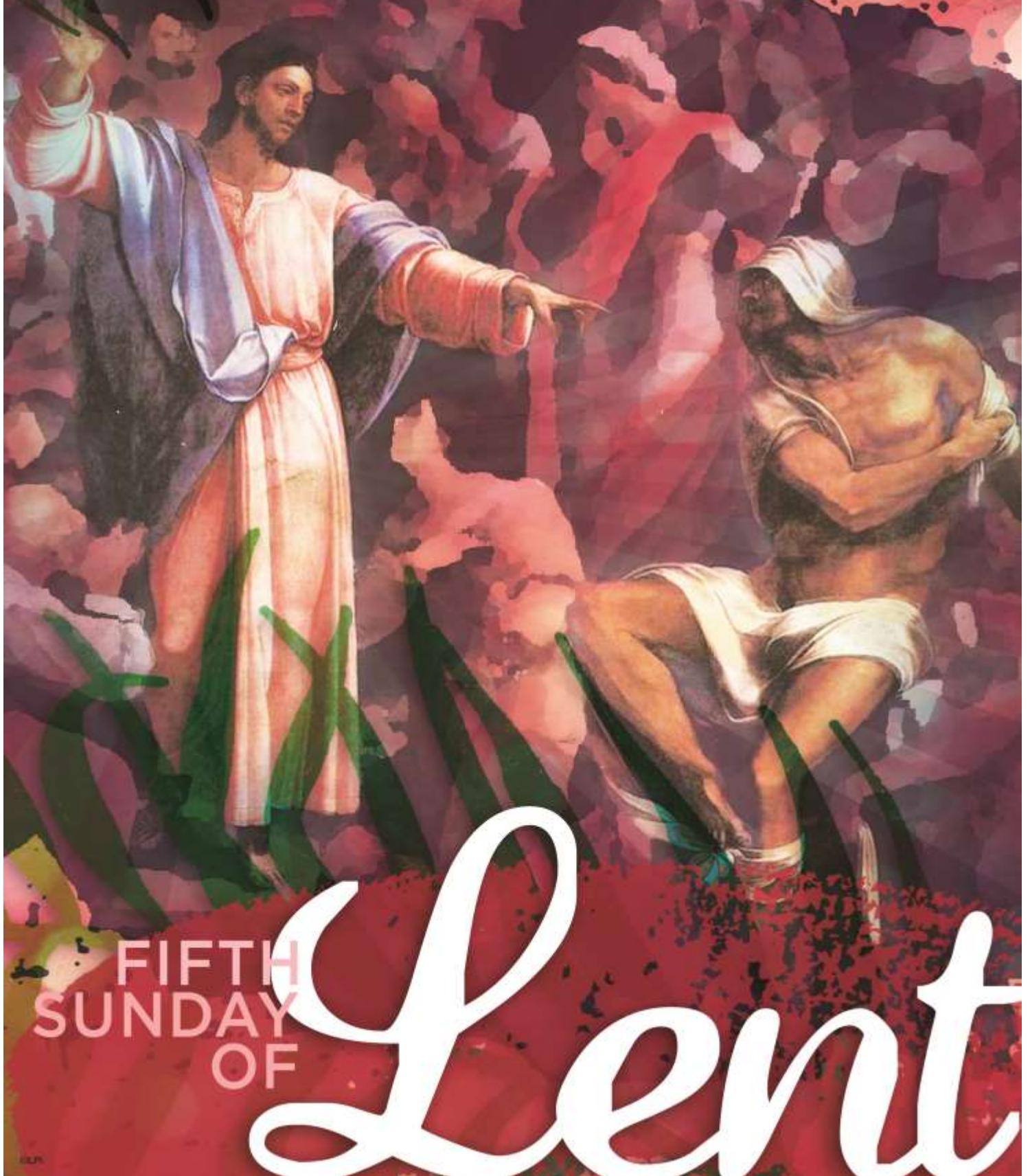




# Our Lady Star of the Sea

Roman Catholic Community  
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

MARCH 17, 2024



FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF

# Lent





*This week the Sanctuary Candle  
burns in loving memory of  
Joe Masone  
req. by Angela Masone & family.*



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, March 16

5:30pm Creighton Kane (req. by Maura Kane)

### SUNDAY, March 17

9:00am Continuous Birthday Blessings for Justin Walsh  
(req. by Maryann Lehmann)

11:00am Joe Masone (req. by Masone & Martino families)

### MONDAY, March 18

8:00am Dennis J. Pierce (req. by Kay, Sandy & Fred Pfaff)

### TUESDAY, March 19

8:00am Frederick M. Bortolan, Jr.

### WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00am Robin & Russ Bughman (req. by family)

### THURSDAY, March 21

8:00am John McKeown & William McKeown  
(req. by John McKeown, Jr. & Sue Riley)

### FRIDAY, March 22

8:00am Michael BonTempo, Sr.

### SATURDAY, March 23

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

### SUNDAY, March 24

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

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

### WEEKLY COLLECTION:



**This Year 03/10/24 \$ 4,965;**

**Last Year 03/12/23 \$ 4,222;**

**Special Catholic Relief Services \$ 1,050;**

**May the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us.  
May the Word of God direct us.**

SANCT PATRICK



A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so.

"Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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## Lenten Personal Care Collection

February 17-March 17, 2024  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Church  
 1200 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT

Soap  
 Toothpaste /Toothbrush  
 Wash Cloth  
 Deodorant  
 Razor  
 Socks / T-Shirts  
 Shampoo/Conditioner

Donations will be given to  
New Covenant Center and  
Pacific House



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### Blossoms of Our Faith

Our commitment to the Lenten season is displayed by a barren tree in the lobby of the Church. Please help symbolize the blooming of our faith by adding blossoms in memory of a loved one or someone living that you would like to honor.

Single blossoms are \$20.00 each and will be available this weekend and continue through to Easter. All the profits will go to support our ministries. Our tree will stand throughout the Easter season and the names of those remembered or honored will remain on the altar reminding us of the joy of His Resurrection.




## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## 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



## LENTEN FILM SERIES

Saturdays in Lent @ 6:30pm  
 Following the Vigil Mass  
 POT LUCK—Bring a dish to share!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY Friday in LENT  
 @ 7:00 pm