



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Pastor

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Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

Confirmation

Siobhan & Mike O'Hara

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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Email

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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

Evangelization—Scott Heekin-Canedy

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JULY 31, 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time





This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Baxter and Broderick families.



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00am Matt Moran (req. by Michael & A.C.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00am Sophia Lemanski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00am Birthday blessings for Andrea Harrington Cosby

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00am Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Brian Harrington

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

5:30pm Gerald Fox, Jr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00am Patrick Fay (req. by Glynn family)

11:00am Jose Pastilha (req. by Elsa Neto)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (7/24/22)

\$3,162;

Last Year (7/25/21)

\$3,989;



Julian William Lancaster

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.



IN ORDINARY TIME

(Jesus) said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can **easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we** continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They **just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart.** Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of **faithful service to others.** "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." **We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care.** Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©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.



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 for grades 1 through 8. 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.



INTO LIFE
 LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

A 12-part original series on accompanying a woman through...

Date: Starting Tuesday, September 6th and running for 12 weeks on Tuesday nights.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit - Parish Hall, 403 Southdowns Rd., Branford, CT

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RSVP by Sept. 12: inelle.grund@gmail.com or 837-345-0000

Who is this program for?

- People who want to learn how to better accompany women through an unexpected pregnancy.
- People who desire to better care and live a spirituality of life.
- People who want to discover a new way to engage pro-life issues beyond political polarization.
- Anyone who is curious about a pro-life vision of the world!

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ONE WEEKEND ONLY
AUGUST 27 & 28TH

Please help with our **Fill-a-Diaper Bag** drive in support of the **Moms and Babies of Malta House**

Fill-A-Diaper Bag Donation Drive



MALTA HOUSE
 HOPE FOR LIFE

We have been invited to help young moms and babies by collecting diapers, bags, diaper cream, wipes and other items. Items should be left in the box in the OLSS Lobby. **Volunteers are needed to help organize and deliver these items.**

Raffle tickets (\$5 each) will also be sold in the lobby that weekend. **Please help out any way you can!** Interested? Questions? Please contact: olssoutreachministry@gmail.com