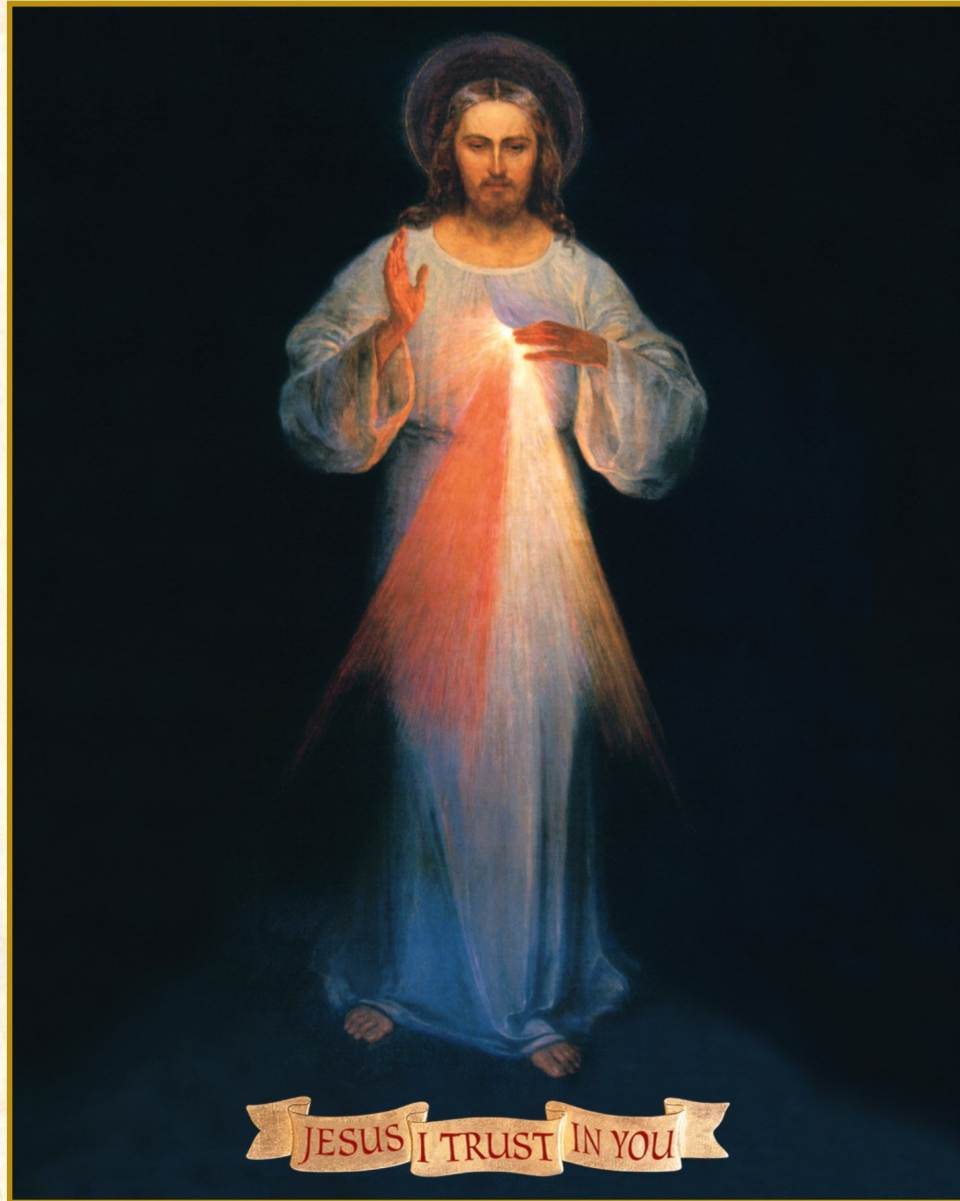


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. *1 John 5:6*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



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

Monsignor Timothy J. Moran, Pastor
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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.

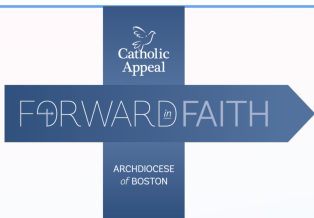
BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm.

