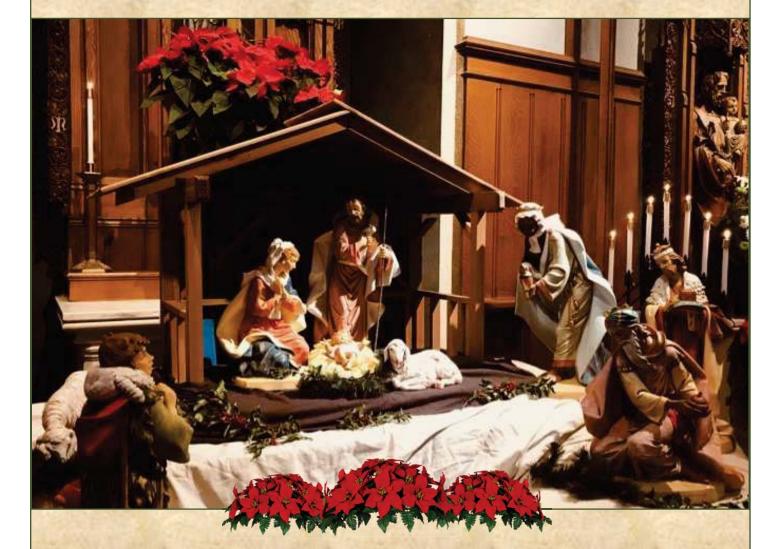
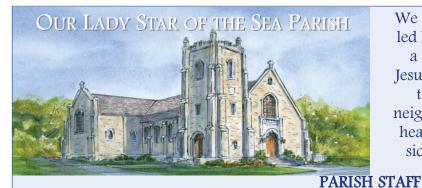
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 7, 2024



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Appeal

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 \$55,788.00, (84% 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 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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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24, 2023 **Offertory Collection** Collected/mailed in: \$8,178.13 • Online: \$2,720.66 Offertory Total: \$10,898.66

Monday, December 25, 2023 Clergy Trust Collection Collected/mailed in: \$13,124.00 • Online: \$720.00 Clergy Trust Total: \$13,894.00

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Collected/mailed in: \$4,532.00 • Online: \$5,866.50 Offertory Total: \$10,398.50

> Monday, January 1, 2024 Offertory Total: \$102.00

> > St. Vincent de Paul \$117.32



January 7, 2024

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024







Classes resume today, Sunday, January 7th with the regular weekly Religious Education schedule.

First Communion Parents' Meeting

Important planning will take place for parents of our First Communion candidates. We will address the new books, classes, mass participation books, retreat and the First Communion celebrations planned for Saturday, May 11th. Choice of meeting

times include: January 7, 8, 9 or 10 during your child's class or Tuesday evening, January 9 at 6:15.

Reminder for the Winter Season

For weather related cancellations, we follow the Marblehead school decisions. Sunday cancellations will be emailed to the Sunday families.

Recognition

Thanks to the 8th Grade class of Lauren Kennedy & Heather Bush for their Christmas Outreach to Seniors through the

Edith Dodge Foundation



Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

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 will have an opportunity to present the awards at Mass during the upcoming holiday season when the recipients are home visiting family and friends. Congratulations!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 7, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Today's commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the Holy Family at Bethlehem gives voice to the fulfillment of the prophecies of the birth of Jesus. Kings walk by the radiance of Jesus' identity as God and Man. Nations walk by the light of the new vision of human dignity and of our true destiny before God revealed in Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." These words of the Prophet (see Isaiah 60:1-6) speak of the "Manifestation" or "Epiphany" of the Lord Jesus to all peoples of the world. During this season in which we pray intensely for the peace of our world and the protection of all innocents, we recommit ourselves to honoring that presence of God in the dignity of each and every one whom God has loved, friend and foe though they may be.

