

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

December 17, 2023



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sick, and to consoling the bereaved as Jesus commanded in the gospels.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing by Mon 10am.

Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to \$49,069.00, (74% 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 <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/</u>. Thankful for YOUR HELP !

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 16
9:00 AM Frank Murphy
4:00 PM Pro Populo
Sunday December 17
7:30 AM Charles Hatcher

9:00 AM John S. Erickson, 8th Anniversary

11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle

Monday December 18
9:00 AM Theresa S. Rothwell
Tuesday December 19

9:00 AM Aimee Dumas, For Healing

Wednesday December 20

9:00 AM Margaret Hayes, 1st Anniversary

Thursday
9:00 AM
Francis X. Foster
Friday
9:00 AM
John Doherty
Saturday
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December 22,
John Doherty
December 23
9:00 AM
Dianne Binter
4:00 PM
Ralph Landry

SundayDecember 247:30 AMMichael Rojee9:00 AMPro Populo11:00 AMCynthia Recchia

#### Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2023

Offertory Collection

Collected/mailed: \$579.00 • Online: \$150.00

Offertory Total: \$729.00

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Offertory Collection

Collected/mailed: \$17,329.00 • Online: \$3,142.25

Offertory Total: \$20,471.25

St. Vincent de Paul Total: \$87.50

Many Thanks for your gifts!



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

New registrations still continue.



Alternate opportunity Saturday, December 23 at 2:30

#### First Communion Parents' Meeting

January 7, 8, 9 or 10 during your child's class or Tuesday evening, January 9 at 7 p.m.

#### Christmas Recess

December 13th was the last day for religious education classes this semester. Classes will resume Sunday, January 7th.

#### Advent Best Wishes:

We wish all our students a happy Christmas break and remind each and every one of the importance of celebrating with the Church the joy of Jesus' birth in our midst. We hope to see you at Mass! ~ Yvonne Verrette ~ Lynne Celli ~ Msgr. Moran

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

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

#### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Scholarships 2023

The Parish is pleased to announce the following Scholarships for the Year 2023 for recent graduates, now new collegians, who have served the Parish in special ways over their High School years:

Anna E. Kelly Scholarships
Aeryn Vizy; Patrick Tolan; Cait Mullins

Smith Family Scholarship
Chloe Curtis

Eric Ciccone Scholarship

Massimo Bottari

Each awardee receives \$1,000.00.

The Parish will have an opportunity to present the awards at Mass during the upcoming holiday season when the recipients are home visiting family and friends.

Congratulations!



For Christmas, at all masses our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information and ways of giving to this effort, please visit:

www.clergytrust.org.
Thank you!

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent *Gaudete* Sunday

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Gaudete!" The whole of today's liturgy calls out: rejoice! The whole of our lives should call out: rejoice! In the words of St. Paul (see 1 Thessalonians 5:16~24): "Rejoice always!" While much of our society readily joins is in a sense of celebration in these days leading to Christmas, the sense of spiritual joy is often not prominent. There are many merry, fun aspects to the season, but the main point, the spiritual rebirth and renewal of humanity in the birth of our Lord is often less perceived. Yet, it falls to you and to me to be the heralds of this deeper joy, this new relationship with God effected in the Incarnation of his Son and made manifest by his birth among us.

The First Reading (see Is 61:1-2a, 10-11) says through the Prophet Isaiah: "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." So, too, is the song of Mary in the same key (see Responsorial Psalm from Luke 1:46-54): "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior." And the cause of their rejoicing and ours is the same. As St. John the Baptist put it to his questioners (see John 1:6-8, 19-28) "I am the voice of one crying out.... There is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me." As the Prophets and St. John the Baptist prepared the world for the coming of Jesus in the flesh and in his public life, so too, you and I are called to prepare the way for the one who is coming after us, the Lord Jesus. We, however, are preparing for his coming in Glory. We are to make this world ready to meet the Lord of Glory at his second coming. And the best way to prepare the Lord's way is, exactly, the theme of our prayer this week: rejoice. Allow the joy of the Lord's saving love to re-echo in our minds and hearts, in our lives. Fill the world around you with cries of joy, rather than distress, with deeds of joy that reach out and sustain the weak, with the strength of joy that gives courage and new hope to those who were lost. "Prepare the Way of the Lord!" "Testify to the Light!"

One of the best ways to prepare for Christmas is through making a good confession. Here at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, confessions are heard each Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Additionally, many make an appointment at the Rectory to have their confession heard. On the Wednesdays of Advent beginning at 6:00 p.m., we have additional Penance opportunities in the Church. The Lord was born among us to bring God's forgiveness and peace. We both receive forgiveness and commit to share these gifts in the sacrament of Penance. Please keep this spiritual preparation very much in mind so that all of the busyness of the season does not become an end unto itself. Freeing our minds and heart from sin is the best way to "rejoice" in preparation for the Lord's coming.

The thanks of the Parish go to each and every one who has taken part in the Christmas Giving Tree program this year. We "rejoice" in Christmas cheer when we go out of our way to include those more needy in our planning and in our hearts. Thank you for that wonderful witness to the "glory" of Christ's love of which the angels will sing this Christmas.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

### CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING

### Thanks to all who have participated!

Each Advent Season, our parish donates a goodly number Christmas gifts to needy children living on the North Shore. This wonderful program is coordinated with Catholic Charities North, and your gifts will be shared with neighbors that will otherwise go without. It was clear donors were happy with the possibility of giving toys this year!

