

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.

INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING? Visit our website at www.olssparish.org and click "Donate Online."

FLOCKNOTE: OLSS is now able to communicate with parishioners by using Flocknote, a text and email based messaging program. You may sign up by either texting "OLSS" to the number "84576", or by going to www.flocknote.com/OLSS and providing your email address. Please sign up in order to receive our Parish Updates!

Our Lady Star of the Sea
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020

Announced Masses

Saturday, December 12

4:00PM Anthony Falcone
5:30PM Samuel and Rosemary Freund

Sunday, December 13

8:00AM Catherine Strange
9:30AM Alphonse Attianese
11:00AM Julia and Frank Bortle, Benedict, Viola, and John Saldanna
12:30PM Eugene Kennish
7:00PM Mercantino Palmieri

Monday, December 14

9:00AM Amelia Newborn

Tuesday, December 15

9:00AM Cathleen Sherlock

Wednesday December 16

9:00 AM Teresa Marando

Thursday, December 17

9:00 AM Julia Rinaldo

Friday, December 18

9:00AM Joseph Patrick Murphy

Saturday, December 19

9:00AM Catherine Strange
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Merola, Zingaro & Pallante Families
5:30PM Monsignor Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 20

8:00AM Paul Cheuveront & Carrie Anna Cheuvront
9:30AM Calamia & Quattrocchi Family
11:00AM Jennie Ann Maffeo
12:30PM Deceased Members of the Delia, Marcellino & Molinari Families
7:00PM Jack Alaimo



Sincere Condolences

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

Daniel Podvesker, Domenica Scalici, George Carapella, Roger Joseph DeBoissiere

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 Focca, 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.

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
December 13th-19th, 2020
Donated In Loving Memory of
Fortunata T. Schiano
From Her Loving Family

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – December 5 & 6

4:00 PM F Monte
5:30 PM J Zinsley
8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM P Zoltowski
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM A Medeiros

Lectors – December 12 & 13

4:00 PM M Andreola
5:30 PM A Pompei
8:00AM
9:30AM B Weir
11:00AM L Bauer
12:30PM L Bauer
7:00PM J Limeri

Lectors – December 19 & 20

4:00 PM F Monte
5:30 PM A Pompei
8:00AM P Zoltowski
9:30AM E Newborn
11:00AM B Paccione
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM A Medeiros

Lectors – December 26 & 27

4:00 PM M Andreola
5:30 PM J Zinsley
8:00AM
9:30AM P Zoltowski
11:00AM E Newborn
12:30PM C Messina
7:00PM J Limeri

Sunday collection for the week of 11/29/2020:

\$8,205.00



God bless you for your generosity!

Donate Online

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



Thank you to Holy Name Society

We hope everyone enjoys their tree this Christmas Season! We would like to thank Rob Cermeli, Peter Cappellino and the Holy Name Society for their hard work and dedication in making this event so successful and enjoyable for all.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to Gaudete Sunday, Rejoicing Sunday. This is symbolized by the rose-colored vestments and the rose-colored candle lit on our Advent wreath. The rejoicing is because as we draw closer to Christmas and the birth of Jesus, He will ransom us, redeem us, and all the words of Sacred Scripture will become enfolded in this child born in Bethlehem. Here are some inspirational thoughts from Mother Teresa, Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Sara Young to help us during this Advent journey into peace.

From Mother Teresa - *I can do things you cannot, and you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things*

From Sara Young's "Jesus Calling" paraphrasing Matthew 10: 29-31, Hebrews 11:27, and 2 Corinthians 4: 18, Philippians 4:19, and Colossians 2:2-3

I Am with you in all that you do, even in the most menial task. I am always aware of you, concerned with every detail of your life. Nothing escapes My notice- not even the number of hairs on your head. However, your awareness of my Presence falters and flickers; as a result, your life experience feels fragmented. When your focus is broad enough to include Me in your thoughts, you feel safe and complete. When your perception narrows so that problems or detail fill your consciousness, you feel empty and incomplete.

Learn to look steadily at Me in all your moments and all your circumstances. Though the world is unstable and in flux, you can experience continuity through your uninterrupted awareness of My Presence. Fix your gaze on what is unseen, even as the visible world parades before your eyes.

