

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



**Our Lady  
Star of the Sea**  
Roman Catholic Community  
in the Diocese of Bridgeport



*This week the Sanctuary Candle  
burns in loving memory of  
Ralph Antonacci  
requested by Family.*



## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

4:30pm **Special Intention**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

9:00am **Eileen O’Sullivan** (req. by Maureen & Charlie)

11:00am **Stefan & Lucyna Smolik**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

8:00am **Special Intention**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

8:00am **Special Intention**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

8:00am **Special Intention**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

8:00am **Rosemary Kraemer** (req. by Kuczynski Family)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

8:00am **Special Intention**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

4:30pm **Ralph Antonacci** (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

9:00am **Luciano Lombardi**

(req. by Gaetano & Carmina Lombardi)

11:00am **Jose Pastilha** (req. by Elsa Neto)



**WEEKLY COLLECTION:**

**This Year (02/21/21)**

**\$3,974; (includes**

**Ash Wednesday Collection**

**Last Year (02/23/2**

**\$2,999;**

As COVID-19 continues to impact everyday life, we want to say thank you for your continued support and wish you health and peace. Our Lady Star of the Sea will continue to serve our parishioners as best we can. We hope that you will continue to serve your Parish as best as you can.



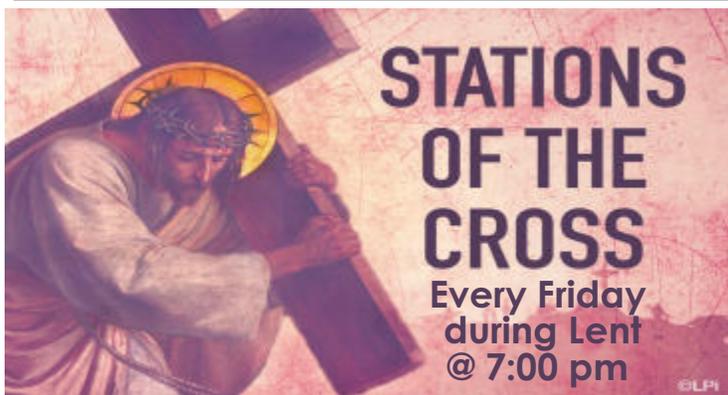
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A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



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DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS THIS LENT. WATCH "CHOSEN"!

Each Thursday there will be a ZOOM Reflection on the episode of the week. Join us for the third virtual Reflection this Thursday, March 4, as we pray, share and discuss:



The Rock on Which It Is Built (episode 4)

Mark your calendar to attend the ZOOM Reflection Thursday, March 4th 6:00-6:45pm

Opening Prayer  
Shared insights from Chosen TV episodes  
Reflection & Question/Answer Time  
Closing Prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-YFzEI8Gt0>  
Or download TheChosen.tv/app for commercial free enjoyment.

Lent is a time for change of heart...

Throughout the season of Lent OLSS will be collecting spare change to help provide clean drinking water to those in need. All money donated will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist in their work to bring clean drinking water to areas affected by drought, war and the absence of clean water.



Please deposit your coins in the water bottle located in the lobby of the Church. Your spare change will change the lives of many!

EVERY "DROP" IN THE BOTTLE COUNTS!

WHAT DOES "WATER SECURE" MEAN?

"Water security" is when water is effectively and holistically managed to support human well-being, socio-economic development and the environment with an emphasis on ensuring equitable access to safe water and sanitation for the very poor, the vulnerable, and disaster-affected populations. Thank you.

SHIPPAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

Meeting this Saturday, March 6th at 7:30am in the school gym. All men are welcomed, no matter what Christian denomination and no matter how long since you last set foot in a church. For information, talk to Fr. Peter or email Gauthier Vincent at [dnavincent@diobpt.org](mailto:dnavincent@diobpt.org).



*I am immensely grateful for your support last year to the Diocese of Bridgeport's 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.*

*What a challenging year it was and thanks to the generosity of so many we were able to serve thousands of Fairfield County individuals and families through our ministries and programs. Catholic Charities alone served over 1.2 million meals since the pandemic began.*

*This week you will receive information by mail about our 2021, Arise Annual Catholic Appeal and how your support assists the ministries and programs our parishes cannot provide to the community on their own. We cannot do it without you and I am immensely grateful for your support of works of Faith and Ministry; Education and Catechesis; and Charity and Pastoral Services the Appeal provides to all people in the Diocese of Bridgeport.*



PLEASE NOTE:  
Starting March 13<sup>th</sup> all Vigil Masses will start at 5:30pm



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