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the ends
of the earth
behold the
salvation
of God,
for the
Lord
comes before
you...
Rejoice
this day...

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

MASSSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:30 A.M. Sofia Totino
10:30A.M. Anna Pomo
12:00P.M. People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 A.M. Margaret Craig

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

8:00 A.M. Michael DeMasi

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:00 A.M. Victoria Horca

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – Christmas Eve

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 P.M. John & Elizabeth Prymowics &
Rose, Robert & William Rech

10:30PM Sofia Totino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS

8:30A.M. Walter Connolly, Marie Kalb & William McDonald

10:30 AM Enrico (Hank) Togna

12:00P.M. John Sharpe, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH - Feast of The HOLY FAMILY

8:30 A.M. Sarath Kariyawasam

10:30A.M. Carol & Paul Douris, Sr.

12:00P.M. Dominick & Christina Mele

SCRIPTURES:

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father. **Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

Second Reading: Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes. **Colossians 3:12-21**

Gospel: When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart. **Luke 2:41-52**

Stewardship by the Book December 19, 2021

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is still \$15. We also have Intentions for the Living & Healing Mass Cards available for weekdays.

RCIA – members and team will be decorating the Church on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 6pm.



BAPTISMS are performed the first Sunday of each month. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the rectory Mon-Fri -973-663-0211.

OLSOS CYO -There are 2 teams this year. For practice & game info please contact Eric H at Ejhoke1229@yahoo.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsosrh>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Pre-K – Grade 5

Sunday, December 19th Pre-K – 5 – 8:45-10:15 classes

MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 6-8

Sunday, December 19th - 6:30-8PM classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, December 19th - 6:30-8PM classes

NO CLASSES DECEMBER 26TH

Please remember in prayer those who are ill:

Rev. Joseph Lugo, Fr. John Cusack, Nancy Koch, Brandon Houser, Donald Campbell, Marissa Cilurso, Mike Dour, Anne Nichols, William Hymen, Dennis Besaida, Paola Salvi, Ed Lawler, Pat Gebhardt, Gerry Lopato, Henry Milkewicz, Ty Gonabe, Agnes Paulovitz, Jo Ellen Jacek, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for the deceased:** Jack Flinn, Jack Kelly, Elaine Pajewski, Geralyn Sengebusch, Kathie Papasso, Irene Cituk, Thomas Prendergast, & all who have died from COVID-19.



PARISH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Last 2 rehearsals will be on Wed. Dec. 22nd -1-2, & Thu., Dec.23rd- 7:30-9. All expected to attend 1 of the last 2 rehearsals.



THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 PM in the Auditorium. Our Pre-K, K & 1st grade students will be angels. Our 4th & 5th graders will have the main parts.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT-refreshments will follow.

DONATE A POINSETTIA –you can help our Church look beautiful for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The donation is \$25.00. Envelopes are in the pews, or call the rectory at 973-663-0211.



THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY is a beautiful reminder of that First Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable. It was donated by fashion designer Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. The figures are by Fontanini and are made in Italy. The figures are beautiful. Take a moment to pause and pray as you pass by the nativity during these days of Christmas.



Parish News!!! Our Lady Star of the Sea Rosary Altar Society is currently working on a new **Cookbook!** It's been over 20 years since "Heavenly Delights" came out. If you would like to immortalize a favorite family recipe, **please e-mail your recipe to sacinos@yahoo.com by Dec. 24, 2021.** Include your name, also prep & cook time. We are looking forward to the many sections like appetizers, entrees, desserts, beverages, barbeque, & an **INTERNATIONAL SECTION** in the Cookbook. We hope many of you will take part.

SICK OR SHUT IN-know someone who is unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up a Communion call.



CHRISTMAS WISHS

Once again this Christmas season we reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus. As we kneel before the crib we are reminded that God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world, "That the world might be saved through Him."

As we gather to celebrate this Christmas feast, may the birth of our Savior be a sign of new hope for all people and may the light of God's love radiate in the words and deeds of all who believe in Jesus as God and Savior.

May the Blessings of the Divine Child and the Love of His Mother be yours at Christmas and every day of the coming year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris



Peace Be With You

at Christmas and always

May Christ make His home in your heart

bringing you His great gift of Peace,

and in turn may Christmas Peace be

your own loving gift to your family and friends.

May your hearts and homes be filled with the joy of

Christ's enduring presence

during this Blessed Christmas Season

and throughout the New Year.

Peace and Blessings,

Jaye Hedrick



FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-12PM, 1:30-3:30PM.

Please call 973-663-0211 for an appointment time.

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi. **We are in need of:** SOUP, Oatmeal packets/canisters, COFFEE, SPAM, milk, butter, toothpaste, TP, paper towels, deodorant, laundry & dish soaps, Hair products. **NO expired items accepted. NOTE:** Monetary donations for Shoprite cards still being accepted. **Pantry is CLOSED -Dec 20-Jan 4, 2022.**



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION This year Christmas Day falls on Saturday. The Christmas collection is truly important to the Parish's financial health. We ask

you to be generous to your parish this Christmas. If your means permit, a donation of \$250 per family will help us meet our financial obligations to the Paterson Diocese for assessments, insurance & benefit premiums, as well as recent repairs and maintenance. There is only one collection on Christmas Day. Thank you for your generosity and support. Fr. Chris

CHRISTMAS TREES at ST. PAUL'S ABBEY, 297 Rte 206 So, NEWTON (1 mi south of Newton) available to choose & cut from now until Dec. 23RD, 9AM – 4PM. Please contact Br. Bernardo Lee, OSB, 973-383-2470 or www.newtonosb.org for more info and to set up a time to get your tree. **We also have The Abbey Gift Shop**-items that make ideal Christmas gifts.



Christmas Blessing

As Christmas Day draws near, we bow our heads and pray.

*We thank God for His blessings,
that He gives us every day.*

*God thank you for our family, the ones we hold dear.
For bringing us together, at this special time of year.*

*God thank you for our friendships,
Some are old and some are new.*

They help us to explore and learn a different point of view.

God thank you for our home that we fill with joy and love.

It brings us peace and comfort, a true blessing from above.

*God thank you for these precious gifts,
With you we shine so bright.*

*May the spirit of the Season,
Bless us all this Christmas night.*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18: 3:45 – 4:45 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24- 5:00PM & 10:30 PM

CAROLS BEGIN 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATE MASS IS AT 10:30 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26th-Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON

2022

Saturday, January 1, 2022 NEW YEAR'S DAY

9AM – NOT a Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st – 5P.M.

SUNDAY, January 2nd 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON

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*He shall
bring peace*



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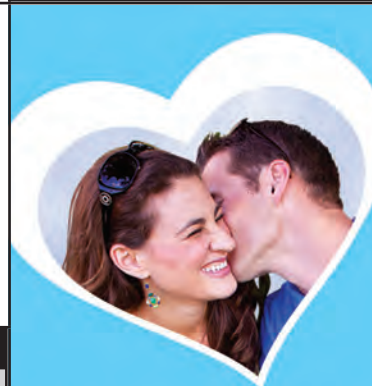


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