

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



1200 SHIPPAN AVENUE, STAMFORD, CT 06902

Parish Office: 203.324.4634

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

DECEMBER 2, 2018

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am
Weekdays (Mon- Fri) 8 am
Holy Days 8 am 12 pm & 5:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4pm 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.

DIRECTORY


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 *The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
For All Parishioners*



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, 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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am **All Parishioners**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00am **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00am **Souls in Purgatory**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00am **Special Intention**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00am **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Neto family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

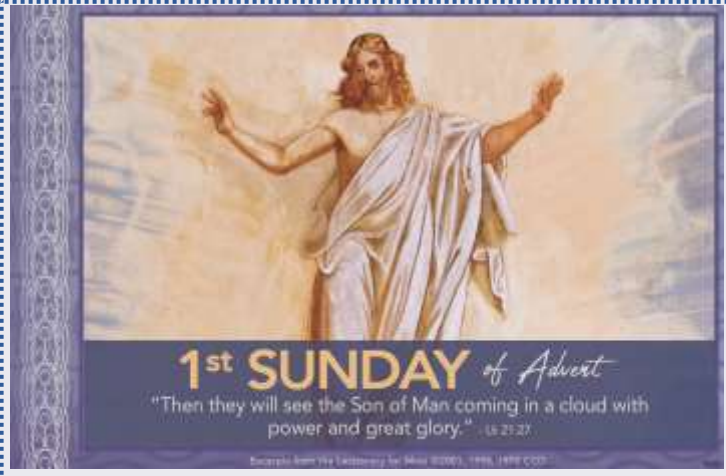
8:00am **All Parishioners**

4:30pm **Marianne Morrissey** (req. by W.P Ryan family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00am **Abel Aldave** (req. by family)

11:00am **Luke Gauthier Jr** (req. by Grandparents)



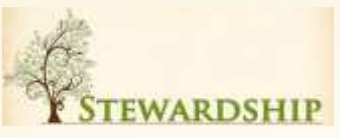
1st Sunday of Advent

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (11-25-18)
\$ 3,827;
Last Year (11-26-17)
\$ 4,778;

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
11:00-12:30
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.

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)



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 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!

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



OLSS: Rosary Prayer Group

Please join the rosary prayer group on Saturday, Dec. 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, to pray rosary. We will gather inside the church at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Questions or prayer requests

Mary Sabato; marytso718@gmail.com or call 914-714-5806