

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of...

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Huguenot • Staten Island, New York 10312

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Our Parish Family invites all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! We care for each other and want to worship and serve our Lord and one another.

† The Eucharist †

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening..... 4:00 & 5:30 pm
 Sunday..... 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am,
 12:30 & 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday 9:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Eve of Holyday..... 7:00 pm
 7:00, 9:00 am, 12 Noon & 8:00 pm

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: To arrange for a Wedding at Our Lady Star of the Sea, registered parishioners must call the Rectory for an appointment with one of our Priests. A deposit is required to set a date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm and continue with Saturdays at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:15 pm, and Sundays at 4:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To register a child, please contact the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. The child's Baptismal certificate (and Communion certificate if applicable) is required.

Grades 1 & 2 Wednesday 4:00 - 5:30 pm
 Grades 3 & 4 Tuesday 3:45 - 5:15 pm
 Grades 5 & 6 Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 pm
 Grade 7 Monday 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Grade 8 Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Special Needs Thursday 3:30 - 4:00 pm
 & 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Evening Classes for Grades 1 - 7 meet Wednesdays
 6:30 to 8:00 pm

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated for Registered Parishioners every Sunday at 2:00 pm. To prepare for this Sacrament, parents should plan to attend a **SUNDAY PREPARATION MEETING** on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the Month at 12:00 Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room in the new OLSS Athletic Center. Call the Parish Office for a Baptismal Registration Packet before attending the meeting. New Parishioners must be registered in Parish beforehand. Register in Rectory, Weekdays 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Consult bulletin for Baptism Ceremony dates and Parents' Class dates.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Church is open Monday through Friday from 9-5pm for private prayer. There is no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at this time.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call the rectory to make arrangements. Sacrament is designed for those who are seriously ill, the elderly and the sick who request it.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Rectory Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

PARISH INFORMATION

Church 5411 Amboy Road
 Parish Office 5371 Amboy Road
 Parish Website ... www.olssparish.org
 Phone 984-0593
 Fax 347-838-6858

School: 5411 Amboy Road
 Phone 984-5750
 Religious Ed. Office:
 5411 Amboy Road
 Phone 984-1885

OLSS WEBCAM: Available for 11:00 am Mass on Sunday and 9:00 am Masses on weekdays, Monday through Saturday. Go to www.olssparish.org to view the Mass.

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Our Lady Star of the Sea
1st Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, November 28

4:00PM Christopher Amoroso
5:30PM Nancy Sacco

Sunday, November 29

8:00AM Frank and Diana Besignano
9:30AM Anthony Izzi
11:00AM Pietro Ciaravino
12:30PM Joseph Leotta
7:00PM Victoria Galante

Monday, November 30

9:00AM Joseph E. Marvanik

Tuesday, December 1

9:00AM Kay Roesch

Wednesday, December 2

9:00AM Kay Roesch

Thursday, December 3

9:00 AM John Chiusano

Friday, December 4

9:00AM Philip Paturzo

Saturday, December 5

9:00AM Phyllis Benvenuto
4:00PM Deceased Members of the DiAntonio, Gesualdi and Samaritano Families
5:30PM Madalyn Castelucci

Sunday, December 6

8:00AM Joseph Owen Ennis
9:30AM John F. Luzzi
11:00AM Rosa and Biagio Iannuzzi
12:30PM Olga and Andres Rosado
7:00PM Hughie Power



Sincere Condolences

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

Lillian Murphy, Eileen Newman, Michael J. Murphy, Michael Scotti

Pray for the Sick



John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Virginia Duffy, Anthony Foca, Debra Friscia, Nancy Gallo, Mario Garafola, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Amy M., Steven Morvillo, Santo Nicotra, Alex Ortiz, Stephen Paccione, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Emma Rondinelli, Anita Russo, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White, George Kerchhoffer

Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.

Banns of Marriage



3rd Time: Jaclyn Bennett & Gregory Festo

Advent Candles Memorialized

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



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
November 29th – December 5th, 2020
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the DiMarco & Faiella Families
Donated by Michael & Maria Iacono

Sunday collection for the week of 11/15/2020:

\$11,085.00



Debt Reduction:

\$2,174.00

Online We Share Donations for the month of October:

\$9,752.00

God bless you for your generosity!

