



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Smolik,
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Trustees

Betty Brennan
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Parish Council Chair

Joe Dineen

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Rich Kondub

Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

Confirmation

Anne Heekin-Canedy

Director of Music

Michael Alderman

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Holy Days: 8:00 am 12:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm and by
appointment

Adoration

First Friday of every month. Begins
at 8:30 am 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.

APRIL 28, 2024

Ministries

Fellowship—Deb Harrington

olssfellowship@gmail.com

Outreach—Meg Broderick

olssoutreachministry@gmail.com

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Music—Michael Alderman

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*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Josephine Farrelly
requested by Meg & Neil Broderick.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 27

5:30pm **Ellen Reardon** (req. by family)

SUNDAY, April 28

9:00am **Christopher Ray Martini**

(req. by Pam & Bernard Garra)

11:00am **Eileen Sheridan Chapell** (req. by Agnes Sheridan)

MONDAY, April 29

8:00am **Patrick Broderick**

TUESDAY, April 30

8:00am **Giuseppe (Joe) Masone**

WEDNESDAY, May 1

8:00am **Irena Bajor** (req. by family)

THURSDAY, May 2

8:00am **Rita Clarke** (req. by Marion Howley)

FRIDAY, May 3

8:00am **Arleene Sheehan**

SATURDAY, May 4

5:30pm **Agnes Lund**

(req. by Pastiva, Santos & Kocot families)

SUNDAY, May 5

9:00am **Jacob A. Schmitt**

11:00am **Carole Cullen Keating** (req. by Grady family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



Last Week 04/21/24 \$ 4,707;

Last Year 04/16/23 \$ 6,442;



**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament and Devotion to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Friday May 3rd
from 8:30 am – 12 noon**

All are welcome!



REMOVE WHAT DOES NOT BEAR FRUIT

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good

pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

The 2nd collection THIS weekend, is for Catholic Home Missions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



*Crowning of Our
Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, May 12th
All are invited!*



In anticipation of our participation in the diocesan Eucharistic Renewal and in response to the vibrant discussion with Father Brock this past Saturday, we're pleased to offer another opportunity for conversation regarding *the Real Presence* between Masses on **Sunday May 5.**



Spring Yoga with Kate Ingram
Saturday, April 27th & May 4th
OLSS Meeting Room



Mat Yoga 9:00 - 10:00am

Suggested Donation \$20/class. All proceeds go to OLSS. Please join us. Bottled water provided.



**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31
THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



**Food Pantry Wish List
New Covenant Center**

Canned Tuna, Canned Soups/Stews, Dry Beans or Peas, Stuffing Mix, Bottled Water, Canned Chili Beans, Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables (low sodium), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Whole Grain Cereal & Oatmeal, Olive/Vegetable Oil, Crackers, White Rice and Pasta.

**Please leave your donations
in the foyer of the Church.
Our neighbors in need thank you!**

Shippan Point Garden Club
Annual May Market
May 4th 9:00 - 3:00
Annuals, Perennials, Veggies & Herbs,
Container Gardens, Gift Baskets,
Raffles, Food & Drink
All in one spot - the OLSS parking lot!

**NEW COVENANT CENTER
FIRST FRIDAY MEALS**



If you would like to participate in the next First Friday meal. Please contact:

- Krystyna Vaughn & Bob Finger - krystynav@optonline.net
- Joe Dineen - jpdineen_esq@sbcglobal.net
- Deb and Jeff Harrington - debbyharrington82@gmail.com
- Meg Broderick - OLSSOutreachMinistry@gmail.com



**ANNUAL
HOMEFRONT EVENT**

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 11th @ 7:30am

All skills needed – painting, cleaning, gardening, carpentry, a cheerful attitude and a willingness to help! Coffee and donuts as well as lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact:

Ken Wiegand at 203. 249. 1890
KCWIEGAND@AOL.COM

Volunteer - Get Involved - We Need You!