



# 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  
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Joe Dineen

## Finance Chair

Rich Kondub

## Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

## Confirmation

Adriana Tutillo

## 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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**Fellowship**—Deb Harrington

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**Spirituality**—Marikay Willson

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**Youth**—Valerie Vincent/Adaobi Odili

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**Music**—Michael Alderman

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Stay Strong. Have Faith. Trust God.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021  
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary Candle  
burns in loving memory of  
Joe Masone  
requested by Ed & Anna Wachowski.*



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

4:30pm Rev. Father Steve Gleason  
(req. by Vito & Gizella Tiriolo)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00am Luciano Lombardi  
(req. by Gaetano & Carmina Lombardi)

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00am Special Intention

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00am Irena Bajor (req. by Iwaszkiewicz Family)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00am Special Intention

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00am Joe Masone (req. by Maureen Carson)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

4:30pm Thanksgiving for Friends & Family  
(req. by Adriana Tutillo)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00am All Parishioners

11:00am Evelyn Mahan (req. by Family)



### WEEKLY COLLECTION:

**This Year (01/31/21)**

**\$2,040;**

**Last Year (02/02/20)**

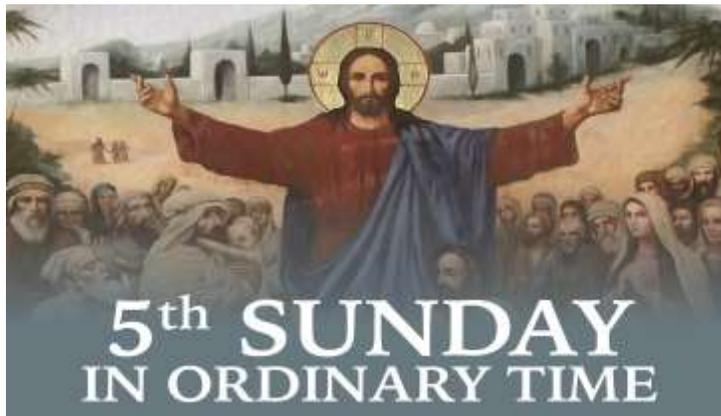
**\$6,296;**

As COVID-19 continues to impact everyday life, we want to say thank you for your continued support and wish you health and peace. Our Lady Star of the Sea 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.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Classes for 2nd graders will begin in February. More information to follow.



If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.



Join fellow OLSS Parishioners via ZOOM for a live Rosary daily. M-F @ 4:30pm S-S @ 4:00pm Meeting ID: 724 106 329 Passcode: 5jZxtq

# Backpacks of Hope

There is no way to convey the gratitude we have for the parish and neighborhood participation in the Backpacks of Hope project. What started out as a small ask for donations turned into an overwhelming response! We were able to fill 62 Backpacks of Hope, care kits for the homeless. 27 were distributed to Pacific House Men's Shelter and 20 Women's and 15 Children's backpacks were distributed throughout the Person2Person network. Remaining food items and paper products were delivered to the New Covenant Center food pantry and some were served with our First Friday meal on February 5. Our Lady Star of the Sea parishioners and our Shippan Point neighbors have very generous hearts. The recipients of our Backpacks of Hope Thank You. May God bless you.

p.s. Please refer to the OLSS weekly Wednesday Constant Contact for heart warming pictures of the many donations!



Journey with us, every Sunday (in person) as we explore the spirituality of the child through 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd' at

OLSS! This program was launched here last year and was received with so many praises! If you have a child between the ages of 4 years and 1st grade and would like to enroll in this program please contact the [Parish Office](#). Once we know how many are interested we will follow up with the starting date and times. Please consider this as an experience of life, an education in faith, and a celebration of the encounter with the Father, in listening to Jesus, the one Teacher, and in obedience to the Holy Spirit.



Back by popular demand... Thursday, Feb. 11th

For your convenience, phone orders will be accepted on Feb. 9th/10th for pick up on the 11th. (Mention OLSS when ordering.)

**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**  
4:00 - 9:00pm!

A portion of your total check is donated back to OLSS!  
Help a local business while helping our Parish!



Zooming Schmooze

BYO Cocktails and hor d'oeuvres  
Feb. 16th 6:00 - 6:35pm

"See" fellow parishioners and enjoy a fun Schmooze.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5129230071?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5129230071?pwd=SUdhSkd1MXk4clRwK3RzQUUw1M3JUQT09)

[pwd=SUdhSkd1MXk4clRwK3RzQUUw1M3JUQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5129230071?pwd=SUdhSkd1MXk4clRwK3RzQUUw1M3JUQT09)

Meeting ID: 512 923 0071

Passcode: 3PwV9V

Please send questions or suggestions to [olssfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:olssfellowship@gmail.com) or [debyh82@gmail.com](mailto:debyh82@gmail.com)



Fridays 5:15-5:30pm

Live on ZOOM

For more information contact:

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Virtual Open House  
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