



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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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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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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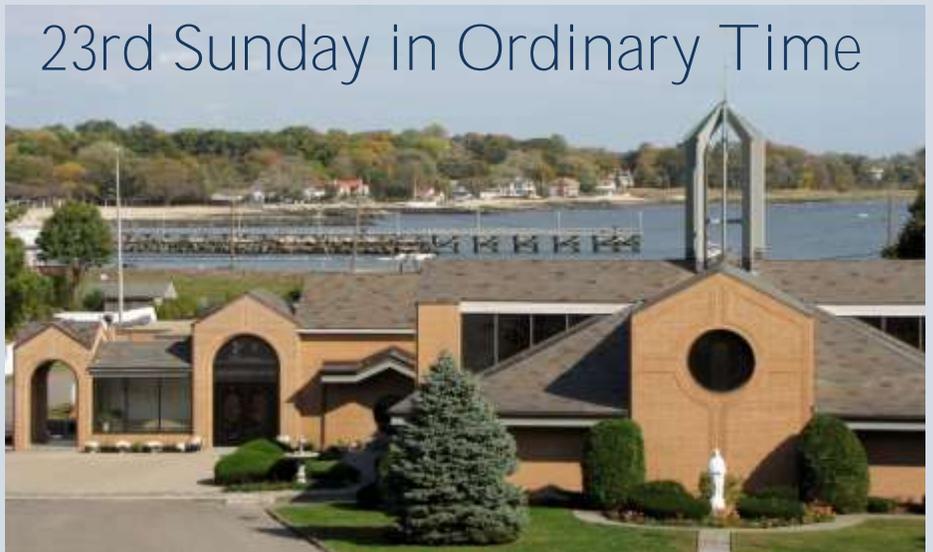
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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Angela Towle
requested by Marian Nangle,
daughter*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:30pm Thanksgiving for my Blessings
(req. by Rosalie Mastropaolo)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00am Patrick Joseph Kinahan, Jr.
(req. by Ann Murray & family)
11:00am Frederick Lynch (req. by Lynch family)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00am James J. Lian (req. by Hajjar family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00am Carmela & Frank Cavaliere, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00am Adele Koppel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00am Mieczysława Wroblewka (req. by family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00am Gene Rusin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:30pm Victor Portanova (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am Deceased Members of the Grossi & Mallozzi
Families (req. by Masone & Martino families)
11:00am Jose Pastilha (req. by Elsa Neto)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (8/28/22)

\$2,800;

Last Year (9/521)

\$5,019;



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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. **"Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.**

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. **"A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi**

Parish Picnic

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
12:00—2:30pm



~ FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ RAFFLES ~
ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Many volunteer opportunities available!
Scan the QR code and sign up to help



RAFFLE BASKETS

We are looking for donations of uniquely filled baskets to raffle off at the picnic. Put your creativity to work! Join with a neighbor or friend and create an unforgettable raffle donation basket. Please drop off baskets to the Parish Office any Tuesday or Wednesday between 1 and 4pm. If you have any questions please contact Deb Harrington olssfellowship@gmail.com

DIAPER DRIVE ~ A HUGE SUCCESS!



Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of OLSS, many raffle tickets were sold and we filled a giant SUV with diapers, diaper bags and other baby supplies for delivery to Malta House this past weekend!. Rita Conte & Theresa Carroll (shown on right) loaded and delivered the many, many boxes and bags. Thank you to all! Malta House said, "We are extremely fortunate to be the recipient of the OLSS community's generosity."



OLSS Parenting Series - Saturday morning coffee will be more fulfilling this October!

We will kick off our "parenting series" on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 9-10 am in the OLSS Meeting Room. (Refreshments and snacks will be available at 8:45am)

ADHD Assessment Diagnosis ~ Treatment

Dr. Mary Solanto, a current OLSS parishioner, will present and lead discussion on this topic

Dr. Solanto is Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra-Northwell (Long Island, NY). Prior to joining Hofstra, she was Director of the ADHD Center at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at NYU. In 2017-2018, Dr. Solanto was a Fulbright U.S. Scholar in the Netherlands where she taught undergraduates at Radboud University about disorders of impulse control and conducted research on treatment of ADHD in college students. Dr. Solanto's research on the cognitive and behavioral functioning of children and adults with ADHD, the effects of psychostimulants, and the characteristics of subtypes of ADHD has been supported by grants from NIMH, NICHD, and NINDS.

Note:
We will be announcing additional sessions in the near future!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

For all children 3 years through Kindergarten. Two sessions will be offered every Sunday 9:00 - 10:15 and 11:00 - 12:15. This program is offered to allow parents and other siblings to attend Mass while the little ones are in the atrium. This is not a childcare program. Registration is limited to 12 children per program session. Registration opens Sept. 1st. Classes start Sept. 18th.

Faith Formation

For all children in 1st through 6th grade. This program is offered on Sundays from 10:00 - 11:00. This allows families to attend either the 9:00 or the 11:00 Mass. Registration opens Sept. 1st. Classes start October 2nd. First Communion Preparation For all children in 2nd grade that have already completed one year of Faith Formation. Catholic school children will join in January. Schedule to follow.

Christ Beside Me

New program for all children in 7th & 8th grades. Emphasis will be on evangelization, catechesis, participation in the Liturgy, prayer and becoming a part of the Christian community. Basic pre-prep class for Confirmation. Classes will be Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 6:15pm in the Meeting Room. Registration open Sept. 1st. Classes start September 21st.

