

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 11, 2024



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Mark 1:41

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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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.

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 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 **\$58,175.00 (88% 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/. **Thankful for YOUR HELP !**



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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 10</u>
9:00 AM	Loretta Petrilli, 5th Anniversary
4:00 PM	Irene Lukachko
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 11</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Pease
11:00 AM	Eleanor Appleyard, 1 st Anniversary
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 12</u>
9:00 AM	Deignan Family and Friends
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 13</u>
9:00 AM	John Campion
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 14, Ash Wednesday</u>
9:00 AM	Cora McGovern, 1 st Anniversary
7:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 15</u>
9:00 AM	For the Benefit of Margaret Somerset
<u>Friday</u>	<u>February 16</u>
9:00 AM	Jean Keelin
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 17</u>
9:00 AM	Agostino Cacciavillan
4:00 PM	Dr. Paul McNeil
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 18</u>
7:30 AM	Lori Marino
9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 AM	Unnamed Intention

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$5,423.00 • Online: \$6,804.33

Offertory Total: \$12,227.33

Grand Annual: \$385.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$124.95

Recognizing the Generosity of your help!

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

9:00 am Mass with Ashes

12:00 noon Service with Ashes

3:00 pm Service at Center with Ashes

7:00 pm Mass with Ashes

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Coffee and Donuts

**Join Us
Sunday**

following 9:00 a.m. Mass



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024

Catholic/Private School Sophomores

Catholic 10th graders who attend Catholic or Private School should check now to verify that they are registered in our Religious Education program. Preparation for Confirmation in the Fall of 2024 begins this month. Please call or email the Religious Education Office as soon as possible to express your intent to receive Confirmation.

Reminder for the Winter Season

For weather related cancellations, we follow the Marblehead school decisions. Sunday cancellations will be emailed to the Sunday families.

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

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

February Food Drive



Our Parish takes the lead responsibility for our Marblehead Food Pantry each February.

Volunteers Needed and Welcomed!

- ◆ After weekend masses throughout February to carry donations from Church to Center;
- ◆ After 11:00 masses throughout February to check dates, sort and arrange donated items.

Sign-up at the front door of the Church today!

Drive Is Now Underway!



Bags with suggested needed items will be distributed this weekend at all masses.

Each week a list of requested items will be updated. Please return these non-perishable food donations to the back of the Church on February weekends or to the Parish Center Monday- Wednesday from 9am to 2pm, or anytime at the Rectory back porch.

Checks or gift cards are also welcome at the Rectory mail slot.



**Help us help!
Have a helping heart this**

February~

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“A leper came to Jesus” (see Mark 1:40-45). If we were reading the Gospel According to St. Mark all of a piece, this scene would jump out at us as something new. The crowds of enthusiastic people that have been part of every scene up until now, now are gone. The focus is one-on-one. Jesus is face to face with this man in desperate need. Jesus was, as the reading says, “moved with pity” and that he “stretched out his hand” and “touched him.”

Lepers were forced to dwell apart, away, out of sight, out of mind, out of heart. Jesus, however, welcomes this leper's presence. This one-on-one encounter is presented by St. Mark to help us focus on the main aim of Jesus' ministry: to address and put an end to the disfiguring ravages of sin. Sin fearfully disrupts the whole human person: body, mind, spirit as well as the full play of social interaction and intimate communion with God and with neighbor. St. Mark is pointing to Jesus' confrontation with the root of sin and death that he will face in his passion. On the cross, Jesus will make us clean. He, the priest, will bring humanity together at his feet at our worse, ugliest death-dealing ways. He fulfills on his cross the great commandment of perfect love of the Father and, at the same time, directly, lovingly embraces every mortal human being by touching the fearsome depth of the physical, social and spiritual crossroads of death. There is a feared physical, spiritual and social dimension of every serious sin: being hurt and being the cause of hurt, being alone and being the cause of loneliness, being abandoned by others and abandoning our just responsibilities, and seemingly, being left behind by life itself, and leaving the joys of life behind ourselves. Jesus wants us, his followers, to make things clean by meeting every encounter with sin in ourselves or other with a deeper love and solidarity, not less.

Today is World Marriage Sunday. We will have a special blessing at the end of Mass for our for our marriages and for our homes, together with a commemorative gift.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. It is a day to think of better, more loving responses to the needs of sick relatives and friends. May we in Christ renew compassion and stretch out our concern and reach out in a determinative love and presence for the sake of others, especially, with a warm and warmth giving heart for those who are ill and for those who serve the sick day in and day out, often for long periods of time.

Saint Valentine's Day

This Wednesday is both St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a good occasion for us to consider the purpose both of our relationships and of our Lenten renewal in Christ. Make your prayer, almsgiving and fasting ways of increasing the warmth of your heart, as together we stretch forward toward the celebration of Easter fire, hearts ardent in faith hope and love.

With that in mind, please remember that Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. The challenge is, then, set to find more creative ways to say “I love you” than the usual box of candy or romantic dinner out. You can do it!

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church at 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Brief Liturgies of the Word will be held at noon in the Church and at 3:00 p.m. at the Center.

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

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Support of the Church Around the World
Next week's special collection provides needed support for: Catholic Relief Services, Churches in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the USA Military Archdiocese, Home Missions and Black and Indian Missions. Please be generous.

