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Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Michael Alderman

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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

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AUGUST 29, 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Cindy, David, Cathy & Clifford Studley requested by Mildred Studley.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

5:30pm Betty Cleary (req. by O'Rourke family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00am John Pavisic (req. by Galvin family)

11:00am Gretchen Forrester (req. by Kuczynski family)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00am Special Intention

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00am Joseph Gerace

(req. by daughter Catherine & family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00am Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00am Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:30pm Victor Portanova (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

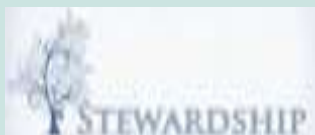
9:00am Special Birthday Wishes

11:00am James J. Lian (req. by Hajjar family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (8/22/21)
\$2,808;

Last Year (8/23/20)
\$1,899;



Friday, September 3rd
8:30 am - 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Spend quality time with our Lord.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044eaaa72ea4fd0-eucharistic>

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OLSS Annual SoundWaters Sunset Cruise

SoundWaters just announced that seats are once again available for the September 12th cruise!

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with fellow parishioners. Bring your own beverages and an appetizer to share.

Book your tickets NOW for Sept. 12th

<https://soundwaters.org/sails-rentals/public-schooner-sails/>



There will be a voluntary special collection this weekend for the humanitarian, long-term recovery and significant Church needs arising from this recent disaster. Please be as generous as possible.



40th Annual Parish Fair!

Tuesday, August 31 through Saturday, September 4

Ride Bracelets available on certain dates at \$30

Sample international foods, enjoy live entertainment and try your luck in the Bingo Parlor or buy a \$10 raffle ticket with a chance to win 1st Prize \$30,000. in Amex Gift Cards! For more information please visit: <https://www.stleostamford.org/>

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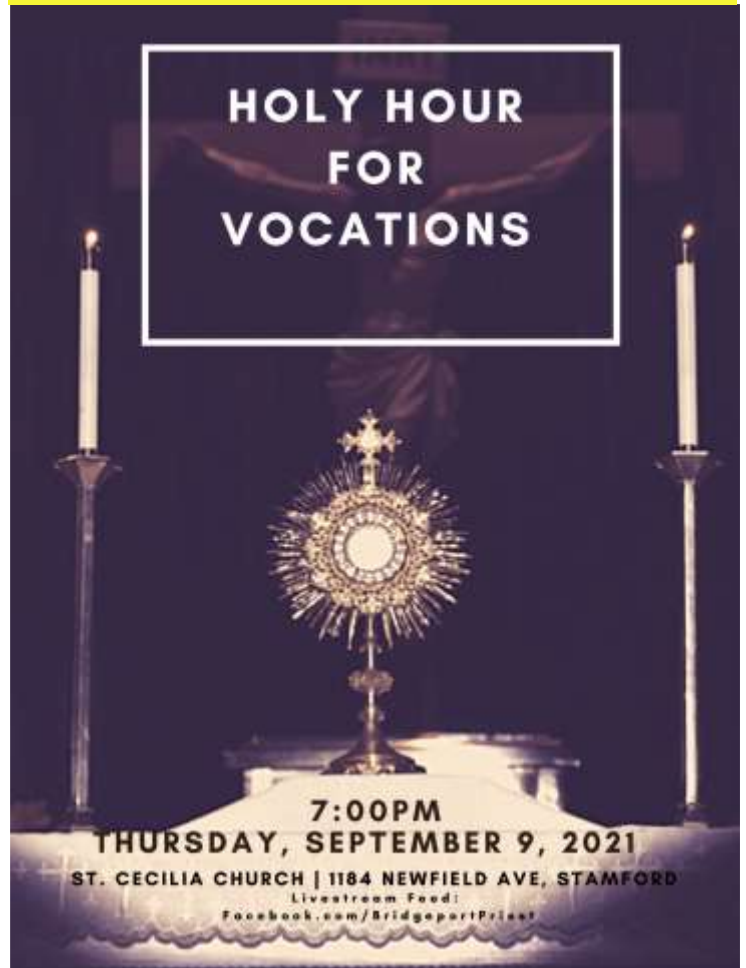
We have a few tickets left for Opening Night!
Wednesday, December 8th @8pm! Only \$25.00ea!

“Join the Morello and Baccolini families during the 1944 holiday season and watch what happens while the boys are overseas and an outcast sister-in-law comes back into their lives!”

To purchase tickets contact Rosalie rosalieghs@gmail.com

The Dressing Room Theater - Curtain Call, Stamford Black Box, cabaret-style auditorium. Seating is at tables and chairs. Doors open one hour before show time to allow for a ‘Bring Your Own Everything’ format (drinks, snacks, full meals, etc..) Get a group together, we have tables for 4!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS



7:00PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
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