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

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| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>April 6</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Joseph Reilly, 24 th Anniversary |
| 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 |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>April 8</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Rev. Larry Martineau |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>April 9</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Benjamin Riola Ramos |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>April 10</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Robert Mitchell, for health and well-being |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>April 11</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Kenny Sterling, for his intentions |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>April 12</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Richard Francis Cox, Month's Mind |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>April 13</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Dolores Irene Jaques |
| 4:00 PM | Carl Pierce, Birthday Remembrance |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>April 14</u> |
| 7:30 AM | John T. Byrnes |
| 9:00 AM | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| 11:00 AM | Richard Marrs, Month's Mind |

★ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024** ★
Regular Classes Ended for the Year ★
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.

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|  | VIRTUS® | Student Safety Program |
|  | Excellence | Empowering God's Children |
|  | Builds | |
|  | Trust | |


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.

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

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 and click on the We Share  link to get started.

Holy Thursday Charity: \$1,126.50
 Good Friday Holy Land: \$2,068.26
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
Collected/mailed in: \$13,704.34 • Online: \$247.50
 Easter Clergy Fund Total: \$13,951.84
 Grand Annual: \$210.00
 Offertory from other weeks: \$6,805.00
Easter Blessings for your generous assistance!

 **Easter Collection Clergy Trust**

The Easter collection supported the retirement medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. See: www.clergytrust.org. **Thank-you!**

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

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 7, 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Mercy and peace! The Gospel for this weekend (see John 20:19-31), takes place on the first day of the week and on the 8th day, one week after the Resurrection. We pray it, always today, the eighth day, one week after Easter. The Gospel describes the quintessential Easter experience: an encounter with the Risen Lord who bestows his mercy and peace. "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Even though the Apostles had abandoned their Lord and had closed themselves off in fear, he comes to them in love, not to condemn but to save.

The Gospel account is carefully structured and presented. There are two encounters, one with and one without the figure of Thomas present. In the first encounter, Jesus speaks to the whole Church, in the person of his disciples, with his gifts of the Holy Spirit and of mission: bringing mercy, forgiveness and peace in his name to the world. The second encounter, that of the 8th Day, is directed entirely to Thomas, who wasn't present at that first encounter. He is called to faith, exclaiming: "My Lord and my God!" He is called to that faith through his encounter with the wounds of Jesus: Jesus knew the words of Thomas' doubt expressed to the disciples days earlier. In showing Thomas his physical wounds, Jesus shares as well the wound of his heart over Thomas' hesitation. Jesus shows his hands and his side, his pierced heart. Jesus invites Thomas to touch and to probe deeply.

Mercy Sunday is directed entirely to you and to me. We, like Thomas, were not present on that first, first day of the week, the day of the resurrection. We are among those who have not seen (that day) and have believed. And we come to belief in the Resurrection of the Lord in the same way that Thomas did: through an encounter with the wounds of Jesus.

Through the mystery of his cross, Jesus won forgiveness and life for the world. Through the mystery of the cross, Jesus embraced the wounds that sin and death have inflicted on and within our human family. Through the mystery of the cross, Jesus has made the wounds of humanity his very own. Now he turns to you, as he did to Thomas, and invites you to touch and to probe deeply those wounds manifest in this, the eighth day, today. Jesus embraced and made his own the wounds of the sick, the lost, the rejected, the forgotten, the hungry and frightened victims of war and of violence, even those of the evildoers who inflict wounds on him and on others. He did so, so as to confront you with his own wounds today, our eighth day. He did so, so as to invite you to see and to believe in him as your Lord and your God brutally present today. He did so, so as to call you to mercy and to peace, inescapably, so that you may be mercy and peace in our world today.

