

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 4, 2024



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

~ Mark 1:34

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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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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 3</u>
9:00 AM	Beatrice Mullins, Month's Mind
4:00 PM	Edward Demski, 5 th Anniversary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 4</u>
7:30 AM	For the benefit of Sally Little
9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 AM	Collin Connerty, 6 th Anniversary
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 5</u>
9:00 AM	Marise Belony
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 6</u>
9:00 AM	Gail Giles
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 7</u>
9:00 AM	Daniel Joseph Nolan, Birthday Remembrance
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 8</u>
9:00 AM	Leonard W. Erickson
<u>Friday</u>	<u>February 9</u>
9:00 AM	Chris Papageorge, 11 th Anniversary
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 10</u>
9:00 AM	Loretta Petrilli, 5 th 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

★ **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.

First Communion Parents' Meeting

Important planning has taken place for parents of our First Communion candidates. We addressed the new books, classes, mass participation books, retreat on May 4th and the First Communion celebrations planned for Saturday, May 11th. If you were not able to attend any of the scheduled meetings please call the office to make arrangements to pick up needed materials at your earliest. Thank you!

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:

sosreligiused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$4,399.00 • Online: \$1,982.88

Offertory Total: \$6,381.88.66

Church in Latin America

Collected/mailed in: \$1,070.36 • Online: 467.86

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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 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.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.” St Paul speaks of his share in the mission of the Gospel to the world (see 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23). The Good News of Jesus Christ says that we encounter and embrace ultimate things, things of God’s goodness, his truth and beauty, in every aspect of life, even in moments of difficulty or suffering. Our share in the mission takes on new purpose and finds its destiny in the love and goodness of God come to the world especially to those among us who suffer the most.

Jesus, speaking of himself and of our communion of mind and heart in him (see Mark 1:29-39), tells his disciples: “For this purpose have I come” to bring the Good News of the Kingdom to every town and village. So he went forth preaching, healing and casting out demons throughout Galilee. We have, in Christ, the opportunity to know something of God’s presence, goodness and love and to share it with all we meet. Like Jesus, we are called to draw close to those who suffer. Aware of that surpassing love of God and our mission to it, we find that life is much hard work, significant sacrifice, too, but unending joy. Such is the lot of all who walk in Jesus’ way.

Those who do not yet recognize or truly welcome God’s purpose over them find, instead, the drudgery of days spent in service of passing things and losing gains. In the back of our collective mind, we who bear the human condition echo the gloomy question posed by Job in the First Reading (see Job 7:1-4, 6-7). “Job spoke, saying: is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” With all the wonders and accomplishments of which we are capable, so often things turn down and get worse, making the heart believe that life is a drudgery, is unfair and unrelenting. There are so many souls, bravely facing the demands of life’s daily responsibilities who find themselves depleted, dejected, forgotten or unfulfilled. So much drudgery there!

You and I are called by Jesus to visit such “villages” of mind and heart. We are to fulfill our “purpose” of bringing Good News, new perspective and the saving ways of Christ to hearts who very much need to hear the Word. If you have found hope and purpose in Christ, never hesitate to bring it as your gift to others. It will be the one thing that makes all else coalesce for them, raising them up in the goodness and love of God. What a gift! What a way of life bringing such gifts to others!

During the month of February, our Parish takes the lead responsibility for furnishing the Marblehead Food Pantry with its needed supplies. Shopping bags are available at the doors of the Church as reminders and guides towards making a contribution to our efforts. Your assistance is a great way to realize a practical expression of love for your brothers and sisters in need as you help lift the drudgery of recurring need and give a sign of hope that things can change for the better. Volunteers are still needed to help bring donated items from the Church to the Parish Center after each weekend mass this month of February and to sort and date the items after the 11 o'clock mass in preparation for their distribution. Thank you for your generosity!

Our "Rhapsody at 100" concert is this coming Saturday, February 10th, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. It promises an excellent performance for a fine evening of joyful entertainment. Tickets available after masses, at the Rectory and online. Saturday of this weekend, we will offer the Blessing of Throats to any who would avail themselves of it after masses throughout this weekend.

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

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Saint Blaise Day

February 3, 2024

Blessing of Throats

Sat. Feb 3rd at the 9 a.m. Mass

and after all weekend masses

February 3rd and 4th.



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 2



Tuesday, February 6 or
Thursday, February 8

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man; therefore, he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

SESSION 3



Tuesday, February 13 or
Thursday, February 15

Am I Saved?

Jesus is both God and man; therefore, he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

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)

Next Sunday's observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11) are 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.

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.



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www.sosmarblehead.org

and click on the **We Share** link to get started.

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 sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



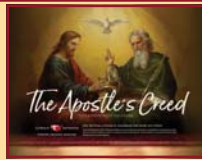
Used Palm Branches



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 and next. Please place them in the receptacles at the doors or the Church or on the Rectory

We are grateful for the generosity of
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for the donation of "The Apostle's Creed" Calendars for 2024. Available at the Church doors, the Parish Center and on the back porch of the Rectory. All are welcome to take one.



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 \(popesprayer.va\)](http://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

Lent

In the early centuries of the Church, **Easter** became the time when the bishop would baptize and confirm the catechumens at the Vigil Mass. He would also reconcile those who had separated themselves from the Church through grave sins. There were special prayers for the catechumens as well as "scrutinies" to be sure they were ready to undertake the obligations of living a Christian life. Penitents would do public penance, notably lying prostrate at the door of the cathedral at Mass times. As time went on, ordinary people came to regard this Lenten season as a time for them also to prepare for the Easter celebration. The three practices Jesus mentions in Chapter 6 of the Gospel of Matthew — prayer, fasting, and almsgiving — were seen as worthy of intensified attention during Lent.

We offer additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent — a sacrament for reconciliation both with God and with the Church, which is wounded by our sins. We can pray more intensely by attending daily Mass, or if that is not possible, by meditating on the scripture readings for each day. You can find them in "The Word among Us" which is available in the church. Of course you can choose any form of prayer which suits you. Similarly, beyond the restrictions that apply to Ash Wednesday and Fridays, you can choose any sort of fasting — giving up something — which is meaningful for you. Almsgiving can take the form of donations to any worthy charity.



Food Pantry Needs

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

This week we celebrate three obligatory memorials.

February 5 is the Memorial of **St. Agatha**, virgin and martyr. She was brutally killed around the year 251 in Sicily and is patron saint of Palermo and Catania https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agatha_of_Sicily.



On February 6 we celebrate the Japanese Martyrs, **St Paul Miki and Companions**, 26 foreign and native born missionaries who were crucified at Nagasaki on February 5, 1592 <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-paul-miki-and-companions/>.



The Memorial of **St. Scholastica** is on February 10. She was the sister of St. Benedict and is regarded as the founder of the Benedictine order of women. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholastica>



Have a good week.

Try to keep warm. Winter is half over, according to the calendar.

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
February 4, 2024*

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