

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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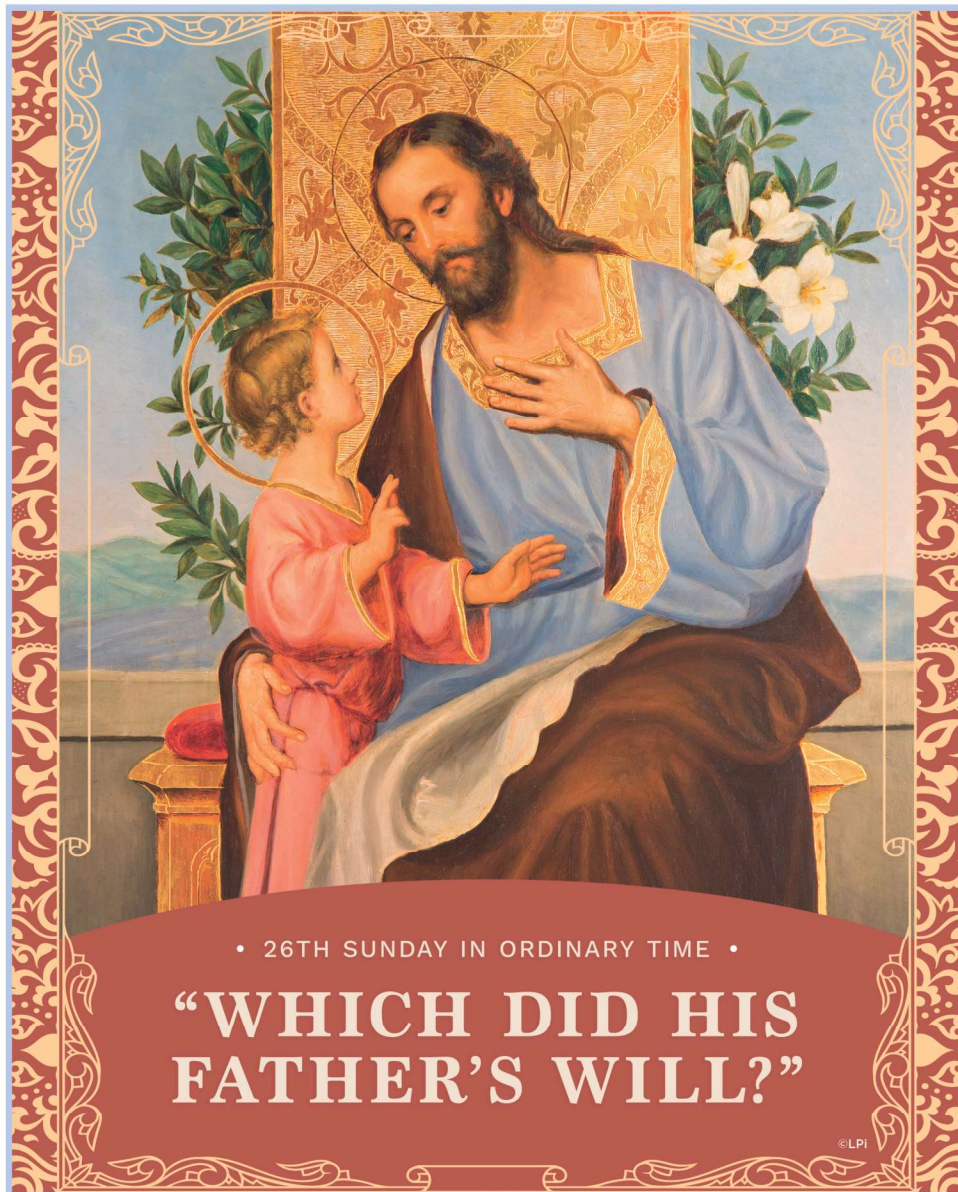
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Weekend Mass

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.

