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# 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  
Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2021

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

4:00PM Mary Ponziano  
5:30PM Vincent DeMarco

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

8:00AM Emma Riley Trapani  
9:30AM Paul Chevront  
11:00AM John Hennigan  
12:30PM Paul Barone  
7:00PM Jonathan Lee Powers

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

9:00AM Eugene Przyziatnik

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

9:00AM Gene Cannataro

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

9:00AM Dorothy Reilly

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

9:00AM Vincent Mangogna

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

9:00AM Christian Santo

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

9:00AM Edward Person

4:00PM Joseph Genova

5:30PM Julie LaFiura

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

8:00AM Victoria Taranto

9:30AM Rosemarie Alfieri

11:00AM Aldo Perrone

12:30PM Ruth Guzzi

7:00PM Debora Rafano

**Sincere Condolences**



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

**Antonino Lazzara, Mary Sprague, Paul Fabozzi,  
Herman "Bud" Emigholz, Lenny Henderson**

**Pray for the Sick**



John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Kenzy Coursen, Tom Cucurullo, 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.**

**Join Flocknote!**

Stay up-to-date with OLSS parish by joining Flocknote, an email and text message based program. To join, "OLSS" to84576 and / or go to [www.flocknote.com/OLSS](http://www.flocknote.com/OLSS) and provide your email address.



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
January 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

In Loving Memory of

**The Deceased Members of  
Tarantola & Sparandera Families**

**Donated by: Gabriel & Angela Sparandera**

**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 office to reserve a Sanctuary Lamp.

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors – January 9 & 10**

4:00 PM – M. Andreola

5:30 PM – A. Pompei

8:00AM – P. Zoltowski

9:30AM – B. Weir

11:00AM – E. Newborn

12:30PM – L. Bauer

7:00PM – J. Limeri

**Lectors – January 16 & 17**

4:00 PM – F. Monte

5:30 PM – A. Pompei

8:00AM – P. Zoltowski

9:30AM

11:00AM – B. Paccione

12:30PM – C. Messina

7:00PM – A. Medieros

**Lectors – January 23 & 24**

4:00 PM – M. Andreola

5:30 PM – A. Pompei

8:00AM – P. Zoltowski

9:30AM – B. Weir

11:00AM – E. Newborn

12:30PM – L. Bauer

7:00PM – J. Limeri

**Lectors – January 30 & 31**

4:00 PM – F. Monte

5:30 PM – A. Pompei

8:00AM – P. Zoltowski

9:30AM

11:00AM – B. Paccione

12:30PM – C. Messina

7:00PM – A. Medieros

**Sunday collection for the week of: 12/20/2020**



**\$12,272.00**

**Debt Reduction: \$2,308.00**

**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".

# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we enter into this New Year 2021 and draw to a close our Christmas Season I thought I would share with you this reflection from "Jesus Calling" from Sarah Young. Jesus is speaking in the first person and these texts come from Psalm 40:4, Psalm 56:3-4, Psalm 69:8 and Isaiah 26:3-4

*Trust Me with every fiber of your being! What I can accomplish in and through you is proportional to how much you depend on Me. One aspect of this is the degree to which you trust Me in a crisis of major decision. Some people fail miserably here, while others are at their best in tough times. Another aspect is ever more telling the constancy of your trust in Me. People who rely on Me in the midst of adversity may forget about Me when life is flowing smoothly. Difficult times can jolt you into awareness of your need for Me, whereas smooth sailing can lull you into the stupor of self-sufficiency.*

*I care as much about your tiny trust -steps through daily life as about your dramatic leaps of faith. You may think that no one notices, but the One who is always beside you sees everything – and rejoices. Consistently trusting in Me is vital to flourishing My Presence.*

Another inspiring insight comes from the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, and this piece is entitled "Because of sin we need a fresh start".

