



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

Address

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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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*This week the Sanctuary
Candle burns in memory of
Phyllis Deshield*



25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00am Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00am Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00am All Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00am Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30pm Gene Rusin (req. by Family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00am **John & Eileen O’Sullivan**

(req. by Children & Grandchildren)

11:00am Ann & Michael Gray (req. family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year (9/13/20)

\$ 1,423;

Last Year (9/15/19)

\$ 2,857;

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.

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God’s wisdom and God’s ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God’s presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn’t square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that’s okay.



Ryan James
Galvin

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.

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.



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.

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>



Our Confirmandi will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 4th at 2:30pm. Please keep them in your prayers.



Our Communicants will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, October 10th with 2 ceremonies at 10:00am and 12:00 noon. Please also keep these young children in your prayers.