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Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Dee Fumega

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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.
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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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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary
Candle burns for
Collin Mackay
requested by the O'Rourke's.*



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00am Waldemar Rydzewski

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00am Waldemar Rydzewski

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00am Waldemar Rydzewski

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00am Patrick A. Broderick (req. by family)

6:00pm Memorial Mass for Patrick A. Broderick

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

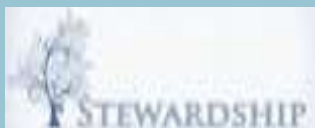
5:30pm John Curran (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00am Joe Masone

11:00am Gene Rusin (req. by Judy Rusin)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



**This Year (9/5/21)
\$5,019;**

**Last Year (9/6/20)
\$2,582;**

9-11-01

Remembering the lost.
Honoring the survivors.
And never forgetting the heroes.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! **This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's** picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of **simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God** and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



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 olssdre@yahoo.com. (This is a great way for high school youth who need community service hours.)

<https://osvhub.com/olss/forms/faith-formation-registration-2021-2022>

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Great opportunity to get involved!

This month the team prepared over 400 sandwiches!!



Malta House:

<https://www.maltahouse.org/>
please refer to their webpage

St. Joseph Parenting Center:

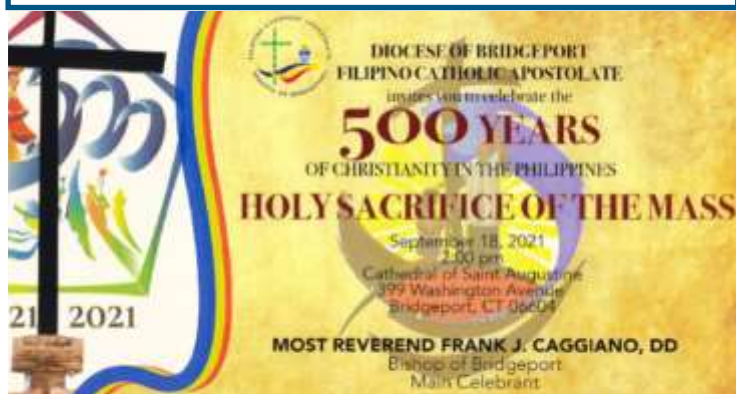
<https://www.sjpcenter.org/>
conducting classes on Zoom

New Covenant Center:

<https://www.newcovenantcenter.org/>
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Building One Community:

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