# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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> Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday

### Diving Mercy Sunday



"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



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 Moran, Pastor Senior Deacon John E. "Joe" Whipple Reverend Philip Des Rosiers, Weekend Assistant Reverend Timothy Kelleher, Weekend Assistant Robert "Mitch" Mitchell, Facilities Manager

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upon request, at any reasonable time. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm. contact the Rectory to make an appointment. BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory. please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm. WEDDINGS: By personal appointment with a yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 2:30-3:30pm. Also FUNERALS: To make arrangements for a Funeral, please

**SICK & SHUT~INS:** Priests are available to bring Holy NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME: Please make

priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.

#### **Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Easter Collection 2023**

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you for your support of last weekend's collection that benefitted the Clergy Trust. If you were unable to donate last week but would still like to contribute, please visit www.clergytrust.org to make your gift.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish offers online giving through WE SHARE as an alternative to parishioners. Online giving is the easy, secure option for your weekly offering to our parish. Visit us online at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the We Share link to get started.

# Happy Patriot's Day!



Massachusetts celebrates Patriot's Day this Monday, April 17.

The Battle of Lexington and Concord took place here on April 19th, 1775, marking the first conflict of the American **Revolution which ultimately** led to America's independence from Great Britain.

### **Church Bookcase**

Our Creation Care Team maintains a bookcase in the entryway of the church for parishioners to share religious books amongst each other. Visitors and church-goers can browse and borrow the books, then return them on the "honor system."

If you have a book you no longer read, please consider donating it to our Little Free Library

**Bookcase.** Topics we suggest include: Jesus, Saints, Apologetics, Bible studies, Prayer, and Church history. We hope this bookshelf helps encourage learning about our faith while being good stewards of the earth by saving books from ending up in the landfill. We ask that the books be in good condition, and can be dropped off in the box next to the bookcase so we can label them prior to shelving. Please do not leave books directly on the book shelf. Thank you!

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

#### April 16, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 15</u>
9:00 AM	Thomas Page
4:00 PM	Carl Pierce Birthday Remembrance
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 16</u>
7:30 AM	Pro populo
9:00 AM	Ron Erbetta 15th Anniversary
11:00 AM	Irene and Paul Nagle
<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 17</u>
9:00 AM	Francis Delano
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 18</u>
9:00 AM	Frank DiGiammarino
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 19</u>
9:00 AM	William J. Lucca
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 20</u>
9:00 AM	Annette Burke
<u>Saturday</u>	April 22
11:00 AM	Baptism
1:30 PM	Wedding for Christopher Remeika
	and Julia Fitzgerald
4:00 PM	Carol Fletcher
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 23</u>
7:30 AM	Jane, Joyce, and Stephen Hillmann
9:00 AM	Ron Erbetta 15th Anniversary

#### **UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday April 22 4:00 PM Monsignor Moran

Sunday April 23

Pastoral

7:30 AM To be announced

9:00 AM Monsignor Moran

11:00 AM Father Kelleher (Deacon Joe Preaching)

#### **COFFEE**

We will be gathering in the Parish Center for **Coffee & Donuts this Sunday following the** 9:00AM Mass in the Church.

All are invited!

### **Upcoming Meeting**

Council There is a **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting in the Parish Center Conference Room this Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 to 8:30pm.

## **Religious Education**

### First Communion 2023

**First Communion Retreat** 

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9:30am—12:30pm



First Communion Celebration First Holy Communion will be celebrated on:

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:30am and 12:30pm.

### May Procession

On **Sunday, May 14**, Mother's Day, all First Communion students will return for the May Procession (9:00 Mass) and the crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Grotto.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Blast off on a "Stellar" Bible adventure!