The mercy of which this "Sunday of Mercy" speaks is often thought of as the mercy we received from God that first Easter. And so it is. But that mercy is not a "thing" to be had. Rather, for us it is a gift of the eighth day, today. Jesus calls us, as he did Thomas, to confront the wounds painfully present in our own day that are the wounds of Christ himself, made his own on the cross. He invites you to let your heart touch and probe the depths of love. "Be not unbelieving but believe." This is the meaning of Divine Mercy. You are invited to a communion of mind and heart with Christ Jesus. As he was sent, so does he send you. Through the Works of Mercy, both Corporal and Spiritual, you are confronted with the wounds that belong to Jesus. As you deal with hunger, thirst, sickness, exposure, human failure, ignorance, stubbornness, violence and pains of so many sorts, Jesus asks you to do so for him. It is in the recognition, born of a communion of mind and heart with Jesus as he gives his very life to those who suffer most, that you can come to truly believe in the One whom God has raised from the dead.

Asking God's blessing on you, and your loved ones for a worthy celebration of this Mercy Sunday and our Easter Season, 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/sosreligioused-staroftheseamarblehead-org>

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

For more information, please call Lynne Celli,
Director of Faith Formation;
781-631-0083 or email

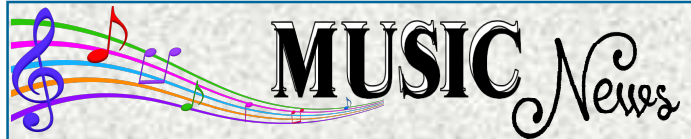
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2024 Catholic Appeal: Forward in Faith

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 as of April 2nd, we had raised \$32,564.00, 53% 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



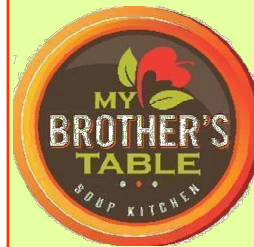
MUSIC News

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.



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 provided 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.



Catholic Charities has acknowledged 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.



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. 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.

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.



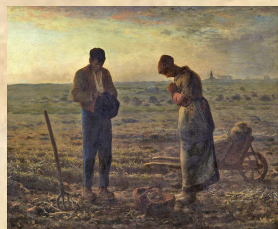
Comments from Deacon Joe

Annunciation

In the Church calendar March 25 is the date for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This year, that happened to be the Monday of Holy Week, and no other celebration can take place during Holy Week and the Octave of Easter. When a Solemnity can't be celebrated on its own day, it is transferred to the next available day, which in this case is tomorrow, April 8.

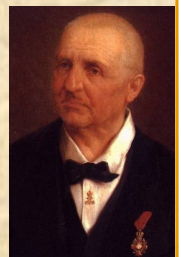
The Annunciation is a very important celebration, because it is a very important event. While the gospel may seem to focus on Mary — and certainly the large window in our church shows her in the center with Gabriel to the side — it is really the Incarnation — God the Son becoming human — that is most important. Without the Incarnation, there is no birth of Jesus (Christmas). Easter is more important, and the Incarnation was to make it possible, but this is still one of the biggest feasts of the year: the beginning of our salvation <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annunciation>.

The Angelus is a traditional prayer honoring the Annunciation/Incarnation. It goes “V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary./ R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit./ Hail Mary... / V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord./ R. Be it done unto me according to thy word./ Hail Mary... / V. And the Word



was made flesh/ R. and dwelt among us./ V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,/ R. that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ./ Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.” It was traditionally prayed three times a day: 6 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m. Church bells were rung at those times in a pattern of 3, 3, 3, 9. Many places, including our church, still ring the bells at those times.

Biographies of the great 19th century Austrian composer Anton Bruckner tell that when he was teaching in the conservatory in Vienna, if he heard the Angelus bells, he would stop his lecture, kneel down, and pray the Angelus before resuming (much to the amazement of his “sophisticated” students).



I gave the wording I learned at Star of the Sea School. You may be able to find the prayer on line in updated language; but whatever wording you use, it could be good to pray the Angelus, if not three times a day, at least when you have a chance, perhaps when you hear the Angelus bells.

This week in addition to the Solemnity of the Annunciation on Monday, we celebrate the Memorial of **St. Stanislaus**, bishop of Cracow, who was martyred by king Boleslaus in 1079 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanislaus_of_Szczepanów.

Happy Easter!

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
April 7, 2024*