

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

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Huguenot \* Staten Island, New York 10312

## Served By

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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

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](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 Epiphany of the Lord  
January 3, 2021

**Announced Masses**

**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

**Monday, January 4**

9:00AM Thomas Malagrecia, Sr.

**Tuesday, January 5**

9:00AM Lauren Surrey

**Wednesday, January 6**

9:00AM Giovanni Iacono

**Thursday, January 7**

9:00AM Achille Cortese

**Friday, January 8**

9:00AM Sara Carlone

**Saturday, January 9**

9:00AM Enrico & Josephine Petrosino & Family

4:00PM Mary Ponziano

5:30PM Vincent DeMarco

**Sunday, January 10**

8:00AM Emma Riley Trapani

9:30AM Paul Chevront

11:00AM John Hennigan

12:30PM Paul Barone

7:00PM Jonathan Lee Powers

**Sincere Condolences**

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

**Rocco Muscarella, Nicholas James Gerace,  
Louis Ancona, Dennis Makovski,  
Ellen Reina Alberts, John A. O'Connor**



**Banns of Marriage**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Elizabeth Romeo & Paul Liconti**



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Is in Memory of  
Our Deceased Family & Friends  
lost during COVID

**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.

**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, 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 12/13/2020:**



**\$10,059.00**

**Immaculate Conception - \$2,487.00  
God bless you for your generosity!**

**Donate Online**

Donating online is simple, secure and easy! To do so, please go to [olssparish.org](http://olssparish.org) and click "Donate Online".

**Join Flocknote!**

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# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year Church! It's now 2021, time marches on. We will undoubtedly never forget the past year with masks, social distancing, isolation and that word "quarantine". I would have never thought I would see in my lifetime the holy sacrifice of the Mass not being permitted to be offered publicly. However, each time I did offer Mass privately I was imaging all of you. After being a pastor here for nearly seven years, I've come to know where people sit. How I missed you all. If there was a silver lining to all these very challenging times, it had to have been the quality time to be with the nuclear family or the people you live with. I learned how to operate and schedule Zoom sessions. When I wrote the Christmas letter to all I send cards to each year. I paraphrased First Corinthians Chapter 13. "And in the end these three remain, Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is flexibility." LOL.

It was heartbreaking to see loving people enter the hospital or nursing home and not be able to receive visitors. I know that the doctors, nurses, technicians and all front line workers are exhausted. I want to honor the cohort of funeral directors who had to handle the many families that needed funerals. One such director told me that there were so many people seeking cremation that he had to drive 5 hours to Allentown, PA in order to find a crematorium. At the peak of the pandemic, most funeral homes who average about 30 funerals a month saw it spike up into over 200.

This was a year when our school teachers and administration were tasked with not only switching to remote learning, and arranging for classroom sanitation, but also temperature checks and then ordering and learning how to operate with half the class in masks, and the second half logging in. We did encounter the sad horror of having to report to the Department of Education and Health and the Archdiocese students who tested positive for the coronavirus. There was new protocols to handle that dilemma.

Thanks be to God, our teachers and religious education catechists have persevered and although it wasn't an optimal situation our parish leadership have done their very best. For all this I am grateful and hopeful that we will come out of this better.

We were able to upgrade the camera's in our church so that offering "Live Stream" has a clearer and brighter picture.

I am indebted to our music ministers, our Sacristans and our ushers, and ministers of the Eucharist who reached out to the homebound during this time.

Deacon Carmine Caruso was ordained on November 7<sup>th</sup> and God willing after another 14 weeks, Cardinal Dolan will ordain him to the priesthood sometime in May.

Deacon James as well as our silver Jubilarians: Father Basil and Father Antony rallied all summer with baptizing over 75 children. Joe Limeri, who conducts the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults had to postpone until the end of July the baptism and reception in to the Catholic Church the 11 adults who waited patiently.

What made Christmas particularly joyous is seeing all the newborn children all smiling for their First Christmas.

So with a tear and smile we bid farewell to 2020. The cliché says that 2020 is hindsight, but this past year it gave us perspective on how resilient we are and the very best we can be.

For all the parishioners who have lost loved ones unexpectedly, be assured of our prayers and support as you endure the winter of grief. Please God, we will see the ending of this virus and resume our lives unmasked.

On New Years Day, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and I entrust 2021 to her. So may different groups have Zoomed the recitation of the Rosary and I am delighted that confidence in her brings about deep peace in these unsettling times.

This Sunday we celebrate Epiphany, Jesus is a light for all the nations and may we experience an epiphany of faith and we welcome His light into our souls.

*Happy New Year,  
Father Tom Devery*

# 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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## St. Paul's USA Bookstore

St. Paul's USA Bookstore is happy to re-open its 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. Visit them 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).



## 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 12 noon 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.*

## 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!

## 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

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>

## 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.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgement.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

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

**Brothers and sisters:** You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

# THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

## The Gospel

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*”

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.”

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## **Entrance: What Star Is This**

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More lovely than the noonday light?

'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

2. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed;  
And lo! the eastern sages stand  
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

3. O Jesus, while the star of grace  
Impels us on to seek thy face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
The guidance of thy light to use.

## **Preparation: What Child Is This**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**Refrain:** This, this is Christ the King, Whom  
shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste  
to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant, King, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

## **Communion #1: We Three Kings**

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, Moor and Mountain,  
following yonder star.

**Refrain:** O star of wonder, star of night, Star  
with royal beauty bright; Westward leading,  
still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again;  
King forever, Ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I:  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising Gladly raising,  
Worship him, God in high.

## **Communion #2: The First Nowell**

1. The first Nowell, the angels did say, Was to  
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In  
fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a  
cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born  
is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

