



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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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

Email

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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.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Ministries

Fellowship—Deb Harrington

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Music—Michael Alderman

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of **Sam & Cathy Cingari** requested by family.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 31

5:30pm Frederic Greene

(req. by Linda, Larry & Theresa Chriscoe)

SUNDAY, September 1

9:00am Connor Wilcox (req. by Nance Hutter)

11:00am Salvatore (Sam) & Catherine (Cathy) Cingari
(req. by family)

MONDAY, September 2

8:00am Ruth Maggio

TUESDAY, September 3

8:00am Gerald Bosak, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, September 4

8:00am Patrick Broderick

THURSDAY, September 5

8:00am James J. Lian (req. by Hajjar family)

FRIDAY, September 6

8:00am **John O'Donnell**

(req. by John McKeown & Sue Riley)

SATURDAY, September 7

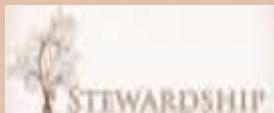
5:30pm Victor G. Portanova (req. by Marie Portanova)

SUNDAY, September 8

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

11:00am Deceased Members of the Grossi & Mallozzi Families (req. by Masone & Martino family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



Last Week 08/25/24 \$ 4,543;

Last Year 08/27/23 \$ 5,118;

The 2nd collection THIS weekend, is our Monthly Utilities Collection.

OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!



Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox

practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

Please join in welcoming Msgr. Surwilo back to OLSS! Msgr. will celebrate Mass while Fr. Peter takes advantage of a well needed, well deserved vacation with his family. Safe travels Fr. Peter.



A doration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, September 6th
8:30am—noon

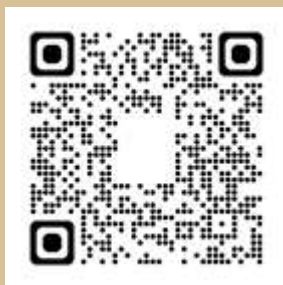
Sign up is in the back of the church or just stop by between 8:30 and noon and spend quiet time with our Lord.



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 VOLUNTEERS AND RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED

IT'S TIME FOR RAFFLE BASKETS!

Please consider donating a themed basket or items to include in a raffle basket. We will be accepting donations through 9/7 Please contact Deb (olssfellowship@gmail.com)



IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

Please consider donating your time and talent. There will be a volunteer sign up sheet in the back of the Church. Questions? Please contact Deb (olssfellowship@gmail.com)

PLEASE CLICK ON THE QR CODE ABOVE

New Covenant Center has updated their list of the most needed (non-perishable) food items. Please drop off your donations in the foyer of the Church.



- Canned Tuna Fish
- Jelly 19 oz.
- Dry Black Beans 16 oz.
- Macaroni 16 oz.
- Sugar - small bags
- Flour - small bags
- Small Oil bottles 12 oz.
- Chicken Broth 16 oz.
- Instant Coffee/Chocolate 12 oz.
- Sardines
- Roasted Almonds 6 oz.
- Canned Evaporated Milk
- Oatmeal (small pack)
- Energy/Granola/Protein Bars
- Chips - Individual Snack Sizes
- Cheese & Cracker Packets
- Canned Soup 28 oz. (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky)
- Individually Wrapped Desserts - all kinds
- Cookies - Wrapped

Please drop off donations in the "new" Food Donation boxes in the entry way.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



A Prayer for Workers

**God our Creator,
Your Word worked wonders to create
the heavens and the earth and all they contain.
Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother,
You labored alongside your foster father Joseph,
living the life of an ordinary worker.
Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life.
You live and move and have your being in us
as we go about our daily tasks.
On this Labor Day weekend,
may all who work recognize their intrinsic value.
Show them that their worth depends not
on any task, responsibility, or skill.
Remind them that their dignity lies in You,
oh Lord. In all of our labors,
may we remember that we imitate You.
Amen.**