

OCTOBER 18, 2026



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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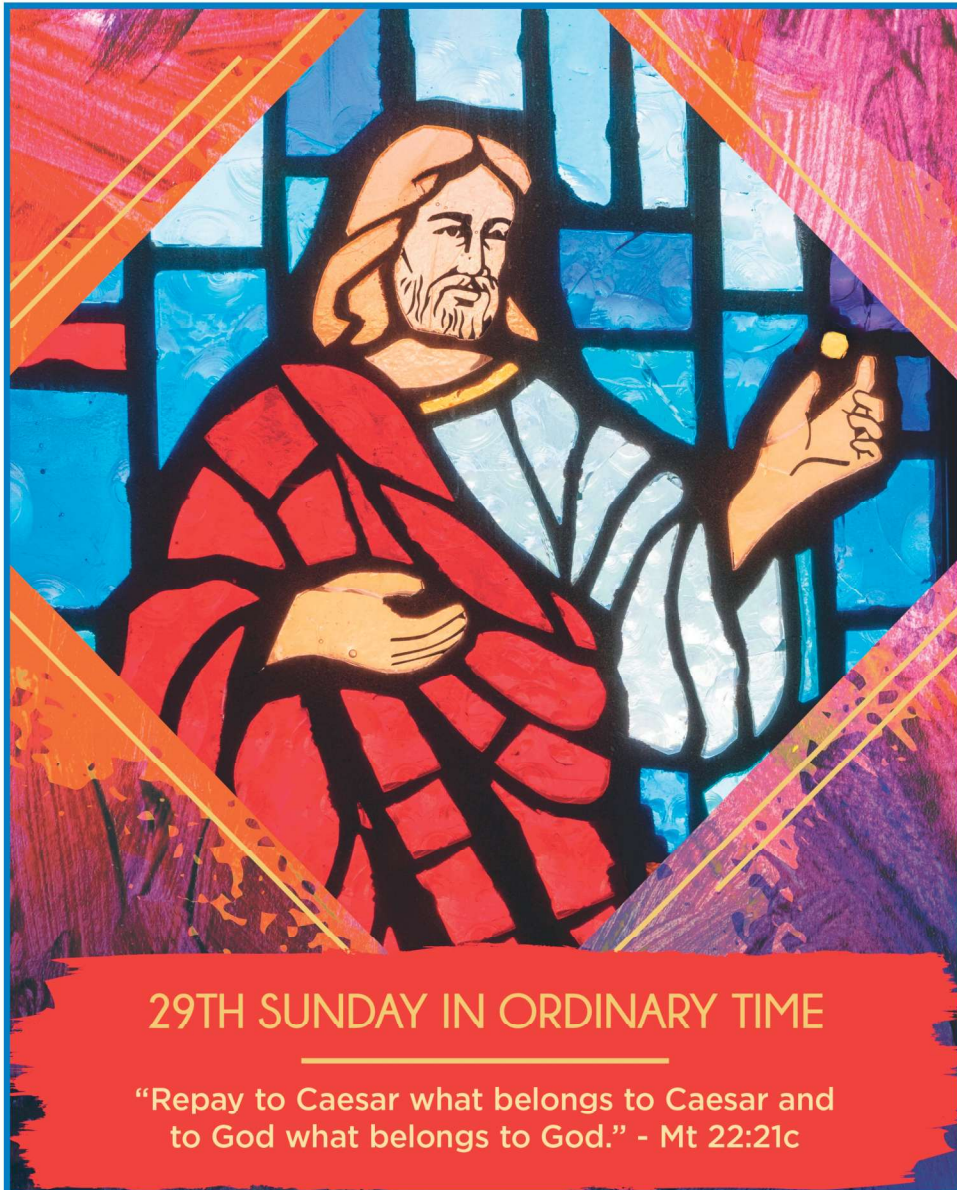
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"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 5:30pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

Holy Days

8:00 am, 12:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday | 4:30 - 5:00pm
Other | By Appointment

Adoration

First Friday of the Month
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Sunday | 12:15pm
New parents must attend a
Pre-Baptismal class.
Contact Parish Office.

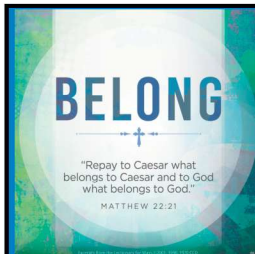
MARRIAGE

Arrangements through the
Parish Office.

