



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

July 19, 2026



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 18

5:30pm **Lawrence O'Donnell**
(req. by the McCambley family)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

9:00am **Emerson Sigtryggsson**
(req. by Sophia & Anna Karidas)

11:00am **Giacomo & Rosa Masone**
(req. by Angela Masone & family)

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21

8:00am **Deceased Members of the Farrelly Family**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8:00am **Mire, Kol, Luljeta, & Maresh Gjuraj**
(req. by Vera & Aggie Gjuraj)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00am **Eric Brennan** (req. by his family)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00am **Evelyn O'Brien** (req. by Betty Hogan)

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)

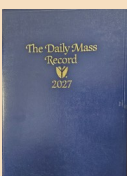


WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend this year (07/12/26) \$ 5,425
Last Year (07/13/25) \$ 8,312

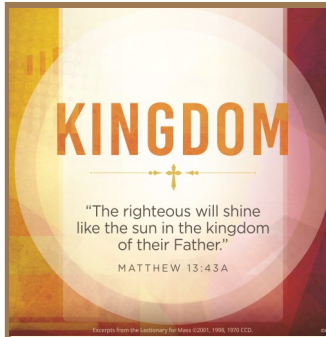
The 2nd Collection this weekend is for
Cooperative Mission Sunday.

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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Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a

judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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



Sacraments at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Confession

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

Baptism

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

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office.

Looking for a Summer Project?

The OLSS Outreach Ministry collects groceries all year, but especially during the summer when school is out. Your donations are delivered to New Covenant Center or Person to Person weekly.

If you wish to volunteer to help at New Covenant Center, or start a local collection, please call the Parish Office or email olssoutreachministry@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Wish List**Most Needed Items:**

- Cereal
- Tomato Sauce
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Spaghetti

**Additional Items Needed:**

- Sugar, Flour, Powdered Creamer (small bag)
- Spam-type Luncheon Meat (low sodium)
- Instant Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Tea Bags
- Canned items (Sardines, Vegetables, Olives, Chicken Soup)
- Grains (Barley, Oatmeal & Quinoa)
- Salt & Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard & Salad Dressing)
- Household items (Aluminum Foil, Cleaners, Sealed Baggies, Napkins, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper)

Please leave your items in the collection box in the entry to the church.

Thank you for your generosity and care for others.

**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.



To make a gift or pledge, or to learn more about the Bishops Appeal, please visit:

www.2026BishopsAppeal.org

or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your support.



Wherever you go this summer, the Lord is with you.

Use masstimes.org
Or call 1-800-MASS-TIMES
(1-800-627-7846)
to find churches and services
anywhere!

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!**



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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*Celebrating the gift of
new life in Christ
through Baptism*

*Welcome
Elaina Anna
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