



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Smolik,
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Trustees

Betty Brennan
Tom Kuczynski

Parish Council Chair

Joe Dineen

Finance Chair

Rich Kondub

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.
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

olsssevangalization@gmail.com

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Music—Michael Alderman

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time





*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
James J. Lian
requested by the Hajjar family.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am Deceased Members of Grossi & Mallozzi Families
(req. by Masone & Martino families)

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00am Mire Gjuraj (req. by daughters, Agee & Vera)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00am Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00am Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:30pm In memory of Patrick Broderick
(req. by the Broderick family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00am Sandra Delpero
(req. by son, Christopher Delpero & family)

11:00am Mire Gjuraj (req. by family)



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (9/4/22)

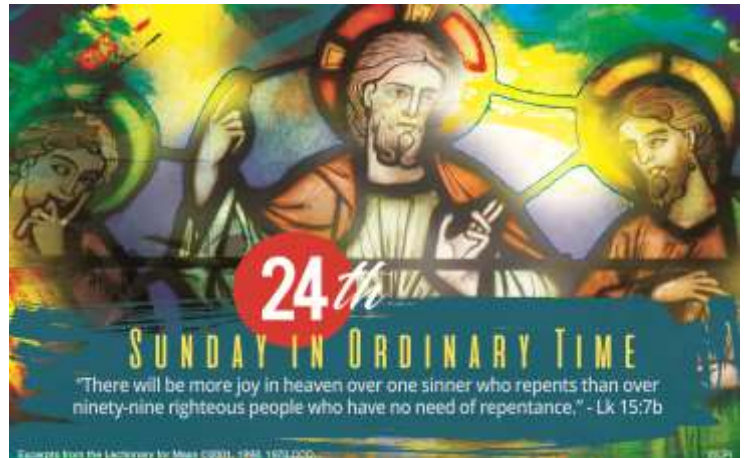
\$8,148;

Last Year (9/5/21)

\$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.



Since God created human beings, we have struggled to **keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us.** We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. **Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask.** Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. **When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).” ©LPi**



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Picnic

Sunday . Sept 25 . Noon-2:30

All Welcome Free



Food, Kids Activities, Raffle

- Chili Cook Off, Pierogi & Kielbasa, Barbecue
- Bounce House! Face Painting! Crafts!

Basket Raffle

- * Drop off items for inclusion in baskets or a completed basket • Parish lobby Sept. 9th - Friday, Sept. 16th
- * Participate in filing & decorating baskets, OLSS Meeting Room • Friday, Sept 9th 6-8 pm • potluck
- * *Baskets display begins Saturday, Sept 10th • Raffle Tickets will be available Sat., Sept 17th - Sun. Sept 25th.*

Join for prizes and to feed fellow parishioners

Chili Cook Off - Bring a pot of your favorite chili and fixins

Baking Competition - Bring baked goods

Volunteers Still Needed!

Direct any questions to Deb Harrington

olssfellowship@gmail.com • 646.963.0675



Welcome Home Fr. Peter
We missed you!

Thank you Msgr.
We loved having you!

OLSS Fellowship Enrichment Series Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish announces OLSS Enrichment Series

*"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love,
for they enkindle and melt the soul."
—St. Teresa of Avila - Teresa of Jesus*

In response to expressed need from the 2022 Synod we are adding additional ways to grow through Christ in fellowship.

We are blessed with extraordinary parishioners, willing to share their talents and experiences. Join to learn and share a cup of coffee with fellow parishioners.

Our first session:
October 15th

Dr. Mary Solanto – ADHD in children and adults
8:45- 9:00 am Refreshments and Snacks
9:00 - 10:00 Presentation and Discussion

To register please click below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC23A5FC1-enrichment>

If you would like to lead a session please contact:
olssfellowship@gmail.com or
Deb Harrington 646 963-0675

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 drop-off 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.

