

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



1200 SHIPPAN AVENUE, STAMFORD, CT 06902

Parish Office: 203.324.4634

Office Hours: 10:00am-5:00pm Mon & Fri 10:00am-4:00pm Wed

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am
Weekdays (Mon- Fri) 8 am
Holy Days 8 am 12 pm & 5:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Celebrated each Sunday after the 11 am Mass. Please call the Parish Office to schedule. New parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal class arranged through the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office before finalizing any other arrangements.

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 *The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
For All Parishioners*



The Altar Guild would like to offer all members of the Parish an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones on a birthday, anniversary, or a memorial event by placing flowers on the altar. The book with available dates is located on the bookshelf in the lobby.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:30pm **Dr Harold Trepp**
(req. by Vito & Gizella Tiriolo)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00am **Ann, John & Frank Infanti**
(req. by family)

11:00am **Joseph Morovick** (req. by Kate Maloney)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00am **Alice Jones** (req. by O'Rourke family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00am **Charlie Bertrand** (req. by O'Rourke family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00am **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Neto family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00am **Stanislaw Dymarski** (req. by Dobrzynski family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:30pm **Christopher Yates** (req. by Annette Arase)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00am **William Broderick** (req. by Neil & Meg Broderick)

11:00am **Giuseppe Tripodi** (req. by Lawler family)



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax? We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus. Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence. However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (01-28-18)
\$ 4,106;
Last Year (01-29-17)
\$ 4,199;

Church of Latin America (01-28-18) \$ 963



OLSS: Rosary Prayer Group

The rosary prayer group would like to include you in our prayers. A box has been placed on the bookshelves for you to place your intentions. We will pray for all intentions at our next meeting. *The rosary prayer group will meet to pray the rosary with the parish before the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday February 11th, for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome.*

Please place prayer intentions in the box on the bookshelves, and we will pray for you.

Questions or prayer requests can be sent to **Mary Sabato; maryts0718@gmail.com or call 914-714-5806**

St. Joseph's Parenting Center and New Covenant Center are looking for donations of: Cereal, Pasta, Rice, Baby food, Canned foods: Fish and meat, vegetables and fruits, canned pasta, stew and soups, Peanut butter and Jelly, Beans (black, pink, red), Tomato sauce,

Tea mix and bags, Lemonade mix, Prepared meals Baking goods, including small bags of flour, Sugar and Vegetable oil. Donations can be left in the basket in the church lobby.

Thank you for your continued generosity.





The Bishop's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to families who attend our Diocesan elementary schools. Over \$2,500,000 in scholarships are awarded each year to students who demonstrate financial need. Every town and school in our Diocese has students receiving these awards. Over 3,000 students applied for tuition assistance last year and the student need was calculated at over \$9,540,380. The Bishop's Scholarship Fund continues to work to raise and distribute funds to families with need so that the grace of a Catholic education is available to all who desire it.



Our Lady Star of the Sea
is teaming up with
HomeFront
again this spring!

For 30 years HomeFront, a Stamford based, a community program dedicated to keeping low-income families in their homes with improved quality of life through basic repairs completed by volunteers at no cost to them. If you'd like to volunteer or find out how you can help please contact Ken Wiegand 203.348.9928 or email him at kcwiegand@aol.com

Let's Make a Difference, Together!

SAVE THE DATE



March 2nd - 4th, 2018 • Sacred Heart University

To register go to : www.covivo-us.org



February 11th, Sunday
3 - 4:30 PM OLSS Gym
OLSS ConQuest for All Boys
SPORTS, PRAYER, & PIZZA!
Dads invited, too.

February 11th, Sunday
5 - 7 PM
Parish Meeting Room
for young ladies & moms
5th through 12th grades



World Day Prayer
for the Sick

All, especially the sick, the handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick offered. Refreshments will follow.



Saturday, February 10, 2018
Welcome will begin at 2:30pm
Mass will begin at 3:00pm
St Aloysius Church
Chery Street, New Canaan

Catholic Grandparents will be meeting Feb. 10th at 3:30 in the community room. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more info please call Elizabeth Warren 561.318.2774



YOU'RE INVITED!



JOIN GOOD COUNSEL MALTA HOUSE
FOR A CASUAL FRIDAY DINNER

"For the Love of Babies"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018, STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.
\$50 PER PERSON

ST. ANN CLUB
16 HENDRICKS AVENUE, NORWALK, CT 06851

To R.S.V.P.

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