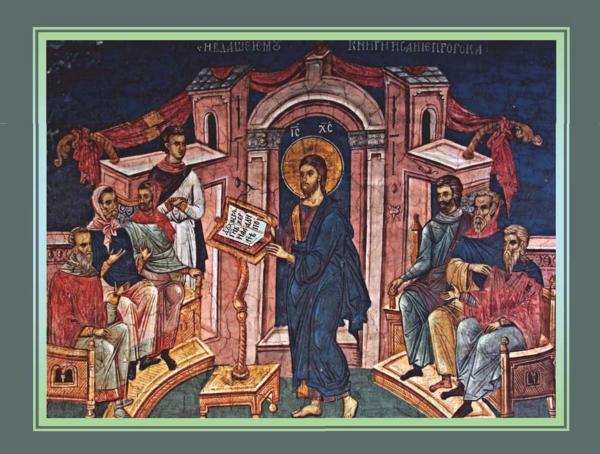
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 28, 2024



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

~Mark 1:21-22



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Saturday January 27 9:00 AM Ginny Walsh

4:00 PM Maria Arruda, 2nd Anniversary

Sunday January 28

7:30 AM Edward James Rockett

9:00 AM Carolyn Guarino, Month's Mind

11:00 AM *Pro Populo* Monday January 29

9:00 AM Jack & Anne O'Malley

Tuesday January 30

9:00 AM Grace Marie Connor

Wednesday January 31

9:00 AM Judith Leef for Health and Healing

Thursday February 1

9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli

Friday February 2
9:00 AM Beatrice Prosper
Saturday February 3

9:00 AM Beatrice Mullins, Month's Mind 4:00 PM Edward Demski, 5th Anniversary

Sunday February 4

7:30 AM For the Intention of Sally Little

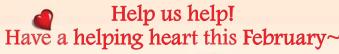
9:00 AM Pro Populo

Sunday, January 21, 2024

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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:

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 Begins This Weekend

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

January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" These words from today's Gospel (see Mark 1:21 -28) are the heart of the first encounter with unclean spirits described in Mark's Gospel. I do not use the word "exorcism" because Mark does not here. Rather than a confrontation of power in which the evil one is cast out, Jesus here is portrayed as a teacher: he rebukes. By his power as teacher, which the Gospel says he exercised each Sabbath in the local synagogue, the man is liberated from what held him in its grasp.

Jesus' word to us has the same end: to liberate us from anything that may hold us in an unhealthy, unhappy way. Our society's word is quite different: it urges to confront, to challenge and to control and often continues on to denigrate and destroy those with whom we disagree. You and I, as bearers of the Gospel to the world today, should display something of the power of Jesus' Word. It must be seen in the truthfulness, beauty, balance and service for good that characterizes holiness of life in God and the pursuit of true peace in relationship with others.

In the context of the Gospel accounts, the "unclean" spirit is not reference so much to a moral failure or any sexual excess. "Unclean" refers to the opposite of "holy." Holy is the state of communion with God and relationships with one another in God. It is a sense of life, wholeness and balance in all things good. "Unclean," by contrast, is the opposite. It is that sense of separation, fragmentation in life, inner opposition or contradiction, and a lack of balance and wholesomeness in any measure.

The words of Jesus are what bring us, who are plagued by the distraction and anxiousness of the world, to the wholeness, balance and life of communion with God. So, this is why these accounts of Jesus' victory over the unclean spirits are important to all of us. We look to the Lord's teaching to be that power by which we find the right balance of goods in our soul, and stand in right relationship with God and with neighbor. Jesus, the teacher, is the fulfillment of the promised "prophet" to be "raised up for you from among your kin" of which Moses wrote (see Deuteronomy 18:15-20). Jesus, the teacher, is the one who will free our souls from anxiety both in our dealings with one another and in our relationship with God. In him may we find our balance and our peace!

The ministries of teaching in our Parish are a matter that will demand some special attention of us all in the weeks and months ahead. As with many other things, post-covid life has changed our patterns of behavior. The value and importance of education to freedom is a reality that we would do well to reflect upon. I am concerned that our young get the opportunity to hear the Gospel explained, to feel the balance and joy of Jesus' approach to life and, thereby, to experience a stronger, fuller confidence in facing responsibilities and relationships. In our own day there is not another reliable source for this desired wholesome, integrated intelligent grasp of life.

