

Our Lady Star of the Sea
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2019
Announced Masses

Saturday, December 28

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

Monday, December 30

9:00AM Stanley Sterling

Tuesday, December 31

9:00AM Jared Dane Scotto

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2019 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Anthony Pepe

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 -

9:00AM Marie DeFonte
12Noon Eddie Temborski

Thursday, January 2

9:00 AM Robert O'Connor

Friday, January 3

9:00AM Gerard Roddy Mullin

Saturday, January 4

9:00AM Mary Morgan
4:00PM Peter Campanella
5:30PM Vincent DeMarco

Sunday, January 5

8:00AM Gerard Mullin
9:30AM Anthony Santaromita
11:00AM Lenny Kinnear
12:30PM Antoinette Gaglaro
7:00PM Margaret M. DeBonis



The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of
December 29, 2019-
January 4, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Billy Higgins Jr.

From Your Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, January 4

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers – Saturday, January 4

4:00PM L Bauer, J Coscia, A Petrocelli
5:30PM J Uhlman, E Burns, A Dazio

Lectors – Sunday, January 5

8:00AM M Andreola
9:30AM MA Higgins
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers – Sunday, January 5

8:00AM M Molinini, C Rosato, A Sparandera
9:30AM B Barone, S Monteforte, B Higgins
11:00AM C Ordy, M Quadrino
12:30PM B Peters, S Catalano
7:00PM J Bellina, A Zuffante, C Barone

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 4

4:00PM D Heidel, J Habib
5:30PM N&J Cooper

Sunday, January 5

8:00AM J, E, & S Stadler
9:30AM S Arta, C Rosenberg, S Corso
11:00AM P Marone
12:30PM A Monferrato
7:00PM N, S & A Mejias



Sincere Condolences

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

Alfred Biserta, Suzanne Marston



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.

Collection for Immaculate Conception 12/8/19:

\$1,084.00

Sunday Collection for the week of 12/15/19:

\$15,155.16



2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

\$3,236.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Banns of Marriage



3rd Time: James Sammarco & Andrea Rapaciuolo

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 Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Mass Times

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – 4 pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – 9 am & 12 Noon

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

A blessed Christmas Season to all of you! I am sure that you are as relieved as I am that we made it this far. Christmas is a time for us now to **Stop, Look and Give Thanks**. First of all, when I perceive all the running around that we do in preparation, it's amazing how much we accomplish in such a small amount of time. I remember and suspect that it's still the same with college students, who are cramming for final exams, and haven't begun to shop for Christmas. They may have found themselves in the zone of being unable to order online presents in time; and having to go to the stores at the last minute. I think of all the Christmas pageants and the wonderful voices of the little ones, who belt out Christmas tunes with glee. I see how parents and grandparents rush to get to these concerts on time. Then there's the office parties and tons of food and drink. How many times have we found ourselves saying; now all I need is those Christmas Bags, and so, you run out buy simple stuff like scotch tape, labels, tissue paper and wrapping paper only to discover that Five Below and Dollar Stores are just as crowded as anyplace else, with only two cashiers and lines as long as the LIE. We rush home, get the wrapping done, the assembling of the gifts under the tree done and now that Christmas is over it's time to **STOP**. If you're like me you'll probably swear that next year, 'I'll shop earlier and work smarter, not harder.'

Let us turn to the Christmas Story. It seems that things weren't much different. Maybe there wasn't all the commercialism as today, but in all the distractions of daily living, not one religious leader was aware that the Son of God was born. Even astrologers from foreign lands, who knew and studied the Hebrew Scriptures asked King Herod and the religious leaders of the time, were more on target than they were. They were clueless.

Maybe Christmas 2019 we are just as distracted and clueless that the Son of God is being born anew in us. Let us make room in our hearts to **LOOK** for Jesus. He's alive and well and simply present in our Church, in our tabernacles, Nativity cribs, in the glow of children's faces, in the love that is to be found in the gift giving. Wise Men point out to us that the Son of God can be found! Do wise people still search for Jesus, today?.

