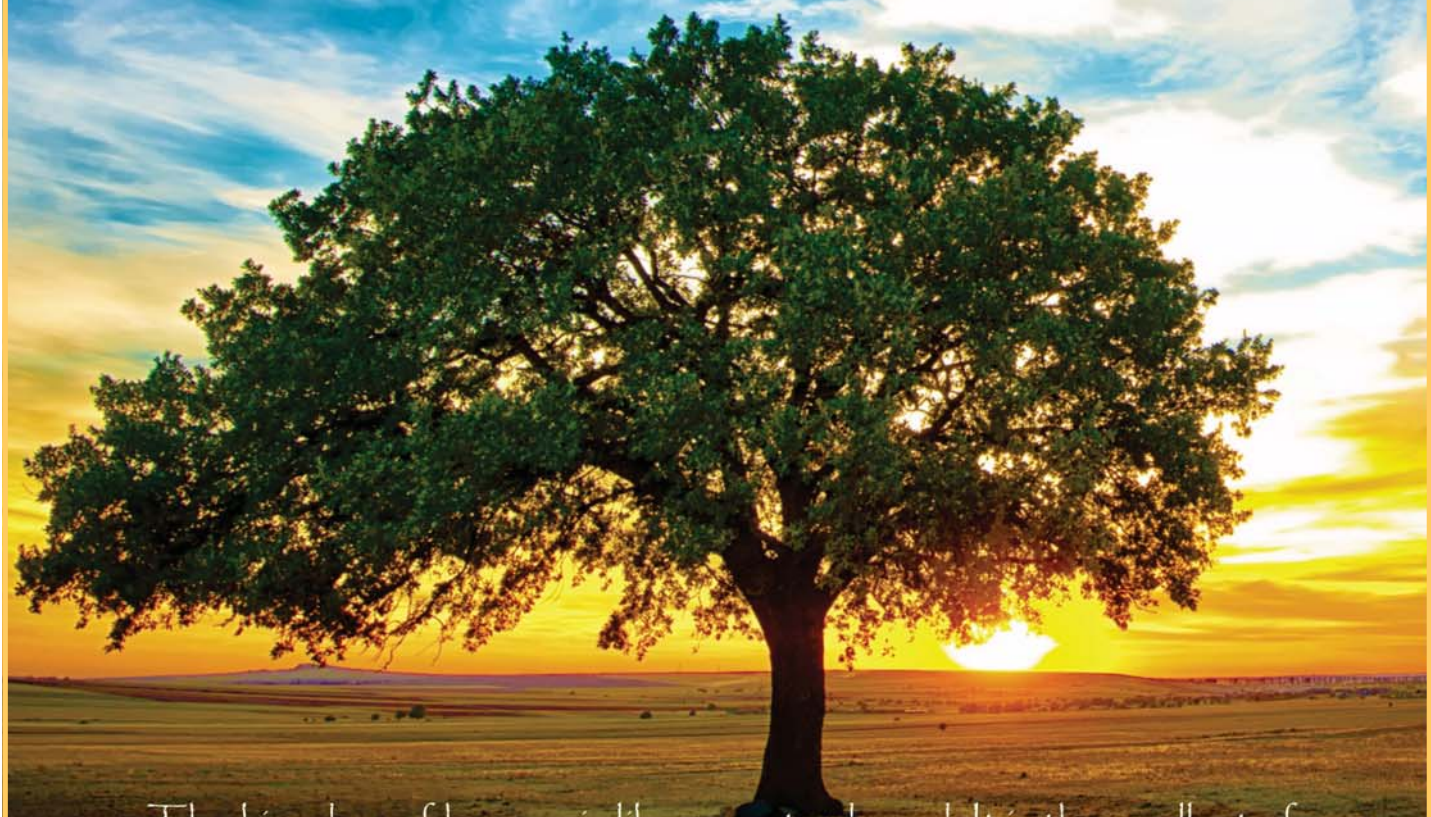


# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

Matthew 13:31,32

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



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**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME:** Please make yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.



