

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 25, 2024



Second Sunday of Lent

God put Abraham to the test.
He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied.

Genesis 22:1

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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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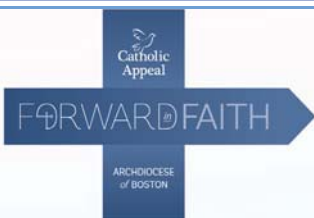
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FUNERALS: Contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm.
SICK & SHUT-INS: Priests are available to bring Holy Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory.

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.



Next weekend, the 2024 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to join me in giving a gift to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. **Thankful for YOUR HELP!**

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>February 24</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Joan Derba |
| 4:00 PM | John McCarthy, 5 th Anniversary |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>February 25</u> |
| 7:30 AM | Richard Agostini |
| 9:00 AM | Bradley Sheridan |
| 11:00 AM | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>February 26</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Frank Murphy |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>February 27</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Maureen McDonnell |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>February 28</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Marie Wall, 1st Anniversary |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>February 29</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Frances Ditzler Jensen |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>March 1</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Christina Rondinelli |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>March 2</u> |
| 9:00 AM | Helena T. Butler |
| 4:00 PM | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>March 3</u> |
| 7:30 AM | Innocent Victims of War |
| 9:00 AM | Those praying to end abortion |
| 11:00 AM | Catherine Brophy |

★ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024** ★
Classes Resume

Today, Sunday, February 25th

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:

sosreligiously@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



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!

Our Fourth Week Underway!

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

This last week the list of requested items will be updated. Please return these non-perishable food donations to the back of the Church any day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 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.



Your help has been great!

May we finish February

strongly ~

Every Donation Makes A Difference



Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Ash Wednesday - Catholic Charities: \$1,521.55

Your continued help makes our work possible!

Lenten Devotions



Wednesday, February 28th

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 1st

Stations of the Cross 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Simple Lenten Supper follows at Center

Saturday, March 2nd

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts

Join Us Sunday

following 9:00 a.m. Mass



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Do not lay your hand on the boy,’ said the messenger. ‘Do not do the least thing to him.’” These words of command from God to Abraham cannot but resound in our ears with particular force as we contemplate the horrors of violence in our world today and in our society as well. The conflicts that continue in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Africa and so many other places around the world bring death to the innocent, young and old, and from all sides of conflict. Our own society has been wounded by violence of many sorts and by threats of violence as well. Far too much harm has been visited, one upon another, and continues to be.

God had asked Abraham to make a gift of his son, Isaac, to him. Abraham, mistakenly, thinks it is by way of human sacrifice that the gift was to be accomplished. God’s messenger intervened and made it clear: God wants no harm to come to Isaac. What God wants is Abraham’s, and our, unreserved devotion to him. God rejoices in that gift and promises Abraham: “in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command.” How urgent it has become for us, too, as messengers of God in our devotion to him and in our observance of his commands, to intervene in our own day and to make clear that God wills no harm be done.

The words from the Transfiguration of Christ presented in today’s Gospel (see Mark 9:2-10) speak of the Father’s love for his Son, Jesus, and the inestimable value of listening to Jesus’ Word and following in his way. “From the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” God, who holds his Son in such dear love, seeks to hold you and me in the same love, having made us one with his Son by having us listen to him.

While many peoples will have various answers and remedies to the scourge of violence in our midst, each of those many suggestions can and should be evaluated according to the merits of their reasonableness and likely effectiveness. However, the root of the problem is in the human heart, faithlessly enslaved to sin. There, only the words of Jesus have the power to transform, illumine and raise up. Your own commitment to Gospel living and to bringing the light of the Gospel to effect in the common life we share as citizens of our nation is the only way in which the blessings of safety and peace for generations of descendants can ultimately be secured. So listen! So speak!