Explore the starry night in Bethlehem, follow the star to Jesus in the manger, and learn how YOU can shine Jesus' light! Vacation Bible School will be: Dates: Monday, June 26—Friday, June 30 Time: 9:30am—12:30pm Ages: Grades K—6 Location: Parish Center (80 Atlantic Ave)

**Cost**: 1 child \$75 • 2 children \$125 • 3+ children \$150 

## **Centering Prayer**

Join us in the Parish Center for our **Centering Prayer** group on Mondays after the 9AM Mass until 11AM. Centering Prayer is a prayer of Silence and Quiet time. Sitting for a short time, while resting in God's presence, helps to center us. We will also listen to God's Word, called 'Lectio Divina', where we read the Gospel four

times to hear God's Word on a deeper level. This group is open to all! . For more information about this group, contact Gail Kanarski at 781-631-8296 or Grace Potier at 781-631-9151.



# Rosary Group



All are invited to join us in the Church to pray the Scriptural **Rosary. The Rosary Group meets** every Thursday morning in the Church following the 9:00am Mass. We meet at approximately 10:00am. This group is open to all.

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

A Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday one and all! This Octave of Easter is a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude to the Lord for the way his graces brought so many of our parish family together this Easter. May we continue in that joy.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." We who have known the mercy of God's love through Jesus Christ are, by the Lord, sent forth to bring the new life of the Gospel to the whole world. In today's Gospel (see John 20:19-31), Jesus greets guilty, fearful and unbelieving disciples in a gesture of great mercy: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you." New Life begins in the mercy of God and, by God's grace, the readiness of our hearts to reflect, to correspond and to come alive in that mercy. May each of you know the loving mercy of God in your lives and, in the peace that Jesus imparts, may you extend gifts of life and hope to all you meet.

We come to know the "reality" of this new life through its thorough exercise. The figure of St. Thomas the Doubtful is so important to the Easter story. He was initially willing to believe in Jesus' victory but only in accord with his own criteria: if Jesus were to do as he, Thomas, says, then he would believe. Jesus shows himself more than willing to comply as he appears a second time and invites Thomas to probe his wounds and to convince himself of his actual presence as the Risen One. Thomas, however, does not, in the end, reach out in that way. Indeed, Thomas realizes that no amount of worldly exploration and physical proof are adequate to the reality here to be verified. Much more is needed to recognize Jesus, "my Lord and my God."

Thomas, indeed every believer, is invited to do more than probe a finger here or there. Who will be shown mercy? It is the merciful. We are invited to enter in, to take up and fully to "put on" Christ, knowing that then do we truly come to know the reality and power of Him who has risen from the grave. Be sent as he was sent. Forgive as he forgives. Bestow peace as God gives peace. Give life in his name as he has given us life. These are the Gospel ways of Easter faith. You and I and each and every generation of believers are invited to live the life of Christ. The first and second readings tell us: "Many signs and wonders were done among the people" (see Acts 5:12-16); "I... share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus" (see Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19). May you be powerfully taken up in the mission of mercy, reconciliation and peace given you by the Lord Jesus and thereby come to know the surpassing power of the Living One who has called you.

Gratitude goes, on behalf of the Parish, to all those who worked so hard for our Lent and Easter celebrations. Special mention go to our Music Ministries, our other Liturgical Ministers and to those who decorate and prepare the Church and grounds for our Prayer. We join in recognition, too, of all those memorialized in our Easter Flower Memorial this year.

During this coming May, I will schedule opportunities for general Parish meetings, now that our community has truly begun to come alive again after our Covid-19 and other challenges. Together we will look at our pastoral and financial state of health. Together will set our next priorities for our mission and for the care and strengthening of our families and community.

Wishing one and all a happy Easter celebration continuing through the Easter Season, I am

Yours in the Lord's service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

**Church entrances this weekend.** 



Faith in Action, It All Starts with You We are so grateful to all of you who have help us make the 2023 Catholic Appeal campaign a success so far. We have raised 45% of our goal of \$66,400. If you have not had the chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope at the back of the church or by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/ to give online. Every gift makes a meaningful difference to support parishes, schools, and communities within our Archdiocese. Thank you.