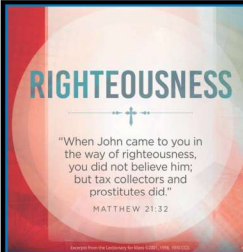
MARRIAGE

Arrangements through the
Parish Office.

PRAYER AND READINGS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
in memory of the
Stephanie Condlin Drobenare
requested by her family



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SEPT. 27, 2026
MATTHEW 21:28-32**

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00AM CONTINUOUS BLESSINGS FOR PAT BRENNAN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00AM TEKLA & JOZEF BODZIONY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00AM MARIA GRAZIA BUONTEMPO

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00AM MICHAEL MAGEE (REQ. BY FAMILY)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00AM DONALD EUGENE RILEY (REQ. BY SUSAN RILEY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:30PM MICHAEL PICCIALLO (REQ. BY FAMILY)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00AM ROBERT WALES MCLAIN (REQ. BY FAMILY)

11:00AM HUGH C. RYAN - 16TH ANNIVERSARY
(REQ. BY FAMILY)

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: *Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.*

— 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

- 27 OLSS Youth Group Meeting - 6-8PM
- 30 World Youth Day - Reservation Deadline

October

- 2 First Friday Adoration
- 4 Forming Faith New Parent Orientation - 10:30AM
- 4 Blessing of the Animals at 12:00
- 4 OLSS Book Club
- 7 Children Pray Rosary for Peace - 4pm
- 24 Person 2 Person Coat Drive Drop-Off

November

- 3 Election Day Bake Sale

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

	<u>9/20/26</u>	<u>9/21/25</u>
Offertory	\$5,578	\$4,247

The second collection next week will support the
Diocese seminarian fund and OLSS Utilities.

Thank you for your generous support.



For more information, please
go to the website

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NEWS AND EVENTS

FORMING FAITH



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!

Forming Faith Class Information

Sunday, Oct. 4 - Level 3+ Year 1

Sunday, Oct. 4 - Forming Faith Parent Orientation - 10:30 am

Questions? Please email DRE@OLSS.Church

1,000,000 children of the world pray for peace
October 1-7, 2026



Please join us at
OLSS with your children
for "1,000,000 Children Praying
the Rosary" for peace
on
Wednesday, October 7th at
4:00 pm.
Rosaries and instructions for
praying the Rosary
will be available.



Thank you!

The Parish Picnic was a great success, despite the challenging weather conditions on Sunday, September 13. When the sun came out at about 3pm, the grills were blazing, covered with hot dogs and hamburgers. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets, sold hand painted shells for donation to the parish or donated in any kind. Through your support, we covered all expenses and made a generous contribution to parish maintenance fund.

Special thanks to these generous vendors:

Shop Rite the Cingari Family, Wheel Restaurant, Tomato Tomato Restaurant, Kin Social Restaurant, Brennan's by the Beach, Westcott Cove Wine and Spirits, Equinox Fitness, Complete Demolition Services (CDS), The Palace Stamford Theatre, JL Golf Academy, Trader Joe's, DK Household Brands, Mondelez International.

And thank you to all our wonderful volunteers: Those who contributed to baskets, those who built the beautiful presentation of baskets and silent auction items, those who sold tickets, supported communications, the grillers, the salad makers, the bakers, the pierogi maker and servers, the bartenders, the servers, the face-painters and craft makers, those who set up and broke down the tables and chairs, those who donated food, refreshments and spirits, those who fought the elements to be present.

It was a wonderful day!



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.

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!

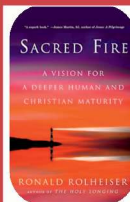


Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi Sunday, Oct. 4th on the Church lawn at 12:00 Bring your finned, furry, flying and fluffy friends for a special blessing by Fr. Peter.



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
October 2, 2026
8:30 - Noon
Come spend some time with the Lord*

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,
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**OLSS
YOUTH**

6-8 PM

**GRADES
6-12**

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

