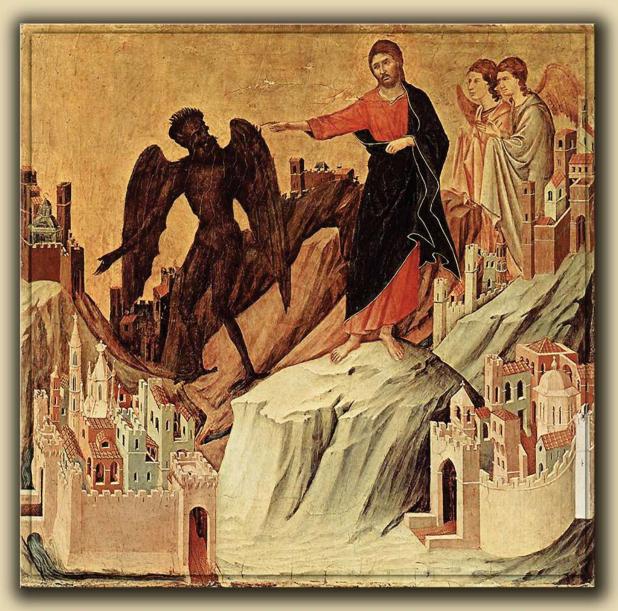
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 18, 2024



". . . He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him." -Mark 1:13



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BULLETIN DEADLINE: In writing by Mon 10am.



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Saturday February 17

9:00 AM Agostino Cacciavillan
4:00 PM Dr. Paul McNeil
Sunday February 18
7:30 AM Lori Marino
9:00 AM Pro Populo

11:00 AM Unnamed Intention

Monday February 19

9:00 AM Mary Ann Lepko, 1st Anniversary

Tuesday February 20

9:00 AM John Sheehan, 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday February 21 9:00 AM Ann Rice Thursday February 22

9:00 AM Adrian Van Dorpe, 3rd Anniversary

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4:00 PM John McCarthy, 5th Anniversary

Sunday
7:30 AM
Pro Populo

February 25
Richard Agostini
Bradley Sheridan
Pro Populo

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$5,473.00 • Online: \$2,334.00

Offertory Total: \$7,807.00

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Thanking you for your needed support!

Second Collection this Weekend Support of the Church Around the World

This week's special collection provides needed support in areas where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Beneficiaries include: 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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

Winter Vacation

Today, Sunday, February 18th until Wednesday, February 21st

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? call 781-631-8340 or email:

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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



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan" (see Mark 1:12-15). These words from the Gospel of this First Sunday of Lent speak of the forty days of Jesus' ordeal at the beginning of his public life. They hearken back to the forty days of Israel's wandering through the desert, tempted and, though unfaithful, being readied by God for their entrance into the Promised Land. Mark does not enumerate three temptations as spoken of in other Gospels. Rather, he leaves us with this image of the desert: vast, empty, directionless, a place of great difficulty in gaining one's bearings. Jesus is driven by the Spirit, guided by the love of his Father. The only direction he responds to is the promptings of saving love in which he was sent as Savior.

The forty days of Lent are meant to set a theme for the whole of our Lenten Journey of Renewal. Jesus emerges from his ordeal full of courage to proclaim the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." He does so right under the nose of Herod who had just arrested John the Baptist for the same message. He proclaims loudly for the sake of all who will hear his voice, that all should change their ways and follow his direction, his Way.

The agony of his passion and death will lead to the glory of the Resurrection. Such is our journey of Renewal as we begin this Lent. Saint Paul says in the Second Reading: "Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God." We are to hear his voice during our Lenten journey and learn to follow his lead to everlasting life. Fulfilling the promise first made to Noah (see Genesis 9:8-15) that all of humanity would not be left to drown in the consequences of their own sin, Jesus takes upon himself the burden of teaching us to 'walk on water,' so to speak, coming alive in our baptismal commitments. He invites us to take up the cross and he enables us to walk with him, learning from him to lift each other's burden, to raise up our fallen world and to rejoice in the splendor of God's mercy and love. May you learn to walk in just such a hope!

