Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So, do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:31-33)

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts



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, at the Rectory 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 \$40,612.00, (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 <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/</u>. Thank you so much!



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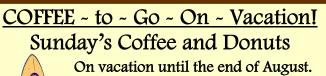
#### June 25, 2023

#### MASS INTENTIONS

l	MERCO INTERVITORIO		
	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>June 24</u>	
	9:00 AM	John S. Whipple	
	4:00 PM	Catherine Kulevich	
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 25</u>	
	7:30 AM		
	9:00 AM	Pro populo	
	11:00 AM	David DeGiorgi	
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>June 26</u>	
	9:00 A.M.	Edward Barry	
	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>June 28</u>	
	9:00 AM	Rev. Stephen M. Boyle	
	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>June 29</u>	
	9:00 AM	Johna MacDonald, 1st Anniversary	
	<u>Friday</u>	June 30	
	9:00 AM	Kelly Anderson	
	<u>Saturday</u>	July 1	
	9:00 AM	Intentions of Michael & Alicia Canniffe	
	2:30 PM	Nuptials Jessica Scasamuzzo and	
		Justin Torname	
	4:30 PM	Carl Pierce,	
	<u>Sunday</u>	July 2	
	7:30 AM	Pro popolo	
	9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli	
	11:00 AM	David Kennedy, Birthday Remembrance	
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### **UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 1</u>
4:00 PM	Msgr. Moran
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 2</u>
7:30 AM	To be announced
9:00 AM	Msgr. Moran
11:00 AM	Fr. Kelleher



A heartfelt Thank-You

to our Coordinator Rebecca Larson and to her many coworkers who

have volunteered and to those who have donated supplies for our weekly get-together.



# **Religious Education**

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### **Parochial School Students**

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:

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.



f you have questions about Religious Education, please ontact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 r email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



### The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.



#### July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

### OUS LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Fear no one!" Today's Gospel Reading (see Matthew 10:26-33) begins with this very apodictic sentence. For the Apostles, the Lord has been instructing them on the mission to which he has called them. He told them that he was sending them out "like lambs in the midst of wolves." He reminded them that their message of God's mercy will be met by opposition, just as the Lord's own had been. Indeed, he invites the Apostles, as should every disciple, "to become like his teacher."

"Fear no one." That statement does not fall easily on our ears as disciples. There is much to fear in today's world. We think of current wars and the danger of expansion of the same. We see continued tragic scenes in our society of shooters targeting individuals and groups in their rage. We see deepening polarization of viewpoints among us. We have learned new fear of communicable diseases. People fear large events, crowds, flights, airports and train stations, city centers, to name a few. We think of such things as regards ourselves. We worry about such things with regard to loved ones and others. Sometimes, the news is so full of such events that too many prefer not to look, not to hear, not to think for fear that it will end up exhausting and depleting them.

The Gospel does not ask us to pretend that there are no real dangers in the world. Indeed, Jesus has been instructing his Apostles exactly about such dangers. It does ask us, however, not to be possessed by fear of others nor of the dangers of life. It does ask us not to <u>become</u> afraid, not <u>to be</u> dominated by fear.

What is the opposite of fear, then? Faith is. Jesus calls us, as he did the Apostles, to "become like [our] teacher." It is by the primacy of our relationship with Jesus that we find the right judgment, courage and sense of purpose to deal with whatever the world may throw our way, sure in the victory that God has already won in Christ. Such faith frees us to use wisely every power of good sense and judgment to minimize dangers when we can and to choose good paths. It gives us the motivation to do all we can to change the world for the better knowing that when we change ours and another's soul for the good, we have moved the world one step closer to its destiny in God.

Fear no one, but become like your Teacher, Jesus. This is our rule of life. Every time you challenge others by the goodness and beauty of your example, you change the world for the better. Every time you invite someone to realize their "better" self, they and the world change for the good. Every time you assist someone in difficulty or share a burden or move an impossibility out of one's way, life becomes less fearsome for you and for all. We invited to accomplish the good things that our Teacher has, by the word and example he taught. May we indeed become more like Jesus. And may the world be better for it!

Religious Education is a prime mission within our Parish community. Teachers invite others to become more like Jesus, our Teacher. Such teachers are needed. No better way to change this world for the better than to help young minds discover what truly counts. Join us?!

Asking God's blessing on our homes, our families and on our Parish family, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

# Summer's Here Garden Party

# Saturday, June 24th

# 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Come for an exciting early summer evening outdoors in the garden, next to our koi fishpond.

Come and listen to live, Summer tunes while you dance and mingle to the music of the "Matt Arnold, and his New England Yankees" band.

Come enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments over great conversation. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at a cash bar.

Entrance is free for all!

### Sunday, June 18

<u>Offertory Collection</u> (Collected/Mailed: \$6,217.00• Online: \$2,608.16) Offertory Total: \$8,825.16 <u>Promoting the Gospel</u> (Collected/Mailed: \$986.00 • Online: \$403.00) Special Collection Total: \$1,389.00

Moving? New E-mail Address?

Please let us know as soon as possible. *Thank you!* 



# 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 at left.

Attendance is free for all.

There are <u>no choir rehearsals</u> during the summer break. Weekly choir rehearsals resume this 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 <u>sosmusicdirector@aol.com</u>.



# **Rectory Garden**

## 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 <u>www.masstimes.org</u>

# Memoríal Gífts

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)

### **Church Bookcase**

Our Creation Care Team maintains a bookcase in the entryway of the church in order for parishioners to share religious books amongst each other. Visitors and church-goers can browse and borrow the books, then return them on the "honor system." **If you have a book you** no longer read, please consider donating it to our Little Free Library Bookcase. Topics we suggest include: Jesus, Saints, Apologetics, Bible studies, Prayer, and Church history.



We hope this bookshelf encourages learning about our faith while being good stewards of the earth by saving books from ending up in the landfill. We ask that donated books be in good condition, and can be dropped off in the box next to the bookcase so we can label them prior to shelving. Please do not leave books directly on the book shelf. Thank you!

### **Comments from Deacon Joe** Saints Peter and Paul

The "Holiday Sea-



son," as I like to call it, runs from Ascension Thursday through the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, which comes on Thursday this week. We celebrate the two greatest apostles, who led the spreading of the gospel to the Mediterranean world. God works through humans to accomplish his work, and if Peter and Paul had not responded as they did, the work of evangelization would have gone very differently and probably much more slowly. In our time, God calls each one of us to



participate day by day in some way in the ongoing work of the Church to evangelize all people. May we recognize the call and respond as well as the Apostles did https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Grace Community Church Over the past couple of weeks our neighbors at Grace Community Church have been subjected to criticism in social and print media, to vandalism, and to a demonstration outside their church. The background is too complex to give here, but the elders of the church have put a good summary on their church website: https://gracemarblehead.org/wp-content/ uploads/2023/06/GCC~Elders-Statement~06~20~ 2023.pdf Let's pray that the tensions may be abated, that the critics may relent, and that all may move ahead with love and respect.

This week In addition to the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul, we observe the Memorial of St. Irenaeus on June 28. He was bishop of Lyon in France. He was a disciple of St. Polycarp, who was in turn a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. He is important for his



writings which refute the heresy of Gnosticism, show that both Old and New Testaments are valid for Christians and reveal the one God, and establish that the bishops of the Church are successors of the Apostles https://www.britannica.com/biography/ Irenaeus.

> Enjoy the Summer! Have a good week.

~Deacon Joe Whipple June 25, 2023



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