

OCTOBER 4, 2026



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be
taken away from you and given to a people that will
produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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.

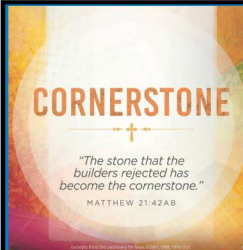
MARRIAGE

Arrangements through the
Parish Office.

PRAYER AND READINGS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
in memory of the
Catherine (Cathy) Cingari
requested by her family



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MATTHEW 21: 33-43**

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00AM CATHERINE CINGARI (REQ. BY MARY DONOVAN)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00AM MICHAEL F. HOURICAN (REQ. BY GRANDCHILDREN)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00AM MARK IWASZKIEWICZ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00AM MARY & ARCANGEL PACELLI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:30PM KEPLER PADILLA (REQ. BY DENISE CAMPOS)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00AM JOSE PASTILHA (REQ. BY ELSA NETO)

11:00AM SALLY R. SWEENEY - 15TH ANNIVERSARY
(REQ. BY FAMILY)

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "**leased it to tenants and went on a journey**" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir
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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

- 2 First Friday Adoration - 8:30 - 12:00 noon
- 4 Forming Faith New Parent Orientation - 10:30AM
- 4 St. Francis Celebration at all Masses
- 4 Blessing of the Animals at 12:00
- 4 OLSS Book Club at 3:30pm
- 7 Children Pray Rosary for Peace - 4pm
- 24 Person 2 Person Coat Drive Drop-Off
- 25 Youth Group Meeting

November

- 3 Election Day Bake Sale
- 6 First Friday Adoration - 8:30 - 12:00 noon
- 6 New Covenant Center First Friday Lunch

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

9/27/26 **9/28/25**
***** **\$5,220**

Offertory

*****Not available at publication time.

The second collection this 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!

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.

st. francis pet blessing



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.

WELCOME! *Welcome*

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

Get Involved!

There are many excellent ways to participate in the parish through our ministries. Do you like to cook or sing or decorate or organize or serve others or participate in the Liturgy of the Mass? Try one thing - bake for the Election Day Bake Sale or drop off a coat, sweater or hat at the Coat Drop-Off. Check the weekly bulletin and answer the call.

We need you!



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 THIS 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:

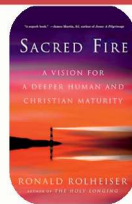
- Reciting the new Prayer to St. Francis initiated by Pope Leo XIV at all Masses
 - Singing "Lord Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"
 - Blessing the Animals - 12:00 Noon Sunday
- Please join us!



This Sunday we pray for those who are answering the Lord's call to the priesthood.

All-powerful Father, protect your sons who are preparing for the priesthood so they may one day become ardent and gentle shepherds for your church.

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



Celebrating new life in Christ through Baptism

Reese Melina Cingari



Rosary Weekend - Oct 3-4
May Our Lady of the Rosary watch over our diocese and may she accompany each of us as we continue our journey of faith together toward Jesus Christ.

Bishop Caggiano has announced a this new Marian devotion to ask for Mother Mary's help during these challenging days.