

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

August 6, 2023



Transfiguration of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

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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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Saturday August 5
 9:00 AM Most Rev. Joseph Gerry, OSB, Month's Mind
 4:00 PM Rev. Terence Curley

Sunday August 6
 7:30 AM Barbara Pierce, Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 AM *Pro popolo*
 11:00 AM Ann Sheehan, 5th Anniversary

Monday August 7
 9:00 AM Edith Bartlett

Tuesday August 8
 9:00 AM David Matthew Cashman, 1st Anniversary

Wednesday August 9
 9:00 AM Richard Boucher

Thursday August 10
 9:00 AM Jay Glynn

Friday August 11
 9:00 AM Nicholas W. Davidio

Saturday August 12
 9:00 AM Robert Russell
 4:00 PM Ralph Lucinski

Sunday August 13
 7:30 AM Tadeusz Urban
 9:00 AM *Pro popolo*
 11:00 AM Peggy Duggan, Month's Mind

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday August 12
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran

Sunday August 13
 7:30 AM Msgr. Moran
 9:00 AM Father Kelleher
 11:00 AM Msgr. Moran

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Sunday's Coffee and Donuts



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation 2023

Save the Date! Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm.**

Parochial School Students

If you have a rising 11th grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for their Confirmation in this Fall (2023).

Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

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Though vacation is here for some of us, others still face the necessities of providing one more day.

Come to know that good feeling you get when you help someone. We praise God through caring for others. You can do it right from your home. Since My Brother's Table was founded 40 years ago, people in this Parish have been cooking beef stew using the same simple recipe, six times a year on the *second Tuesday of every other month!* What a marvelous tradition! Several have been cooking for decades, some only a year or two.

For more information, or to volunteer, please reach out to Marjorie Shea at marjorie_shea@comcast.net or leave your name and phone number at the Rectory.

Traveling This Summer?



You can locate the Mass schedule of a Catholic Church near to where you are traveling throughout the world.

Simply log onto www.masstimes.org.

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Marblehead, Massachusetts

August 6, 2023
Feast of the Transfiguration

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“His face shone like the sun!” The image of Christ from today’s Gospel (see Matthew 17:1-9), is the highlight of our celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Church prays this passage from the Gospels twice each year, once near the beginning of Lent and a second time on today’s Feast Day of the Transfiguration, August 6th. Only seldom, however, does August 6th fall on a Sunday as it does this year.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration invites us to think of that moment when Jesus was on the mountain with his friends Peter, James and John. The further presence of Moses and Elijah moves us to think of the Lord’s coming passion, death and resurrection because the Law and the Prophets had foretold that thus would the Christ enter his glory. The moment of the transfiguration makes clear that the coming glory does belong to Christ. The voice from the overshadowing cloud rings it clear: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” That is said to us, however, to indicate that God wishes to share his glory also with all who belong to Jesus.

The shining face of Jesus reveals what your humanity should look like when you are redeemed in the saving love of God. The Gospel invites you to see your human nature in a new light. Indeed, the Gospel well-lived enables you to see each person in a new light. Transformed by the grace of Christ and renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit you and I are called to shine with the very love of God. Essential to our spiritual journey is learning to see each other as God sees us. We are to come to learn something of that specific love in which Christ holds each and every person in our life. We are asked to perceive the very love for which Christ gave his life. What does Jesus see that you and I often do not? We are asked to catch a glimpse of how God sees, and to begin to love as God loves.

How? The answer is given to Peter, James and John: “Listen to him.” Listen to Christ. Listen to and practice the words of the Gospel to begin to appreciate loved ones and strangers alike in a completely new light. St. Peter (see 2 Peter 1:16-19) speaks to us as an eyewitness about his experience on the Mountain of Transfiguration. He reminds us that we can hear the voice from heaven like he did and truly “listen” to Jesus, God’s Son, through the Gospel. It becomes a reliable message within us that is like “a lamp shining in a dark place.” You who hear the Gospel and listen to Jesus’ Word are transformed and become a person for whom “the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” Do you appreciate the radiance of that great love by which Christ holds and envelopes you and your loved ones? Look in the light of the Gospel. You will be amazed by what you will see!

Each year we host a visiting missionary to tell us of how the Gospel is brought to the world and to invite us to share in that giving. This year we welcome representatives of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle. The Society is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies (with Propagation of the Faith, Missionary Childhood Association and the Union of Missionary Priests and Religious). Its principal aim is to encourage prayer and financial assistance for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the missions. Your support helps the Church prepare men and women who can bring the light of the Gospel to peoples everywhere and, thereby, help all of us to see each other in a new way, in the light of Jesus. Thus does the glory of God truly shine throughout the world. A Second Collection will be taken up this weekend and gifts may also be forwarded to the Parish during the coming week to support this important effort. Thank-you!

Asking God’s blessing and guiding light upon you and loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL 2023 SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

The Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS) are a worldwide network at the service of the Pope that supports the missions and the Young Churches with prayer and charity. These include the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. The four societies have been defined as “pontifical” since 1922, thus indicating their status as official instruments of the Pope and of the universal Catholic Church.

