

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

MARCH 3, 2024



*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Ralph Antonacci
requested by family*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 1

4:30pm **Continued Birthday Blessings on Lauren Walsh**
(req. by Maryann Lehmann)

SUNDAY, March 3

9:00am **Lechoslaw Stefankiewicz** (req. by Witczak family)

11:00am **Mary and Ernest Delpero** (req. by family)

MONDAY, March 4

8:00am **Ralph Antonacci 4th Anniv.** (req. by family)

TUESDAY, March 5

8:00am **Catherine Marie Hourican** (req. by children)

WEDNESDAY, March 6

8:00am **Regina Monaco** (req. by Sue Riley and John McKeown)

THURSDAY, March 7

8:00am **Katarzyna and Jan Darczuk** (req. by family)

FRIDAY, March 8

8:00am **Salvatore (Sam) A. Cingari Jr. Anniv.** (by family)

SATURDAY, March 9

4:30pm **Frank Russo** (req. by family)

SUNDAY, March 10

9:00am **Jose Pastilla** (req. by Elsa Neto)

11:00am **Guissepe, Rosa & Ben Gross** (req. by family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year 02/25/24 \$ 7,960;

Last Year 02/26/23 \$ 5,966;

Make On-Line Giving your Lenten Resolution. Just scan this QR code and you will be taken to OSV - our OnLine Giving website. Here you can make a one time donation or sign up for monthly or weekly donations. It's simple, secure and confidential. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.



I am
the Lord your God ...
You shall not
have other gods
beside me.

EX 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and

obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics. ©LPi — Father John Muir

PLEASE NOTE

Mark your calendars
Starting March 9th our
Saturday Vigil Mass will
change to 5:30pm.

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OLSS VOLUNTEER FAIR 2024

Come and learn how to share your special gifts.
Do you like to socialize? Have a desire to help others?
Want to share your faith? Feel like singing?

Explore the many opportunities OLSS has to offer

Sunday, March 10th
9:45 – 10:30 and 11:45 – 12:15

PERSONAL CARE COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 17 — MARCH 17

All donated items will be assembled into personal care kits by the Faith Formation students.

*Change
for
Lent*

They will be given to the clients
at *Pacific House*
and *New Covenant Center*

Items needed:

Soap,
Toothpaste / Toothbrush,
Wash Cloth,
Deodorant,
Razor,
Socks / T-Shirts,
Shampoo/Conditioner

Thank you for your generosity!



Food Pantry Wish List

Canned Tuna, Canned Soups/Stews, Dry Beans or Peas, Stuffing Mix, Bottled Water, Canned Chili Beans, Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables (low sodium), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Whole Grain Cereal & Oatmeal, Olive/Vegetable Oil, Crackers, White Rice/Pasta.

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE BOX
AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

Our neighbors in need thank you!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY Friday in LENT
@ 7:00 pm

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To play the role of 'Jesus' on TV (and survive the experience), actor Jonathan Roumie must seek out who Jesus really was, and discover his impact on the world today.

Watch at OLSS

On Saturdays in Lent following the Vigil Mass



Help prepare healthful, balanced lunches once every 4 months for up to 100 diners on the first Friday of every month at New Covenant

Center. Join one of the four dedicated teams.
For more information, contact parish office.

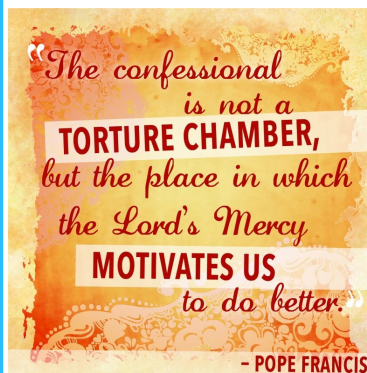
RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Every year the Bishop designates the Monday of Holy Week

"Reconciliation Monday," during which confessions are offered at different churches throughout the diocese from

3pm-9pm. This

year, **Reconciliation Monday is 3/25/24.**



- POPE FRANCIS