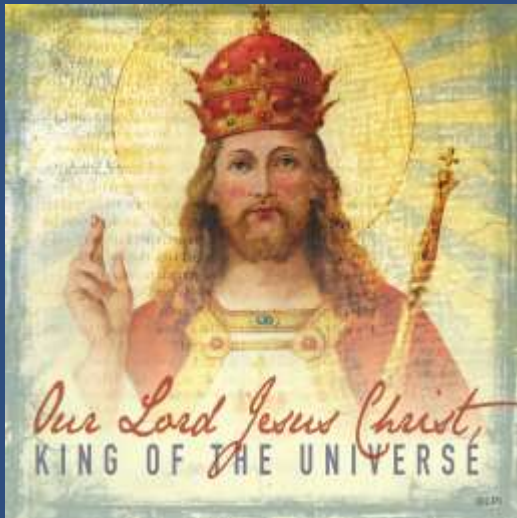


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



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Office Hours: 10:00am-5:00pm Mon & Fri 10:00am-4:00pm Wed

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am
Weekdays (Mon- Fri) 8 am
Holy Days 8 am 12 pm & 5:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30-5pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Celebrated each Sunday after the 11 am Mass. Please call the Parish Office to schedule. New parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal class arranged through the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office before finalizing any other arrangements.

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*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
For Souls In Purgatory*



The Altar Guild would like to offer all members of the Parish an opportunity to honor and remember loved by placing flowers on the altar. The book with available dates is located on the bookshelf in the lobby.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

4:30pm **Anne & Michael Gray** (req. by family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00am **Patrick O'Malley**

(req. by Godson Stephen Bourtin)

11:00am **Lewis Jackson** (req. by W.P Ryan family)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00am **For continuous love in our family**

(req. by Kijek family)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00am **Anne & J. Stewart Thorne** (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00am **For all Priests** (req. by Kijek family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00am **Patricia Hanley** (req. by family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00am **Danielle Serafin** (req. by family)

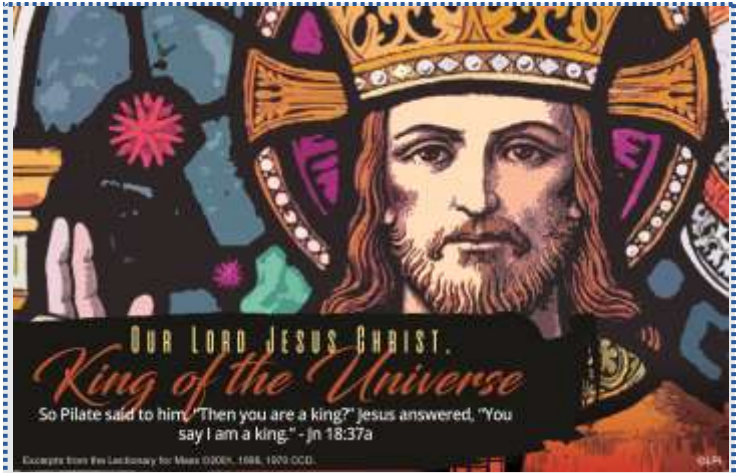
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:30pm **George Qua** (req. by W.P Ryan family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00am **Brian Zikaris** (req. by Bob & Sue Caserta)

11:00am **Katherine Schlegel** (req. by O'Rourke family)



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant? "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom. First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas Joy!

Special Advent Homilist
December 8 & 9 - All Masses



Fr. Herald Joseph Brock, CFR,

Popular speaker and Franciscan, Fr. Herald Brock, returns to OLSS as our guest Homilist sharing Reflections to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior!



Immaculate
Conception
Saturday,
December 8th
Mass Times
8am and 4:30pm



ADVENT PARTY
SUNDAY DEC. 2ND
11:15-1:00
Our Lady Star of The Sea



The Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree returns again this year. Select a gift tag from the tree and return the item by Friday, December 7, 2018.

What is needed?

Malta House:

For the babies at Malta House: hats and mittens – sizes from 6 -18 month; diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6, wipes and ointment.

For the moms: personal care items such as perfume, nail polish/remover/cotton balls, gift cards to WalMart, Kohl's, Stop & Shop and Shop Rite.

St. Joseph Parenting Center:

For the families: Cozy fleece blankets and throws

When?

The tree will decorated with gift tags on handmade ornaments by Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018 Gifts should be returned unwrapped by Friday, December 7, 2018.

Elves Needed: Volunteers to gift wrap over 200 toys for the children of our clients on Thursday, December 6th in 3 hour shifts (9.30 -12 - 12.30- 3.30pm)



Christmas Tree Sale

OLSS is once again having the annual Christmas Tree Sale on the weekend of December 1st-2nd and 8th. As in the past we are having fresh cut Fraser and Douglas fir tree from a family farm in Pennsylvania delivered to us. There will be free local delivery of the trees. All profits go to Our Lady Star of the Sea. We still need volunteers to help setup and sell them on the weekends.

We need help for a couple hours on Friday the 4th at 3pm to set up and then 10am—6pm on each Saturday and Sunday, to sell, trim and deliver the trees. If you have pick up trucks, we would appreciate your help to deliver around the point. Please call our parish office or Bob Unnold 203.550.1578 to let us know if you can help!



Wanted! All Children ages Kindergarten and up to participate in our traditional Christmas Eve Pageant, Dec 24th at 4pm.

Rehearsal attendance required: We meet the Saturdays in December from 5.30 to 6pm (following the vigil mass) Saturday Dec 1, 8, 15 and 22.

If your child would like to participate but cannot attend the first rehearsal, please let Ruth Rolander know by email before that date:
[Ruth Rolander](mailto:ruthrolander@gmail.com) ruthrolander@gmail.com

Christmas Card Signing

You are invited to sign Christmas Cards for the residents of St. Camillus Residence and visitors to New Covenant Center.

A table will be set up on the weekend of December 15th

