



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community  
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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## Pastor

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

## Trustees

Betty Brennan  
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## Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

## Director of Music

Ruth Rolander

## Children's Choir

Natalia Anderson

## Parish Secretary

Natasha Papageorge

## Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8 am  
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9am & 11am  
Holy Days: 8am, 12 pm & 5:30 pm

## Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm -5pm  
and by appointment

## Devotions

The Rosary is prayed daily 20 min.  
before Mass and the Miraculous  
Medal novena on Mondays.

## Baptisms

Celebrated on Sunday after the 11  
am Mass. 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  
olssnatasha@gmail.com

Phone  
203-324-4634

Hours  
Monday 11 am-5 pm  
Wednesdays 11am-5:00pm  
Fridays 11:30am-5:00pm

## Parish Membership

To join our parish community,  
please complete our Registration  
Form. Print it from the OLSS  
website and return completed  
forms to the church or to the  
parish office.

## Ministries

### Evangelization

olss evangelization@gmail.com

### Fellowship

olssfellowship@gmail.com

### Outreach

olss outreach ministry@gmail.com

### Senior Activities

olss seniors@gmail.com

### Spirituality

olss spirituality.ministry@gmail.com

### Youth

olss parish youth ministry@gmail.com

### Liturgy and Worship

ruthrolander@gmail.com

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 5, 2019





*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week  
For Msgr. Peter Dora*

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, MAY 4**

5:30pm **Eileen O'Sullivan**  
(req. by Neil & Meg Broderick)



**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

9:00am **Jerry Ormond** (req. by W.P Ryan family)  
11:00am **Charles Burriesci** (req. by Sister)

**MONDAY, MAY 6**

8:00am **Danita Jarecka** (req. by Elwira & Robert Kijek)

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

8:00am **Special Intention**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

8:00am **Susan Flynn** (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

8:00am **Goldie Haile** (req. by Annette Arase)

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

8:00am **Special Intention**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

5:30pm **Nancy Lancellotti** (req. by Gizella & Vito Tiriolo)

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

9:00am **Barbara Heekin** (req. by Kenneth Heekin)  
11:00am **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Neto family)

**INVITATION**

*The Founder of the Mount Irenaeus  
Franciscan Mountain Community  
At St. Bonaventure College*

**Fr. Dan Riley, OFM**

*will be visiting with us and sharing  
music, reflection, prayer and community  
to open our hearts to the JOY of knowing  
the*

**Great I AM**

*Thursday, June 6, 2019*

*7:00 pm (gathering at 6:30 pm)*

*Please extend the INVITATION to  
anyone interested in*

*experiencing an evening of JOY  
(regardless of age or religious affiliation)*

*Refreshments will follow*

*RSVP\* Parish Office 203.324.4634*

*\* Please leave your name, mobile phone number and/  
or email and the names of those planning to attend.*



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."



**OLSS: Rosary  
Prayer Group**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

will gather to say the rosary for the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, May 13th at 7 pm

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

*We welcome our newly baptized parishioner:*

**Gianna Aurora Paolucci Galarza**





# We Stand With Christ

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT



*We Stand With Christ is a diocesan-wide \$75 million capital campaign that will address pressing needs facing our Church. 75% of the campaign funds we raise will support the parish's capital priorities, while the remaining 25% will fund endowments supporting Catholic Education, Catholic Charities and Pastoral Ministries throughout Fairfield County. The active fundraising phase of the campaign is from January to June 2019. Pledges can be paid monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually.*

Our diocesan-assigned goal is **\$419,898**, which includes our 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (\$105,000). We have already raised \$306,000 in pledges, or 73% of our goal! For every dollar raised above \$519,898, seventy-five percent (75%) will go towards the parish and twenty five (25%) will go towards the three diocesan endowments. Gifts made above the \$25,000 level may be restricted to the donor's intention towards the needs of either the Parish or one of the Campaign Foundations.

### Continuing OLSS legacy.

Plans include developing lay evangelical programs to promote opportunities for people to rediscover God and their faith.

We will implement a program for children ages 3 to 6 which bridges the gap between Baptism and first grade and will affirm the child's relationship with God. The sacred space called the atrium will include an altar area and prayer corner.

