



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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Pastor

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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 Sundays at 1:00pm.
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.
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Phone

203-324-4634

Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday
12:45 to 2:45

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—Scott Heekin-Canedy
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*The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week
for Frank Russo -
10th Anniversary*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

4:30pm Richard Dawson (req. by Tiriolo family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00am Joseph Fusaro (req. by Dorothy Rich)

11:00am Eileen London (req. by AC & Michael)

MONDAY, MARCH 2

8:00am **Eileen O'Sullivan** (req. by Maureen Hanna)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00am Rose M. Surwilo

(req. by Maureen & Pat Broderick)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00am Josephine Kelly Simonelli

(req. by Neil & Meg Broderick)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am Kazimierz Uzieblo

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:00am Katarzyna & Jan Darczuk

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

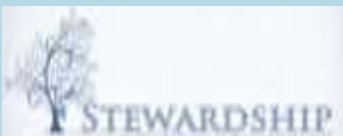
9:00am Luciano Lombardi

(req. by Gaetano & Carmina Lombardi)

11:00am Frank Russo - 10th Anniversary



WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year (2-23-20)

\$ 2,999;

Last Year (2-24-19)

\$ 2,815;



Friday, March 6th
8:30 am - 12 noon

Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
and Devotion to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sit with Jesus & experience
His peace and serenity.



**1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?



**Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 5:30pm
starting MARCH 7th
Please take note of this change.**

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

1200 SHIPPAN AVENUE, STAMFORD, CT

SUNDAY - TUESDAY, MARCH 8 - 10, 2020

Sunday 7 pm: The Human Enigma

"What is Man that You care for him?" (Ps 8:4)
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday 7 pm: Search & Rescue

"To seek and save what was lost" (Luke 19:10)
Adoration, Confession & Prayer for Healing

Tuesday 7 pm: Holding on to Christ

"Do this in Memory of Me" (Luke 22:19)
Closing Mass



Directed by Fr. Herald J. Brock, CFR
Missionary Preacher, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Lent is a time for change of heart...

Please join with our Faith Formation children as they collect spare change throughout the Lenten season to help provide clean drinking water to those in need. Please deposit your coins in the water bottle located in the lobby of the Church. Your spare change will change the lives of many!

All money donated will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist in their work to bring clean water to areas affected by drought, war and the absence of clean water. Thank you for your generosity.



DIOCESAN MINISTRY DAY

Saturday, March 7, 2020 8:30am - 4pm
All Saints School, Norwalk, CT

- ◆ Workshop topics will include:
- ◆ Creative Strategies for Engaging Young Adults
- ◆ Hope and Healing for the Caregiver
- ◆ True Love that Lasts
- ◆ Get The Most From Your Time, Life and Career
- ◆ Scripture and Contemplative Prayer
- ◆ Effective and Transparent Communications
- ◆ Why We Do What We Do At Mass!
- ◆ Estate Planning does not have to be Boring
- ◆ Living with Illness
- ◆ Promoting Holiness in the Next Generation
- ◆ Keeping Kids Safe Online
- ◆ How to bring young people back to Church
- ◆ What is a Funeral and how can you plan one?
- ◆ The Benefits of Bereavement
- ◆ Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Using Technology In Your Prayer Life
- ◆ Role of Sponsors & Community in Confirmation Prep

Register now—\$20 formationreimagined.org



Reflect, Renew, Prepare...

2020 Parish Lenten Mission

Sunday, March 8 7:00pm
Special Family Evening

"Mini Mission" Sunday, March 8th 7:00pm

Children will gather in the Meeting Room, while their parents attend the Mission. There will be a discussion on Lent and the children will make a Resurrection Garden to take home with them! Please rsvp to olssdre@yahoo.com and give us your child's name(s) and age(s). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email and ask.

Letters from the Desert

OLSS Book Club

March 29* from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

OLSS Meeting Room

Discussion led by Deacon

Gauthier Vincent. The book can

be purchased online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Please respond if you plan to

join: krystyna06902@gmail.com