Throughout the world, The Pontifical Mission Societies support the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of churches, together with the work and witness of mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders. These missionaries reveal the compassionate heart of Jesus through their work that often entails providing not only spiritual support but also food, education, and medical care to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions.

The societies care for and support new churches until they can be self-sufficient. This was the case of the Church in the United States which was considered a mission territory until 1908. Many of the churches in this country were built thanks to the support of The Pontifical Mission Societies.

As the 19th century was drawing to a close, Jeanne Bigard, and her mother, Stephanie, received a letter from a French bishop serving in Japan. He shared the news that more than 50 young men were preparing for the priesthood and also mentioned the obstacles and difficulties he was enduring in providing for them and trying to accommodate the growing number of young men applying for admission to the seminary. Stephanie and Jeanne began gathering funds to support those seminarians. In 1889, they established the Society of St. Peter Apostle to support mission vocations, both priestly and Religious. In the first year of its foundation, the Society of St. Peter Apostle aided approx. 2,700 seminarians. Today, near 28,000 major seminarians, mostly in Asia and Africa, receive an average annual subsidy of \$700 per student. The assistance enhances all men and women Religious novices.



When she was 10, **Sister Linda Joseph** received a kiss on the forehead from **St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta**. That was the day she knew she wanted to be a **religious sister**, and dedicate her life to helping children in need. “I was blessed in many ways throughout my life,” Sister Linda said. “Mother Theresa kissing my forehead gave me a sense of peace that I had never experienced before. I do hope that we can provide our students with some sense of peace by letting them know that God loves them and that they are not alone.”

I, Msgr. Moran, have had the honor of working directly with the Society during my years in India and I know first hand the wonderful work their subsidies make possible for the building up of the Church.

A Second Collection will be taken this weekend.

Gifts can also be sent to the Parish during this coming week and will be forwarded to the Society of St. Peter the Apostle.

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$5,963 • Online: \$3,594.00)

Offertory Total: \$9,557.00

**You support of
our community is gratefully received!
Thanks.**

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023

You are invited by the Holy Father, Francis, to join with people worldwide praying for the monthly intentions:



August

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† The Anna E. Kelly Scholarship Fund

(Awarded to outstanding high school seniors in our Religious Education program who have demonstrated service to their parish community during their four years of high school)

† The Restoration Fund

(Capital projects [beyond the Grand Annual Appeal] which maintain the magnificence of our Church).

† The Christian Service Fund

(Programs which reflect the Gospel of Jesus of Jesus in their care and outreach to those in spiritual and/or physical need, in a spirit of respect, for the dignity of all)

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Comments from Deacon Joe St. Lawrence - August 10

St. Lawrence was born in 225 in Spain, where he met the future Pope St. Sixtus II and accompanied him to Rome. When Sixtus was elected pope he ordained Lawrence a deacon in 257. Having become archdeacon, he was responsible for the goods of the Church and for almsgiving. In 258 the emperor began a severe persecution against Christian clergy, and Sixtus and his deacons were captured during a celebration of Mass. The prefect of Rome had them all executed on August 6 except for Lawrence, whom he gave four days to bring the treasures of the Church to be confiscated. Lawrence sold the valuables and distributed the proceeds as alms to the poor. On the tenth of August, Lawrence arrived with a group of poor people and informed the prefect that the poor were the treasure of the Church. His execution was reported to have been by being roasted on a gridiron, rather than the customary decapitation. His feast day is August 10 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Lawrence. We do well to think of St. Lawrence's words to the prefect not merely as showing great nerve but as true. Certainly Pope Francis encourages us — in line with tradition — to remember the privileged position that those who are in need should have with Christians.

Gregory J. Grappone Institute for the Humanities On July 28 I attended the dedication of the Grappone Institute Building at St. Anselm College. Built in 1913, it was originally the campus heating plant. More recently it housed a print shop. Now it has been converted into spaces for seminars and discussions and a classroom, with a balcony for outdoor



recitations. At a time when many colleges are cutting back on liberal arts programs, I am very pleased to see St. A's bucking the trend and insisting that the humanities should be at the heart of a college education.

This week the Memorial of St. Dominic is on August 8. He founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 1215 to spread knowledge of the faith among the people of the growing cities of the time. Dominic was a contemporary of St. Francis. The Franciscans were founded on the basis of imitation of Christ's poverty and simplicity. The Dominicans' focus was more on presenting the teachings of Jesus and the Church. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Dominic. August 11 is the Memorial of St. Clare, who founded the "Poor Clares," the second order of St. Francis. She lived in Assisi and knew Francis and was inspired by his example of gospel poverty and simplicity of life. Unlike the friars, who traveled freely to preach the gospel message, the Order of Poor Ladies had to live in enclosed monasteries following the culture of the time. Their poverty made their way of life very different from that of older orders of nuns. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clare_of_Assisi.

*Enjoy the Summer!
Have a good week.*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
August 6, 2023*

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