None of us can remain indifferent. You should take every opportunity at your disposal to point to everything that the light of reason and the love of the faith tells about life, the good ways of moving forward, the truth and the dignity of every human being! This means, with special insistence, that you demand every politician in service to you to eschew social violence. That violence includes also, by sheer volume, the abortion regime in our nation and the vast sacrifice of children on the false altar of progress that abortion has brought about. Our own country needs to “listen” more attentively to a voice greater than its own. God calls you, like Christ, to assume readily the burdens of others, unable to guarantee for themselves life, respect or dignity. Bear with them that burden in a deeper love such as to transfigure the world from its fallen horrors to the glory to which God calls us all. Listen to Christ’s Word; follow in his ways generously; work for the true good and liberation of your brothers and sisters. God will bring you to share his glory through your devotion to Christ and your honoring of his command. Do no harm.

Before the Cross of Christ displayed in the Sanctuary, there are the name of our Confirmation Candidates who have begun 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.

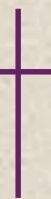
Asking God’s blessing on you, your loved ones and your home and our world, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

The Road to Calvary

a Lenten presentation by Dr. Anthony Coleman.
Friday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall
Lynnfield, MA
R.s.V.p. by March 4: jsano@ola-smg.org



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 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.

Creation Care Team

Members toured the Republic Services recycling facility in Peabody on February 16. We learned about their work and the importance of recycling only what is recyclable in Marblehead's single stream recycling program. We plan to host a presentation by Republic in the spring when you will hear about what they do and what you can do to maximize our recycling efforts through Republic. In the meantime, if you have any questions around what is and isn't recyclable, please visit Recycle Smart MA recyclesmartma.org. Pictured from left to right- Caitlin Smith, Michele Audet, Dylan and Linda Vizey, Gail Kanarski, Elaine Leahy, Pam Roberts, and Peter Fallon. Missing Pat Adams and Jim Zisson.



MUSIC News

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"
Star of the Sea Choirs and Friends, James Demler, Baritone and Heinrich Christensen, Organ.

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.

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



There are different ways we can give alms. Perhaps the most common is to make a donation to a charitable organization. An excellent form of almsgiving is working at an organization that provides for poor people such as volunteering at My Brother's Table or Lifebridge. Donating goods, for example to Catholic Charities, is also almsgiving. We can also give alms directly to an individual, whether it is a needy neighbor or a stranger. Any of these can "count" as our Lenten almsgiving. Of course, they shouldn't be restricted just to Lent, but in Lent we should do more in one way or another, depending on our situation.

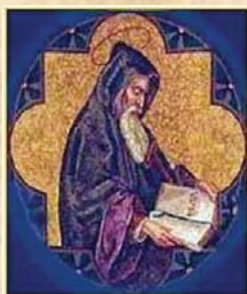


I often give money to "panhandlers" when I encounter them. I know there are those who say the person may spend it poorly, and that's a respectable opinion, but my feeling is that if someone asks for money, my job is to be generous, and it's not my job to control them. But I'm not always as generous as I like to think I am. Once I was going to a nice, and expensive, restaurant in Lynn. As I parked my car a young man approached and asked for some money. I reached into my pocket and found a ten dollar bill. It occurred to me that I could give him a twenty and never miss it, but I said, "Nah," and gave him the ten. Another time in the subway, a man was sitting with a sign saying he was homeless. I gave him \$2.00 when I could easily have given five. Both times, as I left, I asked myself why I was so stingy. It wasn't even a question of "giving until it hurts." I



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

This week the Commemoration* of **St. Gregory of Narek** can be observed on February 27. He was an



Armenian abbot and mystic who was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015. He lived from about 950 to about 1010 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregory_of_Narek.

*Technically, during Lent memorials, whether obligatory or optional, receive a status called Commemoration. Observing them is optional but, if observed, there are differences in the liturgy from what's done for an optional memorial in ordinary time.

*Have a good Lent.
Try to keep warm.*

~Deacon Joe Whipple
February 25, 2024

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

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

February - For those Terminally Ill.

March - For the New Martyrs.



For further information please consult the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer) at: 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 during this Season of Lent.



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