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Saturday July 22  
 9:00 AM **Loretta Petrilli, Birthday Remembrance**  
 4:00 PM **Mary Anne Lepko**

Sunday July 23  
 7:30 AM **Nancy Yngstrom**  
 9:00 AM **Harold Scott, Month's Mind**  
 11:00 AM **Pro popolo**

Monday July 24  
 9:00 AM **Robert Reilly**

Tuesday July 25  
 9:00 AM **Most Rev. Joseph Gerry, O.S.B.**

Wednesday July 26  
 9:00 AM **Joseph Petruncio, Month's Mind**

Thursday July 27  
 9:00 AM **Rev. Joseph P. McDermott**

Friday July 28  
 9:00 AM **Salvador Ribeiro**

Saturday July 29  
 9:00 AM **Manouel Hatzioannou**  
 4:00 PM **Charles and Katherine Lomer**

Sunday July 30  
 7:30 AM **Pro popolo**  
 9:00 AM **Ralph DiAngelis**  
 11:00 AM **Elizabeth Hurley, 3rd Anniversary**

### UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday July 29  
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran

Sunday July 30  
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*Save the Date!* Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation on  
**Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm.**

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If you have a rising 11<sup>th</sup> grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for their Confirmation in this Fall (2023). Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

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We welcome any parishioner to the ministry who enjoys cooking and would like to serve and support the parish community in this way. During a specific period of time, parish volunteers deliver an evening meal. In general, our 30-plus volunteers have provided meals once a month. Many share what they are preparing for their own evening meal.

If you wish to sign up or request further information, please contact:

Joan Thayer at [joan\\_thayer@comcast](mailto:joan_thayer@comcast) or text 781-584-2231; or

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### The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023

July

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# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

July 23, 2023  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

During these Summer weeks, the Church presents us with a number of the parables from Matthew's version of the Gospel. We are currently praying from the teachings about the Kingdom of Heaven (see Matthew 13:24-42). Many of the Kingdom parables are in enjoyable, outdoor summer settings. The parables, as simple, quickly understood comparisons, make it easier for us to think about, to picture and to commit to the reality of God's presence in our lives and our right relationship with God and one another in God.

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off..." The point of the image is different from what we heard last week. Then it was a matter of good seed being sown into the midst of pre-existing thorns. The result was a choked-off existence. Here, it is a matter of good seed, well sown into receptive soil. Another agent is active: the evil one. The weeds of darnel grow strongly in the midst of the good wheat. Seeing and dealing with that reality and disappointment, challenges our right relationship with God and with one another.

First, as regards our relationship with God, the workers accuse the Master of poorly managing the field. We, too, when confronted by unexpected and underserved difficulty and challenge are tempted to express anger with God for having mismanaged the affairs of the world. Secondly, as regards our relationship with one another, the workers insist of going out and ripping away the darnel, demanding that everything and everyone be set right, right away. We too can often insist on immediate and harsh correction of the things of life and relationship, even though such drastic actions often destroy as much of the good as they solve of the problem.

The Master, God, counsels patience: let them both grow together. We are to trust that each reality will show itself to be what it is with time. You and I are to lean on God to know how and when to recognize the evil for what it is and how, then, to deal with the same, without losing anything of the good that God has, and continues to give to us. While growing, wheat and darnel are difficult to distinguish. With time, the good wheat, because it is fruitful, will brown as it grows ripe, sending all of its strength and goodness into the grains to be harvested. The darnel maintains its sharp green and edges because it keeps all of its strength for itself and is otherwise sterile, producing no grain, only an appearance of life. In the end, the browning, wheat bends low under the weight of its rich grain, showing itself ready for harvest. The darnel remains straight, tall, green and unbent, but empty in its pride and hopeless in its lack of produce. At that moment it can be picked off and cleared away easily, making way for the rich harvest, worked by God's Word, that brings to the garner all of the good we have known, given, shared and matured in our relationships with God and one another.

We are to give of ourselves to God and one another generously as does God to us. It is a bit of heaven, given each day, no matter what the apparent difficulties.

Asking God's blessings upon us all, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

# Love's Perfect Design

A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING  
FERTILITY AWARENESS

NFP Week 2023: July 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 29<sup>th</sup>



NFP is an umbrella term for natural methods used to achieve or to avoid pregnancy that protect God's plan for spousal love. These methods are based on the observation and interpretation of the naturally occurring biological markers of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. NFP is applicable to all women, can be used at any stage of a woman's reproductive life.

[NFP Community Gathering for Families](#) on Sunday, July 23 at St. Mary Parish, Waltham from 3:00-6:00pm. Mass, food, and fellowship.

[Virtual Rosary](#) on Thursday, July 27 from 7:00-8:00pm for those couples experiencing infertility, difficult pregnancies, or miscarriage. Fr. Matt Williams to host at [evangelizeboston.com/event/](http://evangelizeboston.com/event/).

Infertility Challenges? Check out [SpringsintheDesert.org](http://SpringsintheDesert.org).

NFP support for your parish community? Start planning with [Pearl & Thistle's](#) help.

