



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Smolik,
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Trustees

Betty Brennan
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Joe Dineen

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Dee Fumega

Confirmation

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Director of Music

Michael Alderman

Mass Schedule

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

Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm and by
appointment

Adoration

First Friday of every month. Begins
at 8:30am and ends at noon with
Benediction. All are welcome!

Baptisms

Celebrated Sundays at 12:15pm.
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

olssparishoffice@gmail.com

Phone

203-324-4634

Office Hours

Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00
Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00

Parish Membership

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

Ministries

Fellowship—Deb Harrington

olssfellowship@gmail.com

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olssoutreachministry@gmail.com

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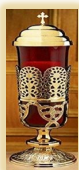
Music—Michael Alderman

olssmusicdirector@gmail.com

APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Victor G. Portanova
requested by Marie Portanova.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 20

5:30pm **Victor G. Portanova** (req. by Marie Portanova)

SUNDAY, April 21

9:00am **Alla Pinchuk**

11:00am **Bogdan Komanski** (req. by Maciej Wegrzyn)

MONDAY, April 22

8:00am **Kathleen O'Neill McManus**

(req. by loving son Neill T. McManus)

TUESDAY, April 23

8:00am **John Hourican, 6th Anniversary**

WEDNESDAY, April 24

8:00am **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, April 25

8:00am **Paul Gregory Mignogna** (req. by Davis family)

FRIDAY, April 26

8:00am **Deirdre "DD" McParland** (req. by family)

SATURDAY, April 27

5:30pm **Ellen Reardon** (req. by family)

SUNDAY, April 28

9:00am **Christopher Ray Martini**

(req. by Pam & Bernard Garra)

11:00am **Eileen Sheridan Chapell** (req. by Agnes Sheridan)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



Last Week 04/14/24 \$ 4,677;

Last Year 04/16/23 \$ 5,347;



Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking,

I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

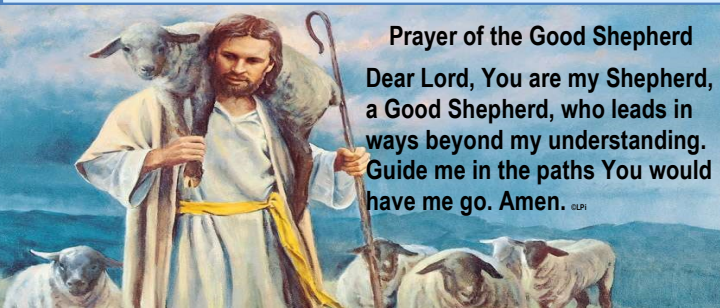
How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us. - *Father John Muir* ©LPI



*Crowning of Our
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sunday, May 12th

All are invited!



Prayer of the Good Shepherd

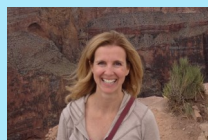
Dear Lord, You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go. Amen. ©LPI



Welcome Back Fr. Brock!

This weekend only ~ April 20 & 21

Fr. Brock will be preaching the homily at all Masses. Please come take advantage of a special opportunity to speak with him after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday. All are invited!



Spring Yoga with Kate Ingram
Saturday, April 27th & May 4th
OLSS Meeting Room



Mat Yoga 9:00 - 10:00am

Suggested Donation \$20/class. All proceeds go to OLSS. Please join us. Bottled water provided.

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The National Procession will be one of the largest pilgrimages in history. Processions will begin on May 17th in California, Texas, Minnesota, and Connecticut and will proceed through various dioceses, holy sites, shrines, cathedrals, and Catholic universities. The pilgrims will embrace the sacraments daily and lead numerous processions through towns and cities. After travelling a combined 6,000 miles in sixty days, the four pilgrimages will merge into one upon arrival in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. This will be the first national congress held since 1941, with over 80,000 Catholics expected to attend.



THE BRIDGEPORT DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, the Blessed Sacrament arrives from the Hartford Diocese to Bridgeport. Thus begins our joyful and profound 4-day encounter with the Holy Eucharistic. Hundreds of faithful will march through Bridgeport, with Corpus Christi style Eucharistic Stations and adoration at five parishes.

Food Pantry Wish List
New Covenant Center



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 and Pasta.

Please leave your donations in the foyer of the Church.
Our neighbors in need thank you!

Shippam Point Garden Club
Annual May Market
May 4th 9:00 - 3:00




Annuals, Perennials, Veggies & Herbs,
Container Gardens, Gift Baskets,
Raffles, Food & Drink
All in one spot - the OLSS parking lot!

NEW COVENANT CENTER
FIRST FRIDAY MEALS



If you would like to participate in the next First Friday meal. Please contact:

Krystyna Vaughn & Bob Finger - krystynav@optonline.net
Joe Dineen - jpdineen_esq@sbcglobal.net
Deb and Jeff Harrington - debbyharrington82@gmail.com
Meg Broderick - OLSSOutreachMinistry@gmail.com

ANNUAL HOMEFRONT EVENT
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 11th @ 7:30am



All skills needed – painting, cleaning, gardening, carpentry, a cheerful attitude and a willingness to help! Coffee and donuts as well as lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact:

Ken Wiegand at 203. 249. 1890
KCWIEGAND@AOL.COM
Volunteer - Get Involved - We Need You!