



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I begin by introducing myself. I am Father Ron Coyne and I will be serving at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish as Administrator until June 2020. I am a member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) for the Archdiocese of Boston. A new pastor will be coming to our parish this spring and at that time, I will take another temporary assignment for the ERT. I have been so welcomed by the wonderful staff at the parish and am impressed with their enthusiasm and excitement as they serve the needs of our parishioners. I am privileged to be here.

As you know, in most Catholic parishes, in addition to the offertory (weekly) collection, it has been a tradition to, once a year in the fall, have a Grand Annual Collection. For many years the purpose was to take on major capital projects with the proceeds of the Grand Annual, while the weekly offertory was used to pay the everyday salaries and bills. Today many parishes, including our own, may already have savings in the bank for these capital expenditures that come up at the Church, Rectory or Parish Center. Those priests and staff worked hard over the past years to assure that your grounds and facilities were well taken care of. We now have these same responsibilities for the future generations who will want to center their spiritual lives at Our Lady's parish.

We ask you to consider a generous donation the weekend of the Grand Annual Collection (November 16th and 17th). You have received this letter because your family is registered at the Parish. This letter will also be inserted in the Church bulletin and in the pews the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd, with envelopes available at all church entrances. Checks are to be paid to Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish. You may also make a payment online through We Share, our online giving site — you can find the link on our website at sosmarblehead.org by clicking on the "We Share" icon.

I look forward to meeting everyone. If you do celebrate your faith at the parish please introduce yourselves. May God bless you and those you love with peace, happiness and good health.

Sincerely,

Reverend Ron D. Coyne, Administrator

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