



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

July 26, 2026



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Patrick A. Broderick
requested by his family*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 25

5:30pm **Deceased Members of the Kelly Family**

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:00am **Larry Chriscoe** (req. by Linda Chriscoe)

11:00am **Edward Pettit**
(req. by Maggie Pisani & Sue Rizzotti)

MONDAY, JULY 27

8:00am **Joan Caliendo** (req. by Mary Jo & Gerry Sweeney)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00am **William D. Rimmer**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00am **Edward Petti** (req. by the Petti family)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8:00am **Patrick Glynn** (req. by the Glynn family)

FRIDAY, JULY 31

8:00am **Blessings on John & Bridie's 60th Wedding Anniversary** (req. by the Glynn family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:30pm **Mary Grace Ferro McMahon**
(req. by Claudine Marano & Bill Conway)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00am **Mel Rich** (req. by his family)

11:00am **Gertrude McGrath** (req. by Vito Tiriolo)



Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet.

Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "**The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.**" He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in His ordinary life, His teaching, His suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules.

They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

- Father John Muir

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend this year (07/19/26) \$ 5,789
Last Year (07/20/25) \$ 4,201
COOP Missions (07/19/26) \$ 1,152
Last Year (07/20/25) \$ 850

Thank you for your generous support.



The OLSS Mass Book for 2027 is open.
Stop by, call or email the Parish Office to reserve your Masses for 2026 and 2027.
Requested offering is \$15 for a mass (\$20 with card).
Sanctuary Candle offering is \$25 for the week.
Thank you for your support.

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Mark Your Calendar

Some upcoming events at OLSS

July	26	World Grandparents Day
Aug	7	First Friday Adoration
Aug	7	First Friday New Covenant Center Lunch
Sep	13	OLSS Annual Parish Picnic



Sacraments at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Confession

Saturday from 4:30 - 5:00 (EDT)
and by appointment.

Baptism

Celebrated Sundays at 12:15 pm.
New parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal class.
Contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office.



St. Joachim and
St. Anne's feast day,
July 26th,
is the "Feast of
Grandparents".

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear Lord,
What a beloved idea you
had with grandparents,
relationships of care and
support that bridge
generations.
Bless those in this role
today, biological or
beyond, all those who care
for little ones with
patience, wisdom, and
love.

St. Anne and St. Joachim
pray for us! Amen.
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the Lord is with you.
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Bring the Lord with you on your vacation

1. Find a convenient, local mass.
 2. Do some spiritual readings. There is so much on-line.
Spend a few minutes with the Holy Scripture or a classic book or
visit hallow.com or YouTube.
 3. Stop by a spiritual location - a beautiful shrine or church or a
garden may be a good resting place for inspiration and peace.
 4. Pray anywhere you are. God is everywhere!
 5. Relax your mind, body and spirit through quiet time
- May you and your family enjoy a happy and safe vacation!**



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It's Summer - Stay Cool!

SAVE THE DATE!

2026 OLSS
PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 13



News!

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NEW COVENANT CENTER RELOCATION BEGINS!

Over the next several weeks, New Covenant Center will be relocating from its current facility at 174 Richmond Hill Avenue to 507 Shippan Avenue. This new space will be much larger and provide additional support services for its guests.

The first phase will be the move of the Food Pantry which should re-open mid-August. The Café will relocate at a later date.

For this reason, we will temporarily suspend food and other donations in the lobby at OLSS starting July 26, 2026.

A special food drive will be conducted at OLSS after they reopen to help replenish their supplies.

Thank you so much for your on-going support to those in need.

**NEW
COVENANT
CENTER**

focused on
hunger prevention
and social services
for a better life
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