

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts



EASTER — THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. John 20:8-9

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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.

PARISH STAFF

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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.

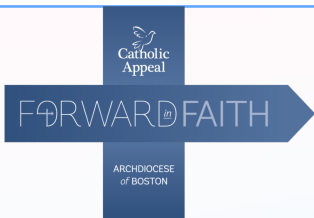
BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm.

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/. **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): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please Check: New Registration

Change of Address

Offertory Envelopes

To sign up for Electronic Giving,
please visit us at
www.sosmarblehead.org.

You may email us your information at 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>March 30</u>
8:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 31, Easter</u>
7:30 AM	Kitty Cutting, 1st Anniversary
9:00 AM	Karen Landry
11:00 AM	Rosario and Rosalia Cutietta
<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 1</u>
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 2</u>
9:00 AM	Br. Paul Demers
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 3</u>
9:00 AM	Thomas Tierney
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 4</u>
9:00 AM	Benjamin John Ramos, Jr. Birthday Remembrance
<u>Friday</u>	<u>April 5</u>
9:00 AM	David Donovan
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 6</u>
9:00 AM	Joseph Reilly
4:00 PM	Glover Preble
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 7</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Bill Goodwin
11:00 AM	William Landers and Bridget Landers

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$ 5,873.00 • Online: \$2,700.66

Offertory Total: \$8,573.66

Grand Annual: \$2,812.50

St. Vincent de Paul: \$37.02

May the good Lord reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

in preparation for Mercy Sunday

Wednesday, April 10th

6:00 - 7:00 pm, Individual Confessions

Saturday, April 13th

11:00 am - Noon, Individual Confessions

2:30 - 3:30 pm, Individual Confessions



Easter Collection Clergy Trust

The Easter collection supports the retirement medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous. See:

www.clergytrust.org.

★ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024 ★

Regular Classes Ended for the Year

Sessions for our annual Safety Curriculum will, however, be scheduled during the Easter Season and communicated to all families.

First Communion Candidates

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

Important Dates:

First Communion Retreat is May 4th, 9:30a - 1:00p

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

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

Confirmation Candidates

Prayer Partners for each Candidate are being arranged at Sunday masses.

Catholic/Private school Candidates should have contacted the office by now.

Dear Star of the Sea Parish Community:

From the Office of Religious Education

I want to take this opportunity to offer my deep appreciation for the compassionate, caring, and awesome support to Monsignor Moran, Fr. Stephen, the Star of the Sea staff and family, our OUTSTANDING Religious Education teachers, the families, friends, and students of our Religious Education program.

We have had a great year! Because of the super teachers, our students learned so much as they continue their journeys and development in our Catholic faith. Most of all, thank you to the families that assist us with passing on the importance of practicing our faith through attending mass on a regular basis as well as practicing the sacrament of Reconciliation and Christian Service.

Many, many thanks to all!

My best for a happy and healthy spring and summer and very much look forward to seeing everyone in the fall when we all will continue the most important work of formation for our children in the Catholic faith.

All the best, -Lynne Celli

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



FORWARD in FAITH

SCAN HERE to
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or visit



bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate4

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Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 31, 2024
Easter

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

A Blessed Easter Celebration to one and all! Together with Fathers Stephen, Fr. Kelleher, Fr. Schmidt, Deacon Joe and all the Parish Staff, I wish you and yours a happy and holy celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.

As we gather to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus over sin and death, the angelic message of the Resurrection is addressed to us as it was to "Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome," the three women who approached Jesus' tomb with fear, resolute certainty, trepidation and doubts (see Mark 16:1-7). We gather for our prayer this year in which we continue to face the violence of war and the enmity between factions in so many places in our world and in our lives. We pray for reconciliation and new life from above!

To the shock of the three women, the angel exclaimed: "He is risen. He is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

Then the angel said a small, insignificant word that becomes the quintessential Easter word: "But." Funny word, that, "but." It says something has changed. It points to some things that must change. That of which you were certain, has changed. That which you assumed was the way of the future, will change. The word "but" stands in the Gospel as a sign of the journey of faith that began for those three women in the shock of encounter, but that would take some time to reach its full realization. The "but" invites them to see something entirely new and entirely in a new way. The "but" invites them back to Jesus' word: you must die to your self. The "but" rips the rug from beneath their heretofore certainties about life, about death and about finality. The "but" opens before them room for a new attitude, a new judgment of the past, and the future. The "but" warms their hearts to a renewed love for their neighbors, for the disciples and for Peter.

The little word "but" stands today for you and for me as a transforming, encompassing reality. We are called to Easter faith. We are called to die to self by allowing the Word of God to challenge our certainties, revise our achieved judgments, calm our fears, open our attitudes, our hopes. We are called to a journey of faith that, like for the women of the Gospel, takes time because so much is to be changed. We "seek Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified" certain of what our sins and those of the world have wrecked upon him. But, we find him, alive. He is entirely new, and in him we find a new heart, a new mind, a new love by which to live anew.

Our thanks go out to the many volunteers who spend of themselves and their time to help us on our journey of Faith. I am especially grateful to those who participated in the "Jesus and the Eucharist" study and discussion. My thanks to Linda Newall and Joan Thayer for organizing and accompanying the sessions. I look forward to the deepening of our appreciation of the Eucharist in our Parish life. We are grateful, too, to all those who prepared and carried out the many aspects of our Holy Week prayers and songs in our Easter celebrations. May God be as generous to you in his blessings as you are to us in your goodness.

We are grateful, too, for those ministers of the Word, Lynne Celli, Yvonne Verrette, and our Teachers of Religious Education, who completed their lessons this week. Their students are a blessing for us all.