6th Annual OLSS Christmas Tree Drive



Families of OLSS are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during the 2020 Advent Season. Each tree will be lighted, have a laminated dedication card, and displayed on the Parish grounds. The details will be provided at a future date. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$250 & all proceeds will benefit our Parish. Trees must be reserved as soon as possible. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. No tree can be guaranteed without payment. Please fill out the registration form below & return with payment to the Rectory. Any questions, please email olsshns@gmail.com or call 984-0593.

Please return this this form & payment to the Rectory:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2020 Christmas Tree Drive

5371 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY, 10312

Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.

Memorialized for deceased

Dedicated to loved ones- living

Personal Family Christmas Greeting

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows:

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check enclosed for \$250, payable to OLSS

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On this first Sunday of Advent we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, the Savior of the world to be born; in history, in mystery and in majesty. For some it's just nostalgia, for some it's a season overshadowed with shopping and baking and racing around to holiday gatherings. But this Advent is different. It may actually be a profound Advent of discovery as we unclutter our lives and make room for Jesus in our hearts.

The world needs a Savior, from pandemics, loneliness, stress, financial worries and changes in government leadership and no one else but the God made man, Jesus, can truly help us find a balance between fasting from fear and feasting on faith.

May I therefore invite you to make the best use of time and cultivate silence to pray, listen to God and read the sacred Scriptures. We might even become a better version of ourselves.

My friend, a retired English professor at West Point sent me this quote from the writing of Kurt Vonnegut and it highlights a spiritual Epiphany that teaches a great lesson about life. Enjoy!

This is an excerpt from Kurt Vonnegut's *Ravenous Butterflies*.

When I was 15, I spent a month working on an archeological dig. I was talking to one of the archeologists one day during our lunch break and he asked; those kind of 'getting to know you,' questions you ask young people: Do you play sports? What's your favorite subjects? And I told him, no I don't play sports. I do theatre, I'm in the choir, I play the violin and piano, I used to take art classes. And he went WOW. That's amazing! And I said, 'Oh no, but I am not any good at any of them.' And he said something then that I will never forget; and which absolutely blew my mind because no one had ever said anything like it to me before. 'I don't thing being good at things is the point of doing them. I think you've got all these wonderful experiences with different skills, and that all teaches you things and makes you an interesting person, no matter how well you do them.'

And that honestly changed my life. Because I went from a failure, someone who hadn't been talented enough at anything to excel, to some who did things because I enjoyed them. I had been raised in such an achievement -oriented environment, so inundated with the myth of talent, that I though it was only worth doing if you could 'Win' at them."

As we don our purple vestments, and light our Advent wreathes and Christmas trees outside, as the weather gets cooler and experience the longer nights and shorter days; this season of Advent is a time for making room for Jesus in our hearts, for prayer, contemplation and conversion. Arriving as it usually does right after Thanksgiving, we become attuned to the sound of Our Savior's voice this season.

Summarizing Ephesians 2 & 3 and Psalm 62, Sara Young in her book, *Jesus Calling*, gives this wonderful insight.

"I am pleased with you. My Child, Allow yourself to become fully aware of My pleasure shining upon you. You don't have to perform well in order to receive My Love. In fact, a performance focus will pull you away from Me, toward some sort of Phariseeism. This can be a subtle form of idolatry: worshipping your own good works. It can be a source of deep discouragement when your works don't measure up to your expectations.

Shift your focus from your performance to My radiant Presence. The Light of My Love shines on you continually, regardless of your feelings or behavior. Your responsibility is to be receptive to this unconditional Love. Thankfulness and trust are your primary receptors. Thank Me for everything; *trust in Me at all times*. These simple disciplines will keep you open to my loving Presence. "

Just a final word of gratitude for all the people who arranged, bought, and prepared our Memorial Christmas Trees for this season. If ever we need to celebrate the Light in our midst, it's now. Thank you.

May the Lord Jesus and our Blessed Mother, the Star of the Sea, bless your Advent season.

Father Tom Devery



Our Lady Star of the Sea Christmas Schedule 2020

**TO ACCOMMODATE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING, WE
HAVE ADDED EXTRA MASSES IN OUR SCHEDULE.**

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD CONTINUOUSLY FROM 4-8PM.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

2 PM, 3:30 PM, 5PM, 10:30PM & MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM,
12NOON, & 1:30 PM

**THE 3:30 PM & MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND
THE 10:30 AM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE LIVE STREAMED.
GO TO OLSSPARISH.ORG & CLICK "LIVE VIDEO" TO WATCH.**

**FACE COVERINGS AND MAINTAINING
SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE MANDATORY!**

MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH ONLY.

