

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Marblehead, Massachusetts

December 24, 2023



Fourth Sunday of Advent

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Luke 1:35

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



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WEDDINGS: By personal appointment with a priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.

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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME: Please make yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: In writing by Mon 10am.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<u>December 23</u>
9:00 AM	Dianne Binter
4:00 PM	Ralph Laundry
Sunday	<u>December 24</u>
7:30 AM	Michael Rojee
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
11:00 AM	Cynthia Recchia <u>The Nativity of the Lord</u>
6:00 PM	Fred Chandler
Monday	<u>December 25</u>
11:00 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	<u>December 26</u>
9:00 AM	Michael Iacobucci
Wednesday	<u>December 27</u>
9:00 AM	Felix and Margaret Petrilli
Thursday	<u>December 28</u>
9:00 AM	Rita Nuscher
Friday	<u>December 29</u>
9:00 AM	Ryan McMahon Murphy
Saturday	<u>December 30</u>
9:00 AM	Rose Marie Sansone
4:00 PM	Stephen Papageorge
Sunday	<u>December 31</u>
7:30 AM	John F. Reiley, 45th Anniversary
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
11:00 AM	William Weese

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Offertory Collection

Will be reported in the Christmas Bulletin



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Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish offers online giving through **WE SHARE** as an alternative to parishioners.

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Coffee and Donuts

**Join Us
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024

New registrations still continue.



Second Graders' First Confessions



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!



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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!

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Marblehead, Massachusetts

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

It is truly “good news of great joy” that gathers our Parish family in celebration of Christmas each year. This year, our Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve back right up against one another. This Sunday, we see the altar and church prepared all but to celebrate the great Solemnity of our Salvation, the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We should, likewise, approach Christmas prepared, prepared to celebrate the full realization of God’s gifts of life and love to us and to our world. We welcome in a special way those home for the holidays. We pray with deepened fervor for those who are sick, those away from family and friends and, especially, those in service to our country.

Our almost-upon-us celebration of Christmas finds an exquisite focus this weekend in a conversation of Mary with the Angel Gabriel and the assent of Mary to the Word made manifest to her (see Luke 1:26-38). “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you!” says Gabriel. “May it be done to me according to your word!” replies our Blessed Mother. She heard the greeting of Gabriel. She received from her conversation the true meaning of the ‘favor’ she had found with God. She was to bring forth the Son of the Most High. She was to be overshadowed by the power of the Holy Spirit and thereby give birth to the Son of God. All that seems impossible to the world is, in fact and in her, possible for God. She brings forth for the world its Savior and, from the humility of her heart and circumstance, introduces the world to the one power of love that can save and give life, eternally.

In her special role Mary illumines and foreshadows the mission that is ours in the Gospel. You and I have been greeted by the messenger of God in and through the words of the Gospel witness. We are to speak to one another how the “Lord is with you” in the life, ministry, death and rising of Jesus. By entering a living conversation with the Gospel, you and I come to understand the meaning of the favor we receive from the Most High. We are to live a new life in holiness and in peace. We are to freely love God with all that is in us and our neighbor as our self. We, the ministers of this Good News, have God’s Holy Spirit come upon us, first at Pentecost and, now, through the sacrament of Confirmation. You and I have been overshadowed by the power of the Most High. By that power, we bring into effect the saving plan of God.

Announce the Good News! We trust that Jesus is with us as we bring the reality of his life and love to all the earth, even to the end of time. Mostly, it is by the humility of our hearts and, by our deliberate choice, the humility of our circumstance, that we introduce the world to the one, the only one, who can save and give life eternally. Our Christmas presents are but a small reminder of the one present, the one gift that has made the impossible real: the love of God made flesh in Christ Jesus.

A Christmas Present for those in need: Our deep thanks go to all who have participated in the Christmas Tree Gift program this year. The response was wonderful and the follow-through absolutely fantastic so that we were able to sort, prepare and deliver so much joy to so many in the Lord’s love. May your kindness to others truly warm and enliven your celebration of Christmas this year. May the Christmas Tree’s light and beauty remind us how much thoughtfulness and kindness reflect the saving love of God for his world.

A Christmas Present to Retired Priests: The Annual Christmas Collection is, as you know, destined entirely to the retirement needs of those priests who have served Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and elsewhere in the Archdiocese over these many years. The needs are many. Your generosity has been wonderful and, I hope, you will surpass even that in your remembrance for them this Christmas. Thanks for your good consideration!

Asking God’s blessing on you and your loved ones in his Advent Joy, I am

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.

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.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(not a day of obligation this year)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

4:00 p.m.

with *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for the past year

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

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 Vizey for taking the bags of compostable materials to the transfer station and to team members Dylan Vizey, 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

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

and at Rectory by appointment.

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!

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[@starofthesea](https://www.instagram.com/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 entrances. Christmas Flower Donations can be



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:

[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network \(Apostleship of Prayer\) - EYM \(popesprayer.va\)](http://www.popesprayer.va)



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: Fourth "Week"

The fourth week of Advent is only one day long because Christmas Day is tomorrow. I hope we're all ready for the feast.

This week we have one solemnity and three feasts. As you know, December 25 is the **Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**.

The birth of Jesus was, of course, a necessary step along the way to his saving work. His visible presence in our world is certainly something to celebrate, and the Church does so throughout Christmastide, which extends to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will be on January 8, the day after Epiphany. December 25 was chosen for the date of the celebration in the Fourth Century, for reasons which are not definitely known, but it is appropriate. John the Baptist said of Jesus, "He must increase and I must decrease." The lengthening of daylight hours from now until summer is a good image of this.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>.

Next is the Feast of **St. Stephen**, on December 26, the day on which "Good King Wenceslas looked out," according to the carol.

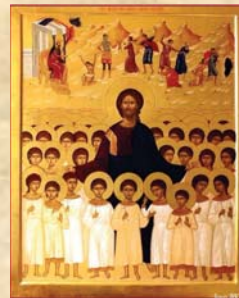
The King's charity reflects the original task of Stephen and the other deacons: assuring a fair distribution of goods; and his charity is reflected in the English custom of Boxing Day on which gifts were given to servants and workers. Stephen became an effective preacher of the Resurrection of Christ and was martyred for his efforts, the first Christian martyr. See Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6-7. Since Stephen was the first deacon, his day is special for me and other deacons [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint Stephen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Stephen).



December 27 brings the Feast of **St. John the Evangelist**, believed to be the one referred to in the Gospel of John as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." He is prominent at various points in all four gospels, and he alone among the apostles did not die a martyr's death. It is generally believed that he is the author of the three epistles of John as well as the gospel which bears his name. For various reasons, most scholars believe that the author of the Book of Revelation was a different John. John's gospel is a powerful witness to the belief of the Church that Jesus is divine [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John the Evangelist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_the_Evangelist).



Then on December 28 we celebrate the Feast of the **Holy Innocents**, baby boys of Bethlehem who were killed by order of King Herod in an attempt to eliminate "the newborn King of the Jews" whom the Magi had spoken of. Matthew 2:1-18, especially verse 16. Although they did not know of Christ, they died because of Herod's opposition to Christ and thus can be considered martyrs [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massacre of the Innocents](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massacre_of_the_Innocents).



Taken together, the three feasts tell us that we must have faith in Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem and died and rose to save us. But Jesus and his message continue to find opposition, which can lead to persecution. We have to stand firm in our faith as we rejoice in the birth of the Lord.

Merry Christmas!

~Deacon Joe Whipple
December 24, 2023

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