Jesus and the Eucharist

Study and Discussion

Ongoing

As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady Star of the Sea is offering a small group study and discussion opportunity continuing this week and running seven weeks through the Season of Lent to help us understand and more intimately experience the gift of the Eucharist. You will find an information flyer with this week's Bulletin as well as at the Center and on the Rectory back porch. It includes instructions for registration for the event.

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Welcome!

SESSION 3

Tuesday, February 13

or Thursday, February 15



Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes."

Presidents' Day Week no meetings because of school vacation

SESSION 4

Tuesday, February 27

or Thursday, February 29



Why a Church?

Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church

where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Please consult the Parish Website or call the Rectory for further information.

"Love Beyond Words."

National Marriage Week (February 7-14)

World Marriage Day (February 11, 2024)

This Sunday's observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11) gives us an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

A special prayer of blessing and gift at all masses!

See resources: ForYourMarriage.org



Star of the Sea Concert Series

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm

"Rhapsody in Blue at 100"

Tickets now on sale @ \$20.

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in the organ loft Thursdays at 7:00pm.

Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the organ loft Sundays at 8:15am.

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FAITH AND PLAY New Dates!

Faith and Play is a time for our youngest parishioners to gather to grow in their faith. This group is perfect for parents with children ages Baby to 5 Years. Join us once a month for a time to play and to learn about our faith. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. In nice weather we will meet in the garden next to the Church and then we will move indoors into the Parish Center. The dates this New Year will be:



Mondays:
January 8
February 12
March 4
April 8
May 13.



For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com or Lynne Celli at sosreligiously@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Used Palm Branches

We are collecting used palm fronds from last or previous celebrations of Palm Sunday in order to prepare the ashes to be used this coming Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Donations gratefully received this Sunday. Please place them in the receptacles at the doors or the Church or on the Rectory back porch by Sunday evening. Thanks!



Exploring Ideas

Might our Parish seek out and establish a relationship with a Parish or school community in Fr. Stephen's home country of Nigeria? What could that relationship be? Those interested in exploring this question and of proposing any ideas are welcome to meet Sunday, March 3rd at 10 a.m. during Sunday Coffee and Donuts. Contact Elaine Leahy: eleahy10@yahoo.com.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

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



February - For those Terminally Ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

For further information please consult:

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (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.

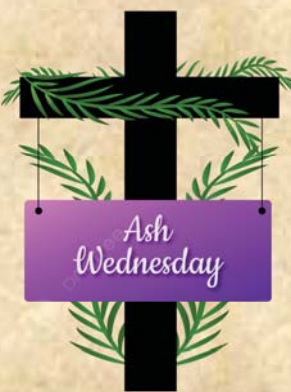
Thank you so much for remembering those in need this Christmas Season and New Year.



Comments from Deacon Joe

Ash Wednesday

Normally February 14 is the Memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius, two brothers who served as missionaries to the Slavic peoples along the Danube in the 9th Century <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saints-Cyril-and-Methodius>. It is also St. Valentine's Day (not on the Roman liturgical calendar, having been superseded by Cyril and Methodius). But this year it happens to be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. (So if you're planning to give chocolates to somebody, it might make sense to do it on Tuesday).

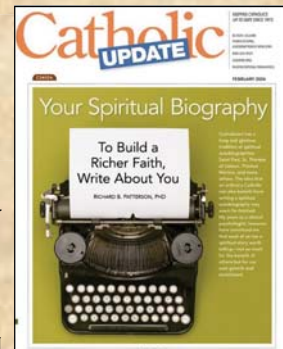


The point of Lent, as Cardinal Roche puts it, is to answer the Father's call to return to him. "With great tenderness the Father's voice in Lent calls us home, where each of us belongs, no one is excluded—the saint and the sinner, the great and the small, the wavering and the secure. None of us is worthy, but that is where we belong." (See the article in

America, and especially his homily for Ash Wednesday at the end of it https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2024/02/05/cardinal-arthur-roche-preach-ash-wednesday-247171?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2928&pnespid=sb93DyJfL70Y00WcuWmxDoOI5gO2SsUpMrC9we52rxms5p5Nn1.9KPMULUMdPeRkumZpRdn). All our Lenten practices should help us orient ourselves better toward love of God and love of neighbor.

Receiving ashes and observing a meatless day underlines the fact that we've begun a special time. But as we go along we need to be realistic. If we find what we had planned to do is too much — or not enough — we can adjust our plans, so that what we do is both possible and meaningful. It should somehow be different from the rest of the year without being more than we can handle. Remember, the point is to answer the Father's loving call so we can be full of joy when we get to Easter.

Catholic Update This month's Catholic Update is available. It's titled "Your Spiritual Biography: To Build a Richer Faith, Write About You." In it Dr. Richard B. Patterson explains some of the benefits of reviewing your spiritual life and gives practical advice about how to do it. He suggests that reflecting on one's faith journey, in other words on how one's relationship with God has developed for better or worse, is actually a form of prayer. You might find it worthwhile for Lent, but of course you can do it anytime.



Food Pantry Needs

Food Drive Let's be generous in supporting the Marblehead Food Pantry this month.

This week there are no obligatory memorials.

*Have a good Lent.
Try to keep warm*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
February 11, 2024*

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