Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Hugust 20, 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour. ~Matthew 15:28



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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. 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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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, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to \$44,471.00, (67% of our Parish Goal of \$66,401.00). If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, we invite you to pick up a pledge envelope located at the back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory collection.

You can also give online today by visiting **bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/**. Thank you so much!

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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

	MASS INTENTIONS			
<u>Saturday</u>	August 19			
9:00 AM	Rev. Aidan J. Walsh			
4:00 PM	Dorothy Lane			
<u>Sunday</u>	August 20			
7:30 AM	Pro populo			
9:00 AM	Jean Awiszus, 1 st Anniversary			
11:00 AM	Jacqueline Celli, 17th Anniversary			
<u>Monday</u>	August 21			
9:00 AM	Rev. Donald P. Clifford			
10:30 AM	Joanne Laing, Funeral Mass			
Tuesday	August 22			
9:00 AM	William Donaldson, 1st Anniversary			
Wednesday	<u>y August 23</u>			
9:00 AM	Helen Rogers			
<u>Thursday</u>	August 24			
9:00 AM	Gisele and Will Mountain, for healing.			
<u>Friday</u>	August 25			
9:00 AM	David and Sandy Cross on their			
50th Wedding Anniversary				
<u>Saturday</u>	August 26			
9:00 AM	Ann Marie Donohue			
2:00 PM	Caroline Murphy and Ryan Feehley			
Nuptial Mass				
4:00 PM	Keith Thayer			
<u>Sunday</u>	August 27			
7:30 AM	Pro populo			
9:00 AM	Beverly Tierney			
11:00 AM	Hart and Deignan Family and Friends			
LIPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES				

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

SaturdayAugust 264:00 PMMsgr. MoranSundayAugust 277:30 AMMsgr. Moran (Deacon Joe Preaching)9:00 AMMsgr. Moran11:00 AMMsgr. Moran (Deacon Joe Preaching)

COFFEE ~ to ~ Go ~ On ~ Vacation!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation 2023



Save the DateI 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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Summer Reading

There's still time!

In these final weeks of summer,



pick up

something to read

for your spiritual betterment!

Create an opportunity to discuss or share what your find.

The Bookshelf at the front door of the Church is open all Summer!

Visitors and church-goers can browse and borrow the books, then return them on the "honor system."

We hope our bookshelf encourages learning about our faith and strengthens souls while helping us be good stewards of the earth by saving books from ending up in the landfill.



Traveling ?



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

Simply log onto <u>www.masstimes.org</u>.

August 20, 2023

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

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Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (see Matthew 17:21-28). The words of Jesus from today's Gospel speak of the measure of his mission. Are these dimensions narrow and focused? Are these dimensions wide and embracing? It is the latter. The 'lost sheep" could mean that *some* of the house of Israel are lost and to these was he sent. The phrase could also mean that *all* members of the house of Israel are somehow 'lost' and to them was he sent. Or, more encompassing, he actually means that there are great numbers of folk, the nations of the world, for whose sake the Chosen People were called and blessed, who have not yet received their share in God's manifold graces. To them all is he sent. And so are you and I.

It is clear from the Gospels that Jesus came to give his life as a ransom for us all. It is in that context that we read of the Canaanite Woman who asks Jesus to heal her daughter. She is not of the house of Israel, neither by birth nor by conversion. She is a pagan. And yet, she too had been called by God to take part in the blessings first given to Israel but meant for the world. As the First reading from Isaiah (see Is 56:1,6-7) foretold: "my house shall be a house of prayer for <u>all</u> peoples." St. Paul explains (see Romans 11:13-15, 29-32), speaking to Gentiles, that God will "have <u>mercy on all</u>." The woman's request for healing is not that of a begging dog asking for what does not pertain to her. She is a woman of faith who calls upon Jesus as "Lord" and "Son of David" and does him homage as she prays: "Help me!" And in accord with her great faith, it is done as she wishes, her daughter is healed.

Jesus calls us, his disciples, to an ever more generous service of God's mercy. The world of nations is in need of great help these days. We are living weeks and months of serious danger in the wars of Europe, Africa and elsewhere. We face recurrent challenges of supply, sustenance and health among the many, and not only from Covid-19. Our own society here in the USA is in precarious turmoil. Progress in communications, transport and information has not, of itself, brought our world together in mercy and in peace. Indeed, discord is on the rise.

What to do? You and I do not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Therefore, we must point to a love greater than all and that binds us all in a loving freedom of truth. We must not take the many blessings that have been given and throw them to the dogs, especially in the context of a dog-eat-dog world that we have witnessed of late. Rather, true to the teachings and Word of Jesus and, in the face of challenges of whatever sort and from whatever source, you and I can respond with a credible affirmation of the truth of God's love and mercy for all. Be a witness to decency of life! You and I love our enemies, do good to those harm us and pray for those who persecute us. Why? It is the way of God himself towards the lost: us and our world. It is the way by which hate and intolerance are met by a better way of life: the goodness that God wants for us all. You and I point to Jesus, our Brother and Lord. You and I are to be a blessing of life for the world. So, speak up!

