

March 16, 2025



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

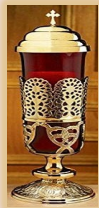
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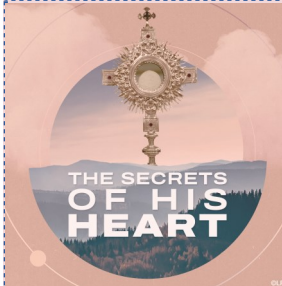
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2nd Sunday
O F L E N T

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29



*This week the
Sanctuary Candle burns for
Joe Masone
Requested by Angela Masone
& family*



St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume

I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "**This is my chosen Son, listen to him**" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "**they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone.**" Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus - perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— *Father John Muir*

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

5:30pm **Creighton Kane**

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am **Alexandra Andrade** (req. by Andrade family)

11:00am **Joe Masone** (req. by Masone & Martino families)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

8:00am **Teresa Skibniewska**

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00am **Michael Redgate** (req. by O'Rourke family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8:00am **Robin & Russ Bughman** (req. by family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

8:00am **Frederick M. Bortolan, Jr.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8:00am **Eric Brennan** (req. by family)

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

5:30pm **Jackie Kelliher** (req. by Anne O'Connor)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

9:00am **Rita Clarke** (req. by Glynn family)

11:00am **Luke Gauthier, Jr.** (req. by Grandparents)



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (3/2/2025) \$ 3,748;

Last Year (3/3/2024) \$ 4,965;

Ash Wednesday (3/5/25) \$ 288;

Thank you for your generosity

Shippan Christian Fellowship

(every other Saturday 7:30am - 8:45am)

Next meeting will take place **Saturday March 22**
at Deacon Gauthier's home (76 Auldwood Road)

All Christian men are welcome.

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BISHOP'S APPEAL TODAY!

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LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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*St Patrick, Pray for us
Feast Day - March 17*

*St. Joseph, Pray for us
Feast Day - March 19*



Enhance Your Lenten Journey
THE CHOSEN: Season 4



OLSS Meeting Room
Bring a dish & refreshments to share
Saturdays during Lent,
Mar. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Apr. 5th, 12th
Pot Luck 6:45
Show 7:00 pm

2025 Lenten Parish Retreat

LIFEBOAT: A Radical Reorientation
for Catholic Survival



*Where are we?
Where are we going?
How do we get there?*



Sunday, March 16 7:00 PM
Monday, March 17 7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 18 7:00 PM

Directed by Father Herald Brock, CFR
All Welcome!
Join Us!

OLSS VOLUNTEER FAIR 2025

Here I Am Lord!

Share your time and talents to serve the Lord
through the Ministries of OLSS
Fellowship, fun, food, drink and a raffle!
Learn More!
Join Us
Saturday March 29th & Sunday, March 30th
After all the Masses



Every Friday
during Lent
@ 7:00 pm

Lenten Personal Care
Collection

March 15 - March 30, 2025

Toothbrush & Toothpaste	Comb & Hairbrush
Deodorant (Men & Women)	Lip Balm
Bar Soap/ Body Wash	Shampoo & Conditioner
Lotion (Small plastic container)	Baby Wipes
Hand Sanitizer (Small)	Tissues (indiv packs)
Nail Clippers	Disposable Razor/Shaving Cream
<i>Travel or regular size preferred</i>	
New Socks / Underwear	Men & Women M, L, XL, XXL



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RALLY AT 12 NOON, MARCH AT 1PM

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Donations will be given
to Pacific House and
New Covenant Center

