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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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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: Congratulations and God's blessings as you plan your wedding with us. Kindly call the rectory office to schedule an appointment to meet with our priest or deacon regarding your wedding. The usual time slots for weddings are:

Friday: 2:30 pm (when no school), 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
 Saturday: 1:00 pm & 2:15 pm
 Sunday: 4:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Welcome to our Religious Education Program. 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 - 5:00 pm
 Grades 3 & 4 Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm
 Grades 5 & 6 Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 pm
 Grade 7 Monday 4:00 - 5:00 pm
 Grade 8 Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Special Needs Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Evening Classes for Grades 2 - 7 meet Wednesdays
 6:30 to 7:30 pm

BAPTISM: Sunday 2:00 pm

With a joyful heart we welcome you as you plan the baptism of your child. Kindly call the rectory office to schedule an appointment to meet with our priest or deacon with a copy of the birth certificate of the baby. Please attend the Baptism Preparation session, in person or online.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday through Thursday from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm in our Chapel.

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 complete the form in the bulletin and drop it off to 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 718-984-0593
Fax 347-838-6858

School: 5411 Amboy Road
Phone: 718-984-5750
Religious Education Office:
 5411 Amboy Road
Phone: 718-984-1885

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 19th, 2021

Announced Masses

Saturday, December 18

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

5:30PM Msgr. Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 19

8:00AM Nicola Rutigliano

9:30AM Alma DiSimone

11:00AM Angela & Vincenzo DeLeonibus

12:30PM Ellen Reina Alberts

7:00PM Carol Primavera

Monday, December 20

9:00AM John Murphy Jr.

Tuesday, December 21

9:00AM Lenny Galati

Wednesday, December 22

9:00AM Anna O'Connor

Thursday, December 23

9:00AM Andre Graziano & Christopher Amoroso

Friday, December 24

9:00AM Neil Palomba & Family

4:00PM Richard Rauch, Netta & Frank Scimecca, Joseph & Peter Levantino

6:00PM Tony Fiumefreddo

Midnight John & Ella Milo

Saturday, December 25

7:30AM Cecelia Pastorelli & Anna & Alphonse Esposito

9:00AM Gladys Voyeau & Kevin Voyeau

10:30PM Anne & Paul Sheerman

12:00PM Marie Cancelleri & John Emigholz

1:30PM Luciano DiGiallonardo

Sunday, December 26

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Palmieri & Persichilli Families

9:30AM Anthony Pelle, Sr

11:00AM Kenneth Cantirino

12:30PM JoAnne & John Quattrocchi & Vincent Calamia Sr.

7:00PM Reginald Heuser

Sunday collection for the week of 12/5/2021:

\$12,861.00

God bless you for your generosity!

Banns of Marriage

2nd Time: Amanda Kearns & Gary Patton

1st Time: Gabrielle Papapietro & Thomas Trupiano

1st Time: Jacqueline Pucciarelli & Matthew Terrone

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The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of December 18th- 24th
In Loving Memory of:
**Thomas & Rosalie Vallone &
Carmella Heidel**
Donated By Your Loving Family

UPCOMING HOLIDAY RECTORY

HOURS

Friday, 12/24/21 – Christmas Eve – 9 am – 2 pm

Saturday, 12/25/21 – Christmas Day - CLOSED

Friday, 12/31/22 – New Year's Eve – 9 am – 4 pm

Saturday, 1/1/22 – New Year's Day – CLOSED

Reconciliation Monday:

Monday, December 20, 4-8 PM

All parishes in the Archdiocese will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4 pm to 8 pm. You may go to any parish during this time. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive the Sacrament during this Advent Season! Confessions are also heard here at OLSS every Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Pray for the Sick

Ricia Augusty, Ileana Brewer, John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Patricia Carey, Marcos Castano, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Salvatore DiStefano, Virginia Duffy, Brian Firing,, Debra Friscia, Joseph Friscia, Richard Friscia, Walter Gannon, Mario Garafola, John Gerace, Linda Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Alex, Theresa & Thomas Guglielmo, Michael H., Susan Hanna, Michael A. Hitchcock, Amy M., Lorenzo Marinelli Jr., Steven Morvillo, Barbara Murphy-Fogarty, Santo Nicotra, Virginia Novaro, Alex Ortiz, Elaine Parks, Anthony Pelle Jr., Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie & Lisa R., Linda Ranallo, Gaspare Randazzo, Alexa Rigney, Scott Rofofsky, Emma Rondinelli, Caesar Russo, Jerry Scotti, Gina Sears, Lynn Sherman, 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.

