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# 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](http://www.olssparish.org)  
 Phone ..... 984-0593  
 Fax ..... 347-838-6858

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 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](http://www.olssparish.org) to view the Mass.

**INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING?** Visit our website at [www.olssparish.org](http://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](http://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  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, December 26**

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

**Monday, December 28**

9:00AM Anthony Pepe

**Tuesday, December 29**

9:00AM The DeCrescenzo & Palacios Families

**Wednesday, December 30**

9:00AM Maureen K. Reilly

**Thursday, December 31**

9:00 AM Jared Dane Scott

4:00PM Christopher Roland

**Friday, January 1**

9:00AM Santa Gizzi, Sabatino Gizzi, & Marino Falcone

12:00PM Anthony Gasparo

**Saturday, January 2**

9:00AM Lucrezia DeStephano

4:00PM Msgr. Vincent Bartley

5:30PM Michael & Margaret Iacono

**Sunday, January 3**

8:00AM Carol Vitale

9:30AM Joseph Belvedere

11:00AM Michael Milici

12:30PM Deceased Members of the Fusillo & Biscardi Families

7:00PM Dominick Gervasi

**Banns of Marriage**



2<sup>st</sup> Time: Elizabeth Romeo & Paul Liconti

1<sup>st</sup> Time: Rosemarie Soranno & Michael Wolf

**Sincere Condolences**



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

Maria Coneale, Cindy Astuto, Guillermo Asuncion, Jean Simonelli

**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.



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020- January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
In Loving Memory of  
**Anthony Gasparo**  
Dedicated by your loving wife

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**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, Barbara Murphy-Fogarty, Santo Nicotra, Alex Ortiz, Stephen Paccione, Elaine Parks, Dominick Pensabene, Lenore Pensabene-Brower, 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 – 10 am – 4 pm

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

Thursday, 12/31/20 – New Year's Eve – 10 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,

Here's a little Christmas Story entitled "God, Geese and Christmas"

*There once was a man who didn't believe in God. His wife, a believer, raised their children in faith despite her husband's critical comments. One snowy Christmas Eve, the wife was taking their children to church in the farm community in which they lived. She asked her husband to come with them, but he refused. "That Story is nonsense!" he said. "Why would God lower Himself to become a man? That's ridiculous!" So, she and the children left; and he stayed home.*

*In the meantime, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blizzard. As the man sat down to relax before the fire for the evening, he heard a loud thump. Something had hit the window. Then another thump. He looked out in the field near his house where he saw a flock of wild geese caught in the snowstorm. They were lost and stranded on his farm with no food or shelter. They just flopped their wings and blindly flew around in circles. A couple of them had flown into his window. The man felt sorry for the geese and wanted to help them. He thought that his barn would be a great place for them to stay. So, he opened the barn's door, hoping that the geese would notice it and go inside. But the geese just fluttered around aimlessly and didn't realize what was expected of them.*

*The man tried to get their attention, but that seemed to scare them, and they moved further away. He took some bread and a bread crumb trail leading to the barn. They still didn't catch on. Now he was getting frustrated. He got behind them and tried to shoo them toward the barn toward the barn, but they got more scared and scattered in every direction but the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where they would be warm and safe. "Why don't they follow me", he exclaimed. "Can't they see this is the only place where they could survive the storm?" He realized they would not follow a human. "If only I were a goose, then I could save them", he said out loud. He decided to release one of his own geese out of the barn. His goose flew through the flock and straight into the barn, and one by one the other geese followed it to safety.*

*He stood silently for a moment as the words he had spoken a few minutes earlier replayed in his mind. "If only I were a goose, then I could save them!" Then the thought about what he had said to his wife earlier. "Why would God want to lower himself to be like us? Suddenly it all made sense. That is what God had done. We were like the geese – blind, lost and perishing. God sent His Son to become like us so He could enlighten us and show us the way.*

Some of the most powerful stirring words we will ever hear this Christmas comes from the angels singing in Bethlehem. "For unto us is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ and Lord. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

There were many caves with lambs at that time but the one cave that had swaddling clothes was the precise spot where the shepherd would find Jesus. You see a newborn lamb, without spot or wrinkle or blemish would be removed from the rest of the herd and wrapped in swaddling clothes so as to be preserved for the ritual sacrifices of the Temple especially at Passover. Jesus was born for us and the Lamb of God, who go from the manger of wood to the wood of the Cross and be born for us and die for us to set us free from sin, suffering and death. Let us remember why Christ was born. He came to ransom us from our sins. "O Come Let us adore Him". Merry Christmas and a blessed season of Christmas to you and all your loved ones.

*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.**

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## **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

## TEACH ♦ SERVE ♦ SANCTIFY

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](mailto: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>

## **Donate Online**

Donating online is simple, secure and easy! To do so, please go to [olssparrish.org](http://olssparrish.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](http://www.flocknote.com/OLSS) and provide your email address

## **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!

## **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](http://www.stpaulsusa.com).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name;  
make known among the nations his deeds.  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord!  
Look to the Lord in his strength;  
constantly seek his face.  
**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
You, descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the Lord, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgements prevail.  
**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand  
generations which he entered into with  
Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.  
**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

# THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

## The Gospel

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord,

*Every male that opens that womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,*

*and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,*

in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## **Entrance:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

3. Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

## **Preparation:** Like a Child Rests

Refrain:

Like a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you. Like A child rests in its mothers arms, so while I rest in you.

1. May God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.

2. My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.

3. O Israel, trust in God, now and always trust in God.

## **Communion #1:** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

## **Communion #2:** Night of Silence

1. Cold are the people, winter of life, We tremble in shadows this cold endless night, Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, Flowers that will echo the sunrise, Fire of hope is our only warmth, Weary its flame will be dying soon.

2. Voice in the distance, call in the night, On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light, Gentle on the ear you whisper softly, Rumors on a dawn so embracing. Breathless love awaits darkened souls, Soon will we know of the morning.

3. Spirit among us, shine like the star, Your light that guides shepherds and kings from a far, Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, Rising in the warmth of your Son's love, Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

