

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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The Church is open daily from 7:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am

Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 11, 2023

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

John 6:51

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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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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 2:30–3:30pm. Also upon request, at any reasonable time. Please contact the Rectory to make an appointment.

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: To make arrangements for a Funeral, please 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, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.



Confessions

Confession will be held in the Church on
Saturdays at 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM.

Rosary Group



All are invited to join us in the Church to pray the Scriptural Rosary. The Rosary Group meets every Thursday morning in the Church following the 9:00am Mass. We meet at approximately 10:00am.

This group is open to all.



Upcoming Meeting

There is a **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting in the Parish Center Conference Room next **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 to 8:30pm.**



Creation Care Team

In support of our goal to address the Cry of the Poor, the Creation Care Team is collecting **diapers** and **wipes** for local Afghan refugees throughout this weekend, **June 10 & 11.**



We suggest products that are plant-based, eco-friendly or biodegradable if possible. Please place donations in the box located at the front and back of the church, or the back porch of the Rectory.

Thank you for your support!

To learn more about the goals we are striving to meet, as Pope Francis' outlined in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, please visit laudatosi.actionplatform.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 10
 4:00 PM Dorothy Otterson Birthday Remembrance

Sunday June 11
 7:30 AM Pro populo
 9:00 AM William H. O'Connor 1st Anniversary
 11:00 AM Antonio Guarino

Tuesday June 13
 9:00 AM Brother Paul Demers

Wednesday June 14
 9:00 AM Karen Callahan Weeden Birthday Remembrance

Thursday June 15
 9:00 AM Jerry Kirby Birthday Remembrance

Friday June 16
 9:00 AM James Velleco

Saturday June 17
 9:00 AM Michael Iacobucci and Felix Petrilli
 4:00 PM Kathleen M. McKinnon 2nd Anniversary

Sunday June 18
 7:30 AM Pro populo
 9:00 AM John Sacco, John Wolocko, and Carolyn (Wolocko) Brown
 11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday June 17
 4:00 PM Monsignor Moran

Sunday June 18
 7:30 AM To be announced
 9:00 AM Monsignor Moran
 11:00 AM Father Kelleher

COFFEE

We will be gathering in the Parish Center for Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00AM Mass in the Church.



All are invited!

Traveling This Summer?



You can locate the Mass schedule of a Catholic Church near to where you are traveling throughout the world.

Simply log onto www.masstimes.org.

Religious Education



Parochial School Students

If you have a 10th 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 sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

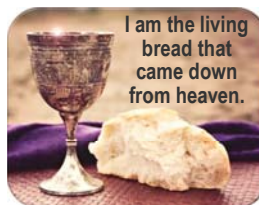
Confirmation 2023

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



If you have questions about Religious Education, please contact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



This weekend we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. We celebrate the body of Christ, which Jesus offers to the Father for the salvation of the world. It is a celebration of Christ who is both victim and priest in the Eucharist. At the Passover meal of the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, then broke it and gave it to his disciples. Now He gives it to us, his disciples. Each time we gather for Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Christ we are sent forth to be the Body of Christ to others. As you leave Mass today, ask for the grace to carry Christ's presence with you to your family, friends, and co-workers.



We Share

THE PREFERRED METHOD OF GIVING
 Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish offers online giving through **WE SHARE** as an alternative to parishioners. Online giving is an easy, secure option for your weekly offering to our parish. Simply visit our parish webpage at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the We Share link to get started.

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Marblehead, Massachusetts

June 11, 2023

Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” This promise of the Lord from today’s Gospel reading (see John 6:51-58) is a central aspect of our celebration of *Corpus Christi*, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Unlike the manna God gave to sustain his people in the wilderness as they fled from slavery in Egypt toward the promised land (see Deuteronomy 8:2-3; 14b-16a) but was not to be kept over, this Bread from Heaven given by Jesus is meant to remain, even its fragments gathered up. “The bread we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?” (see 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). These words indicate that we enter and remain in a communion of life, mind and heart with Jesus and with one another when we celebrate Eucharist and worthily receive the gift of Holy Communion.

The action of “eating” posed a problem for the initial hearers of Jesus’ word. They asked “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus’ answer to them speaks more to the “why” of the gift than to the “how.” We are to remain in him and he in us. The action of eating speaks to this in two ways. First, as those who receive this food from heaven, we are to receive it and make it a part of our own lives. We are not just to acknowledge the Gospel, and to have some contact, however fleeting, with the person and example of Jesus. No. We are to consume, we are to make entirely our own the gifts of his life and love. It should enter every fiber and aspect of our lives, bodily, spiritually and morally. Secondly, we are to be taken up and consumed into the mission of Christ himself. We enter and become a living part of his body, the Church, being taken up and transformed by his saving love. As to the “how,” it is by Jesus’ own word at the Supper, taken as he said it, and by the gift of God who nourishes and feeds us body, mind and soul in his providential love.

