



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community  
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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## Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Smolik,  
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## Trustees

Betty Brennan  
Tom Kuczynski

## Parish Council Chair

Joe Dineen

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Rich Kondub

## Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

## Director of Music

Michael Alderman

## Children's Choir

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 12:00pm.  
New parents must attend a Pre-  
Baptismal class. Please make  
arrangements through the Parish  
Office.

## Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office.

## Parish Office

### Address

1200 Shippan Ave.  
Stamford, CT 06902

### Email

olssparishoffice@gmail.com

### Phone

203-324-4634

### Office Hours

Monday 1:00 - 4:00  
Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00

## 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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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary  
Candle burns in memory of  
Tim Hanna &  
Nora O'Sullivan*



23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."  
- Mt 18:15



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:30pm Victor Portanova (req. by Family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00am Luciano Lombardi

(req. by Gaetano & Carmina Lombardi))

11:00am Jose Pastilha (req. by Neto Family)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00am Donna Devarti (req. by Elena Fidaleo)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00am **Fr. Michael O'Brien** (req. by the Ryan Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am All Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am Leokadia & Henryk Uzieblo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:30pm Floerence F. Frangione

(req. by Vito & Gizella Tiriolo)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00am Deceased Members of the Mallozzi/Grossi Families

(req. by family)

11:00am Donna Devarti (req. by Carmela & Rick Bria)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:**



**This Year (8-30-20)**

**\$ 1,472;**

**Last Year (9-1-19)**

**\$ 3,057;**

With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting everyday life, we thank you for your continued support and wish you health and peace. As we adapt to these unprecedented circumstances, OLSS will continue to serve our parishioners as best we can. We hope that you will continue to serve your Parish as best as you can.

On-Line Giving is available. Please visit our website for additional information: [ourladystaroftheseastamford.org](http://ourladystaroftheseastamford.org)

We are accepting Venmo for "touchless donating" @OLSS-Stamford and our Donation Box is always available during all Masses.

All methods of donating will be calculated on your Year End Tax Deductible Statement.

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.



## Robert Franklin Newhouse



### SHIPPAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

Christian men seeking Christ in their daily lives and ministering to each other. We meet every other Saturday at 7:30am at 76 Auldwood Road in the yard. All men are welcomed, no matter what Christian denomination and no matter how long since you last set foot in a church. For information, talk to Fr. Peter or email Gauthier Vincent at [dnvincent@diobpt.org](mailto:dnvincent@diobpt.org).



September 9, 2020 + 7:00pm + St. Mary Church, 566 Elm St., Stamford

A Rosary for Peace and Unity will prayed in multiple languages

To attend in person, reserve your spot as seating is limited: call 203-324-7321  
Virtual viewing at [bridgeportdiocese.org](http://bridgeportdiocese.org)



[formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org)

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING CODE,  
PASSCODE AND LINK FOR:

### DAILY ROSARY VIA ZOOM



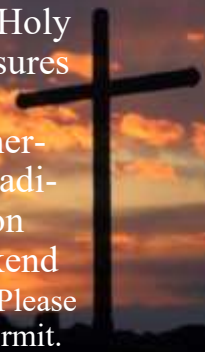
Join fellow OLSS Parishioners for a live Rosary everyday.

M-F @ 4:30pm  
S-S @ 4:00pm

Meeting ID: 724 106 329  
Passcode: 5jZxtq

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724106329?pwd=UjEyV2dwMHJxVzZkvaDNLRTVua3dndz09>

Every year on Good Friday a collection is taken to support the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. This year, since measures to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus prohibited gatherings in our Churches, the traditional Good Friday collection was postponed to next weekend September 12 & 13, 2020. Please be as generous as your means permit.



**If you are using one of our On-Line Giving resources and would like to stop receiving paper envelopes, please contact the Parish Office by September 22, 2020; before the next envelope mailing. Thank you.**

### [A Prayer for Labor Day](#)

Good and Gracious God,  
You created human beings in Your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom. Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life -- to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God. Amen.

