

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM  
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT, BECAUSE WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

JOHN 15:5

ἡ κοίτη ὁσέτακς  
παρῆνος  
2024

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We see our community as one moved by Faith, led by Hope and united in Charity, seeking, as a caring family, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ by reaching out in welcome to all: the young, the old, the stranger, and the neighbor. We commit ourselves to helping and healing, to feeding the hungry, to visiting the sick, and to consoling the bereaved as Jesus commanded in the gospels.

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**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 2:30-3:30pm. Also upon request, at any reasonable time. Please contact the Rectory to make an appointment.

**BAPTISM:** For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm.

**WEDDINGS:** By personal appointment with a priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.

**FUNERALS:** Contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm.  
**SICK & SHUT-INS:** Priests are available to bring Holy Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME:** Please make yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing by Mon 10am.



We have officially launched the 2024 Catholic Appeal here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to join me in giving a gift to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! You can also give online today by visiting [bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/). **Thankful for YOUR HELP!**



## Welcome!

Would you like to be a Registered Member of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish?  
Would you like our mailings?

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (please include date of birth): \_\_\_\_\_

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Check:  New Registration  
 Change of Address  
 Offertory Envelopes

To sign up for Electronic Giving,  
please visit us at  
[www.sosmarblehead.org](http://www.sosmarblehead.org).

You may email us your information at [SOSRectory@verizon.net](mailto:SOSRectory@verizon.net),  
or use this form returned to the collection box or mailed to:  
Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish, 85 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead, MA 01945.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 27</u>
9:00 AM	Ann Englehardt
4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 28</u>
7:30 AM	Ginny O'Neil
9:00 AM	Thomas Targonski
11:00 AM	Richard Marrs
<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 29</u>
9:00 AM	Colette Sullivan
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 30</u>
9:00 AM	Ellen Thayer Pero
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 1</u>
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 2</u>
9:00 AM	James Kelly & Carole Kelly
<u>Friday</u>	<u>May 3</u>
9:00 AM	Steven Duffy
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 4</u>
9:00 AM	Pat Gagne
4:00 PM	James Fitzgerald
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 5</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Lillian Barry
11:00 AM	Longino Campos

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024**

Collected/mailed in: \$4,430.00 • Online: \$2,660.66

**Offertory Total: \$7,090.66**

**Grand Annual: \$412.50**

**St. Vincent de Paul: \$333.73**

**Many thanks for your kind remembrance!**

**2024 Catholic Appeal: Forward in Faith**

The Catholic Appeal is a way that we can fortify, sustain, and expand the many ministries and services that serve thousands across the Archdiocese. We are so grateful to all of you who have given. As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, we have raised \$42,286.00, 69% of this year's goal of \$61,700.00. Thank you for your generosity. By making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal you help the mission of our Church.



**Coffee and Donuts**  
**Join Us**  
 in the Center Conference Room  
 following 9:00 a.m. Mass

★ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024** ★

**Regular Classes Ended for the Year**

**First Communion Candidates**

**Retreat is May 4th, 9:30a - 12:30p**

Parents should contact the Office to verify they have made up any missed lessons.

Important Dates:

First Communion is May 11th at 10:30a or 12:30p

May Procession is May 12th after the 9:00a Mass.

**Fall Confirmation Date and Time**

Our Fall date for Confirmation has been set for Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 in the afternoon.

**Student Safety Program This Week**



**Empowering God's Children**


Together with Catholic parishes throughout the U.S. and assisted by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group's "Virtus" program which we already use to train all adult staffers and volunteers in safe environment practices, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is partnering with our parents to present safe environment lessons to our youth. These lessons are an integral part of our Religious Education program, but are also available to all families of the Parish. As adults, we cherish every opportunity to protect children. Part of that protection is to teach children how to safely interact with others. This year our children will experience two of six recurrent lessons. This year's themes are: safe and unsafe interactions with others; and knowing who are the safe adults to whom they can turn for help if needed.

The hour-long lessons are age-appropriate for our various students and are scheduled for Tuesday, April 30th at either 3:00 in the afternoon or at 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

Please register which session your children will be attending by emailing the students' name and current grade to [sosreligiused@staroftheseamarblehead.org](mailto:sosreligiused@staroftheseamarblehead.org).

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

[sosreligiused@staroftheseamarblehead.org](mailto:sosreligiused@staroftheseamarblehead.org).

**We Share** Online giving is an easy, secure option for your various offerings to our parish. Simply visit our parish webpage at [www.sosmarblehead.org](http://www.sosmarblehead.org) and click on the We Share  link to get started.



