



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

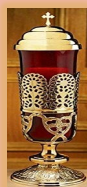
Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

May 24, 2026

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Pentecost Sunday



*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Bertha Berry
requested by Allison Gagliardi*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:30pm **Victor G. Portanova** (req. by his family)

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:00am **Larry Chriscoe** (req. by Sylvia Orgera)

11:00am **Edward Petti** (req. by Margaret Pisani)

MONDAY, MAY 25

8:00am **Thomas X. Farrelly** (req. by family)

TUESDAY, MAY 26

8:00am **Thomas F. Sweeney** (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8:00am **Bertha Berry** (req. by Allison Gagliardi)

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8:00am **Mary Pat Whalen** (req. by Frank Hendricks)

FRIDAY, MAY 29

8:00am **Edward Petti** (req. by Petti family)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

5:30pm **Mary McKeown** (req. by John McKeown)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:00am **Tim Hanna** (req. by his family with love)

11:00am **Catherine Cingari** (req. by Mary Donovan)



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend this year(05/17/26) \$ 5,364

Last Year (05/18/25) \$ 10,197

Catholic Communications \$ 415

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Our Daily/Weekend Mass Book for 2027 is now open. You can stop by, call or email the Parish Office to reserve your Masses for the upcoming year. Requested mass offering is \$15 for a mass (\$20 with a card). Sanctuary Candle offering is \$25 for the week.



*Celebrating the gift of
new life in Christ through
Baptism*

*Ellison Marley
Grabowski*



“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22–23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?”

It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional— not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

NEW COVENANT CENTER FIRST FRIDAY MEALS

Helpers Needed to Shop, Cook or Serve
for the June 5 Lunch

Just 1 - 2 hours of your time - at home or at NCC

Please contact:

Deb Harrington, debbyharrington82@gmail.com or

Krystyna Vaughan, krystyna06902@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar

Some upcoming events at OLSS

Jun	5	First Friday Adoration and NCC Lunch
Jun	6	P2P Shredding Event + Personal Care Collection 9:00 - 11:00 am
Jun	7	Youth Group BBQ
Jun	14	Book Club - “Perelandra” by C.S. Lewis
Jun	25	Celebrate OLSS Gala - Ponus Yacht Club
Sep	13	OLSS Annual Parish Picnic

Our Lady Star of the Sea



Celebrate OLSS Gala

Thursday, June 25
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Water side at Ponus Yacht Club
Share a summer evening with friends

Includes: Signature Cocktail, Hors d'oeuvres,
Wine, Beer, Dinner, Dessert.

Music by:

Matthew Stolfi, Music Director at Curtain Call.

Tickets: \$100 per person

Available before and after Weekend Masses

OLSS Book Club - Sunday, June 14, 2026 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Join us for our next Parish Book Club meeting as we discuss "Perelandra" by C.S. Lewis — a short, thought-provoking read, perfect for shared reflection. CS Lewis develops his views on the Fall and God's Plan for the Universe. It is a wonderful opportunity to nourish your spirit and deepen your bonds with our church community! It will be led by Deacion Gauthier Vincent. *Questions?*
Krystyna Vaughan – email - krystyna06902@gmail.com



OLSS YOUTH GROUP FAMILY BBQ

JUNE 7th
Starts at 6pm with Family Mass

For more info contact
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FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations and God's blessings on our children, their families and their teachers in their preparation for and participation in the Eucharist on Sunday, May 17, 2026

IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE SELFLESSLY GIVEN AND VALIANTLY SERVED OUR NATION,

THANK YOU



The Bishop's Appeal supports Catholic Charities, Faith Formation, Pastoral Care, Evangelization, Parishes and Guilds.

Your individual participation shows commitment to our parish and to the family of the Church.
Thank you for your generous support.



www.2026BishopsAppeal.org or 203-416-1470

8th Annual SHREDDING DAY!

WITH DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

June 6th, 9am-11am
Our Lady Star of the Sea

1200 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT



Shredding is offered at no charge.

(Limit of 4 boxes per person)



In exchange for free shredding we ask that you support P2P's mission to help provide essential services to 28,000 members of our community.

- 1 MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT: p2pHelps.org/donate
Cash and checks also accepted.
- 2 Donate Personal Care items

Most needed items: deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, tampons/pads, shampoo.

All items will be donated to Person 2 Person.

Thank you for your support!

Special thanks to On-Site Shredding, OneSource Junk Removal and Troy Insurance.

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