

April 12, 2026



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

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*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Ralph Rubino
requested by Rosemary Petti*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

5:30pm **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Elsa Neto)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00am **Josephine Giarraputo**

11:00am **Diane Sapelli** (req. by Iannazzi family)

MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:00am Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00am **Laraine Anderer** (req. by the Harringtons)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00am All Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00am **Kevin J. Ryan (19th Anniversary)**
(req. by family)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:00am **Josephine M. Farrelly** (req. by family)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:30pm **Willy Henriquez** (req. by Dinorah Henriquez)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:00am **Arcangelo Pacelli**

11:00am **Rosa Raus** (req. by family)



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend this year (03/29/26)	\$ 5,925
Last Year (03/30/25)	\$ 4,446
Good Friday Holy Lands (04/03/26)	\$ 1,410
(Easter) Weekend this year (04/05/26)	\$16,023
Last Year (04/06/25)	\$ 4,668
Utilities (04/05/26)	\$ 2,413
Utilities (04/06/25)	\$ 1,818

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Introduction to Centering Prayer

(1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month, 7:30—8:15)

Next meeting will be held on **April 18th**

at Deacon Gauthier's home (76 Auldwood Road)

All are welcome

SHIPPAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(2nd & 4th Saturday 7:30am - 8:45am)

Next meeting will take place **Saturday April 11th**

at Deacon Gauthier's home (76 Auldwood Road)

All Christian men are welcome



"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Mark Your Calendar

Some upcoming events at OLSS

Apr	12	Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion & Rosary
Apr	15	Faith Formation Early Registration Begins
Apr	18	Chosen Pot Luck & Movie
Apr	25	Chosen Pot Luck & Movie
Apr	26	Youth Group Dance
May	1	First Friday Adoration
May	1	First Friday New Covenant Center Lunch
May	2	SPGC May Market
May	9	Confirmation
May	16	First Reconciliation
May	17	First Communion



*Welcome to
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish*

If you would like to learn more about our ministries, services or activities, or join our parish, please contact the Parish Office at 203-324-4634 or go to our website

<https://www.ourladystaroftheseastamford.org/>

To register or update your parish records, complete the parish registration form and email it to olssparishoffice@gmail.com

Thank you!



**Faith Formation Early Registration
Opens April 15!**

Please register your children ages 3 and up.

Tuition is discounted with Discount Code TrueVine.

Call Dr. Pamela Garra with any questions 203-687-0973 or email DRE@OLSS.Church



Our heartfelt gratitude to the following members of our Youth Group - Luke Angelov, Grace Creanza, Morgan Creanza, Hudson Miller, Teddy Miller and their assistants Lillian Lettiere and Tommy Yates - for their extraordinary care for the littlest among us at the First Communion Parent Retreat in March.

**OLSS Enrichment Series
Are you Mah Jongg curious?**



OLSS will be offering a 3-session beginner course on the basics of the game which started in China in the mid-1800s.

Sessions will be taught by Anne Downey on Saturday, **April 11, 18 & 25** in the Parish Meeting Room.

Classes are limited to 12 students. *Free!*

To reserve a spot, email Anne Downey at annekdowney@gmail.com or text her at **203-940-2113**.



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call 203-416-1470 or scan the QR code.

The theme **One in Christ** reflects Bishop Caggiano's call to live our faith with hope, renewal, and generosity. Through our collective support, the Appeal funds ministries that no single parish can sustain on its own.

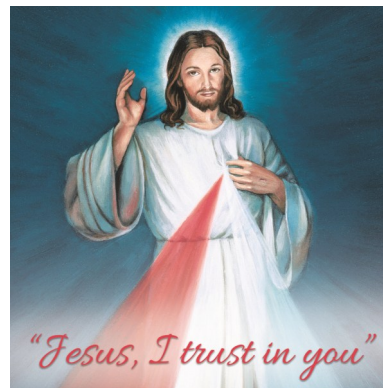
Your individual participation shows commitment to our parish and to the family of the Church.

Thank you for your generous support.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish 2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/27/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$86,500
Total Pledged	\$28,429 (33%)
Donors to date:	31 Donors



Divine Mercy Sunday



"Jesus, I trust in you"

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Come and join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and recitation of the Rosary.

"This is a great hour of mercy for the whole world."

For more information, go to

www.divinemercury.life/the-divine-mercy-novena/



Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Dance

Sunday, April 26 from 6-8 pm

Grades 6-12 are invited

Sponsored by the OLSS Youth Group

For more information,

go to tinyurl.com/OLSSDance26

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