



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Smolik,
FrSmolik@diobpt.org

Trustees

Betty Brennan
Joe Vermeer

Parish Council Chair

Joe Dineen

Finance Chair

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.

MAY 5, 2024

Ministries

Fellowship—Deb Harrington

olssfellowship@gmail.com

Outreach—Meg Broderick

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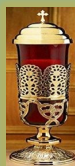
Youth—Valerie Vincent

olssparishyouthministry@gmail.com

Music—Michael Alderman

olssmusicdirector@gmail.com





*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns for all
Communicants and their families.*



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, May 6

8:00am **Leokadia & Henryk Uzieblo**

TUESDAY, May 7

8:00am **Margaret Baretta**

WEDNESDAY, May 8

8:00am **Mary Bodziony Bortolan**

THURSDAY, May 9 Ascension

8:00am **Terry & Joe Kelly**

12:00pm **Patrick O'Reilly** (req. by Betty & Sean Queally)

FRIDAY, May 10

8:00am **Anne & Stew Thorne**

SATURDAY, May 11

10:00am **Mass of First Communion** (class of 2024)

5:30pm **Carol Farrell** (req. by Iwaszkiewicz family))

SUNDAY, May 12

9:00am **Dennis J. Pierce** (req. by Dani Anthony)

11:00am **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Elsa Neto)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



Last Week 04/28/24 \$ 5,076;

Last Year 04/30/23 \$ 4,023;

Catholic Home Mission \$ 589;

The 2nd collection THIS weekend, is a our Monthly Utilities collection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him."

As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "**You are my friends if you do what I command you**" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal. *Father John Muir* ©LPi



One In Christ – The 2024 Bishop's Appeal

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/26/24

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$86,500
Total Pledged:	\$39,200 (45%)
Donors to Date:	37 Donors

To make a gift, or for more information, visit us at 2024BishopsAppeal.org, or call (203) 416-1470.



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



ANNUAL HOMEFRONT EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 11th @ 7:30am

We work together to help repair the home of someone in need. Even if you can only stay a few hours, that will make a huge difference. All skills are 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!



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 - jpineen_esq@sbcglobal.net
- Deb and Jeff Harrington - debbyharrington82@gmail.com
- Meg Broderick - OLSSOutreachMinistry@gmail.com



Come watch

"The Miracle Club"

Thursday, May 9th

1:00 - 3:00pm

OLSS Meeting Room

ALL WELCOME!

Bring your own lunch and a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.



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.

OLSS joins the national movement and celebrates our own Eucharistic Renewal right here at home!

Our celebration will be led by Fr. Francis Sunderland, LC. He will inspire us to be closer to God through the ultimate encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and deepen our awareness of the Real Presence.

Please join us for:
Music, Food, Eucharistic Discussion and Adoration!

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024
6:30pm

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Fr. Francis Sunderland, LC