### COMPOSTING AT OUR PARISH

Our Lady Star of the Sea parish is composting in the Parish Center and Rectory. We recognize our responsibility to care for God's great Earth, and composting food scraps is a way we contribute to meeting this goal. By diverting our scraps to composting, we help lessen the impact of waste disposal (including methane and CO2 emissions) on our climate. The next time you come for coffee and donuts, please use the small green compost



bin to dispose of your soiled napkins, tea bags and food scraps.

For advice on how to begin composting in your own household, please email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



### Our Lady Star of the Sea CONCERT SERIES

Join us in the Church next Sunday for our third concert in our Concert Series!

### Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm

Attendance is free for all. Free-will offerings are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com. Our Adult Choir meets for rehearsal in the organ loft every Thursday at 7:00pm. Our Children's Choir meets for rehearsal in the organ loft every Sunday at 8:15am. New members are welcome!



The Mass Parts can be found on Page 14 of the Heritage Missal.

### Confessions

Confession will be held in the Church on <u>Saturdays at 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM.</u>

#### Moving? New E-mail Address?



If you change your mailing address or e-mail address, please let us know as soon as possible to be sure that you receive all parish correspondence (which can be time-sensitive) as expeditiously as possible. *Thank you*!

Holy Thursday, April 6 Online: \$515 Collected/Mailed: \$1,032 Christian Service Total \$1,547.00

Easter Sunday, April 9 Online: \$1,975 Collected/Mailed: \$11,927 Clergy Trust Total \$13,902.00 <u>Good Friday, April 7</u> Online: \$450 Collected/Mailed: \$1,101 Holy Shrines Total \$1,551.00

Offertory (other weeks) Online: \$5,461.83 Collected/Mailed: \$3,576 Collection Total \$9,037.83

### Easter Flowers 2023







Through your thoughtful donations to our Easter Flower Fund in memory of your loved ones, a profusion of fragrant flowers adorned our Church and enhanced the beauty of our Easter Liturgies. Thank you so much for your generosity.





#### <u>Comments from Deacon Joe</u> Eastertide Continues

**Divine Mercy Sunday** today completes the Octave of Easter, the most festive week of the seven weeks of Eastertide. We still have six weeks more of the Easter season, though. At Mass, the white vestments will remind us that we are still in a heightened celebration of the the Lord's resurrection, as will the readings that are proclaimed from now through Pentecost.

At daily Mass, the first reading will be from the Acts of the Apostles. If you can't get to Mass on weekdays, you might want to read Acts prayerfully on your own between now and Pentecost. There are 28 chapters in the book, so at an average rate of two chapters every three days, you can read it all during this season. You can reflect on the early days of the Church and pray about what it has to tell us about our lives in the present, as we in our turn seek to make Christ known to the world, not just as a figure in history, but as our Savior.

**I may have misled some of you.** I have been reliably informed that the profound bow I've been making when receiving Communion is wrong. Only a bow of the head is called for at that moment. I was wrong, I regret.

So if any of you have been imitating me at that point, you may dispense with the profound bow and just make a bow of your head to acknowledge the presence of Jesus in the sacrament.

What is important is that we continue to have the spirit of amazement at the fact that the saving death and resurrection of Jesus are happening before our eyes at every Mass, as Pope Francis reminds us.

**This week** every day is a weekday of Eastertide except for the optional memorial of St. Anselm of Canterbury, bishop and Doctor of the Church on April 21. Anselm was born in 933 or 934 in Aosta, which was part of Burgundy at the time. (Interestingly for Marbleheaders, Aosta's flag is plain red and black.) He was a Benedictine monk, eventually becoming abbot of Bec in France, and from 1093 to 1109 Archbishop of Canterbury. Anselm was the greatest theologian and philosopher of the Catholic Church during the period between St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas. He spoke of his studies as "faith seeking understanding," which is a good attitude for us all. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anselm of Canterbury</u>

Christ is risen! Happy Easter! ~Deacon for Whipple Enjoy the Spring. April 16, 2023



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