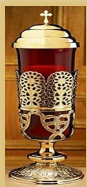




3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31



*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in celebration of the
25th Wedding Anniversary of
Ryan & Amanda Day*



Mass Intentions

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 20

8:00am **Jose Andrade** (req. by family)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am **Eric Brennan**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:00am **Willy Henriquez** (req. by Dinorah Henriquez)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:00am **John Hourican** (req. by his children)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00am **Carmina Lombardi** (req. by Nisia Todd)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

5:30pm **Deceased members of the family of Frank Russo** (req. by Mary Russo & family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9:00am **Elizabeth & Richard Porell**
(req. by Henry & Christina Blenke)

11:00am **Bridget Sargent Lesizza**
(req. by Ann Murray & family)



WEEKLY COLLECTION

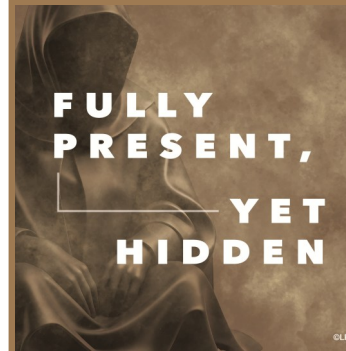
Weekend this year (04/12/26) \$ 7,863
Last Year -Palm Sunday (04/13/25) \$ 9,148

*The 2nd Collection next week is for the Catholic Home Mission
Appeal and Black and Indian Missions*

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 **May 2nd**
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 25th**
at Deacon Gauthier's home (76 Auldwood Road)
All Christian men are welcome



When I first read Homer's Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone

realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Mark Your Calendar Some upcoming events at OLSS

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	SP Garden Club May Market
May	9	Confirmation
May	16	First Reconciliation
May	17	First Communion
Jun	6	Person 2 Person Shredding Event



Faith Formation Early Registration Is Now Open!

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



Dear Parishioners,



Heartfelt thanks to our adult choir, cantors, music director, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers, altar servers, church decorators, and most of all, our parishioners and guests who are the very life of our liturgical celebrations!

Liturgy, the public prayer of the Church, and the worship we offer God in this prayer is at the heart of our lives as Catholic Christians. This is true of every liturgy, but especially true of the liturgies of Holy Week. Thank you to all for making our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ such a profoundly moving experience.

To all the generous donors to our Lenten Personal Care and Food Collections, thank you for sharing your gifts to those in so much need.

Once again, I wish you, your families and friends a very blessed and wonderful Easter Season!

- Father Peter

THE OLSS YOUTH GROUP invites you to a



GRADES 6-12

FATHER-DAUGHTER/
MOTHER-SON

Dance

BALLROOM DANCE | GROUP DANCES
POTLUCK DINNER | FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY APRIL 26
6-8 PM

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
STAMFORD

register at

tinyurl.com/OLSSDance26



Welcome to **Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish**

If you would like to learn more about 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!

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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 4/10/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$86,500
Total Pledged	\$29,459 (34%)
Donors to date:	36 Donors