The Parish is grateful to Marylyn Kusek and all who worked with her to organize and carry out this year's program.



Concert Series 2023-2024 Sunday, December 17th at 5 o'clock pm

## Vivaldi: Gloria

and select choral works of the Christmas Season.

Featuring:

The Star of the Sea Parish Choir & Friends with

Chamber Orchestra.

Matthew Arnold, Conductor
Holly Cameron, Soprano
Kaarin Phelps, Mezzo-Soprano.

Freewill offering.

#### Christmas Gift from the Fair to the World

Efforts to reduce waste at the Christmas Fair Food Court were very successful with only ONE actual trash bag of landfill waste generated despite hundreds of visitors! Additionally, no single-use



plastic water bottles were sold; instead, we offered water from an Igloo with compostable cups. Thanks to "Recycling Elves" Christine Cudihy and Joan Thayer, waste was kept to a bare minimum with five bags of compost and the rest being 75 recyclable soda cans, other mixed recycling and some cardboard. Thanks to Linda Vizy for taking the bags of compostable materials to the transfer station and to team members Dylan Vizy, Mary McCormick-Gendzel and Pat Chiappa for talking to community members about the Creation Care Team, composting and waste reduction. We would like to thank Msgr. Moran, Peter Fallon, Linda Newall and parishioners for their support and participation in making this such an eco-friendly event aligning with Pope Francis' goals to care for our earth.

~Creation Care Team

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses Saturday, December 23, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, 2023 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

### Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24, 2023 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 p.m.

### Christmas Morning Masses

Monday, December 25, 2023 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

#### Advent Sacrament of Penance

There is no better preparation for a good celebration of Christmas than through a good confession.

Wednesday Evenings 6 ~ 7 o'clock Saturday Afternoons 2:30 ~ 3:30 o'clock

Calling Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Angels, Shepherds, Kings & Animals!

A Christmas Pageant will be presented at the Dec. 24 Mass at 4pm in the Church.



Your child is invited to participate!

Please email
sosrelioused
@starofthesea
marblehead.org.

#### Christmas Flowers

We invite you to enhance the beauty of our Church during our Christmas Liturgies with a flower donation in memory of your loved one(s). The Church will be decorated with your generous donations in preparation for Christmas Eve. We will also remember your loved one(s) in a special Memorial List. Flower donation envelopes are available at the Rectory and at all Church



mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory, or placed in the regular offertory collection.

#### The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

#### December ~ For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

For further information please consult:

#### St. Vincent de Paul —Collection Boxes

Please remember that there are boxes at the doors of the Church for charitable donations for the benefit of persons in need who seek help from the Church.



Thank you so much for remembering those in need this Christmas Season.

#### Comments from Deacon Joe Advent: Third Week

The O Antiphons Every day at Evening Prayer (also



called Vespers) the Church chants or recites Mary's song of Praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46~55). This is immediately preceded and followed by an "antiphon" which sets the tone for the Magnificat.

Each evening from December 17 through 23 the antiphon invokes Jesus by a title and description followed by a prayer that he come and bless us in some way related to the invocation. For example, the first one says, "O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!" For all seven antiphons, see here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/o-antiphons-advent. For a bit more history and an analysis of each antiphon, see the following: <a href="https://www.catholiceduca">https://www.catholiceduca</a> tion.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/what-are-the.html. Here's a video of one of them: https://www.you tube.com/watch?v=gjgloBs68mw.

The antiphons are now used also as the verse before the gospel at Mass during the week. They also gave rise to the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Cruise and Retreat You may have noticed that I was away from November 17-26 and again from De-

cember 4-8. The first was for a cruise down the Rhine, visiting several cities I wanted to see — Cologne, Strasbourg, Spever, and Koblenz — and several others that were interesting. The second was for a retreat at St. Anselm Abbey, which went well. It was good



to do those things, and it's good to be home.

Winter officially arrives on December 21 at 10:27 p.m., astronomically speaking, al-



though we've already had days that were cold enough to be normal for winter. It seems that our ecosystem is adapted to the changes of seasons, so we need the winter to keep things as they are during the warmer seasons — tree species adapted to the climate, insects limited, etc. So I probably wouldn't really want a climate without frost and snow, but I really dislike being cold, so these months are always a challenge for me.



Looking on the bright side, the earliest sunsets of the year were on December 8-10, at 4:11. Days are already beginning to end a little later. Amazingly, though, the latest sunrises, at 7:13, go from Deceem-

ber 28 through January 10. No, I didn't figure this out for myself; I got it from the almanac, and I don't know the reason for the discrepancy of 3 days at one end and 14 at the other. Maybe an astronomer could explain it. It's remotely possible I'd understand the explanation. With later sunsets and earlier sunrises, the shortest days, 9 hours and five minutes run from December 17 through 26.

This week there are no feasts, and the weekdays outrank all memorials. We are looking forward to Christmas.

Have a good week and a good Advent. Try to keep warm. Although it's been said many times, many ways, Season's Greetings to you. ~Deacon Joe Whipple December 17, 2023





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