30 -8:30 pm

St. Charles Rectory (644 Clawson St., SI, NY 10306)

This monthly group will study and discuss what the church teaches about the sacrament of marriage and will include young adult married witnesses.

Sisters of Life Event

Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: January 18, February 8, February 22 (Spanish) & March 21. For more dates locations, and confidential registration or just to talk with a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM

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 **January 2**.

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, & 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