**FORWARD in FAITH**

SCAN HERE to make your gift or visit



"Every gift to the Appeal, no matter the amount, has meaning and purpose, and every gift plays an integral part in the vital mission of the Archdiocese of Boston." - Cardinal Seán O'Malley

[bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate4](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate4)

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

This Sunday we have readings that picture the strength of new life which is ours in Christ Jesus. The first reading (see Acts 9:26-31) speaks of a church community at peace, being built up by walking in the fear of the Lord with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. We pray for as much for our community, our nation and our world. Such graces can be ours only when we are in true union with our Lord and with one another in the Lord.

“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” The theme of remaining in Jesus is the important thought for our hearts. Often, when we pray over this image of the vine and the branches we think of it as one of the many parables from the Lord’s teaching and public life. Actually, in John’s Gospel, it functions otherwise. It is part of the Lord’s words to the disciples at the Last Supper. They are about to witness the Lord being “cut off” by his betrayal, unjust condemnation and execution by the power of the state. How are they to understand it? Jesus strives to help them understand it as a kind of pruning by which even greater fruit is assured, greater life is to be given.

Too often in considering the image of vine and branches, we think of what is cut off and thrown away. What is thrown away is not the center or purpose of the action. The pruning is for the sake of the vine, for the sake of what remains. Thus is the vine strengthened. Just as Jesus remains in the Father and carries on in his love, so will he be pruned by the vine-grower not to be cast away as a lost branch but to remain as the main plant, the original stock rooted in the Father’s love. Indeed, the pruning will lead to new growth and a new life for the world and for each of us.

For us disciples, too, there will be many moments of apparent loss in the journey of life. Things we may have thought of as absolutely essential are cut away. The loss of loved ones comes to mind. The compromise to one’s health is another. The pain of a broken relationship may be a third. In such moments, we may be so taken by the sense of loss, that we ourselves are cut off from hope and are burned by the bad experience. Especially in these moments, the Lord asks us to remain firm in the Father’s love by remaining, abiding with him, Jesus. Look at what happened to him. His passion was not a victory for sin and death but turned out to be the victory of God’s saving love bringing new life to the world. So too in the apparent losses of life. Be on the Jesus side of the cut. If we remain true to Christ and his ways, if we trust in the Father’s goodness especially in our moment of trial we will not, in fact, be cut off, but enabled with new, stronger powers of realizing God’s goodness and peace.

With St. John in the Second Reading (see 1 John 3:18-24) we “have confidence in God.” “The way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” Let us pray for the grace to confront the apparent losses in life with that same confidence in God’s love. If we remain true to that love we, too, will see the fruits of God’s love increase in and through us for the sake of the world.

I am looking forward to our Retreat Day with our First Communion Candidates this coming Saturday. Entering communion with the Lord and remaining in the bond of friendship with him is a grace and a strength that will enrich their lives and assure their happiness. Please pray for them and their families in these final weeks of preparation.

Asking the blessings of Christ for you and loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

# Vacation Bible School 2024



## Looking for “Oceans” of Fun? “SEA” YOU HERE!

**When:** June 24 – 28, 2024  
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Where:** Our Lady Star of the Sea, Parish Center  
**Register online:**

<https://vbspro.events/p/sosreligious-staroftheseamarblehead-org>

\$75 – 1 child  
\$125 – 2 children  
\$150 – 3+ children

For more information, please call Lynne Celli,  
Director of Faith Formation;  
781-631-4083 or email  
[sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org](mailto:sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org)

## FAITH AND PLAY

Faith and Play is a time for our youngest parishioners to gather to grow in their faith. This group is perfect for parents with children ages Baby to 5 Years. Join us once a month for a time to play and to learn about our faith. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. In nice weather we will meet in the garden next to the Church and then we will move indoors into the Parish Center. The dates this New Year will be:

Mondays:  
January 8  
February 12  
March 25  
April 8  
May 13.



For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email  
Jaclyne Ainlay at [jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com](mailto:jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com) or Lynne  
Celli at [sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org](mailto:sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org).

# MUSIC News

## Star of the Sea Concert Series

### Ensemble Lyrae

May 19th at 5:00 pm.

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in the organ loft Thursdays at 7:00pm.  
Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the organ loft Sundays at 8:15am.  
Interested in joining either choir? Please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at [sosmusicdirector@aol.com](mailto:sosmusicdirector@aol.com).



## ALL ABOUT RECYCLING WITH REPUBLIC



May 14th at 7 p.m.

Can I recycle milk or orange juice cartons? Do plastic strawberry containers go in the trash? What do I do with those black restaurant take out containers? Do I have to remove staples before I recycle paper?

