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Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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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.
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Email

olssparishoffice@gmail.com

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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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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary
Candle burns for
Our 2021 Confirmands.*



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00am Health of Eliana Alvarez

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00am All ICU Doctors

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

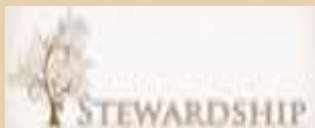
5:30pm Jose Psthila (req. by Elsa Neto)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am Deceased Members of Grossi & Mallozzi Families
(req. by family)

11:00am Collin Mackay (req. by O'Rourke family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



**This Year (8/29/21)
\$3,910;**

**Last Year (8/30/20)
\$1,472;**

[A Prayer for Labor Day](#)

Good and Gracious God, You created human beings in Your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom. Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life -- to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God. Amen.



23RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us **what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life.** As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness **of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart.** What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to **be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness.** We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do **correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!**

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace **them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation!** This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, **listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.** ©LPI



Faith Formation

2021-2022 Formation will begin in October

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - God and the child have a unique relationship with one another particularly before the age of six. The growth of this relationship is directed by the Spirit of God within the child. Children need their own place to foster the growth of that relationship. Classes are held in our Atrium on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:15, allowing for parents to attend the 9:00 Mass.

Faith Formation - As a community of faith, our youth are called to discover and give meaning to the Gospel message through word, worship and service. In the Sunday Mass, we proclaim the Good News, reflect on it, and contemplate how we can put it into action in our lives. We utilize the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies as our way of catechizing our young people and, with them, their families. Classes meet on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:55, allowing for families to attend either the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass.

Online registration will be open from September 6th - September 17th. Payments may be made through Online Giving. If you have any questions or would like to help as a Catechist or aide, please contact Dee Fumega ollsdre@yahoo.com. (This is a great way for high school youth who need community service hours.)



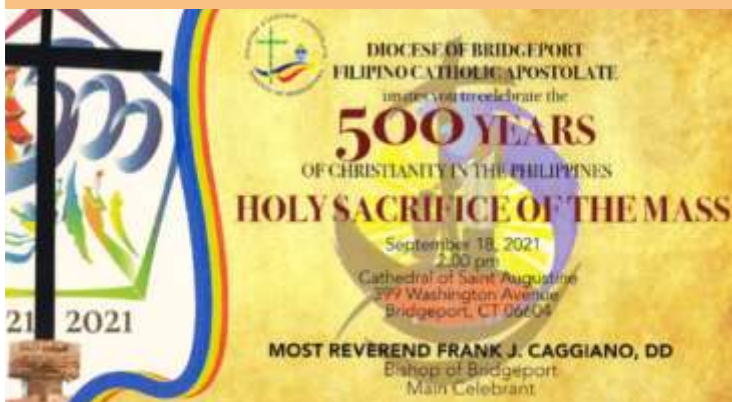
OLSS Annual SoundWaters Sunset Cruise

Just a few spots available for the September 12th cruise!

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