



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Director of Music

Michael Alderman

Children's Choir

Natalia Anderson

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 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 Sundays at 12:15pm.
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.
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Email

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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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*This week the
Sanctuary Candle burns for
Rose M. Surwilo
from the OLSS Star Knitters*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

4:30pm Ginny Tiriolo (req. by Vito & Gizella Tiriolo)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00am Michael Ciuffo (req. by Family)

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00am William J. Carello (req. by Children)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00am Bolek Tokarz (req. by Iwaszkiewicz Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00am Rose M. Surwilo (req. by Meg Broderick)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00am Patrick Broderick

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00am Kol, Marsh & Lulgeta Gjuraj
(req. by Vera, Agi & Moire Gjuraj)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

4:30pm Elena Medved (req. by Tim Sutin)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00am Souls in Purgatory (req. by Joe & Angela Masone)

11:00am Gerald Fox, Jr.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door
for us!' But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do
not know you.'"
- Mt 25:11-12

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (11/1/20)
\$ 2,335;
Last Year (11/3/19)
\$ 3,953;

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.



We are so pleased to announce that as of November, our Online Giving is taking on a new look and is available for weekly offerings, Holy Days, Special Collections, One Time Gifts, Faith Formation fees, etc. This new option makes use of current technology and security standards, it also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

Online Giving Member Benefits

- **Secure and confidential.** No need to share payment information with the church office.
- **Efficient.** Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.
- **Simple.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Convenient.** No need to write a check or have cash available.

Start giving online today!

1. Visit our church website at <https://www.ourladystaroftheseastamford.org/> and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. **Schedule your recurring or one time gifts. It's that easy!**

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the church office: 203-324-4634. God Bless..

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
LOOKING FOR 24 FAMILIES
TO BAKE PUMPKIN BREAD**

It's pumpkin bread baking time again! Due to the pandemic we are employing **all "take home and bake" kits this year.** Each kit will have all the ingredients needed and specific instructions to make 3 loaves of bread; all you need to supply is water, eggs and love! The kits will be available for pick up on Wednesday 11/11 from 1:15 till 5:00 and Saturday 11/14 from 4:00 till 6:00pm. All baked breads must be returned to OLSS on Sunday, November 15 between 9:00am and noon for delivery to St. Joseph Parenting Center. If you have any questions please contact Adriana Tuttilo: atuttilo35@gmail.com or 203-918-6083.

Dear Parishioners,

This year's 'Harvesting Help Food Drive' is replacing our annual Thanksgiving Family Feast Food Bag Collection. All food collected at the Harvesting Help Food Drive will go directly to (NCC) New Covenant Center (whose needs have increased dramatically. Ms. Juliette (Jules) Ingram, a young parishioner and Girl Scout, has stepped forward to lead this project.

We hope that you support this program with the enthusiasm and generosity you have always shown in the past.

HARVESTING HELP
Coronavirus Comeback Food Drive

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
ANY TIME ANY DAY -
DROP OFF IN THE
CHURCH ATRIUM**

Volunteers available:

Oct. 31st:
3:00-4:30 p.m., 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Nov. 1st:
8:00-9:00 a.m., 10:00-11:00 a.m.,
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Nov. 3rd:
7:00-9:00 a.m., 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 7th:
3:30-4:30 p.m., 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Nov. 8th:
8:00-9:00 a.m., 10:00-11:00 a.m.,
12:00-1:00 p.m.



All donations will benefit the New Covenant Center



Maris Stella Roisin O'Hara

Our 2021 Daily/Weekend Mass Book is available. Please call or stop by the Parish Office or contact olssparishoffice@gmail.com to reserve your Masses for 2021.