



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, 12pm & 5:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm 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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Phone

203-324-4634

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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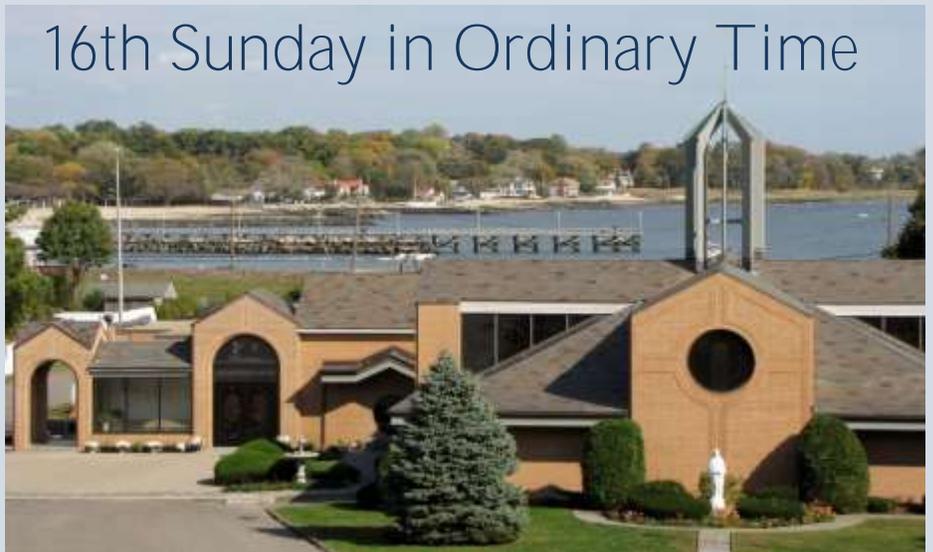
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Music—Michael Alderman

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JULY 17, 2022

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the
Sanctuary Candle burns for
Moira Gjuraj.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 16

5:30pm Dolores DeVito (req. by Sylvia & Ed Orgera)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

9:00am Giuseppe, Rosa & Ben Grossi
(req. by Masone & Martino families)

11:00am Sophia & Joseph Lemanski
(req. by Iwaskiewicz family)

MONDAY, JULY 18

8:00am Carmella Cavaliere (req. by W. Patrick Ryan family)

TUESDAY, JULY 19

8:00am Special Intention (req. by Honey Ryan)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

8:00am Moira Gjuraj

THURSDAY, JULY 21

8:00am John Mazan

FRIDAY, JULY 22

8:00am Ruth B. Maggio (req. by Maggio family)

SATURDAY, JULY 24

5:30pm Eugene Fuzzy Harris (req. by Vito & Gizella Tiriolo)

SUNDAY, JULY 24

7:30am All Parishioners (Beach Mass)

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

11:00am Tracy Kane (req. by W.P. Ryan family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (7/10/22)

\$4,903;

Last Year (7/11/21)

\$4,539;



Pray for
PEACE

Saturdays at 5:00 pm (prior to the 5:30 Vigil Mass) Live rosary in the Church until peace is restored in Ukraine and around the World. All are invited to join.



“Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God’s unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis).” While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the “details” of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us! ©LPi



**6th Annual OLSS
Beach Mass
Sunday 7/24 @ 7:30 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

We hope to see you there!

Please sign up [here!](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4CAEA82DA5F49-sunrise1>



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Faith Formation will resume in September, but only with your help!

We are in need of Catechists & Catechist assistants. 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 (during the school year only).

All materials are provided. For more information please contact: Dee Fumega olssdre@yahoo.com We would love to have you join our team!

*Virtus training must be up-to-date.

Be Ready for God to “Stop By”

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPI



Our Daily and Weekend Mass Intention Book for 2023 is now open. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to reserve your Masses for the upcoming year.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Altar Guild would like to offer all members of the Parish an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones on a birthday, anniversary, or a memorial event by placing flowers on the altar.