



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Betty Brennan
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Joe Dineen

Finance Chair

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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: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am
Holy Days: 8am, 12pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 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

Fellowship—Deb Harrington

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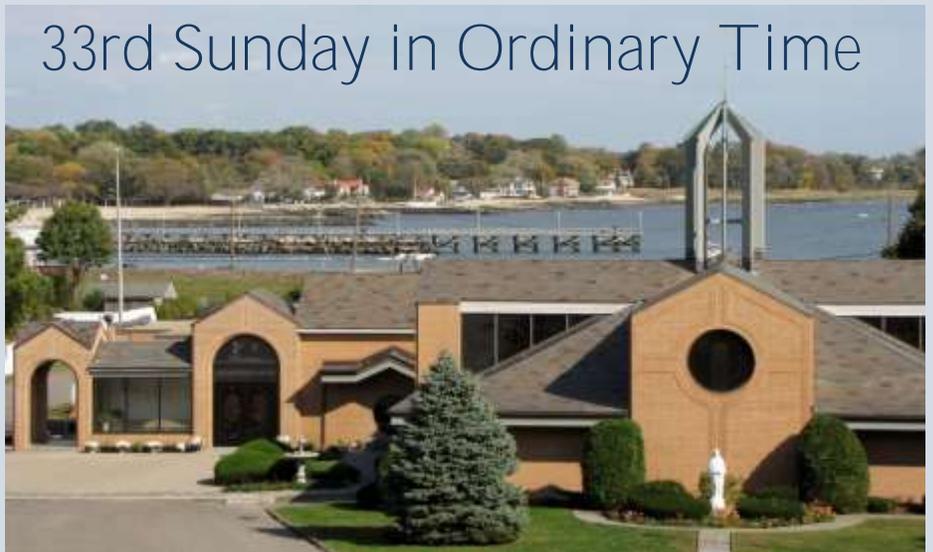
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Music—Michael Alderman

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NOVEMBER 13, 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for the Bertasso family requested by Cathy Bertasso.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:30pm Gray family (req. by family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00am Mary Mastropaolo (req. by family)

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00am Florence Ciccarello, 1st Anniversary
(req. by nephew, Bill Carello)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00am Aleksandra Baczynska (req. by Krystyna Vaughn)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00am **God's Blessing & Protection for Luz Romero & family** (req. by family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00am Repose of the Soul of Carl William Schulte
(req. by Jessica Bonnano)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00am Mire Gjuraj (req. by her daughters)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:30pm Joe Masone (req. by Angela Masone & family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00am Christian Pastilha (req. by Elsa Neto)

11:00am Evelyn Mahan (req. by family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (11/6/22)
\$8,912;

Last Year (11/7/21)
\$4,352;

Special Military Collection
\$ 928;



CHANGE IN



MASS TIMES

Our Saturday Vigil Mass will begin at 4:30pm starting 11/5. This will remain in effect until 3/11/23.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come.

As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour. ©LPi



Gospel Study with Fr. Peter! Focusing on St. John's Gospel Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26 & 12/3



Special Opportunity to explore its uniqueness and impact on our faith. Reflection will point at some of the fascinating and little known facts going behind the scenes. Opportunity to go Explore Deeper and Ask Your Questions! OLSS Meeting Room Please Join Us!
For further information contact: marikaymkm@me.com



Enrichment Series - Session 2:

"Healthful Eating: Nutrition for a Healthy Body, Mind, and Planet"
Presenter: Kate Ingram MPH, RDN, RYT-500

Kate Ingram did a fabulous job providing us with an understanding of why nutritional science changes over time and she reviewed today's recommendations which can be found with other dietary tools on choose my plate (<https://www.myplate.gov/eat-healthy/what-is-myplate>). Additionally Kate made us aware of how we can realize our food carbon output by leveraging the Harvard Food-print Calculator (<https://harvard-foodprint-calculator.github.io/>), she also introduced us to Stamford's food scrap initiative (<https://www.stamfordct.gov/government/operations/recycling-and-sanitation/about/stamford-food-scrap-recycling-initiative>).

SAVE THE DATE!

Enrichment Series, Session 3 December 10th – This session will target parents and grandparents of preschoolers through kindergarten. The session will be lead by Anne Downey and Gerri Giannattasio. If you have any questions or recommendations, please email to olssfellowship@gmail.com.



Pope Francis is inviting youth and young adults to join him in Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023.

You may already know, that our Diocese will host three pilgrimages to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 26 through August 7, 2023. Young people from age 16 to 18 will gather in one pilgrimage. Young adults from 19 to 35 will gather in a second pilgrimage. The third pilgrimage is for adults over the age of 35 who would like to travel to Portugal and Fatima but are not interested in the World Youth Day activities. All pilgrimages will travel together, pray together, and celebrate Mass together. All other activities will be divided by age. For more information about costs, the itinerary, and scholarship opportunities, please visit: www.formationreimagined.org



Annual Christmas Tree Sale!!

December 3rd, 4th & December 10th.

Our own volunteer team will be driving to Maine to pick up fresh cut trees! We need volunteers to help unload the truck late Sunday afternoon Nov. 27 & then for setup on the 1st & 2nd, as well as, help with sales on the weekends.

More information in next week's bulletin. For questions please contact Bob Unnold 203-550-1578



Protecting God's Children[®] for Adults

Protecting God's Children[®] for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS[®] certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training: **A Time to Protect God's Children[™]** and **A Plan to Protect God's Children**. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy.

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