



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

August 2, 2026

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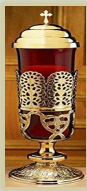


18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.”

Matthew 14:19



*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Eric Brennan
requested by his family*



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00am **Brandon Heacock**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00am **Tomas Henriquez** (req. by Dinorah Henriquez)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am **Ruth Scherberger**
(req. by Mary Jo & Gerry Sweeney)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00am **Stanislaw Nadolny**
(req. by Krystyna Vaughan & Robert Finger)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00am **Birthday Blessings for Luz Romero**

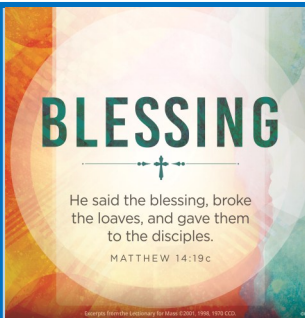
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

5:30pm **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Elsa Neto)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00am **Deceased Members of the Gjuraj family**
(req. by Vera & Aggie Gjuraj)

11:00am **Deceased Members of the Masone family**
(req. by Angela Masone & family)



I once heard a scholar, interviewed on a TV special about Jesus, refer to the feeding of the five thousand with the phrase “dinner and a show.” His point was, I think, to characterize Jesus' ministry as “meeting folks where they are.” And that is surely part of the meaning of this episode.

Responding in heartfelt compassion. to the people's needs, Jesus healed them and fed them. But there are other dimensions to the account as well. Characterizing the Galilean seaside as a “desert” place surely evokes the memory of Israel in the wilderness and Jesus as a new Moses mediating manna for the wanderers invited into a new Exodus.

The similarity to the account in 2 Kings 4:24-44 about Elisha feeding one hundred with twenty loaves reminds us that a prophet greater than Elisha is here. And no one misses the parallel between Jesus' gestures here—taking, blessing, and breaking the loaves and giving them to his disciples—and his actions at the Last Supper. What catches my attention this time is the role of the disciples. Told to feed the people, they think only of their own meager resources.

When they heed Jesus' command, “Bring them to me,” the people are abundantly fed. That reminds us disciples, ordained and nonordained alike, that our part in the mission does not depend on our own poor resources but on bringing others to the feeder and healer himself, Jesus.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.

<https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/august.php>



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend this year (07/26/26) \$ 4,346
Last Year (07/27/25) \$ 4,571

The Second Collection this weekend is for Utilities.
Thank you for your generous support.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, August 7 from 8:30am—Noon
Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord
Sign up at the back of the church
or just come

Mark Your Calendar

Some upcoming events at OLSS

Aug	7	First Friday Adoration
Aug	7	First Friday New Covenant Center Lunch
Sep	13	OLSS Annual Parish Picnic
Oct	4	OLSS Book Club



Sacraments at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Confession

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

Baptism

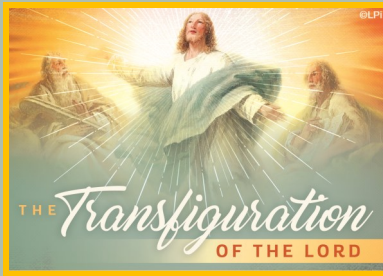
Celebrated Sundays at 12:15 pm.
New parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal class.
Contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office.

The Feast of the Transfiguration August 6, 2026

Luke 9:28b-36
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."



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SAVE THE DATE!

2026 OLSS
PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 13



This annual event kicks off Fall at OLSS with Fellowship, Food and Fun! Please lend your time and talents to the success of this year's picnic.

NEEDED: Entertainers, Organizers, Crafters, Marketers, Grillers, Servers, Coordinators

The popular "Basket Donations and Raffles" is back! Just like last year, we will hold a Pre-Picnic Basket Unveiling with a wine and cheese event on **Saturday, Sept. 5th** after the Vigil Mass.

NEEDED: Donations; contents for a baskets, themed baskets, support for the Pre-Picnic Basket Unveiling. Basket donations should be delivered by **9/4/25**.

For more information or to volunteer, contact
Deb Harrington, olssfellowship@gmail.com
646 963-0675

NEW COVENANT CENTER FIRST FRIDAY MEALS

Helpers Needed to Shop, Cook or Serve
for the August 7 Lunch at the Richmond Hill location

Please contact:
Krystyna Vaughan, Krystyna06902@gmail.com



NEW COVENANT CENTER focused on
hunger prevention
and social services
for a better life
A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

New Covenant Center will be relocating from its current facility at 174 Richmond Hill Avenue to 507 Shippan Avenue.

For this reason, we have temporarily suspended food and other donations in the lobby at OLSS. 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.



To make a gift or pledge, or to learn more about the Bishops Appeal, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.2026BishopsAppeal.org



Parish Goal: \$ 86,500 Pledged to Date: \$ 86,872 (100%)

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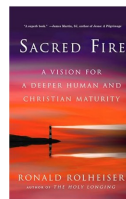
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Love thy Neighbor

During these hot summer days,
please check in on your neighbors,
especially those who are ill or
elderly, to make sure they are safe
and have food and water.

OLSS BOOK CLUB – Mark your calendar!



Sacred Fire by Ronald Rolheiser

October 4, 2026 3:30 –5 pm

76 Auldwood Road

For more info, contact:

Krystyna Vaughan,

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Support Our Lady Star of the Sea
this summer via your mobile phone,
smart device or home computer.

Visit our website to get started!

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