

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

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 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
4th Sunday of Advent
December 20th, 2020



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
December 20th-26th, 2020
In Loving Memory of

**The Deceased Members of the
Cancelleri & Emigholz Families**

Announced Masses

Saturday, December 19

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Merola, Zingaro and Pallante Families

5:30PM Msgr. Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 20

8:00AM Paul Chevront & Carrie Ann Chevront

9:30AM Calamia & Quattizocchi Family

11:00AM Jennie Ann Maffeo

12:30PM Deceased Members of the Delia, Marcellino & Molinari Families

7:00PM Jack Alaimo

Monday, December 21

9:00AM Lenny Galati

Tuesday, December 22

9:00AM Angelo Cucurullo

Wednesday, December 23

9:00AM Barbara Bisignano

Thursday, December 24

9:00AM Josephine DeMairco



Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Masses

2:00PM Marie Cancelleri & John Emigholz

3:30PM Gaetana, Joseph & Peter Levantino, Richard Rauch, Frank & Netta Scimecca

5:00PM Luciano DiGiallonardo

10:30PM Belmonte & Labia Families

Midnight John & Ella Milo

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day –

7:30AM Joseph DeMarco

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri & Persichilli Families

10:30AM Gladys & Kelvin Voyeau

12:00PM Pat & Marilyn Damato

1:30PM Paul & Olga Podobinski & Deceased Family

Saturday, December 26

9:00AM Frank & Virginia Gallinaro

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Puglisi & Serrantonio Families

5:30PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Sunday, December 27

8:00AM Frank Rapacciuolo

9:30AM Virginia & Harold & Donald Ennis

11:00AM Salvatore Pennacchio

12:30PM Deceased Members of the Reynolds & McSorley Families

7:00PM Jack Aldimo

Sincere Condolences



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

**Barbara Zito, Marie Castore, Glenn & Suzanne Franz,
Mary Noto, Linda Heidinger**

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.

2021 Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2021 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.

Mass Minister Schedule

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

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., Susan Hanna, Amy M., Maryann Monachino, 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.

Sunday collection for the week of 12/6/2020:

\$12,475.00

God bless you for your generosity!

UPCOMING HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

Thursday, 12/24/20 – Christmas Eve – 9 am – 4 pm

Friday, 12/25/20 – Christmas Day – CLOSED

Thursday, 12/31/20 – New Year's Eve – 9 am – 4 pm

Friday, 1/1/21 – New Year's Day – CLOSED

On behalf of Fr. Tom, the clergy & staff, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On December 8th Pope Francis declared from this date until December 8, 2021 the Year of Saint Joseph. He did this to honor that 150th anniversary of the Papal Proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. That Feast we celebrate on May 1st. Pope Francis writes:

My desire to do increased during these months of pandemic, noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, --an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

In its decree it is sad that, "to affirm the universality of Saint Joseph's patronage in the Church: it would grant a plenary indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, especially on March 19th, the saint's solemnity and May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Other notable days for the plenary indulgence are the Feast of the Holy Family, (The Sunday after Christmas) as well as the 19th day of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition. "In the current context of health emergency, the gift of a plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those for who legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions. 1) recite an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph ,2) sacramental confession, the reception of Holy Communion and 3) prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.

Pope Francis went on to say that Our world needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the path of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In every exercise of fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possessions but is rather a 'sign' pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a new way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who makes his sun rise on the even and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust'(Matthew 5:45:.. And a shadow that follows his Son."

Pope Francis offers at the end of his letter this text of a pious prayer for Saint Joseph.

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in You Mary placed her trust
With you Christ became man
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage
And defend us from every evil. Amen.**

This is hopeful news as we anticipate the great Solemn Feast of Christmas.

A Blessed Christmas and an abundance of grace during this 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.**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

4:00 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

9:00 AM & 12NOON

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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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

The 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>

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.

St. Paul's USA Bookstore

We at St. Paul's 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.

Support Local Small Businesses & Restaurants

Please remember all the local small businesses & restaurants that have given donations for our sports, school, parish and other organizations over the years. They need our support now! Please answer the call and patronize them if you can. God Bless!

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:

When King David was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you." But that night the Lord spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in? It was I who took you from pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

Responsorial Psalm:

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";

in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior.'

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,

and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

The Gospel

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what he said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O Come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all humankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our Prince of Peace.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Preparation: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifting snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail,"
said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"
"Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

2. "For know a blessed Mother you shall be, All
generations praise continually, Your Son shall be
Emmanuel, by seers foretold." "Most highly favored
lady!" Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God!" she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." "Most
highly favored lady!" Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored Lady!" Gloria!

Communion #1: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Intro:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of
your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, prayer for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain:

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and
bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom;
teach us love.

1. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for
the Son. You were chosen from all women and for
woman, shining one.

2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all
women, too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed
they with gentle hearts.

Communion #2: O Come, Divine Messiah

1. O come, divine Messiah;
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away.

Refrain:

Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the
dawn of grace.

O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence waits the
day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee
away.

2. O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come, break the captive's fetters,
Redeem the long lost fold.

3. You come in peace and meekness
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see.

