



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Pastor

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Trustees

Betty Brennan
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Rich Kondub

Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

Director of Music

Michael Alderman

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Natalia Anderson

Parish Secretary

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am
Holy Days: 8am, 12 pm & 5:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm -5pm
and by appointment

Devotions

The Rosary is prayed daily 20 min.
before Mass and the Miraculous
Medal novena on Mondays.

Baptisms

Celebrated on Sundays at 1:00pm.
New parents must attend a Pre-
Baptismal class. Please make
arrangements through the Parish
Office.

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office

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Stamford, CT 06902

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Phone

203-324-4634

Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday
12:45 to 2:45

Parish Membership

To join our parish community,
please complete our Registration
Form. Print it from the OLSS
website and return completed
forms to the church or to the
parish office.

Ministries

Evangelization—Scott Heekin-Canedy

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Music—Michael Alderman

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*The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week for
Meghan Butler*

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

5:30pm C. J. Kane (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:00am Giuseppe, Rosa & Ben Grossi (req. by family)

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

8:00am Gretchen M. Forrester (req. by Kuczynski family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

8:00am Rita Maguire—6th Anniversary
(req. by the Keogh family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00am Urban Family (req. by family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

8:00am Creithton Kane (req. by family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

8:00am Leokadia Uzieblo

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:30pm Narcisa Garcia

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:00am **Eileen O'Sullivan** (req. by Hanna family)

11:00am Ernie DeFilippis (req. by AC & Michael)



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (3-8-20)

\$ 6,679;

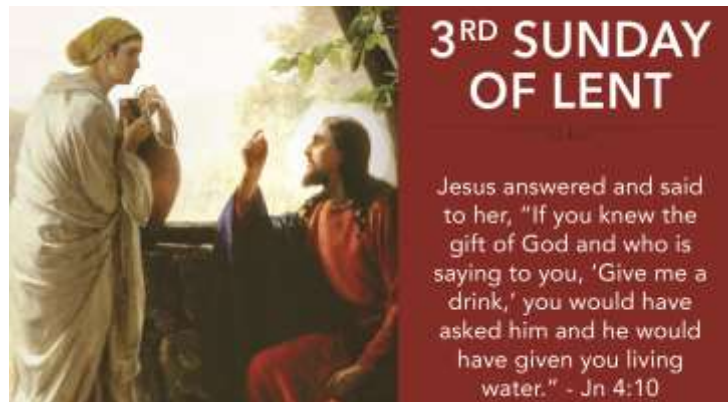
Last Year (3-10-19)

\$ 3,495;



Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm –5pm
and by appointment



We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

We welcome our newly baptized parishioner:

Nicolas Andrew Taylor



LEARN WHERE YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED



Come and explore the many Ministry and Community volunteer opportunities available!

Saturday, March 21st 6:30 - 7:30pm
Wine & Cheese

Sunday, March 22nd 9:00 - 12:30pm
Coffee, Juice, Mimosas, Baked Goods

Special volunteer recognition
Sunday, 12:00 - 12:30

✚ Children's Activities

✚ Raffles and Prizes

Lent is a time for change of heart...

Please join with our Faith Formation children as they collect spare change throughout the Lenten season to help provide clean drinking water to those in need. Please deposit your coins in the water bottle located in the lobby of the Church. Your spare change will change the lives of many!

All money donated will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist in their work to bring clean water to areas affected by drought, war and the absence of clean water. Thank you for your generosity.



Why do we have Stations of the Cross?

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

Letters from the Desert

OLSS Book Club

March 29* from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

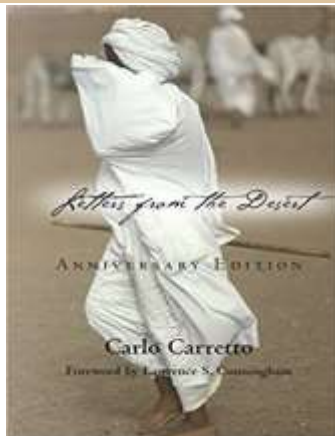
OLSS Meeting Room

Discussion led by Deacon

Gauthier Vincent. The book can

be purchased online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Please respond if you plan to join: krystyna06902@gmail.com



This Week at OLSS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 am Family Mass
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 10:00 am "Welcome New Parishioners"
- 11:00 am Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena

TUESDAY MARCH 17

- 8:00 am Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 am Daily Mass

- 10:00 am Knitting

THURSDAY MARCH 19

- 8:00 am Daily Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 21

- 4:30 pm Confessions
- 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- 6:30 pm Volunteer Fair

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:00 am Family Mass
- 9:30 am to 12:30 pm "Volunteer Fair"
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Mass