As Summer draws to its end, I ask your prayers for our Religious Education Program! We are guided by a spiritual concern of doing our best to witness to Christ, a witness that our society and our youngsters really need to see! We are seeking to support our families and youngsters in the best ways possible. Invitations for registration have been mailed this week. I am in need of generous souls who willingly share their blessings with others as <u>teachers</u>. I hope, too, to introduce a new Parish Catechist to support in an ongoing way our teachers and to foster those who share faith formation in each of the areas of our community life.

Asking God's blessing on you and yours, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



A Pivotal Year for Parishes **IUNE 2023–IUNE 2024**



The National Eucharistic Revival USA is a momentous, three-year initiative that will bear fruit for years to come. The first year set the national goals. This year, each parish will be offered four key invitations. These four invitations are based on the pillars of the Revival: reinvigorate worship, create moments of personal encounter, engage in robust formation, and send Catholics forth as missionaries.

REINVIGORATING WORSHIP **ATTENTIVENESS TO THE** ARS CELEBRANDI 1

Beauty in the liturgy elevates the minds and hearts of those who attend Mass. How do we help match our interior disposition with the externals of what's being celebrated.

PREACHING SERIES ON EUCHARIST AND SMALL GROUP INITIATIVE "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST"

The majority of Mass-going Catholics either do not understand or do not accept the doctrine of the Real Presence. This year, we are invited to change that by providing robust formation around this amazing reality.

ENCOUNTER JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST PERSONALLY

How do we create space— at least monthly for people in our parish to come face-to-face with the Living God? The heart of this invitation is to create opportunities for people to personally encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.

"INVITE ONE BACK" AND ACCOMPANY THOSE IN NEED AND ON THE MARGINS 4

Let's mobilize Catholics in the pews! Each parishioner will be invited to reach at least one person with the message of Christ's Eucharistic love. We will explore resources that will equip every Catholic to embrace one-on-one missionary activity.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has begun to look at our participation and plans for the year. Next week's Bulletin will include opportunities for leadership volunteers. Check out the national website:

The Year of Parish Revival | Leader's Playbook & Videos (eucharisticrevival.org). More on the Revival effort in the weeks ahead.....

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$6,433.00 • Online: \$2,785.25) Offertory Total: \$9,218.25

> Assumption \$602.00

St. Vincent de Paul \$272.00

Thank you so much for all you do!

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PUTS

Faith into action starts with

December 2, 2023 ~ Save the Date! A Planning Meeting will be held at the Rectory on September 7th at 10:00 a.m. New faces always welcome. Bring your ideas and the best of your Christmas Spirit.

Christmas Fair





Marblehead Food Pantry



Pantry, of which our Parish is such a part, have indicated

a pressing need for paper goods, especially toilet paper.

Given the need, the parish responded right away with the gift of a case of toilet paper, which was gratefully received.

The need continues, so if you wish to assist, please leave your gifts of paper goods, especially toilet paper, on the back porch of the rectory or, during hours, at the Parish Center.

Thanks!

Comments from Deacon Joe A Troubling Book

Book Report At present I am in the middle of reading A Fever in the Heartland, by Timothy Egan. It tells, in the words of a reviewer, "how a predatory con man became one of the most powerful people in 1920s America, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, with a plan to rule the country." In the 1924 election in Indiana all statewide offices were won by the Klan. This was possible because the policies of the Klan — a bigotry which was anti-Black, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic, anti-Asian, anti-immigrant, and for white supremacy — were attractive to many white Protestants. I had thought that the Klan was largely a Southern movement, but the book shows that it was active in the North as well and that its bigotry was widespread throughout the country. This reminds me that this racist and religious hatred has been a powerful movement in America from our founding to the present.

Of course these prejudices are incompatible with the Christian message of God's universal love — even more so the tactics of intimidation and violence the Klan employed. For much of America's history, we Catholics were victims of prejudice (and it still exists in some areas, even if not openly spoken. The Klan had sympathizers in Marblehead in the 1920's). Now we must reject all appeals to some notion of White supremacy, that some groups of people are inferior to "us" or must be prevented from becoming a majority.

I was disappointed to read that President Calvin Coolidge, whom I had always admired, failed to denounce the Klan when Black leaders implored him to do so.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the <u>Apostle</u> <u>Bartholomew</u> on Thursday, August 24. The name means Son of Talmai. In the Gospel of John he is listed with the



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.

personal name Nathaniel and is one of the earliest disciples of Jesus. Traditions tell of extensive missionary travels by Bartholomew, especially in Armenia and India. There is a tradition that he was martyred by being skinned alive, and possibly beheaded https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bartholomew_the_Apostle.

Before that, there are two obligatory memorials, First, on August 21, comes the Memorial of <u>Pope St. Pius X.</u> He was Pope from 1903 to 1914, He is best known for allowing First Communion before Confirmation and encouraging frequent reception of the sacrament, and for calling for a return to the use of Gregorian chant in the



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liturgy. There is a stained glass image of him in our choir loft. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Pius_X</u>.

The Memorial of the <u>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin</u>



<u>Mary</u> is on August 22, one week after the Solemnity of the Assumption, which in a way it mirrors. In 1946 Pope Pius XII wrote, "Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father]." Assumed into heaven, she is seen as crowned as queen by her Son, as shown in the window above our altar.

We ask her intercession, confident in her relationship with Jesus <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen of Heaven</u>.

Enjoy the Summerl Have a good week.

~Deacon Joe Whipple August 20, 2023



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