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**Offertory Collection**

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## MARINER'S PRAYER

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Mother of God and our Mother, you know all the dangers of soul and body that threaten mariners. Protect your sons and daughters who work and travel on the waters of the world, and protect also their families that await their return. Star of the Sea, Mother of the Church, give light and strength to those chaplains and lay ministers who bring the love of your Divine Son among mariners. Fill their hearts with a supernatural and life-giving zeal for the apostolate. Star of the Sea, light shining in the darkness, be a guide to those who sail amid the storms and dangers of life. Enlighten the hearts of ardent disciples and bring us all to the safety of heaven's port. Amen



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We invite you to remember your loved ones with a Memorial Gift to one of three funds established at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church. Please contact the Rectory.

### † The Anna E. Kelly Scholarship Fund

*(Awarded to outstanding high school seniors in our Religious Education program who have demonstrated service to their parish community during their four years of high school)*

### † The Restoration Fund

*(Capital projects [beyond the Grand Annual Appeal] which maintain the magnificence of our Church).*

### † The Christian Service Fund

*(Programs which reflect the Gospel of Jesus of Jesus in their care and outreach to those in spiritual and/or physical need, in a spirit of respect, for the dignity of all)*

## CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a prayer of Silence and Quiet time. Sitting for a short time, while resting in God's presence, helps to center us. In prayer we listen to God's Word, through 'Lectio Divina', as we read a Gospel four times over to hear God's Word on a deeper level. Everyone is invited to share in this experience.



Join us in the Parish Center for **Centering Prayer** on **Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.**

For more information contact Gail Kanarski at 781-631-8296 or Grace Potier at 781-631-9151.

## Comments from Deacon Joe

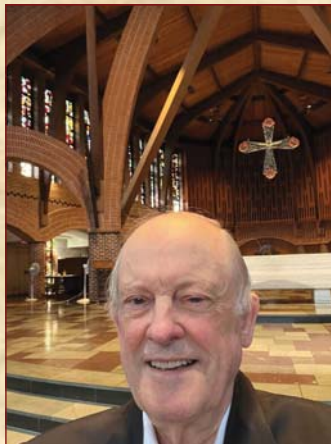
### My Retreat

I was away at St. Anselm Abbey from the afternoon of July 7 until the afternoon of July 12. It was a good five days. I had brought along two spiritual books, I Heard God Laughing, by Matthew Kelly, and Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, by Brant Pitre. The Kelly book is quite good in the early sections, where he describes how he began to begin praying regularly. It's not quite so impressive toward the end, but overall it's a good explanation of how to pray as personal conversation with God, not just "saying prayers."

The Pitre book, which is available in the church, gives fascinating insights into what the Eucharist means. Reading those books gave me plenty to reflect on.

On Sunday the principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass was Father Aloysius, who was ordained last year. I found his homily so moving that, with his permission, I quoted most of it on July 16 at the 7:30 and 11:00 Masses.

While I was there, I also had a tour of the ongoing work on the building which will house the Gregory J. Grappone '04 Humanities Institute <https://www.anselm.edu/about/offices-centers-institutes/centers-institutes/gregory-j-grappone-humanities-institute>. I was very excited a couple of years ago to read about the Institute in the college's alumni magazine, and if you agree that the humanities and liberal arts should be the backbone of higher education, I suggest you check out the website. Maybe you'd like to join some of their programs remotely or even support the Institute in some way. At any rate I'm thrilled to see the liberal arts flourishing at St. A's and I'm looking forward to attending the dedication of the new facility on July 28.



Meanwhile back here in Marblehead, Race Week will be this week. The numbers of people coming from out of town and the variety of sailboats involved is nothing like what we used to get in the 1950's but it is still special for those who participate. Maybe you can find a good spot on the Neck to watch. Early in the week, Junior Race Week will have a lot of kids racing just off the lighthouse. Thursday through Sunday the grown ups will mostly be farther offshore, but still visible. If you look closely at the Corinthian Committee Boat on Saturday, I'll be the guy wearing the sailor's cap.

This week the big feast is the Apostle St. James the Greater, celebrated on July 25. He was the brother of St. John — both sons of Zebedee and fishermen before their call to be apostles. He was martyred in Jerusalem. The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela is a famous pilgrimage destination because of the belief that his relics are there [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_the\\_Great](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Great).

On July 26 we have the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Their names do not appear in the Bible, and nothing is known for certain about them, but they have been venerated in the Church for centuries <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joachim> ; <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saints-Anne-and-Joachim>.

The Memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus is July 29. This day used to be just the memorial of St. Martha, but in 2021 Pope Francis added her siblings Mary and Lazarus. All three are most familiar to us from the account of Jesus raising Lazarus after he had been dead for four days. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha>

*Enjoy the Summer!  
Have a good week.*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple  
July 23, 2023*

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