



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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Parish Council Chair

Joe Dineen

Finance Chair

Rich Kondub

Faith Formation

Dee Fumega

Confirmation

Anne Heekin-Canedy

Director of Music

Michael Alderman

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Holy Days: 8:00 am 12:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:30 pm and by
appointment

Adoration

First Friday of every month. Begins
at 8:30 am 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

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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

Outreach—Meg Broderick

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Music—Michael Alderman

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MAY 26, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY





*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Lidia Neto
requested by Elsa Neto.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 25

5:30pm Michael Nicoletti (req. by Deb & Jeff)

SUNDAY, May 26

9:00am Lidia Neto (req. by Elsa Neto)

11:00am Thomas F. Sweeney, 39th Anniversary
(req. by family)

MONDAY, May 27

8:00am Stasia, Miecia & Czesia Uzieblo

TUESDAY, May 28

8:00am Jozefa nad Julian Zolkowski

WEDNESDAY, May 29

8:00am Kazimierz Uzieblo

THURSDAY, May 30

8:00am Marybeth McKeown (req. by John McKeown)

FRIDAY, May 31

8:00am Tim Hanna
(with love from Mom, Dad, Patrick & Mike)

SATURDAY, June 1

5:30pm Catherine (Cathy) V. Cingari (req. by family)

SUNDAY, June 2

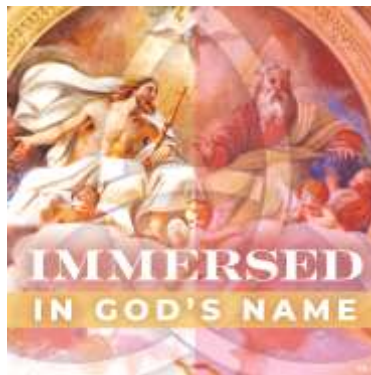
9:00am Giovanni (John) Capetola (req. by Deb & Jeff)

11:00am Genowefa Bakowska
(req. by Barbara Wojciech Iwaszkiewicz)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Last Week 05/19/24 \$ 4,024;

Last Year 05/21/23 \$ 3,590;



Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look

begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**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



ABANDON YOURSELF TO THE VIRGIN MARY.
She will take care of you.

- PADRE PIO



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

**Felix Rowan
Collins**





Serving Our Community

Last year, your donations to the Bishop's Appeal made it possible for Catholic Charities to provide hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in need across Fairfield County.



Catholic Charities Distributed:

- 1,000,000+ meals
- 3,000 donated toys
- 6,200+ socks
- 3,500+ toiletry bags
- 2,000+ winter coats

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities through the Bishop's Appeal.

Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

www.2024BishopsAppeal.org

6th ANNUAL OLSS & P2P FOOD COLLECTION & SHREDDING DAY

Please drop off non-perishable items (canned tuna, peanut butter, beans, soup, etc.) in the OLSS Lobby from May 25 - June 8

Shredding Day at OLSS Parking Lot
Saturday June 8
10 - 12pm

In exchange for free shredding we ask that you support P2P's mission with a financial gift or food donation.

The 2024 Bishop's Appeal Serves Our Community

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During 2023 Catholic Charities Provided:

- \$110,000 in rental assistance, 5,786 counseling sessions to help 503 families and individuals address mental health, marriage, and parent-child issues.
- 5,360+ showers, ·505 immigration consultations
- Safe housing for over 70 homeless individuals
- Financial loans & essential monetary education for 370 people

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Each year on the Sunday following Pentecost, the Church celebrates the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, our belief that God is One and yet Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in majesty and glory, One in Three and Three in One. This is something so wonderful and sublime that the human mind cannot pretend to comprehend the full meaning of the mystery.

Saint Augustine of Hippo, one of the greatest minds that ever existed in the Church, was trying to comprehend the mystery of the Holy Trinity. In his contemplation, Augustine decided to take a walk along the seashore. There he saw a child playing in the sand near the shoreline. Having dug a hole in the sand, the child was bringing over handfuls of water from the nearby ocean to fill the hole. At one point, Augustine asked the child what he was trying to do. The youngster replied that he wanted to empty the entire ocean into this hole in the sand. "But that is impossible," Augustine observed, "Can't you see the ocean is infinitely greater than the hole you have dug in the sand?"

At that moment, Augustine realized a profound truth: it is equally impossible to fill the human mind with the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity. He realized, the human mind is too limited to take in all the greatness of the Trinity, he also admitted that only God can fill and satisfy the human heart. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord," Augustine so wisely expressed it. In other words, there are many things about God that we cannot fully understand with the mind, but that we can with the heart.

God is so much and is in fact everything: Creator, Father, Sustainer, Son, Redeemer, Infinite Wisdom, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, Comforter, Love, Advocate. Furthermore, the Holy Trinity is a mystery of unity, being indivisible, meaning the Trinity cannot be divided, yet at the same time composed of three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we said at the beginning. In other words, "We do not confess three gods, but one God in three persons" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, number 253).