



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Pastor

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Trustees

Betty Brennan
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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

olssfellowship@gmail.com

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olssoutreachministry@gmail.com

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olssseniors@gmail.com

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olssparishyouthministry@gmail.com

Music—Michael Alderman

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JANUARY 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Alicia Auz requested by Adriana & family.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:30pm Philip & Mary Mastropaolo (req. by Rosalie)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00am Anh & Tinh Tran (req. by Tuan Tran)

11:00am Alicia Auz (req. by Adriana & family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00am Morris Corrente

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00am Robert (Bobby) Valenti

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00am Andrew & Ann Ozieblo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00am Robert (Bobby) Valenti

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00am Morris L. Correnti

(req. by Ken Gruder & all at Goldman Gruder & Woods)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:30pm Mire Gjuraj (req. by daughters)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00am Mary A. Czescik, 19th anniversary (req. by family)

11:00am Joe Masone (req. by Angela Masone & family)



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year
1/15/23 \$ 3,595;
Last Year
1/16/22 \$ 3,720;



Rosie May Riina



When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, **“Don’t lie when you pray.”** He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him **honestly about our places of darkness?** If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

Congratulations Msgr. Bob!



Monsignor Robert J. Crofut has served under four bishops of the Diocese of Bridgeport beginning with his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Walter W. Curtis in 1972. He is respected by the entire presbyterate, whether newly ordained, seasoned or retired, and provides sound counsel to priests who reach out to him for guidance. The holy manner in which he endured his health struggles some years ago remains to this day a source of encouragement and inspiration.

In addition to his parish assignments, Monsignor Crofut has held a variety of diocesan posts and appointments including Priest Council and Consultor; Spiritual Director of the Permanent Diaconate; Ministry of the Office of Clergy; Spiritual Adviser to the Charismatic Renewal, Priest mentor, and member of the Priest Pension Board and of Presbyteral Council Representing Retired Priests. He retired on June 30, 2017.



Join fellow OLSS Parishioners via ZOOM for a live Rosary daily. M-F @ 4:30pm Meeting Code: 724 106 329 Passcode: 5JZxtq

Sacramental Preparation



Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin on Sunday, January 22 with 9:00 Mass. Those children currently enrolled in their 2nd year of Faith Formation or in their 2nd year of Catholic School are eligible. For further information please contact Dee Fumega olssdre@yahoo.com.

OLSS ENRICHMENT SERIES GLUTEN FREE EATING

Gluten-free eating has become more common, come find out why and discover the ways to reduce or avoid gluten

Saturday, February 4th 8:45 - 10:00am Presenter: Natalia Anderson

In addition to Natalia's many talents she is a Health Coach and she specializes in gluten-free diets. She was previously the Health Coach at Exhale Spa in Stamford. Currently she teaches cooking classes, holds individual health coaching sessions and in 2019 she started a gluten-free food company, Wheat-Free Williams, LLC.

Advertisement for The Catholic Academy of Stamford. Includes logo with 'FAITH + KNOWLEDGE + SERVICE', text 'Academic Excellence Nurturing Environment Personalized Learning PreK - 8th Grade APPLY TODAY Limited Space', and 'Visit CAS: Open House: 1/29 Take A Look Day: 1/31 Personal Tours'. Includes a QR code and contact info: info@CasCt.org www.CasCt.org (203)322-6505.



CALL FOR NEW COVENANT CENTER CHEFS

On the first Friday of every month a team of volunteers and donors from OLSS provide lunch for over 100 people at New Covenant Center, Stamford's local food pantry and soup kitchen.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you would like to learn more, even if you don't cook, please contact:

- Maureen Carson/Dianna Dwyer - maureencarson@aol.com
Deb Harrington - debbyh82@mac.com
Krystyna Vaughn - krystynav@optonline.net
Joe Dineen - jpdineen_esq@sbcglobal.net

STAY CONNECTED

A simple phone call or knock on the door of an elderly neighbor can make a big difference during the cold weather. It takes just a minute to check in and make sure they are doing all right. Hydration and nutritional consideration in cold weather is important. Make sure they have enough beverages and food. Warm beverages and food helps preserve body heat.

Perhaps you can surprise your neighbor with a "cold weather comfort food basket." Include non-perishable, easy-to-access food and beverages. This can include instant oatmeal, bottle or canned vitamin-rich fruits and vegetables, low-sodium soup, raisins, peanut butter, crackers, bottle waters, and 100 percent fruit juices. Top off this "comfort basket" with muffins.



The Sunday Studio Series of Music for Youth will present an afternoon of diverse performances by young artists sharing their joy of music on Sunday, January 29th at 2 pm in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Ave., Riverside. Sponsored by St. Catherine - St. Agnes Friends of Music. Misty Beyer, Executive Program Director, said: "We really want this to be a fun community event that is a draw for all music lovers."

All musicians can register to perform: Contact Michelle Lin: musicforyouthct@gmail.com

Admission is free and open to all. Refreshments to follow in the vestibule to meet the performers. Free will donations to support MFY greatly appreciated. www.musicforyouth.net