PRAYER AND READINGS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
in celebration of the
6th Birthday of John Day
requested by his family



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MATTHEW 22:15-21**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:30PM MAURA G. KANE (REQ. BY FAMILY)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00AM HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY JOHN DAY, LOVE MOM & DAD

11:00AM GIUSEPPE, ROSA & BEN GROSSI

(REQ. BY MASONE & MARTINO FAMILY)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00AM ANNA WACHOWSKI

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00AM WILLY HENRIQUEZ (REQ. BY DINORAH HENRIQUEZ)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00AM IRENE & FRANCISZEK BAJOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00AM ERIC BRENNAN (REQ. BY FAMILY)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00AM MICHAEL F. & MICHAEL J. HOURICAN

(REQ. BY FAMILY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:30PM MIRE, KOL, MARASH & LULJETA GJURAJ

(REQ. BY VERA & AGGIE GJURAJ)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00AM DOLORES PACELLI

11:00AM JOAN PERNA (REQ. BY KERRY SCHMEILER)

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.
— Father John Muir ©LPI

The OLSS Mass Book for 2027 is now open.

Contact the Parish Office to reserve your masses. Requested mass offering is \$15 for a mass (\$20 with a card). Sanctuary Candle offering is \$25 for the week. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

- 18 World Mission Sunday
- 24 Person 2 Person Coat Drive Drop-Off
- 25 Youth Group Meeting
- 31 **Vigil Mass begins at 4:30**

November

- 1 All Saints Day Party - 1:30 - 3:00 pm
- 2 All Souls Memorial Mass
- 3 Election Day Bake Sale
- 6 First Friday Adoration - 8:30 - 12:00 noon
- 6 New Covenant Center First Friday Lunch
- 15 Youth Group Meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 29 First Sunday of Advent

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

	10/11/26	10/12/25
Offertory	\$10,220	\$3,954

The second collection this week is for Mission Sunday
Thank you for your generous support.



For more information, please
go to the website
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NEWS AND EVENTS

FORMING FAITH



Calling Parents of Catholic School 2nd Graders:
Please contact Dr. Pamela Garra by **October 25** so your children will be included in the May 2027 OLSS First Communion Preparation. Thank you!

Please email Dr. Pamela Garra at DRE@OLSS.Church

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all parishioners, parents, new residents and those visiting Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Get Involved! We need you!

Our Lady Star of the Sea

All Saints Day

PARTY
SUNDAY, NOV. 1 1:30 - 3:00PM

Food, games, costume contest - come dressed as your favorite saint
Families and children welcome!

To register: tinyurl.com/OLSSAllSaints26

Election Day Bake Sale



It's time to get ready for our annual Election Day Bake Sale!
Tuesday, November 3

We need bakers as well as volunteers to help throughout the day.

The bake sale runs from 8am to 6pm.

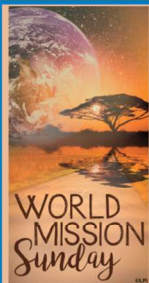
Thank you for your support of this great event. Start planning your menu. Contact Kate Ingram, kateingram0215@gmail.com



New Covenant Center

First Friday Meals - Friday, November 6
The new kitchen is ready!

Helpers needed to shop, prepare and serve
Please contact Krystyna Vaughan,
Krystyna06902@gmail.com



World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on **Sunday, October 18, 2026**. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment
"with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit"
Thank you for your generous support.

CHANGE IN



MASS TIMES

Our Saturday Vigil Mass will begin at 4:30pm starting October 31st.

Drive Thru



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COAT DRIVE

HATS & GLOVES TOO

HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORS WARM!

WE ARE COLLECTING NEW OR GENTLY USED WINTER COATS AND NEW GLOVES AND HATS ON BEHALF OF PERSON TO PERSON.

DRIVE -THRU DROP OFF
OLSS PARKING LOT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
11AM TO 1 PM



If you cannot make the DRIVE-THRU on October 24, please drop your donations in the coat donation box in the Lobby of the Church during the week of **October 17-24**. The coats should be clean, in very good to excellent condition (not torn or worn out).

All sizes are needed -
men, women and children - boys and girls.
Gloves and hats should be new or unused.

Questions? Email OLSSOutreachMinistry@gmail.com

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.