

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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.

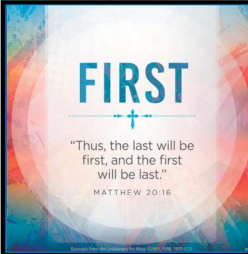
MARRIAGE

Arrangements through the
Parish Office.

PRAYER AND READINGS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
in memory of the
Eric Brennan
requested by his family



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SEPT. 20, 2026
MATTHEW 20: 1-16**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:30PM DENNIS CREMMINS (REQ. BY HIS FAMILY)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00AM JULIE ANN CARROLL (REQ. BY HAJJAR FAMILY)

11:00AM CARMELA LOMBARDI (REQ. BY ANGELA MASONE)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00am SR. CATHERINE CHARLES, SNDcN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00AM MSGR. EDWARD J. HUSSEY, 33RD ANNIVERSARY
(REQ. BY SHELAGH RYAN)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00AM ANNA & EDWARD WACHOWSKI

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00AM EDWARD S. CZESCIK (REQ. BY FAMILY)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30PM EDWARD PETTI (REQ. BY HIS FAMILY)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00AM PARISHIONERS OF OLSS

11:00AM EILEEN & JOHN O'SULLIVAN (REQ. BY FAMILY)

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

The OLSS Mass Book for 2027 is now open.

Stop by, call or email the Parish Office to reserve your masses for 2026 & 2027. Requested mass offering is \$15 for a mass (\$20 with a card). Sanctuary Candle offering is \$25 for the week. Thank you for your support.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

	<u>9/13/26</u>	<u>9/14/25</u>
Offertory	\$4,332	\$4,975
Catholic Univ	\$ 344	\$ 672

Thank you for your generous support.



For more information,
please go to the website

www.ourladystaroftheseastamford.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

- 20 Forming Faith Classes Begin for most students
- 21 Forming Faith (Catholic School) 6th Grade Begins 6-7:30
- 27 OLSS Youth Group Meeting - 6-8PM
- 30 World Youth Day - Reservation Deadline

October

- 4 Forming Faith New Parent Orientation - 10:30AM
- 4 Blessing of the Animals at 12:00
- 4 OLSS Book Club
- 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

NEWS AND EVENTS

FORMING FAITH



Welcome back!

Some important news:

- **Catholic Schools students in 6th Grade preparing to be Confirmed with the OLSS Class in 2028 need to be enrolled now.**

Classes start on Monday, Sept. 21 from 6-7:30 pm. Please email DRE@OLSS.Church for a registration form **TODAY**.

- There will be an important **Parent Orientation Meeting** on Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 for families who are new to the Forming Faith program at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Returning families are welcome, too!
- This weekend, visit the lovely Art Exhibit in the Church Vestibule prepared by the Level 1+ children during the 2025-26 school year.

Forming Faith Classes Start Sept 20

Sunday, Sept. 20 - Levels 1+ and 2
Monday, Sept. 21 - Level 3+ Year 1
Sunday, Oct. 4 - Level 3+ Year 2
Sunday, Oct. 4 - Forming Faith Orientation - 10:30 AM

Questions? Please email DRE@OLSS.Church



JUBILEE YEAR FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OCTOBER 4

Pope Leo XIV declared 2026 to be a Jubilee year to commemorate St. Francis on the 800 Year Anniversary of his death in 1226.

ON THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 4TH, OLSS WILL CELEBRATE!

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and ecology. The lessons from his life emphasize simplicity, peace, service to others, especially the poor, preserving the environment and his great love of the Lord and all His creatures.

Let's celebrate this Jubilee Year by:

- Reciting the new Prayer to St. Francis initiated by Pope Leo XIV at all Masses
- Singing "Lord Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"
- Blessing the Animals - 12:00 Noon Sunday

Please join us!



Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi Sunday, Oct. 4th on the Church lawn at 12:00 Bring your finned, furry, flying and fluffy friends for a special blessing by Fr. Peter.

THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF STAMFORD

**Open House 12 - 2 pm
November 1, 2026**

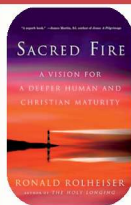
- Visit classrooms and meet our teachers, Head of School, Admissions Director, CAS parents, and students.
- Explore our new Saint Carlo Acutis Education Wing, featuring our brand-new Science Lab, Art Room and middle school classrooms
- Click on QR Code to register

admissions@CASCT.org

www.casct.org



OLSS BOOK CLUB



Sacred Fire by Ronald Rolheiser

October 4, 2026 3:30 - 5 pm

Discussion will be led

by Deacon Vincent at 76 Auldwood Rd.

For more info, contact Krystyna Vaughan,

Krystyna06902@gmail.com



**World Youth Day 2027
August 1 - 10, 2027**

Reservation Deadline: Sept 30, 2026

World Youth Day (WYD) is a massive international gathering organized by the Catholic Church for youth and young adults. Initiated by Pope St. John Paul II in 1985, the event brings together hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from across the globe to celebrate their faith, engage in prayer, and encounter the Pope.

For more information, go to

<https://formationreimagined.org/world-youth-day-2027/>

OLSS Coordinator: Alison Malloy Creanza,

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**OLSS
YOUTH
GROUP**

**GRADES
6-12**

**MEETS 1 SUNDAY/MONTH,
1ST MEETING SEPT. 27
SCAN TO REGISTER:**



6-8 PM

**MONTHLY MEETINGS INCLUDE MASS, DINNER, & FUN
OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP**