



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.
Stamford, CT 06902

Email

olssparishoffice@gmail.com

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

Evangelization—Scott Heekin-Canedy

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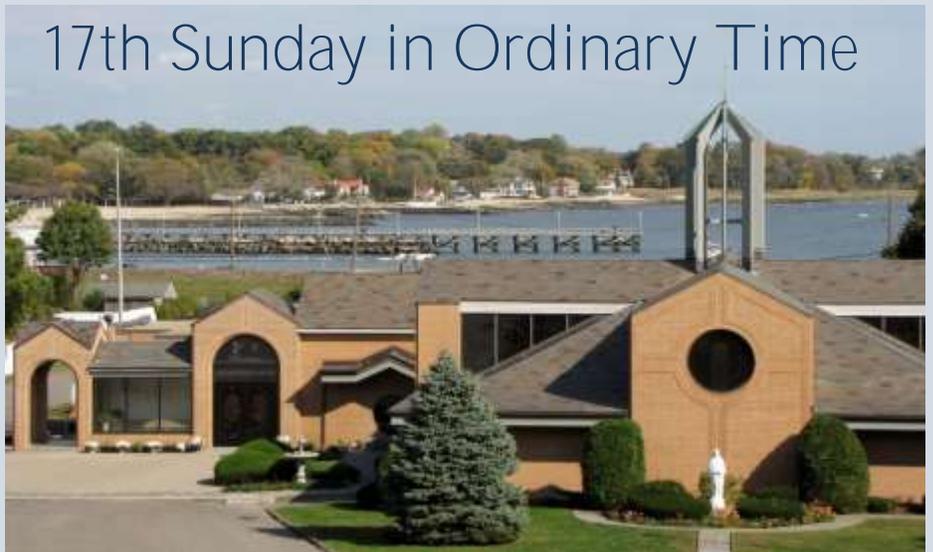
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Music—Michael Alderman

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JULY 24, 2022

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time





This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for Ruth Maggio.



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, JULY 25

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

TUESDAY, JULY 26

8:00am John Mazan

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

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

THURSDAY, JULY 28

8:00am Maria Rovicka

FRIDAY, JULY 29

8:00am Gerald Fox, Jr. (req. by Ginny Fox)

SATURDAY, JULY 30

5:30pm Coleman Joyce (req. by Gerard & Katie Robertson)

SUNDAY, JULY 31

9:00am Marie Fay (req. by Fay family)

11:00am Alice McGuire (req. by Bob & Terri Unnold)



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (7/17/22)

\$2,899;

Last Year (7/18/21)

\$5,396;

Co-Op Sunday Collection

\$1,298:

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.



Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPI



Parish Picnic
SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
(More info to follow)



Friday, August 5th
 8:30 am - 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sit with Jesus & experience His peace and serenity.



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.



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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.



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.

Question:
 What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:
 Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—**God's people**, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and **called to live and proclaim the Gospel**. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people. ©LPI