Before the Cross of Christ displayed in the Sanctuary, there are the name of our Confirmation Candidates who are now beginning their proximate preparation for the celebration of that sacrament this coming Fall. You are invited to take a name from the basket and to make that person a remembrance in your prayer before God from now until their Confirmation. I suggest you take the first name you pull rather than looking for a particular name among them. Pray that this Candidate, together with the others, receive the Spirit to guide them through the barren desert of worldly temptations, hungers and fears. May they find, with Christ, the way that leads to life and joy, both here in this earthly journey and more so in the life to come. Will you walk with them? Please take a name, fill out and leave the return form in the place provided so that I will know who is praying for each candidate. Thanks!

One of the best ways to be renewed this Lent is through participation in daily Mass. It is not always possible for people's schedules; but do take a look at options that may be available to you. At the doors of the Church you will find copies of *The Word Among Us*, a special Lent edition to guide and accompany your prayer each day during Lent. We have, together, a special outreach ministry in our support for the Marblehead Food Pantry. Especially in this week of school vacation, we must all try to do a bit extra so that our community might give aid to those in need and give heart where it will make the most difference: in you, in them, and in us all.

Asking God's blessing on you, for your Renewal this Lent, and that of our Parish, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Season of Lent is a great time to celebrate our forgiveness in Christ Jesus. Confessions heard Wednesday Evenings from 6-7, Saturday afternoons, from 2:30 -3:30 and at the Church or Rectory by appointment.

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!

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.

SESSION 5

Tuesday, March 5 or Thursday, March 7



God Is with Us

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength

and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

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

The Way of the Cross

One of the most heartfelt devotions of the Lenten Season is the prayerful devotion of the Way of the Cross. The Church is open for private prayer every day from 7 in the morning to 7 in the evening. Friday Evening celebrations of the Way of the Cross will take place each week at 6:00 p.m. Most weeks, a simple supper (meatless soup, bread/butter and water) will be offered at the Parish Center. Friday, March 1st the supper will be offered by members of the Creation Care Team. All are welcome!



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.

Interested in joining either choir? Please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

Star of the Sea Concert Series

March 17th 5:00 p.m.
J.H. Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary"
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Baritone and Heinrich Christensen, Organ.



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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:





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

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.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

In Catholic practice, it is considered divine law that all Christian faithful do penance each in his or her own way (CIC 1249). Some common observances of penance are also proposed. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years or older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting in which one modest meal may be taken together with two other takings of solid food that do not add up to a meal, for ages 18 through 59.

Comments from Deacon Joe

February 22

We have a double celebration on Thursday. As a

Church, we celebrate the Feast of the

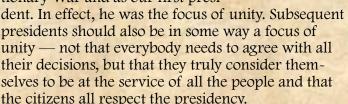
Chair of St. Peter on February 22. When Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responded,

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered by appointing him the rock on which he would build his church and promis-

ing him the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter's role is to unify the Church in profession of true faith. As Catholics, we believe that this role continues in his successors, the popes. So this is a feast of the Church united around the Pope proclaiming Jesus as Lord https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chair of Saint Peter.

February 22 is also George Washington's birthday.

Before Presidents Day was created, George Washington's Birthday was a holiday. In Marblehead, we continue to celebrate the 22nd by ringing bells at Abbot Hall and churches in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. Washington was the first leader of our country both during the Revolutionary War and as our first presi-



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 III.

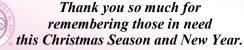
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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.



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

This week there are no obligatory memorials. This is because in Lent all memorials of saints are made optional. Two memorials worth noting happen this week:

February 21 is the (optional) Memorial of St. Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church. He was

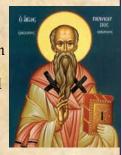


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born about 1007 and died in 1072 or 1073. He was a Benedictine who called for reforms in the Church to combat the moral laxity of his time. He wrote extensively on the need for reform and worked vigorously for it. We can regard him as an intercessor for the necessary reforms of the contemporary Church https:// en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Peter_Damian.

The (optional) Memorial of St. Poly-

carp, bishop and martyr, is on February 23. He is thought to have been a disciple of St. John. He became bishop of Smyrna and was martyred by being burned at the stake in about 155 at the age of eighty-six https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Polycarp.



Have a good Lent. Try to keep warm.

> -Deacon Joe Whipple February 18, 2024





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