*Imagine a great orchestra on a stage. The conductor is before his musicians, and every one of the musicians has music before them, well scored. They are all skilled, but free. One of the musicians decides to strike a sour note. In the face of that discord the director might strike his baton and say, "Play it over." But it makes no difference because that sound is traveling out into space at a rate of about twelve hundred feet a second – and on and on that discord goes. So long as the universe endures there is a disharmony. Is there a way to stop it? Not in time, for time is irreversible. It could, however, be stopped if someone reached out for eternity and grabbed that wild note in its mad flight. Then it would be no longer a disharmony, or rather it would be stopped from spoiling the harmony of the universe. But it would still be a discord? Yes, except for one condition. Suppose he who stopped it wrote a new symphony and made that sour note the first note of a new melody. Then it would be a sweet note. That is what happened to mankind, Man was free. He struck a sour note, and that sour note effected all humanity. How could we ever have harmony in the universe again? God reached out and raised up a man who was untouched by that sour note --- thanks to the Immaculate Conception and the virgin birth – and He started a new humanity.*

Every week we read the names at Mass of all our beloved deceased who recently died. Every person named is precious in God's eyes. Every now and then I recognize with deep sorrow; the passing on someone who humbly, simply and without fanfare, touched the lives of so many in our parish in a profound way. It was always her wish to go unnoticed and draw no attention to herself. It would remind me of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth in their hidden life. There were only three women in the whole parish who did what she did--- wash and iron the altar linens each week. This past week she returned the batch of fresh altar cloths the day before she died. She was the mother of eight children, grandmother to many, a Eucharistic minister, a wife of an NYPD detective and met her husband in kindergarten at St. Teresa of Avila School in Brooklyn. When I say that I will miss Mary Sprague, it would be an understatement. Very much like the Mary's of the New Testament, she sat at the feet of the Lord, and treasured and pondered all of us in her heart. Mary Sprague, may you now rest in peace and thank you for being such a faithful witness to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. Our deep condolences is extended to Bob and her entire family at this time.

I am delighted to hear the sound of children back in school as we begin 2021. May our Lord watch over and protect us all from this pandemic virus. We need to pray more for the days and weeks ahead.

God bless you all,

*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.

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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 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.*

## **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.

## **40 Days for Life SI Witness for Life**

### **Join us at St. Christopher's pray to end abortion!**

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. Saturday, January 30th will be our next group rally after 9 AM Mass at St. Christopher's, followed by - 10:30 - 11:30 AM prayer witness at SIUH North (475 Seaview Ave, 10305). Our Spring campaign begins February 17th. For more info contact [40DaysSI@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysSI@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.40daysforlife.com/stateniland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/stateniland)

## **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).

## **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!

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

## Responsorial Psalm:

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God is indeed my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement;

let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

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

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

### The Gospel

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## Entrance: Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praising we sing.
2. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King: Born of one Father, We are his children, Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

## Preparation: When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

1. When Jesus comes to be baptized, He leaves the hidden years behind, The years of safety and of peace, To bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down, Anoints the Christ to suffering, To preach the word, to free the bound, And to the mourner, comfort bring.
3. He will not quench the dying flame, And what is bruised he will not break, But heal the wound injustice dealt, And out of death his triumph make.

## Communion #1: Come to the River

1. Washed in waters of rebirth, we have put on Christ Jesus.
2. Priestly people are we, sealed and sent by the Spirit.
3. Blest are those who thirst for the reign of God's justice.
4. Let us walk in the light of God's holy promise.
5. Those who sow in the tears reap the harvest rejoicing.

### Refrain:

Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ. We'll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise.

## Communion #2: Flow River Flow

1. You will be mine and I will be your God, for I will wash you clean. And a new heart, a heart of flesh and feeling, I will place within you for your heart of stone.
2. The blind shall see, the mute shall find a voice, the lame shall leap for joy. Rivers will flow into dry and barren desert, flowers bloom in splendor, glory fill the land.
3. Whoever drinks the water I will give will never thirst again. The drink I give is an ever flowing river, welling up within you to give eternal life.

### Refrain:

Flow river flow, flow over me.  
O living water, poured out for free;  
O living water, flow over me.

