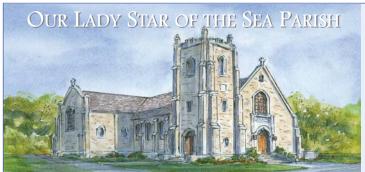
Second Sunday of **Ordinary Time**

"Behold the Lamb of God!" -John 1:36

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 14, 2024



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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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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 \$57,438.00, (87% 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 Catholic Appeal back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory collection. OGETHER

You can also give online today by visiting **bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate**/. Thankful for YOUR HELP !

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	January 13
9:00 AM	Carolyn Guarino
4:00 PM	Jeanne Jordan
<u>Sunday</u>	January 14
7:30 AM	Dr. Richard Culliton
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
11:00 AN	A Gayton Masters, 3rd Anniversary
<u>Monday</u>	January 15
9:00 AM	Victims of Racial Violence
<u>Tuesday</u>	January 16
9:00 AM	Geraldine Michaud
<u>Wednesd</u>	<u>ay January 17</u>
9:00 AM	Ann G. Canniffe
<u>Thursday</u>	January 18
9:00 AM	Felix Petrilli
<u>Friday</u>	January 19
9:00 AM	Chaz Pescatore
	January 20
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4:00 PM	Carolyn Guarino
<u>Sunday</u>	January 21
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9:00 AM	Pro Populo
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Sunday, January 7, 2024

Offertory Collection Collected/mailed in: \$5,892.00 • Online: \$5,374.33 Offertory Total: \$11,266.33 Thankfully, your gifts support <u>our common mission</u>.

Church Announcements

Our Lady, Star of the Sea is also on Facebook. Stay up-to date with the latest news and events from our local Parish and the larger Catholic Church.



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page, or visit our parish website at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the Facebook link.



January 14, 2024

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024







Classes resumed Monday, January 8th with the regular weekly Religious Education schedule.

First Communion Parents' Meeting

Important planning is taking place for parents of our First Communion candidates. We address the new books, classes, mass participation books, retreat on May 4th and the First Communion celebrations planned for Saturday, May 11th. Please plan to join us for the last scheduled meeting, Sunday, January 21st at 10 a.m., or call the office to make arrange-

ments to pick up needed materials. 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:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Thursday, January 18th - Thursday, January 25th Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

"You shall love the Lord your God ...

and your neighbor as yourself." -Luke 10:27 This theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of Chemin Neuf, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso. Jesus thus invites us to imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

Add your prayers each day for the unity of all Christians for the sake of our world's salvation and take the opportunity of telling brothers and sisters in Christ of your sincere prayers for them and for our unity in the Lord Jesus. Thank you!

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 takes the opportunity to present the awards at Mass during the holiday season when the recipients are home visiting family and friends.

Congratulations!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

We have completed our Christmas celebrations with last week's observance of the Epiphany and the next day's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In all that, we have rejoiced in the manifestation of God's presence and his goodness and forgiving mercy in the context of the world. A light has truly shone among us! You and I are called to be that light to the world. We know how much such guidance and encouragement is necessary in our time and place. I pray that the graces of Christmas have enabled you to bring understanding, forbearance and respect to your relationships and to your work each day.

This week's Gospel (see John 1:35-42) places the meaning of that divine light in the context of the encounter of ordinary people with the Word made flesh. We read John's presentation of the call of the first disciples. Look particularly at Peter, mentioned at the end. In the brief words that describe the brief encounter between Jesus and Peter, so very much is said. "You are Simon." Jesus knows the man even before he is presented to him by his brother Andrew. "Son of John." Jesus tells the origins of Simon, mentioning his Father and, by implication, all of the convergence of peoples, loves and circumstances that have defined his life until now. "You will be called Cephas." Jesus immediately opens a new future and a new identity for Peter with a new name that bespeaks a new way of life that will come about in Peter's encounter with the Lord.

So, too, is it for you and for me. Jesus is the one who knows best of all who we already are, seeing through more easily than anyone all of the pretenses and avoidances that are so much a part of people's makeup. Jesus is the one who knows through and through all that has happened to you that makes you the person you are today. And from a divine perspective, he knows it, its connections and its tangles better than do we. But most of all, Jesus is the one who will open for you the wonders of your future. Yes, it is based on who we were and who we have become. But, more importantly, our future is more opened up by the release of new light and love through our encounter with the Lord, the Word made flesh. Who you are meant to be, in the plan of God's own love, will be revealed to you in unexpected and unanticipated ways if you, like Peter, Andrew and the other disciple, follow the Lord, listen to his word, stay with him and look back at Jesus with the intent and love with which he has looked at you. Dare you do it?