Asking God's blessing of grace and peace for you and loved ones throughout the Easter Season, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Gratitude

Dear parishioners of
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Marblehead,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the warmth, support, and sense of community that you have provided to me since I moved to this wonderful Parish. Our parish has been a beacon of light and a source of strength to me since I moved in.

The sense of belonging and fellowship that I have experienced within the Our Lady Star of the Sea community has been truly uplifting. From the inspiring sermons from Monsignor Timothy Moran and his fatherly care, to the welcoming smiles of fellow parishioners, I have felt embraced and supported in ways that words cannot fully capture.

I am grateful for the spiritual guidance, the opportunities for reflection and growth, and the sense of unity that Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish has offered me. Your dedication to serving the community, spreading love and compassion, and fostering a sense of belonging is truly commendable.

Thank you for being a source of inspiration, comfort, and hope in my life. I am blessed to be a part of the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish family, and I look forward to continuing this journey of faith and fellowship with all of you.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest regards,

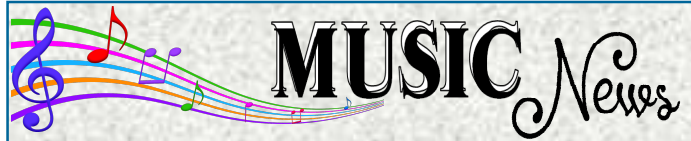
Rev. Fr. Stephen Arinzechukwu Okoli, SMMM.

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 helped launch a successful 2024 Catholic Appeal. Already last Sunday, we had raised \$18,799.00, 30% of this year's goal of \$61,700.00. Thank you for your generosity in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal.

Prayer of Adoration

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications. ~CCC 2628



Star of the Sea Concert Series

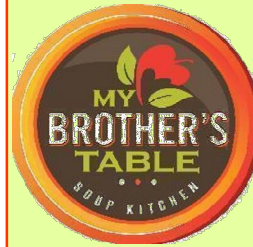
Ensemble Lyrae

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.



**Do you know
the great feeling
you get
when you help someone?
We praise God
through caring for others.**

You can do it right from your home! Could you make a batch of beef stew once every other month and deliver it to our Parish Center? Join in our parish tradition, now 40+ years old, and provide beef stew for My Brother's Table.

We lost a few cooks in 2023 and need to increase our Beef Stew Team. We all use the same recipe. Please call the Rectory 781-631-0086 if you can help. Thank you so much for your support!

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 Jaelyne Ainlay at jaelyne.ainlay@gmail.com or Lynne Celli at sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Easter Clothing Drive

Thank you !

The Easter Clothing Drive provides a complete Easter outfit to children in need. Participants have been very generous this year. It makes a world of difference for individuals and families assisted.



In the face of great need —thank you for your support!

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.

March - For the New Martyrs

April - For the Role of Women



We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. For further information please consult the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer) at: popesprayer.va.

Easter Flower Memorials

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



Comments from Deacon Joe

Easter

At one time all major feasts were celebrated with an "octave," a period of eight days beginning on the feast and ending on the eighth day. The opening prayer of the Mass of the feast was added to the opening prayer of Mass on the following seven days. That practice is no longer followed, and the only feast days I think of that are observed with an octave are Christmas and Easter. Easter's octave is even fuller than Christmas. During the octave of Easter each day has the rank of a Solemnity, so no other feasts can intrude, whereas, as you'll recall, during the octave of Christmas, we celebrate the feasts of St. Stephen, St. John, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family. It is often said that the eight days of the Easter Octave are like one single day. After that, the Easter Season extends for fifty days — seven weeks plus Pentecost Sunday. St. Athanasius thought of the fifty days as one great Sunday, with the octave representing the early hours of the day. Thus we celebrate the Lord's resurrection with joy not only on Easter Sunday or during the octave but throughout the Easter Season.



I often say that if we have Christmas parties, we should even more have Easter parties. Of course most of us do have a special meal, maybe some kind of festive gathering, on or soon after Easter. In my family, Easter was always a day when the extended family gathered for a fancy dinner, usually ham. But even if we can't have a large gathering, we can make the Easter dinner special in some way. My personal opinion is that it would make some sense to have some further celebration(s) during the octave and on into the season. (I like to say, "Catholics have more fun," to my on line friends, but that's a facetious way of expressing the richness of our Church calendar.) At any rate, we

should remain aware that we are celebrating Easter from now through Pentecost, whether or not we party.

Sustaining the Easter spirit for a full fifty days can take some planning. I've come across a suggestion from one Nathan Mitchell, a liturgy scholar at Notre Dame. He points out that the purpose of the season isn't to party, but to remain aware of the goodness of creation and of God's saving presence in our souls and in our lives. How do we do that? I'd suggest a couple of possibilities. During this season, the Church reads the Acts of the Apostles at daily Mass. You could do that too, reading slowly and meditating on a portion of the book each day. If you take a copy of The Word among Us, available in church, you'll find the excerpts used at Mass. You can fill in the gaps on your own. You can also ponder the meditations in that booklet for each day. Another possibility would be to come to daily Mass when you can. Yet another suggestion, in line with Mitchell's idea of saying, "yes" to creation, would be to read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* slowly and prayerfully.



This week the weekdays are Solemnities of the Octave of Easter. At daily Mass the gospels are accounts of the Lord's appearances after his resurrection.

Monday — Jesus appears to the women at the tomb, from Matthew; Tuesday — Jesus appears to Mary Magdalen, from John; Wednesday — Jesus appears to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and they recognize him in the breaking of the bread, from Luke; Thursday — Jesus appears to the disciples in the upper room and explains the scriptures, from Luke; Friday — Jesus appears to the apostles at the Sea of Tiberias (sea of Galilee), from John; Saturday — Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the gospel throughout the world, from Mark

Happy Easter!

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
March 31, 2024*