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.

THANK YOU!



PARISH NEWS

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The Cardinal's Appeal supports needy parishes. The *Cardinal's Appeal* provides parishes that are most in need with the resources they require to minister to all the faithful. Most recently, the *Appeal* extended assistance to 33 parishes for operational expenses, which included updated HVAC equipment, reinforced structures, as well as beautiful, safe spaces in which to gather for fellowship and prayer.

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Parish Updates

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 or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office.



OLSS 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 10-4 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet. **Baptismal Ceremonies occur every Sunday at 2 PM** **Baptismal Class Dates for Parents will occur every other Sunday at 1 PM via Zoom.** Please contact the rectory for class information. *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 only be obtained at the rectory. **Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory, Mon-Fri from 10AM-4PM. Please have your parish envelope number available.**

PRE CANA CLASSES

Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes: December 5 from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register, use link below:
<https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

Community Events

Giving Baskets 2020

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we cannot accept any gifts for the "Giving Tree (baskets)" this year. If you would like to donate to one of our charities, in lieu of gifts, we are asking that you purchase gift cards. The gift card can be in any denomination. Please drop the cards in the collection baskets. Please do not wrap them. Place them in an envelope with the store and amount of the card so that we could distribute to the proper charity. Some of the charities have asked for gift cards to the following stores: Target, Kohl's, Walmart, Old Navy, Amazon, Visa, and supermarkets. Our parish has always been so very generous during the Christmas Season, and we would like to thank you in advance for your support. Any questions, you can call Donna Ferreri (646) 932-3030.

Donate & Dine Campaign

Meals on Wheels of SI invites you to participate in the Donate & Dine Campaign! This is designed to help feed homebound seniors while helping our local restaurants recover. Visit mealsonwheels.org for more information. All proceeds to benefit Meals on Wheels of SI.

Seton Sunday Raffle Drawing

Tuesday, Decemeber 15, 2020 - \$5,000 Grand Prize

If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Seton Foundation for Learning at 718-982-5084 or email Stephanie at stephanie6766@aol.com

Stolzenhaler Columbiettes

A Vibrant Catholic Women's Service Organiation

Looking for a way to get involved in parish and Columbiette events? Enjoy social activities? Want to enrich your Catholic faith by helping those in need? Join the Stolzenhaler Columbiettes! Please contact Debbie, Past President at 718-967-2315 for more information

Donate Online

Donating online is simple, secure and easy! To do so, please go to olssparish.org and click "Donate Online".

Join Flocknote!

Stay up-to-date with OLSS parish by joining Flocknote, an email and text message based program. To join, "OLSS" to 84576 and / or go to www.flocknote.com/OLSS and provide your email address.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

1st Reading:

You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!

Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what our right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading:

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discouragement and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(R) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,

Who ord'rest all things mightily;

To us the path of knowledge show,

And teach us in her ways to go.

Preparation: Come Now, Almighty King

1. Come now, Almighty King,

Help us your name to sing, Help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come, and
reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come now, Incarnate Word,

Who for us death endured. Our prayer attend:

Come, and your people bless, And give your word
success; Fill us with righteousness, Savior and
friend.

3. Come, Holy Comforter,

Your sacred witness bear In this glad hour:

To us your grace impart, And rule in every heart!

Never from us depart, Spirit of power.

Communion #1: Turn to Me

(R) Turn to me, O turn and be saved, says the

Lord, for I am God; there is no other, none

before me. I call your name.

1. I am God, who comforts you; who are you to

be afraid of flesh that fades, is made like the

grass of the field, soon to wither.

2. Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my

nation: a law will go forth from me, and my

justice for a light to the people.

3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at

the earth down below. The heavens will vanish

like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a

garment.

Communion #2: Save Us, O Lord

(R) Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your

power and come. Rescue your people; show us

your face. Bring us back.

1. O shepherd of Israel, here us. Return and

we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; hear our

cries, O Lord: bring us back!

2. How long will you hide from your people?

We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw

near to us, Lord God of hosts.

3. Turn again; care for your vine; protect what

your right hand has planted. Your vineyards are

trampled, uprooted, and burned. Come to us,

Father of might!

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