GIVE THANKS, this is another word for Eucharist. It's adopting an attitude of gratitude that helps many folks relish and savor the sweetness of Christmastime. I recently came across the NEW SERENITY PRAYER.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I am clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked.

And while you are at it God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect. It is better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, as you no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. AMEN"

So, we need to **STOP, LOOK and GIVE THANKS** this Christmas season.

Next week turn the page on a new decade: 2020. What are some of the things I am looking forward to? Well, on March 16-19, we will welcome back from Rome, Father Joseph Roesch, MIC. He was ordained in our church more than twenty-five years ago and as a member of the Provincial Council of the Marian Fathers and Brothers of the Immaculate Conception; he will conduct a Parish Mission on the theme of Divine Mercy. If you have ever watched EWTN on Divine Mercy Sunday from Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is celebrated each year in a special way from there and the host for years has always been, Father Joseph Roesch. I am sure this will be an uplifting experience for our Lenten Journey.

May the blessings of Christmas once again be yours and may you have a happy, healthy and holy 2020.

Father Tom Devery

UPCOMING HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

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

Pray for the Sick



Raymond Beshara, John Brancella, John Byrnes, Billy C., Vincerva Caccano, Edward Canfield, John Dawidoicz, 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.

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.

Giving Tree Thanks

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for all the wonderful donations. We received hundreds of gifts and gift cards. Thank you to **Debbie Emigholz** for organizing the Giving Tree program and the individual gift donations and a special thank you to **Donna Ferreri**, who celebrated her 19th year of coordinating the organizations and volunteers: **Carol Ordy, Nancy Fallacaro, Jeanne Casanovas, Mary Ann Russo, Ann Marie Colombo, Marcia Vallacari, Diane Parenti, Kathy & Chuck Melka & 7th Grade Confirmation candidates** for all their hard work. Your donations and all our volunteers helped to make the Christmas season a bright one for the less fortunate of our parish and local community organizations. 

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OLSS SCHOOL NEWS



• Join us on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 9-11 am for the first Touring Tuesday of the new year. Come see all the wonderful things OLSS has to offer your child. Call the school office at 718-984-0593 for further information or to schedule a tour.

• School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2020. Enjoy the extended time with your family!

• Happy New Year! May 2020 bring you health, happiness & peace!

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 Food Pantry Volunteers</i>	<i>Holy Name Exec. Board</i>
<i>Eucharistic Adorers</i>	<i>Legion of Mary Exec. Board</i>
<i>OLSS ArchCare Exec. Brd</i>	<i>Prayer Group Exec. Board</i>
<i>Sons & Dtrs of Mary 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

January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23


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.

1st Friday Adoration

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

Public Outdoor Rosary

Saturday, January 4 at 9:45 a.m. in front of the church
Sponsored by the OLSS Legion of Mary. 

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.

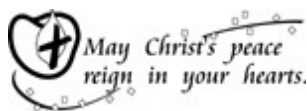
Legion of Mary – All are welcome at the next meeting of the OLSS Legion of Mary on **Monday, December 30 at 7:30 pm** in the **Church**. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, “Legion of Mary olsspraesidium” or contact Carol 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”.

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**.



✓ Mark Your Calendar

St. Clare's Employment Group

The January meeting for the St. Clare's Employment Group will be held on **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm** - "Looking for a Job was my Full-Time Job" - Edie Coniglione, Legal Assistant, Staten Island University Hospital, and "What Worked in my Job Search" - John Donnelly, Vice President, JP Morgan Chase(Retired). The meeting will take place in the Presentation Center Dining Room, 169 Lindenwood Road, Staten Island 10308. Please bring a copy of your resume to all meetings. For more info, please call St. Clare's Rectory at 718-984-7873.

**Stolzenhaller Columbiettes
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A Vibrant Catholic Women's Service Organization
 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.

Annual ProLife Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 10:15 a.m.

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.

Save the Date!

**Dine Out Fundraiser for the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes
 Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 12 Noon to closing
 Dine in Only at Jimmy Maxx (280 Watchogue Rd)**

50% of your bill will be donated back to the Stolzenhaller Columbiettes to benefit various Columbiette Charities. You must bring this flyer for the Columbiettes to receive credit!

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

