

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



THE

Resurrection



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

April 5, 2026

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*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Marie Therese Beauvil
requested by Rose Therese Julie*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 EASTER VIGIL

7:00pm All Parishioners

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am All Parishioners

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

11:00am Tomas Henriquez (req. by Dinorah Henriquez)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

8:00am Beth Tiscop (req. by Vito Tiriolo)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00am Jacolyn Connolly

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00am Anne Iasiello (req. by Meg Broderick)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:00am Carl Walter Schulte (req. by Mary Russo)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

8:00am Carmina Lombardi (req. by Tonya Schnelle)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00am Josephine Giarraputo

11:00am Diane Sapelli (req. by Iannazzi family)



Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first." (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection fast...love him, for love is best.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend this year (03/22/26) \$ 4,646

Last Year (03/23/25) \$ 4,583



Thank you for your continued generosity.

Traditional Blessing of the Easter Foods

12:00 Noon on Holy Saturday

OLSS Church

Please come and bring a basket with your Easter foods



Do you feel the call to learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Maybe teach?

But don't know where to start?

An excellent training program is starting soon!

Curious? For more information, please email Dr.

Pamela Garra DRE@OLSS.Church.

Mark Your Calendar

Some upcoming events at OLSS

Apr	2	Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm
Apr	3	First Friday New Covenant Center Lunch
Apr	3	Good Friday - Service at 3pm, Stations at 7pm
Apr	4	Holy Saturday - Blessing Food at noon
Apr	4	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm
Apr	5	Easter Sunday - Mass at 7:30, 9 & 11
Apr	12	Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion & Rosary
Apr	26	Youth Group Dance
May	2	SPGC May Market
May	9	Confirmation
May	16	First Reconciliation
May	17	First Communion

We extend a warm welcome to all parishioners, new residents and those visiting Our Lady Star of the Sea. May you have a blessed Easter season!

WELCOME



The theme **One in Christ** reflects Bishop Caggiano's call to live our faith with hope, renewal, and generosity. Through our collective support, the Appeal funds ministries that no single parish can sustain on its own.

Your individual participation shows commitment to our parish and to the family of the Church.

Your gift supports:

- **Catholic Charities**, helping feed the hungry, support families, and care for those in crisis throughout Fairfield County.
- **Faith formation**, including seminarians and deacons, youth and adult formation, and leadership training through the St. Jerome Center for Biblical Studies.
- **Formation programs** in Danbury and Bridgeport, serving children, families, and Spanish-speaking adults.
- **Pastoral care**, bringing compassion and companionship to the sick, elderly, and those facing grief or life challenges.
- **Evangelization and parish support**, helping parishes and schools grow through diocesan resources.
- **Diocesan Guilds**, fostering Christian discipleship and friendship.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish 2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/20/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$86,500
Total Pledged	\$24,771 (29%)
Donors to date:	26 Donors

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone:



Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Dance

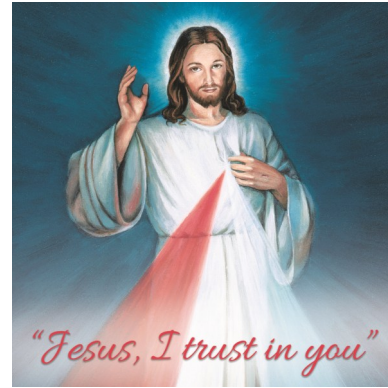
Sunday, April 26 from 6-8 pm
Grades 6-12 are invited

Sponsored by the OLSS Youth Group

For more information,

go to tinyurl.com/OLSSDance26

Divine Mercy Sunday



Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Come and join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and recitation of the Rosary.

"This is a great hour of mercy for the whole world."

You may prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday by praying the Divine Mercy Novena

- ◆ Begin on Good Friday and
- ◆ Finish at the Divine Mercy Sunday service

For more information, go to

www.divinemercy.life/the-divine-mercy-novena/

GO OUT
AND
SPREAD
THE
GOOD
NEWS
CHRIST
IS RISEN!

May our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus transform us and renew us, and may we experience the peace and joy of the Risen Christ in our hearts and homes throughout this Easter season and beyond.

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Hours: Monday 12:00 noon—4:00 pm, Tuesday 11:00 am—3:00 pm