You will find a flyer in today's Bulletin outlining a study opportunity coming up soon: Jesus and the Eucharist. I invite you to read through it and to ask yourself in prayer whether the good Lord might be seeking to encounter you in a new way this year. Will this be a step in that experience?

At the end of the Christmas Season, we seek new homes for the many poinsettia plants that have adorned the Church. If you are able and willing to provide such care, please take a plant of your choosing at the end of mass.

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

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Holy Hour for Life

Sunday, January 21st at 3 p.m. All are invited to join in the Church for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Life, Forgiveness and Healing in adoration before the Eucharist.



This spiritual event is part of our Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance for Life. Lead by Deacon Joe, we pray for

- increased respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death;
- forgiveness and healing for all those wounded by abortion;
- peace for those facing death;
- increased holiness within the Church to transform our society.

All are welcome!



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life,

Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Jesus and the Eucharist



As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady Star of the Sea

is offering a small group study and discussion opportunity beginning at the end of January and running through the Season of Lent to help us understand and more intimately experience the gift of the Eucharist. You will find an information flyer in this week's Bulletin as well as at the Center and on the Rectory back porch. It includes instructions for registration for the event.

In addition to the Study opportunity, the Parish will plan and put into place new prayer opportunities for Eucharistic Exposition and Adorations as well as for the Rosary.

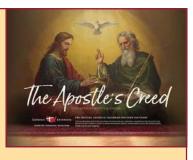
If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please call the Rectory or email sosrectory@verizon.net.

Moving? New E-mail Address?

If you change your mailing address or e-mail address, please let us know as soon as possible to be sure that you receive all parish correspondence (which can be time-sensitive) as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you!

2024 Calendars We are grateful for the generosity of **Eustis & Cornell Funeral Home** in Marblehead for the donation of "The Apostle's Creed" Calendars for 2024.



The 2024 Calendars are available at the Church doors as well as at the Parish Center and on the back porch of the Rectory. All are welcome to take one.



Our Adult Choir rehearsals resume in the organ loft Thursdays at 7:00pm beginning January 18th.

Our Children's Choir rehearsals resume 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

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm "Rhapsody in Blue" at 100 Tickets now on sale.



Pastoral Council

Meets January 17th at 7 p.m.

FAITH AND PLAY

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 monthfor 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 11 April 15 May 13.



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

Christmas Flowers

We thank all who enhanced the beauty of our Church during our Christmas Liturgies with a flower donation in memory of loved ones or as a gift to the Parish.

Poinsettias are now available for "adoption" and you are welcome to select the one(s) for which you will provide a new home.



Comments from Deacon Joe *Christian Unity*

January 18-25 is designated as a week of prayer for Christian unity <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/</u>wiki/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



At the Last Supper Jesus prayed that his followers would be one, just as he and the Father are one, so that the world could recognize that he sent them. Sadly, even though there are many people around the world who recognize Jesus as our Savior, there are serious divisions among us, both in belief and in organization . We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour his grace on all Christians to bring about the unity which is God's will in the way and at the time which is according to his design. Please join your prayers to those of Christians around the world <u>https:// geii.org/week of prayer for christian unity/</u> theme announcement 2024.html.

Holy Hour for Life We will have our annual Holy Hour for Life next Sunday, January 21, at 3:00 The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

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

January - For the Gift of Diversity on the Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. 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.

p.m. in the church. The service includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, readings and a reflection, prayers for respect for life, and time for silent prayer. We do this in coordination with the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese and the Deacons for Life. Please consider spending an hour with your fellow parishioners in prayer for respect for all human life, especially the unborn.



<u>This week</u> the Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot, is on January 17. He was born in Egypt in 251 and lived a highly ascetic life beginning about the age of 20. Although he lived most of the time as a hermit, others gathered around him and persuaded him to be their leader, or abbot,



which he did for a number of years before returning to solitude. He defended the true faith against Arianism and died at the age of 105. He is considered a founder of the tradition of monasticism although he was not the first solitary hermit <u>https://</u> en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_the_Great.

Have a good week. Try to keep warm.

~Deacon Joe Whipple January 14, 2024



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