

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

MAY 6, 2018

MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30-5pm 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, MAY 5

5:30pm **Michael Gray** (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 6

9:00am **Margaret Bavetta 100 years old (living)** (req. by family)

11:00am **Meghan Butler** (req. by Tom & Barbara Gillespie)

MONDAY, MAY 7

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

TUESDAY, MAY 8

8:00am **Susan Flynn**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

8:00am **Beth Dawson** (req. by O'Rourke family)

THURSDAY, MAY 10

8:00am **Meghan Butler** (req. by O'Rourke family)

12:00pm **Helen Tassitano**

(req. by Gus & Ana Marie Thomas)

5:30pm **Victoria Walsh** (req. by family)

FRIDAY, MAY 11

8:00am **Susan O'Brien** (req. by O'Rourke family)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:30pm **David O'Connor & Daughter Marianne** (req. by Tedder & Garst family)

SUNDAY, MAY 13

9:00am **Deceased members of Mallozzi & Grossi family** (req. by family)

11:00am **Anne & J. Stewart Thorne** (req. by family)



6th Sunday of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments." In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (04-29-18)
\$ 3,587;
Last Year (04-30-17)
\$ 4,844;



Catholic Home Missions
\$842



FREE Registration at
olss.formed.org.
Instruction card also on bookshelf.

Monthly Picks at
tinyurl.com/olssmay

"Rich in content, informative, very well done."
-Bob Finger

Want your 1-line testimonial in the bulletin? Have a question?
Email: olssvangelization@gmail.com

Ascension of the Lord

MASS TIMES

8AM * 12NOON * 5:30PM

ASCENSION of the Lord



Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!

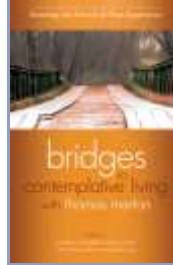
The Lenten Giving Tree began with a collection of purple ribbons tied to a leaf that identifies the suggestions of donation amounts and it quickly changed to a tree of white blossoms. As a donation was made, the purple ribbon and leaf was removed and replaced with a dogwood blossom tied to the tree with white ribbon. The Pastoral Council would like to thank everyone who has generously supported the Lenten Giving Tree. The objective of the Giving Tree is to raise the needed funding for replacement of the HVAC system for the church and repair to the roof. Our goal was \$10,000 by Easter and we have exceeded our goal! We have collected \$19,024! We are so grateful for everyone's support with this very special project.



*Malta House's
20th Anniversary
Mother's Love Gala*

May 12th

For more info visit:
www.maltahouse.org/event/save-the-date-for-our-2018-annual-spring-gala



Evening group will be studying the works of Thomas Merton study book called "Bridges to contemplative. Living", .since there are several books , the book we will be discussing is "Entering the School of your Experience " (orange cover) . Available through amazon.

This will be a Eight week study. We will meet weekly from 7-8 PM. The dates we are meeting are : Thursdays , May 3,10,17, 31. In June : 7, 14, 21, 28.

For more info or any questions please contact:
Janice Matturro Jltmhealing@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunity

If you have a few hours on the first Friday of any month, you might want to help prepare or serve lunch at the New Covenant Center with a team from OLSS! Please contact Maureen Carson if your interested maureencarson@aol.com



I was hungry and you gave me to eat...Matt 25:35

Please remember to share your blessings with others. Dried and canned foods can be left in the basket in the church lobby. Food donations are distributed to St Joseph's Parenting Center and New Covenant Center weekly. Thank you for your generosity.



Shippan Point Garden Club
FUNDRAISER
May Market - Plant Sale
Saturday, May 12, 2018
10AM - 3PM
Annuals - Perennials - Herbs
Hanging Baskets - Cafe
New Location

Shippan Landing

208 Harbor Drive

Stamford, CT 06902

HOSPITALIZED: Parishioners entering local hospitals are urged to advise the Admissions Department that they are Roman Catholic and that they wish to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain. In addition, you may contact our Parish Office directly in order to arrange a visit from the parish.