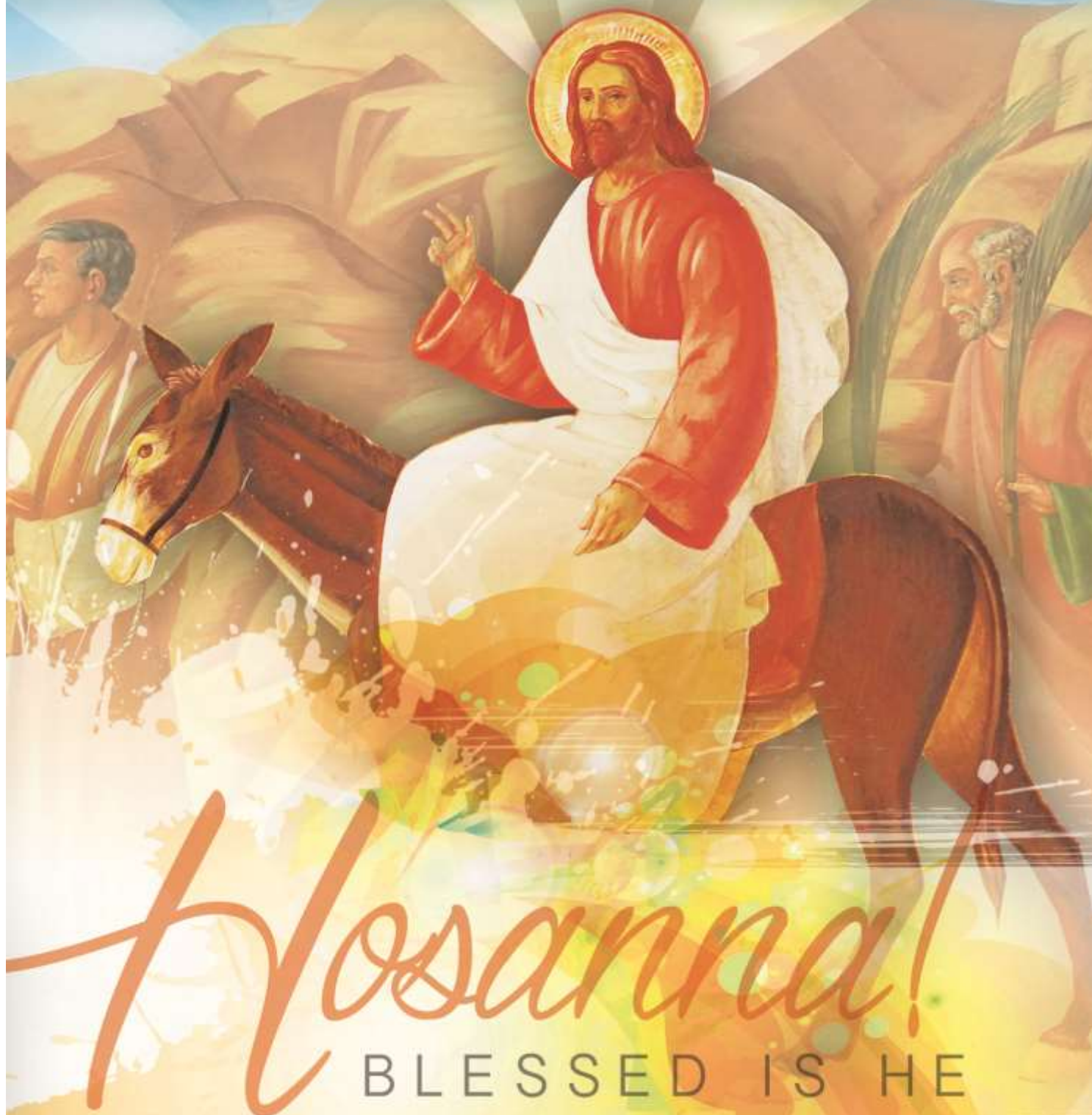


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**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

MARCH 24, 2024



*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Michael Gwardyak
req. by Susan & John Emmetsberger.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 23

5:30pm Nicoletta Capetola (req. by Deb & Jeff Harrington)

SUNDAY, March 24 PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Barbara & Peter M. Ryan (req. by family)

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

MONDAY, March 25

8:00am Maria & Jerry Rowicki

TUESDAY, March 26

8:00am The Intentions of Marianne Beirne (Living)
(req. by her brothers)

WEDNESDAY, March 27

8:00am Regina Campfield (req. by Kuczynski family)

THURSDAY, March 28 HOLY THURSDAY

8:00am NO MASS

7:00pm Meghan M. Butler (req. by family)

FRIDAY, March 29 GOOD FRIDAY

8:00am NO MASS

3:00pm Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 30 HOLY SATURDAY

12:00pm Blessing of the Food

5:30pm NO MASS

7:00pm All Parishioners

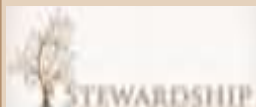
SUNDAY, March 31 EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am Special Intention

9:00am Katie Watt Lavin (req. by A.C. & Michael)

11:00am All Parishioners

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year 03/17/24 \$ 5,124;

Last Year 03/19/23 \$ 5,077;



A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and **"marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever.** Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited **"I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.** — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

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Blossoms of Our Faith

As we make our way into the challenging last week of Lent, there are still many opportunities to encounter the beautiful pillars of the season - Prayer, Fasting, and Giving. OLSS is once again providing a tree symbolizing the blossoming of our faith. We would like everyone to participate by adding blossoms in memory of a departed loved one or in honor of a special someone. By purchasing a single blossom for \$20.00 you can also take a blossom home with you. All the profits will go to support our ministries. The names of loved ones will remain on the altar throughout the Easter season reminding us of the joy of the Resurrection.



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Every year the Bishop designates the Monday of Holy Week "Reconciliation Monday," during which confessions are offered at different churches throughout the diocese from 3pm-9pm. **This year, Reconciliation Monday is 3/25/24 and will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Ave. and The Church of Saint Cecilia, 1184 Newfield Avenue in Stamford. REJOICE & BE GLAD.**



A doration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, April 5
8:30am—noon

Sign up is in the back of the church
or just stop by and spend quiet time



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

7:00 pm – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
with Reposition OF THE
Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
until 9:00pm
(No 8:00am Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

3:00 PM- Veneration of the Cross and
Holy Communion
7:00 pm – Stations of the cross
(No 8:00am Mass)

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30

12:00 Pm - Blessing of the food
7:00 pm – Vigil Mass of Easter
(No 5:30pm Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

7:30 AM - MASS
9:00 am – Mass
11:00 AM – Mass



We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the **2024 Bishop's Appeal.**

Please prayerfully consider **supporting the Bishop's**

Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated! **Serving Our Community...by respecting the dignity and diversity of each person through support and service.**

Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs provides academic, spiritual and life skill programs for children and adults with disabilities.

To support this important ministry and work in our Diocese, please consider making your gift to the

Bishop's Appeal today! Visit: www.2024BishopsAppeal.org