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother." "They were overjoyed." These words from Matthew's Gospel (see Mt 2:1-12) describe the Magi. It is an intense expression: they 'joy'ed in their joy. From whence comes their joy? It is not just on reaching the goal of their great quest. It is the whole of their journey: they see; they follow; they enter and they give. As wise, accomplished students of the movement of the heavenly bodies and sharers in the foundations of science (astronomy) begun in the Mesopotamia of their time, they had set out moved by the beauty of something new. Brought by their seeking to Jerusalem, they inquire as to the whereabouts of "the newborn King of the Jews" realizing that they had <u>seen</u> his "star" at its rising and wish to do him homage. When making inquiry at the court of Herod, they face the obstacles and dangers of evil, but they there find the further "light" of God's Word in the Prophets, brought to bear on their search. Only in the light both of reason and of the Word of faith were they able to set out for Bethlehem and to <u>enter</u> the home of the child Jesus, and to <u>offer the great treasures</u> of their heartfelt gifts.

In this way, the Magi of old describe the journey that we, too, must make. We are called to "see," to "follow," to "enter" and to "give." We use all the powers of mind and heart, the science and best reasoning we can apply to the world, the universe and all that it holds. We look, too, to the light of faith, the Word of God made flesh in Jesus Christ. The light of faith, in the Gospel, added to the guidance of our sharply honed reason, enables us to recognize the full reality of what stands before us in life. Insight, then, leads to commitment. We are called to follow the light of truth as we perceive it. We strive with courage to reach the goal of our quest, the true destiny of our lives and loves. We follow the Gospel way, wherever it leads. We confront and conquer every obstacle or distraction that may seem to block the way. We move forward, pressing to obtain those good things that reason and faith indicate as worthy of our lives. Walking in this way, do we come to the point of offering the best treasures of mind and heart as our gift for others. We find true joy when the light of faith in Jesus' Gospel motivates us to make a gift of ourselves, in love, for the sake of others, as did our Lord. Then will "nations shall walk by your light and kings by your shining radiance." By seeing, following, entering and giving of ourselves for others do we joyfully make our best gifts and bring God's gifts to our waiting world, in such deep need.

As we do each Epiphany, the Parish will bless and distribute Chalk together with a prayer of blessing and dedication of your homes for the New Year. Those who wish, please take a piece of chalk and the prayer sheet from the baskets at the doors of the Church.

Asking God's blessing on you and your loved ones in the joy of our Christmas observances and this Epiphany day, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



The Christmas Fair Committee wishes to recognize and thank all the volunteers who made the success of the event possible, including the following:

Anne and Joan Fallon Grace Potier Maureen McNeil Alison Martin Carol Anne Cushing Susan Barone Pat Bachelder Marylyn Kusek Veronica Walus Linda Vozzella Janet Coppola Jen and Ben LaBreque Debbie Tattleman Amy LaVallee Lisa Johnston

Anne Gugino-Carrigan Joe DiPoli Lellian Reddy Hailey Schmitt Elise Gunther

The Christmas Fair Committee, on behalf of the Parish recognizes and thanks all those who donated items to enrich the offerings of the Fair, including:

Shubie's The Costa Family/ Elm St Bakery Grab the Bagel The Quigley Family Jacquie Corona Peter Fallon High School Choral Group Jim Soule Steve Sabre Lisa Gillis Jason Gilliland Carol Potier Fay Peltier Elaine and David Lahey Janet and James Coppola Judy and John Arnold Michelina Armstrong

Jesus and the Eucharist

As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady Star of the Sea is planning to offer a small group study and discussion opportunity this coming Lent. It will be accompanied by additional prayer opportunities as well. Please take along the <u>Invitation Announcement</u> located near the Bulletins at the doors of the Church If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please call the Rectory or email sosrectory@verizon.net.

