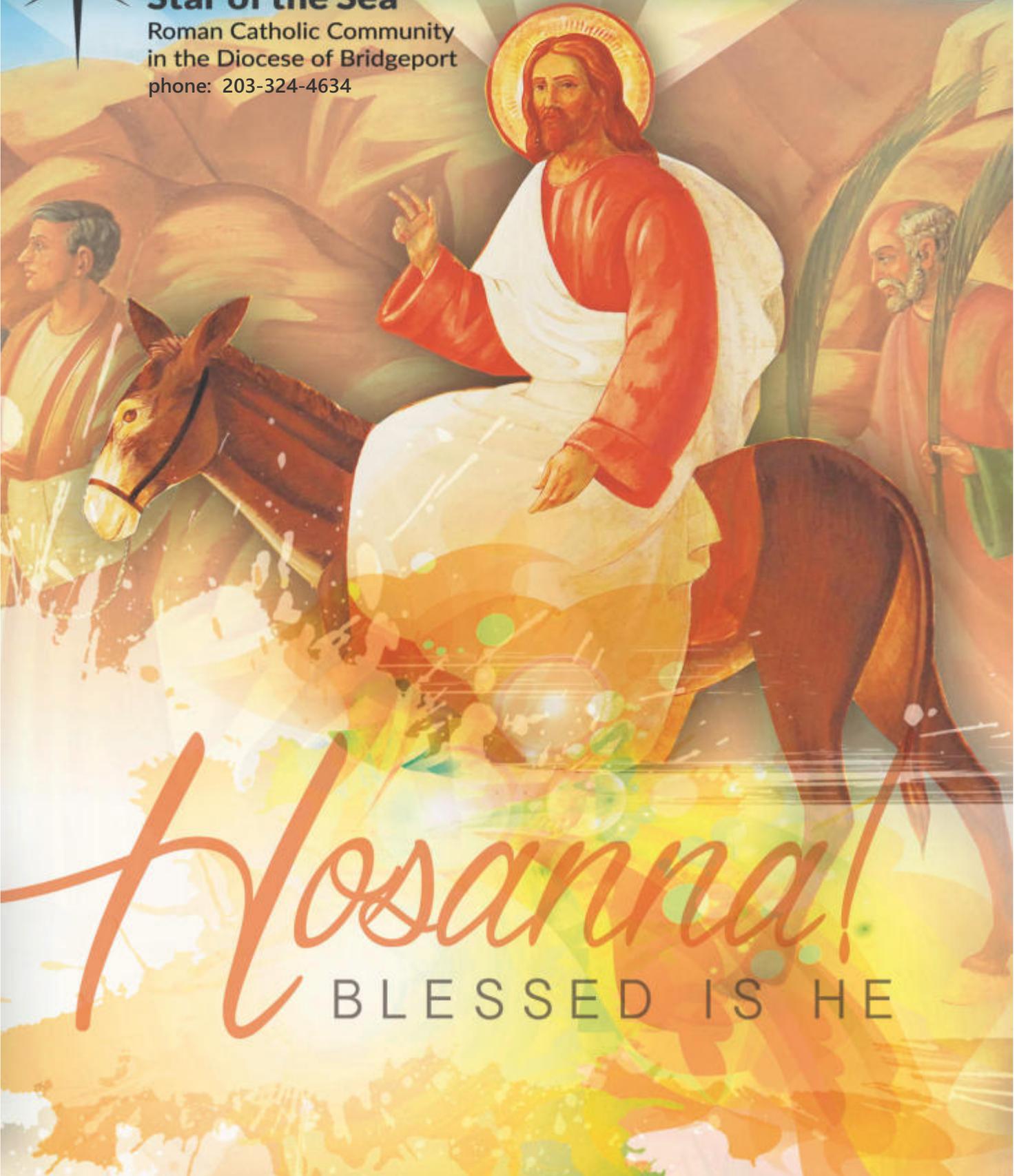


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**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

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Hosanna!
BLESSED IS HE



*This week the Sanctuary
Candle burns for
Eloise Margaret Voll.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

4:30pm **Mary Carol Bolatti**
(req. by Neil & Meg Broderick)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am **Joe Masone** (req. by Martino family)
11:00am **John Hogan** (req. by family)

MONDAY, MARCH 29

8:00am **Susan Sponheimer** (req. by McCambley family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

8:00am **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00am **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 Holy Thursday

8:00am **No Mass**
7:00pm **All Parishioners**

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 Good Friday

8:00am **No Mass**
3:00pm **Passion/Veneration of the Cross**
7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 Holy Saturday

7:00pm **All Parishioners**

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 Easter Sunday

7:30am **Marie Zaleski** (req. by Ingram family)
9:00am **Adele Koppel** (req. by Judy Rusin, daughter)
11:00am **Bill Trabekino** (req. by Unnold family)
12:30pm **Eloise Margaret Voll**
& Strengthening for the Voll family

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



This Year (03/21/21)
\$3,279;
Last Year (03/22/20)
COVID-19 Shutdown

Thank You *for your* Generosity



HOLY THURSDAY*

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 9:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY*

3:00pm Passion of the Lord/
Veneration of the Cross
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

12:00pm Blessing of the Food
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 12:30pm
*No 8:00am Mass

A Call to Renewal

The Diocese has created a website that will contain all the materials associated with our efforts at spiritual and pastoral renewal. It is entitled "A Call to Renewal" and it can be accessed at <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/call-to-renewal/welcome/>, or click "A Call to Renewal" at the top of the Homepage of our diocesan website.

Lent is a time for change of heart...

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.



EVERY "DROP" IN THE BOTTLE COUNTS!

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VIRTUAL HYBRID BENEFIT



THURSDAY | MAY 6, 2021

**Foundations in Education
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Spring Benefit**

Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara and Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn at 203.416.1671 or mquinn@foundationsineducation.org.

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

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Thursday's, Feb. 18th - April 1st
6:00 - 6:45

Click on [JOIN MEETING](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87154492427?pwd=LzFDcnpNbjRYUEV5NUU5NUsrWXk3a1Vndz09>

Watch episode 8 I Am He
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lk4yq1f6DY>



Join fellow OLSS Parishioners via ZOOM for a live Rosary daily.

M-F @ 4:30pm S-S @ 4:00pm
Meeting ID: 724 106 329



Fridays 5:15 - 5:30pm
Live on ZOOM

For more information contact:
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Early Spring Giving for New Covenant Center

The Covid-19 pandemic has been hard on all families, especially those struggling to buy food and household items. NCC's goal is to provide a roaster chicken and or ham and the essential items, such as paper towels, tissues and toilet paper to all families in need. No need for you to go to the store; NCC will take care of the shopping - all you need to do is be as generous as you can with your monetary donation and they will handle the rest! Please visit: <https://www.newcovenantcenter.org/springgiving/> for all the information you need. Thank you in advance.




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