Answers to these and other questions will be provided at a joint program offered by our *Creation Care Team and Sustainable Marblehead*, in conjunction with Republic Industries-the town's recycling provider-on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center at 7pm.

We hope to see you at this community wide event.

**The Creation Care Team is looking for more members to help us with our Mission to support Pope Francis' call to tend to our home and show respect for all of God's creation as outlined in his encyclical Laudato Si'.**

**If interested in becoming part of our team, please reach out to Peter Fallon, Elaine Leahy or Dylan Vizy at the program or on line at:**

[sossecretary@verizon.net](mailto:sossecretary@verizon.net).

## Reopening Celebration May 19th.

The reopening of the Dining Room at My Brother's Table will be a special celebration. Because Our Lady Star of the Sea has been so important a part of this outreach from the founding through to this day, we would like to offer a message in the Commemorative Program for the event. If you would like to help us do so, please send a donation, marked as such, to the Rectory at your earliest convenience.



## Exploring Ideas: Follow-up Today

Our Parish has reached out to explore a relationship with a Parish or school community in Fr. Stephen's home country of Nigeria. There is a warm reception to the idea. Those interested are welcome to meet Sunday, April 28th at 10 a.m. during Sunday Coffee and Donuts. Fr. Stephen has photos and ideas to share from his contact with the other pastor.

Contact Elaine Leahy: [eleahy10@yahoo.com](mailto:eleahy10@yahoo.com).

## St. Vincent de Paul —Collection Boxes

Please remember that there are boxes at the doors of the Church for charitable donations for the benefit of persons in need who seek help from the Church.

**Thank you so much for remembering those in need during the Easter Season.**



## The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

**April - For the Role of Women**

**May - For the formation**

**of religious and seminarians**



Consider joining Catholics around the world in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer). For further information please consult the Apostolate at: [popesprayer.va](http://popesprayer.va).

## Easter Flower Memorials

We are grateful for the donations towards our Easter decorations in memory of many loved ones. We continue to hold them in our prayer throughout the Easter Season.



## Comments from Deacon Joe

### Eastertide Continues

**Review/Preview** We are more than halfway through the Easter Season. It might be good to look back at what we've seen and look ahead to what's still to come as we rejoice. The Sunday gospels have told us of the empty tomb of Jesus, of his appearances to the Apostles and his opening their hearts to understand the scriptures. Then we heard of Jesus proclaiming himself the good shepherd. Today we hear that we are branches on the life-giving vine which he is. Still to come, we will hear his command of love, we will celebrate his ascension and we will hear of his prayer to the Father for his followers. Eastertide concludes with Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.



Meanwhile at daily Mass we have heard from the Gospel of John about Jesus meeting with Nicodemus (the call to be born of water and the Holy Spirit), Jesus the Bread of Life who feeds us with his Body and Blood, and Jesus the light of the world. We've reached chapter 14 and will now hear of the Last Supper: Jesus teaching his disciples and praying to the Father for them and us. In Acts of the Apostles we're also in chapter 14. We have already heard of the early days of the Church in Jerusalem and the beginning of persecutions and the first spread of the gospel to the Gentiles. Now the focus will be on the evangelizing work of St. Paul. "The Word Among Us," available in the church, gives the readings for each day as well as a meditation on one of them. You can take a copy and use it to follow along at home, or you can just read in your Bible if you'd like to pray with the Church in this way.

**Shakespeare** On April 23, in honor of Shakespeare's birthday, St. Anselm College has a reading of his 154 sonnets. I participated this year for my second time and read Sonnet 77. I was also pleased to be part of the awarding of the second annual John S.



Whipple Scholarship in 18th Century Studies. This year's winner is a violinist whose project will be to perform the complete "Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi. I was happy to learn of the selection because my dad, John S. Whipple, enjoyed the music of Vivaldi and other 18th Century composers.

**This week** the Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, O.P. is celebrated on April 29. She was a Dominican who lived from 1347 to April 29, 1380. She was a mystic who was very active in promoting the return of the papacy from Avignon to Rome. She was canonized in 1461 and declared a doctor of the Church in 1970 by Pope St. Paul VI [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine\\_of\\_Siena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_of_Siena).



May 2 is the Memorial of St. Athanasius, Doctor of the Church. He was bishop of Alexandria and a vigorous defender of the doctrine of the divinity of Christ against the Arian heresy. He died in 373 and is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint\\_id=336](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint_id=336).



The Feast of the Apostles Philip and James is May 3. Philip was one of Jesus' earliest followers. While their missionary paths were separate, they share a feast because their relics were brought to Rome together <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-philip-and-james/>.



**Happy Eastertide!  
Enjoy the spring.**

*~Deacon Joe Whipple  
April 28, 2024*