Christmas Gift from the Fair to the World

Efforts to reduce waste at the Christmas Fair Food Court were very successful with only ONE actual trash bag of landfill waste generated despite hundreds of visitors! Additionally, no single-use plas-



tic water bottles were sold; instead, we offered water from an Igloo with compostable cups. Thanks to "Recycling Elves" Christine Cudihy and Joan Thayer, waste was kept to a bare minimum with five bags of compost and the rest being 75 recyclable soda cans, other mixed recycling and some cardboard.

Thanks to Linda Vizy for taking the bags of compostable materials to the transfer station and to team members Dylan Vizy, Mary McCormick-Gendzel and Pat Chiappa for talking to community members about the Creation Care Team, composting and waste reduction. We would like to thank Msgr. Moran, Peter Fallon, Linda Newall and parishioners for their support and participation in making this such an eco-friendly event aligning with Pope Francis' goals to care for our earth. ~Creation Care Team

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Thank you for the support you have given to the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you! If you still have a gift to share, please direct it to the Rectory this week. For more information and ways of giving to this effort, please visit:

> www.clergytrust.org. Thank you!

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. The Church was fully decorated for Christmas Eve and has remained beautiful for the Christmas Season. We have remembered loved one(s) in the printed Flower Memorial List. We are grateful to for those who made a gift to the decorations apart from a



Comments from Deacon Joe

Epiphany

The two high points of the Christmas Season are Christmas Day, which begins it, and Epiphany, which we celebrate today. Epiphany, as you probably know means "appearance," and the Church has traditionally thought of three appearances of Jesus to the world. First was to the Magi, who had come from outside the confines of the land of Israel. Then there was his baptism, when the Holy Spirit de-



scended on him in the form of a dove and the Father proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," which prompted John to say, "Behold the Lamb of God." Finally there was the wedding feast at Cana, where Jesus showed his power by turning water into wine. Of course, every time Jesus performed a sign and every time he taught, he was becoming manifest to the world as well.

We celebrate two parts of the full Epiphany during the Christmas Season. On the day we actually call Epiphany, we focus mainly on the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, which began the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile world. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas season. This year it's tomorrow, Monday, January 8. Maybe you'd like to attend Mass to ring out the season.

<u>With the end of Christmastide</u> we plunge back into Ordinary Time on Tuesday, January 9. You might want to stow your Christmas decorations until next Christmas. At any rate, from now until Lent, and then from Pentecost until Advent, we'll be following Jesus in the highlights of his ministry from the time of his baptism until his passion.

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.

The Sunday gospel readings will be mostly from Mark, with some passages from John. Daily Mass will have gospel reading from all three of the "synoptic gospels" — Matthew, Mark, and Luke. If you can't attend weekday Mass, you might find it useful to take a copy of "The Word among Us" every month. It gives the Mass readings for every day, so you can follow along and get a more complete knowledge of what Jesus did during his public life.

<u>Catholic Update</u> The December issue wasn't delivered, but the January issue is now available in the



church and on the rectory's back porch. Titled "21 Days of Self-Care With Biblical Inspiration," it devotes one week to Body, one to Mind and the third to Spirit. You may find it a useful boost as the new year begins and winter continues, but you can start whenever you find it convenient if it looks worthwhile for you.

This week after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, there are no feasts or obligatory memorials. I'll note that January 13 is the optional memorial of <u>St. Hilary</u> of <u>Poitiers</u>, a bishop who lived from about 310 to 367. He was a prominent defender of the true faith against the Arian heresy which denies the full divinity of the Son of God <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hilary of Poitiers</u>. Nowadays the name Hilary is often given to girls, but the original Hilary was definitely a man. In Marblehead we have known several Hilarys: Hilary Rockett, father and son, and Fr. Bill McLaughlin, whose middle name is Hilary.

In British courts and some universities, *Hilary Term* begins at this time and ends before Easter. (I've previously mentioned Michaelmas Term, beginning on September 29. There were also Easter Term and Trinity Term.) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hilary_term.

Have a good week. Try to keep warm.

~Deacon Joe Whipple January 7, 2024



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