



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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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

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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
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Ministries

Evangelization—Scott Heekin-Canedy

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Music—Michael Alderman

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary
Candle burns in memory of
Herbert Gerard*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:30pm Florennce 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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00am John Considine (req. by Michael Chesonis)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00am Luis Segovia (req. by Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00am All Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am Herbert Gerard (req. by Antonia Gerard)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:30pm Richard Rich (req. by Family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00am Gerald Fox, Jr. (req. by Marikay & Bill Willson)

11:00am Anita Connelly (req. by Jackie Connolly)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year (9/6/20)

\$ 2,582;

Last Year (9/8/19)

\$ 3,758;

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

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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?



James Richard
Ditter &
Alexzandra
Georgina Lall



HOMEFRONT

HomeFront Day will take place on **Saturday, October 3**. All work will be performed outdoors: painting, clean-up and gardening. COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place: social distancing, hand sanitizers, masks, gloves and other necessary PPE will be provided. For more information or if you would like to participate, please contact Ken Wiegand, kcwiegand@aol.com, 203-249-1890.

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.

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING CODE,
PASSCODE AND LINK FOR:

DAILY ROSARY VIA ZOOM



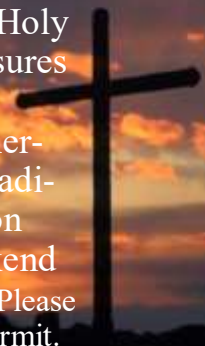
Join fellow OLSS Parishioners for a live Rosary everyday.

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

Meeting ID: 724 106 329
Passcode: 5jZxtq

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724106329?pwd=UjEyV2dwMHJxVzkvaDNLRTVua3dndz09>

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.