Your needs and my riches are a perfect fit. I never meant for you to be self-sufficient. Instead, I designed you to need Me not only for daily bread but also for the fulfillment of your deepest yearnings. I carefully crafted your longings and feelings of incompleteness to point you to Me. Therefore, do not try to bury or deny these feelings. Beware of also trying to pacify these longings with lesser gods: people, possessions, power.

Come to Me in all your neediness, with defenses down and with desire to be blessed. As you spend time in My Presence, your deepest longings are fulfilled. Rejoice in your neediness, which enables you to find intimate completion in Me.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen shared this story; *I once was attending a man in a hospital. When I asked him to make his peace with God he said, "I suppose you're going to tell me I'm going to hell." "No", I said, "I'm not." "Well, he said, "I want to go to hell." I replied, I have never in my life met a man who wanted to go to hell, so I think I will just sit here and watch you go". Of course, I did not intend to let time pass without doing something, but I was absolutely sure, that if he had a few minutes to himself, he might change his point of view. So, I sat alone with him for twenty minutes. I could see him going through a soul struggle. Then he said to me, "You really believe there is a hell?" I asked him, "Do you feel unhappy on the inside? Are you fearful? Is there dread anxiety? Are all the evil things of your life coming up before you as a ghost?" Well, it wasn't long until he made his peace with God.*

We will have our chance in a glorious way this Monday from 4-8PM. All three priests will be available in our church for Advent Reconciliation Monday. Even in these tough times we are here to give what the world cannot, the Peace and Mercy of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. It's a powerful moment to let go and let God minister to us. So, make some time to come and join us. You will leave more free than when you entered the church.

This week we welcome home for the Christmas break Deacon Carmine Caruso. He will be leaving snowy Boston and colder temperatures for the clean streets of Staten Island. After this semester ends, he only has until May before his priesthood Ordination and he begins a whole new life of ministry. So welcome home Carmine.

Let us continue to pray for each other during this sacred season of Advent.

May this week of Advent help us grow in wisdom and grace as we prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

Fr. 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



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.**

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.

PRE-CANA CLASSES

Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes on January 9th & 23rd, February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link: <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

Community Events

Giving Baskets 2020 Due As Soon As Possible

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, December 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

ST. Pauls USA Bookstore

We at St. Pauls USA Bookstore are happy to re-open our doors to warmly welcome parishioners and friends. Visit and check out the entire collection of Bibles, prayer books, prayers for healing and religious articles for gift giving during Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Ordination, and special occasions. Be one of the first to see our new titles for 2021 annuals, for praying for the Sick and the Homebound and more. Take advantage of discounts. Come visit us at ST PAULS at 2187 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10314. We are open Tuesday to Saturday 9:30-11:45AM and 1:30-4:00. Visit our website: www.stpaulsusa.com.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

1st Reading:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading:

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.”

So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?”

And he said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

He answered, “No.”

So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?”

He said: “I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’* as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?”

John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(R) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

1. O Come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

2. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high

And cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Preparation: People, Look East

1. People, look East. The time is near

Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare.

One more seed is planted there; Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Live, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim.

One more light the bowl shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Communion #1: Your Light Will Come , Jerusalem

(R) Your light will come, Jerusalem; for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord, and all the nations will walk in your light, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Christ is the light of the world, a light dispelling the darkness. May we, his body, reflect that holy light.

2. His light is mercy and peace. A peace surpassing all telling. ^[OBJ] May we, his body, be instruments of peace.

3. His light is justice and truth, and love which casts out all hatred. May we, his body, prepare the reign of God.

Communion #2: Immanuel

(R) Immanuel, our God is with us. And if God is with us, who can stand against us? Our God is with us, Immanuel.

1. A sign shall be given, a virgin shall conceive, a human baby bearing undiminished Deity. The glory of the nations, a light for all to see; and hope for all who will embrace his warm reality.

Bridge: For all those who live in the shadow of death, a glorious light has dawned. For all those who stumble in the darkness, behold your light has come!

2. So what shall be your answer? Oh, will you hear the call of him who did not spare his son, but gave him for us all? On earth there is no power, there is no depth or height that could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ

