

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

*"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 16:19

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.

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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, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.



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



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21th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 26
 9:00 AM Ann Marie Donohue
 10:30 AM Robert DiGiammarino Funeral Mass
 2:00 PM Caroline Murphy and Ryan Feehley
 Nuptial Mass
 4:00 PM Keith Thayer

Sunday August 27
 7:30 AM *Pro populo*
 9:00 AM Beverly Tierney
 11:00 AM Hart and Deignan Family and Friends

Monday August 28
 9:00 AM Diane Fischer

Tuesday August 29
 9:00 AM Peter Francis Moran, Sr.

Wednesday August 30
 9:00 AM Sabina Fiantaca

Thursday August 31
 9:00 AM Rufus Titus

Friday September 1
 9:00 AM Conrad Cruz, Jr.

Saturday September 2
 9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli
 4:00 PM John Dennis Sullivan, Month's Mind

Sunday September 3
 7:30 AM *Pro Populo*
 9:00 AM Timothy Sean Delehaunty
 11:00 AM Pamela Sigular

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday September 2
 4:00 PM TBA

Sunday September 3
 7:30 AM Msgr. Moran
 9:00 AM Fr. Kelleher
 11:00 AM Msgr. Moran

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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:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Religious Education Registration Forms

Forms have been mailed to all registered parish families with students from grades one through eleven. If you know of anyone who did not receive a form please invite them to contact the office.

If you have questions about Religious Education, please contact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Summer Reading

Coming to an end!

In this final week 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 www.masstimes.org.

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August 27, 2023
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Foundations. Our prayer together this weekend is about how to build on grace. “Upon this rock I will build my Church.” These words of promise and fulfillment pronounced in such solemn fashion by our Lord (see Matthew 16:13-20) form a foundation for our prayer together this weekend.

The Lord makes it clear to Peter and to all his followers that it is in the profession of Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God,” that we discover both who Jesus really is and, consequent to that, who we really are as well. Just as Simon, Son of Jonah, received a new name, Peter, and a new mission, so too you and I find our true identity as those called to new life in Christ and charged with bringing the proclamation of the Gospel to the whole world. This is not something that comes to us through “flesh and blood.” It is the work of God’s own love, God’s own grace within us. You and I are built up in that love and in that grace. We are brought together as a “Church,” a communion of life and love together with Jesus and with each other. God builds us together into a new unity. Not a political or social assembly, but as the living, speaking, acting body of Christ present in the world today. In that unity, in that communion of mind and heart that the world cannot give, but that is God’s own gift to us, the Church that we are is both a promise and, already, a fulfillment of God’s saving plan of love for our human family.

Foundations. Be a living Word of Promise and Fulfillment! Be a teacher of the Gospel! As our Summer breaks come to a conclusion with Labor Day next weekend and the reopening of the school year soon upon us, we receive from Jesus the charge to be a word of promise and fulfillment for the renewal of this world. In learning who Jesus really is, we come to know the truth of our own lives and destiny. We truly come to life in him. We are still in need of teachers for our Religious Education program this year. My prayer is that you might be ready and generous in taking a greater share in the Lord’s work of building up his Church, of bringing new life and hope to others by teaching his ways. The dangers of the world around us are great in these days. All the more important does it become to give our younger generation firm foundations, a firm rock, on which to build a life. The spiritual health of our new generation is the basis for all other blessings. We need your help to help! No one is too young, no one too old, no one too unsure, no one too busy, no one too afraid, to be a help to the Lord, and to us, in this important work.

All staff and volunteers at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish are required to be certified in the *VIRTUS* program of child safety, which we offer here at the Parish Center. By having a common understanding of procedures and by being alert to any signs of danger or concern, we seek to provide the very best of safe environments for our youngsters in every aspect of Parish life. Any volunteers who have not yet done *VIRTUS* are asked to contact the Rectory so we can make arrangements. Those who have already done *VIRTUS* need not repeat the program, but are reminded of their obligation to register online and to receive updates on this topic from time to time.

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

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

National Eucharistic Revival

2024 National Eucharistic Congress



As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, plans are underway for a 10th National Eucharistic Congress. To be held **July 18 through 21, 2024, at the Lukas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis** and throughout the city. It will be an exciting time to be Catholic in America!

Every Movement Needs A Moment

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name—but what happens with 80,000? The Church will gather as one American family in Indianapolis. Together we will ask the Holy Spirit to revive our love of the Eucharist, breathing his life into our dry bones. You're invited to a historic moment of revival, where he has particular grace planned for YOU. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same.

What is a Eucharistic Congress?

A Eucharistic Congress is an especially powerful manifestation of the unity of the Church, where a large number of Catholics gather to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist through the communal celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. These gatherings reaffirm and re-emphasize the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where he belongs—at the center.

The United States has not held a Eucharistic Congress at the national level since before WWII.

History of Eucharistic Congresses

Did you know Eucharistic Congresses have played a big part in shaping expressions of faith around the globe? The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is the continuation of an epic legacy. Explore the [history of Eucharistic Congresses in the United States](#)—both at the national and international levels—and the evolution of these gatherings to fit the needs of the time!

The long-awaited 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be a high point within the Revival and a defining moment for our generation. We now resume the work begun long ago to understand and adore the greatest gift humanity has ever received. Don't miss the beginning of this new chapter for the Church in the United States. Come, Holy Spirit!

How to Register for the National Eucharistic Congress

This will be the 10th in our nation's history—but the first this generation has ever seen. Ask Our Lord how he is calling you to participate. Who might the Holy Spirit be calling to join you on this pilgrimage? Who are you called to invite? The National Eucharistic Congress in 2024 will be a pivotal, unifying, and transformative moment for the Church in the United States. Share your excitement about this historic event with your family, friends, and parish. Groups will get a discount at registration. Space at the venue is limited, and 80,000 seats are filling fast.

Visit www.eucharisticcongress.org!

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue." - St. Peter Julian Eymard

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$5,047.00 • Online: \$2,833.16)

Offertory Total: \$7,880.16

**Thankful to the Lord for all you do
for the Lord and his work!**

Christmas Fair

December 2, 2023 ~ Save the Date!

A Planning Meeting
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Christmas Fair Crafters

The Christmas Craft Group will meet in the Parish Center, Conference Room B, every Tuesday starting September 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We will be making items to be sold at the Christmas Fair on December 2nd. All tools, supplies and instructions will be provided.

Use of the mini glue gun is required.



If you knit, sew or crochet and would like to make items at home to be sold at the Fair, you may do so.



New Members are welcome!

The Pope's September Prayer Intention

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Consider joining the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network by visiting "Popesprayer.va" on any device.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Saint Augustine

This week we celebrate two obligatory memorials. First, on August 28, comes the Memorial of St. Augustine, one of the four greatest Doctors of the Church in the West (the others being saints Jerome, Ambrose, and Gregory the Great). Augustine was born in 354 in northern Africa and died on August 28, 430, in Hippo in what is now Algeria. His family were probably Berbers: his mother, Monica, a Christian, and his father, Patricius, a pagan. He was well educated, eventually moving to Italy to teach. Meanwhile he had entered a relationship with a woman which produced a son, and he became a follower of the heresy Manichæism. In 387, however, Augustine converted to Christianity and was baptized in Milan by St. Ambrose.



Augustine then returned to Africa, where he eventually became bishop of Hippo. He was an eloquent preacher and wrote extensively, including his Confessions, The City of God, On the Trinity, and many others. The Confessions is a spiritual autobiography in which he addresses God with the story of his life, including his early sinfulness and his eventual conversion. The City of God explains that the Roman Empire, which was then experiencing barbarian invasions — or any other earthly nation — is not God's kingdom on earth. Rather the City of God (those faithful to God, roughly speaking the Church) is God working in the world alongside earthly kingdoms,

which can come and go. On the Trinity and many other works develop Christian theology deeply and extensively. For centuries he was the principal theologian and philosopher of the Western Church, and his work continues to teach us today. The Confessions is worth reading still https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustine_of_Hippo.

The Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist is on August 29. The story of the beheading of St. John is familiar. (Mark 6:17-29 and parallels in the other gospels.) John had told Herod that he was wrong to have married his sister-in-law, which led to his imprisonment and eventually to his death. Like him and like Jesus, we should be prepared to speak the truth to those who do not understand. As St. Peter says in his epistle, we are to do so with gentleness and respect, and we should recognize when it is time to speak, and when it is time to be silent. Above all, our lives of love for God and neighbor should witness to the truth of the gospel https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_the_Baptist.



September will arrive this week. The month usually contains beautiful days, but with an overall cooling trend which warns us winter is approaching. Enjoy the good weather while it lasts.

***Enjoy the Summer!
Have a good week.***

~Deacon Joe Whipple
August 27, 2023

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