As Catholic Christians, we have a particular honor and respect for the wonders of this great Gift of the Eucharist. Our call is to make our own the Gospel of Christ, digesting its every aspect and incorporating it into our lives. Our mission is to be taken up by Christ and made the fulfillment of his promise to be present in our world until the end of time, transforming our human nature from within by remaking us in his image and likeness each day. Every bit as real as is that call and that mission, so too is the presence of Christ in the gifts of his Body and Blood “real” by every measure. All that Christ is, is given to us in Holy Communion. All that is in us is taken up by him and transformed into his living presence in and for the world.

This Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* is a good time to remind ourselves of the adoration and honor in which we hold and cherish this abiding Gift. Such respect is shown in making a visit to the Church, on your own, in quiet adoration of Christ before the tabernacle. There is no better place to pray than here in the “inner room” of your Father’s house, praying “Our Father” united with Jesus, the beloved. This experience of prayer in communion with Jesus should well be a part of your daily routine. Our Church is open for prayer every day from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. for you and for the Lord.

The Lord remains in, with and for us through the gift of the Eucharist; may we remain faithfully and lovingly with and in him.

Yours in the Lord’s service

Mmgr. Timothy J. Moran

SAVE THE DATE!

You are warmly invited to a

Garden Party

on

Saturday, June 24th

at

5:00pm - 7:00pm

in the Garden.

Join us for a summer social in the garden next to the koi fish pond on Saturday evening, June 24, 2023, from 5pm to 7pm. Come and listen to live music over hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments. Cash bar for beer and wine.

Our Music Director, Matt Arnold, and his band will be playing upbeat tunes during this event.

Entrance is free!



St. Vincent de Paul Society—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 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Boston.



Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sunday, May 28

Seminary Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$1,236.00 • Online: \$ 725.00)

Seminary Collection Total: \$1,961.00

Sunday, June 4

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$5,545.00 • Online: \$6,921.83)

Offertory Total: \$12,466.83



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONCERT SERIES

Our fifth and final concert in our 2022-2023 Concert Series will be an exciting outdoor Garden Party on **Saturday, June 24, 2023** from **5:00pm until 7:00pm**. More details in this bulletin (this page, at left).

Attendance is free for all.

Choir rehearsals take a break during the summer months. Weekly choir rehearsals will resume in the fall, beginning September 14, 2023.

If you are interested in joining the choir or have questions about the choir, please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, after weekend Mass in the Church, or you can send him an email at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection, **Promoting the Gospel**, supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).



These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

For more information about these organizations, please visit:

1. www.usccb.org/cchd
2. www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

Save the Date!

Hot Dog Sunday

Sunday, July 2, 2023

12:00 Noon—1:30 PM



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Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to **\$40,562.00**, (**61%** 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. You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. *Thank you so much!*

Comments from Deacon Joe
"Holiday Season" Continues

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ to give it its official title. With the liturgical revisions after Vatican II the feast of the Precious Blood of Christ (to which Pope St. John XXIII was particularly devoted) was merged into the long-standing feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi in Latin), celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. We celebrate the fact that at the Mass, in Holy Communion, Jesus gives us his own Body and Blood to sustain God's life of grace within us. As the saints remind us, we become what we eat in the sacrament. We are sanctified, or as the Christians of the East say, divinized. To foster awareness of the beauty and importance of the Lord's gift to us in the sacrament of the altar, our bishops have transferred the celebration to the Sunday after Trinity.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast_of_Corpus_Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is on the Friday after the Body and Blood of Christ. Here the focus is not on the sacramental presence of Jesus but on the loving mercy of God, symbolized by the Heart of Jesus. While God's universal and unconditional love could seem a bit abstract as a concept, we see that this love took flesh and was born of Mary. When we become aware of this personal love of Jesus, we can come to a love of God which "casts out fear." There is always a danger that awareness of our sinfulness could lead to fear of God as one who seeks to punish us. While

it is possible for us to reject God, the Sacred Heart teaches us to understand that God, in his love and mercy, is not looking to reject us but always to forgive and save. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacred_Heart

This week in addition to the Solemnities we have two obligatory memorials. The day after the Solemnity of the Sacred heart we have the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year the date is June 17 In a way, this is a corollary of the Immaculate Conception. When we believe that Mary was conceived free from original sin and remained sinless by God's grace, it makes sense, in the context of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to think of her heart as immaculate. Just as devotion to the Sacred Heart developed from devotion to the wounds he received at his crucifixion and death, so we think of the love of Mary as she stood by the cross, a love which mirrors that of Jesus. We celebrate Mary as Mother of the Church, and so we celebrate her love for us, symbolized by her Immaculate Heart. We can rely on her motherly love to make intercession with God for us.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immaculate_Heart_of_Mary

June 13 is the Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, O.F.M., a doctor of the Church. He was from Lisbon, one of the early Franciscans and their first teacher of theology, a gifted preacher and writer. He died in 1321 and there is devotion to him as a helper in finding lost objects. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_of_Padua

*Have a good week
Enjoy the Spring.*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
June 11, 2023*

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