



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: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am
Holy Days: 8am, 12 pm & 5:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm -5pm
and by appointment

Adoration

First Friday of every month. Begins
at 8:30am and ends at noon with
Benediction. All are welcome!

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

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday 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
form to the church or to the
parish office.

Ministries

Evangelization—Scott Heekin-Canedy

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JULY 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week
the Sanctuary Candle burns
for John Mazan.*



**16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 17

5:30pm Maria Jan Dobrzynska (req. by family)

SUNDAY, JULY 18

9:00am Giuseppe, Rosa & Ben Grossi (req. by family)

11:00am Antonio & Mario Raus
(req. by Anna Maria Thomas)

MONDAY, JULY 19

8:00am Joe Masone

TUESDAY, JULY 20

8:00am Joseph Petitte (req. by Bob & Sue Casurta)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 22

8:00am John Tobin (req. by Bob & Sue Casurta)

FRIDAY, JULY 23

8:00am John Mazan (req. by Janina Mazan)

SATURDAY, JULY 24

5:30pm Tess Damon (req. by the Wiegand's)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

9:00am Giacomo & Rosa Masone
(req. by Angela Masone and family)

11:00am W. Patrick Ryan (req. by family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

**This Year (7/11/21)
\$4,539;**

**Last Year (7/12/20)
\$1,130;**



**Evelyn Cynthia
Lee**

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed. ©LPi



**5th Annual
OLSS Sunrise
Beach Mass
THIS SUNDAY,
July 18 @ 7:00 am**

Please join your fellow parishioners for a Sunrise Mass on West Beach (behind the Church). Bring a beach chair or blanket and a breakfast item to share. If you'd rather not participate in the potluck, please feel free to pack your own food. If you have any questions please contact Anne Downey: annekdowney@gmail.com

Sign-up is available in the foyer of the Church, on our website, or [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up online.

Hope to see you there!



Faith Formation Classes will resume this Fall, but only with your help!

We are desperately in need of Catechists* for all grades. Please consider giving of your talents to help our young parishioners learn to love their faith, live their faith and practice their faith confidently on a daily basis. Classes run on Sundays following the 9:00 Mass (during the school year only).

All materials are provided.

For more information please contact:
Dee Fumega olssdre@yahoo.com

*Virtus training must be up-to-date.



All donations received between July 10 and July 31 will be given to the children of Malta House Graduates, Person-to-Person and Building One Community.

The Back-to-School sales have started!

Please drop off all donations in the collection box in the entrance to the church.

- #2 Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners
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