Sincere Condolences

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

Giuseppe DiDonato, Philip M. Gatti, Steven Polanish, Betty Vaccaro, Michael Pimpinella Jr., Ray Marino

PARISH NEWS

Sponsor Certificates

It is an honor and privilege to be chosen as a sponsor for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. You may be required to obtain sponsor certificates from your home parish prior to the ceremony. Parishioners may contact the rectory office for more information, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 4PM.

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 at jlimeri@aol.com or 917-750-0462 or call the Parish Office, 718-984-0593

PRE-CANA Classes

The Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes. To register, click the link:

<https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be **January 23** immediately following the 7pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select wedding music at this time.

Communion for the Homebound

Please call the rectory office and we will make arrangements for a Eucharistic Minister to visit homebound parishioners.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME

If you are new to our parish and would like to register, please fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or return to the rectory. Envelopes will be mailed to you in 4 to 6 weeks.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Names of household members: _____

COVID UPDATE

All parishioners are asked to wear masks while in church regardless of vaccination status.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!

Watch Masses, Shared Homilies, and Updates from our Parish by subscribing to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish's YouTube Channel! Visit our website, olssparish.org and click "Live Video" at the bottom. This will re-direct you to our YouTube page. As a reminder, Daily Mass at 9AM as well as 11AM mass on Sundays are livestreamed.

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



PARISH NEWS

Parish Happenings

Stella Maris Rosary Makers Group

Will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the OLSS Rectory Basement. For more information, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

Ave Maria Crochet & Knitting Group

The Ave Maria Crochet & Knitting Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Maria Quadrino at 917-417-5728.

Legion of Mary

All are welcome to attend a meeting of the Legion of Mary, which meets on Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Chapel. Please join them to say the Rosary, with the meeting to follow. For more info, message them on their Facebook page, "Legion of Mary olsspraesidium".

Seton Sunday Raffle Drawing

The Seton Sunday Raffle Drawing will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021 with \$5,000 Grand Prize. If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Seton Foundation for Learning at 718-982-5084 or you can email Stephanie at Stephanie6766@aol.com

Bereavement Ministry Update

If you are in pain and just the sound of your loved one's name moves you to tears there is hope "blessed are they who mourn they shall be comforted." The bereavement group meetings have started at an outside location due to COVID. Please call Veronica Peterson 347-620-8484 to register and obtain information.

Meals on Wheels Needs Your Help!

This mission of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly, delivered through the use of volunteers, who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. We are currently feeding over 1300 seniors every day, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! As the demand for meals continues to increase, so does our need for volunteers. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your neighbors. Please call the Meals on Wheels of S.I. at 718-727- 4435 for further information.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Christmas Mass Schedule – 2021

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday, December 24

4 pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Saturday, December 25 *

7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am,
12Noon, & 1:30 pm

***There is no 4 & 5:30 Mass on 12/25**

Masses are in the Church only.

Please note that the 4 pm and 10:30 am Masses are usually very crowded, and parking may be difficult.

If necessary, you may use
the municipal lot across from
the public library on Huguenot Ave.

Please do not use the TD Bank parking lot.

Thank you!



WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the
WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260
olssparish.churchgiving.com

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

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WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

ROLL & OVERLAP EDGES & GLUE OR TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE

OVERLAP WITH OPPOSITE SIDE

This is what the finished candle should look like

1 2
4 3

WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

First Reading

Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the , in the majestic name of the Lord, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
And come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
Take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted,
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
With the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
Give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired or delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all.

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

THE GOSPEL

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

Communion: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven
Came

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted 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 every
say: "Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

2nd Communion: Immanuel

1. A sign shall be given, a Virgin will 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.

Refrain:

Immanuel, our God is with us. And if God is with us,
who could stand against us? Our God is with us,
Immanuel.

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.

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!

Preparation: See How the Virgin Waits

1. See how the Virgin waits for him; Mary in
wonder waits for him. Shake off your slumber:
come all full of wonder. Jesus is coming as the
Prince of Peace.
2. Gently she hears a distant breeze swaying the
silver olive trees. What is she thinking as the sun
is sinking, waiting the birthday of her firstborn
Son?
3. Now a new pattern on the loom; now a new
presence in the room. Waking or sleeping, all her
love she's keeping, waiting the coming of the Son
of God.

Recessional: The Whole World Is Waiting for
Love

1. We're waiting for Jesus like Mary,
We're waiting for Jesus the Lord.

Refrain: Come down, Lord Jesus!
Come quickly, Lord Jesus!
The whole world is waiting for Love,
The whole world is waiting for Love.

2. We're laying a manger for Mary,
A manger for Jesus the Lord.

3. We're making it lovely for Mary,
So lovely for Jesus the Lord.