We will begin this week our study/discussion opportunity: Jesus and the Eucharist. I am happy to see that a good number have already decided to join in the endeavor. To have a core of folk who have had the chance to delve at some depth the relational aspects of our communion in Jesus is going to be a great benefit for the Parish and its life. So many wonderful effects can some when one "hears" from Jesus his word: "This is my body.... for you." So many good contributions of thought and experience will enrich our common life.

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

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Jesus and the Eucharist

Study and Discussion Begins this Week

As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady Star of the Sea is offering a small group study and discussion opportunity beginning 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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SESSION 1

Tuesday, January 30 or Thursday, February 1

What's Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God's love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love. Do you know this love?



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?

Plan Ahead!

Please consult the Parish Website

<u>www.sosmarblehead.org</u> or call the Rectory for further information.



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January

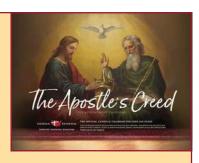
Catholic Schools 28 – February 3.

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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.



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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Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.



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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.

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tion, spiritual direction, and job search assistance to prisoners completing jail sentences, and other vital ministries that bring the light of Christ into the lives of thousands in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands.

For complete lists of projects supported by the proceeds, please visit: <u>CLA Grant Information ~ Información del Programa de Ayuda | USCCB</u>

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.

February ~ For those Terminally III. 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

Presentation of the Lord

We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this week https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation of Jesus. It is a multi-faceted feast. Coming forty days after Christmas, it is a last liturgical look-back at Christmas. While the Church calendar puts us in Ordinary Time after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, there are peo-



ple who would prolong Christmas time to this feast on February 2. The official title of the feast points to the passage in Luke 2:22-40 which tells of Jesus being presented in the Temple and the prophecy of Simeon on that occasion. The Presentation in the Temple is the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Since Simeon's prophecy included that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's heart, it is also the first of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast used to be called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There was no specified date for the redemption of a firstborn son (Exodus 13: 2, 12-13). But a woman who gave birth to a son was required to offer sacrifice forty days after the birth (Leviticus 12:2-4, 6-8), and it is that sacrifice which Luke refers to. Since Luke says both happened at the same time, we celebrate the entire event on February 2 as a feast of the Lord https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/purification-mary.

It became customary in Rome and in Churches of the East to bless candles for use during the year on this day. Since that was a distinctive element of the liturgy of the day, it came to be known in England as Candlemas, and the custom of blessing candles is still called for in the Mass. (Wikipedia notes "The Roman church's custom of blessing candles by the clergy found its way to Germany. The Ger-

man conclusion that if the sun appeared on Candlemas, a hedgehog would cast a shadow, making a "second winter", was the origin for the modern American festival of Groundhog Day, as many of Pennsylvania's early settlers were German" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Candlemas).

Lent will begin soon, on February 14, to be exact. It's not too soon to start thinking about what you will do in extra prayer and almsgiving (or good works generally). The third "prong" of Lent is fasting. Do you want to do more than the minimum of the light "fast" for Ash Wednes- WEDNESDAY day and Good Friday and abstaining from meat on those days and the other Fridays of Lent which are required in church rules? Here's a more detailed explanation of the rules and the writers' further suggestions. https://hallow.com/blog/lent-fasting-rules/ Fasting in a broad sense can include "giving up" any legitimate enjoyment.

<u>Food Drive</u> Let's be generous in supporting the Marblehead Food Pantry over the next four Sundays.

The big 81. Thank you to everybody who extended good wishes for my birthday. I still don't feel a day over eighty.



This week in addition to the Presentation we celebrate the



Memorial of St. John Bosco, a priest of Turin, Italy, who was especially dedicated to educating young people and who founded the Salesians of Don Bosco to carry on this work. He was born in 1815 and died on January 31, 1888. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Bosco

Have a good week. Try to keep warm.

> ~Deacon Joe Whipple January 28, 2024





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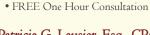
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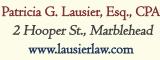
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