

Congratulations on your First
COMMUNION

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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
For All of Our First Communicants



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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:30pm **Libia Hernandez**

(req. by Suarez family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:00am **Special Intention**

(req. by Queally family)

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8

8:00am **Halina & Tadeusz Lewandowski**

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00am **Fr. Bogumil Murzinski**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:00am **Jan Cichowski**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:00am **Halina & Tadeusz Lewandowski**

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00am **John & Frank Hogan** (req. by family)

7:00pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

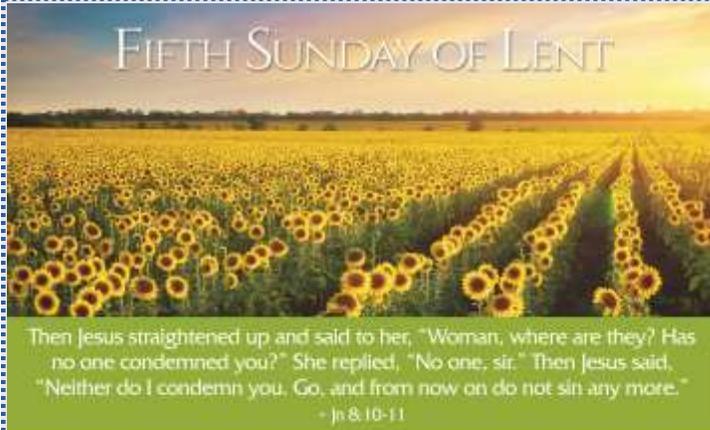
SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:30pm **John Nolan** (req. by W.P Ryan family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:00am **Joseph Rumberger** (req. by The Carrolls)

11:00am **Meghan Butler** (req. by Donna & Bo Wiberg)



5th Sunday of Lent

"Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. His protection was not the result of anything the woman did or said to earn his favor. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. He saved her and set her free--not only from the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees--but from her own destructive behavior. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter. We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to remove the "death penalty" for us, but we are the ones who decide whether or not we will "sin anymore." We decide whether we will be slaves to selfishness, lust, and envy or whether we will pursue a life of generosity, self-control, and peace. Jesus does everything he can for us, short of taking our will captive. We, finally, have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns? The holy season of Lent is made to assist us in our decision to repent and to change for the better. There is no better time than now to sincerely resolve to begin anew.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year (3-31-19)
\$ 3,607;
CRS \$ 704
Last Year (4th Sunday Lent)
\$ 4,215;



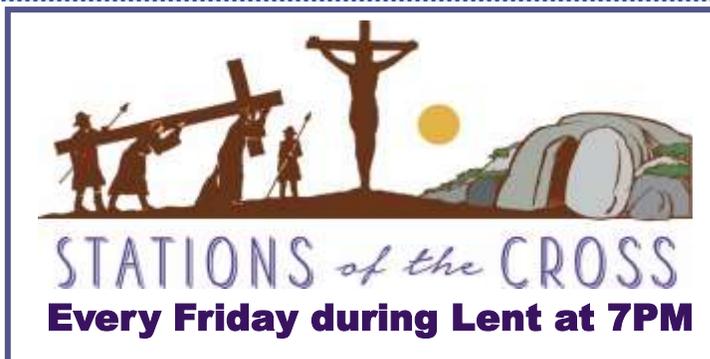
OLSS: Rosary Prayer Group

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.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 9th at 6:30pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Questions or prayer requests can be sent to Mary Sabato; maryts0718@gmail.com or





We Stand With Christ

CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

Commitment to the Broader Church

The *We Stand With Christ* campaign is a diocesan-wide initiative that includes every one of the 82 parishes in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The total diocesan campaign goal is \$75 million, of which 50 percent (\$37.5 million) will directly benefit the parishes that raised it and 50 percent will support three foundations established to provide long-term, sustainable funding for Catholic education, pastoral ministries, and Catholic Charities. Each parish has been assigned a goal proportionate to its offertory to support the diocesan campaign, including both its own local needs and Foundations in Education, Foundations in Faith, and Foundations in Charity.

Our commitment has 3 Foundations:

Foundations in Education

Of the \$37.5 million goal to support the Foundations, an investment of \$12.5 million will help to ensure the vibrancy of Catholic education by increasing scholarship aid, securing the resources for academic innovations, and offering educators opportunities for professional development.

Foundations in Faith

The combination of endowed and current-use funds totaling \$15 million will support the Church's pastoral ministries throughout Fairfield County. These ministries include enriching life-long faith formation and youth ministry, caring for retired priests, educating and forming seminarians, meeting the pastoral needs of the elderly, supporting those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and enhancing evangelization efforts to increase participation in parish life.

Foundations in Charity

A total of \$10 million of endowment funds will help to sustain the work of Catholic Charities to meet the increasing needs of the poor and disenfranchised of Fairfield County and to support food, housing, mental health, adoption, and immigration family support services.

Each foundation has its own Board of Directors with fiduciary responsibility for the funds in their care. The endowments established through the campaign will continue to grow through reinvestment and the addition of new gifts.

Continuing OLSS legacy:

Since the mid-1960s, our community of faithful has gathered together to worship at Mass, celebrate at sacramental hallmarks like baptisms and weddings, grieve at funerals, reconnect at Christmas and Easter. It's at Our Lady Star of the Sea that we often mark the most important moments of our lives.

Through *We Stand With Christ*, we hope to continue this legacy by renovating a number of areas in the Church to engage our family of faith in opportunities to grow in faith and sacramental life. The Parish Hall and Sacristy will be reconfigured to accommodate all of our meetings and ministry programs. The bathrooms will become ADA compliant for handicap accessibility and there are plans to include developing life-long spiritual programs.

We Stand With Christ will allow parishioners an opportunity to consider a gift over a five-year period and structure payments to meet their financial needs. We ask that you please join other families and consider making a gift to the campaign.

Campaign information and pledge forms will be arriving in the mail over the next two weeks.