



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Confirmation

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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.
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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Stay Strong. Have Faith. Trust God.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





*This week the
Sanctuary Candle burns for
Ralph Antonacci
from the OLSS Rosary Group*



Mass Intentions

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00am Deceased Members of the Berisha & Gjuraj Families (req. by Vera, Agi & Moire)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00am Aleksander Iwaszkiewicz (req. by Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00am Vincent Surwilo (req. by Neil & Meg Broderick)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00am Fr. Robert Staunton (req. by the Hanna Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00am Evelyn Mahan (req. by Family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:30pm Jose Pastilha & Christian Pastilha
(req. by Neto Family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am Thomas Farrelly (req. by Family)

11:00am Joseph Pangonis (req. by Vito & Gizella Tiriolo)



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and
faithful servant."
— Mt 25:21

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (11/8/20)

\$ 1,801;

Last Year (11/10/19)

\$ 2,898;

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.



Welcome back...

WE
NEED
YOU

Religious Education

It has been too long since our children have had the opportunity to share their faith and we miss them dearly here at OLSS. If you have a child at home we hope that you have been taking your responsibility as a Catholic parent to lead them in their growing faith journey.

We are trying slowly and safely to get back into our Faith Formation Program. Here is a summary of our upcoming ideals:

1. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3years to Kindergarten

Parent Pages distributed weekly through email. Classes *may* resume in person depending on the interest.

2. Faith Formation grades 1st through 8th

We will begin with a socially distanced Thanksgiving activity, 4 sessions during Advent and then hope to resume classes (in-person and virtually) in January. **We are looking for volunteers to help out in many ways. This can only work if we have willing volunteers. Please consider helping out.**

3. Sacrament preparation TBD

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Dee Fumega olssdre@yahoo.com or text 203-219-2244 and leave your name you will receive a return phone call.

2nd Collection November 21/22, 2020

A special collection will be taken at all Masses for the "Health and Welfare for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The funds contributed will be used exclusively to meet the needs of the retired priests of our diocese. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good

Join Us For
Thanksgiving Mass

At 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 26, 2020



Welcome to
Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

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..



Founded in 1998, Malta House is poised for growth and is looking for someone who wants to make a measurable and meaningful impact in the lives of babies and toddlers in

the care of Malta House. The Nursery Assistant is responsible for the daily implementation of play, teaching, and cleaning in the nursery. The ideal candidate is a loving, nurturing person with a minimum 1-2 years professional experience in a childcare setting.

Please contact Laila at lbravo@maltahouse.org

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