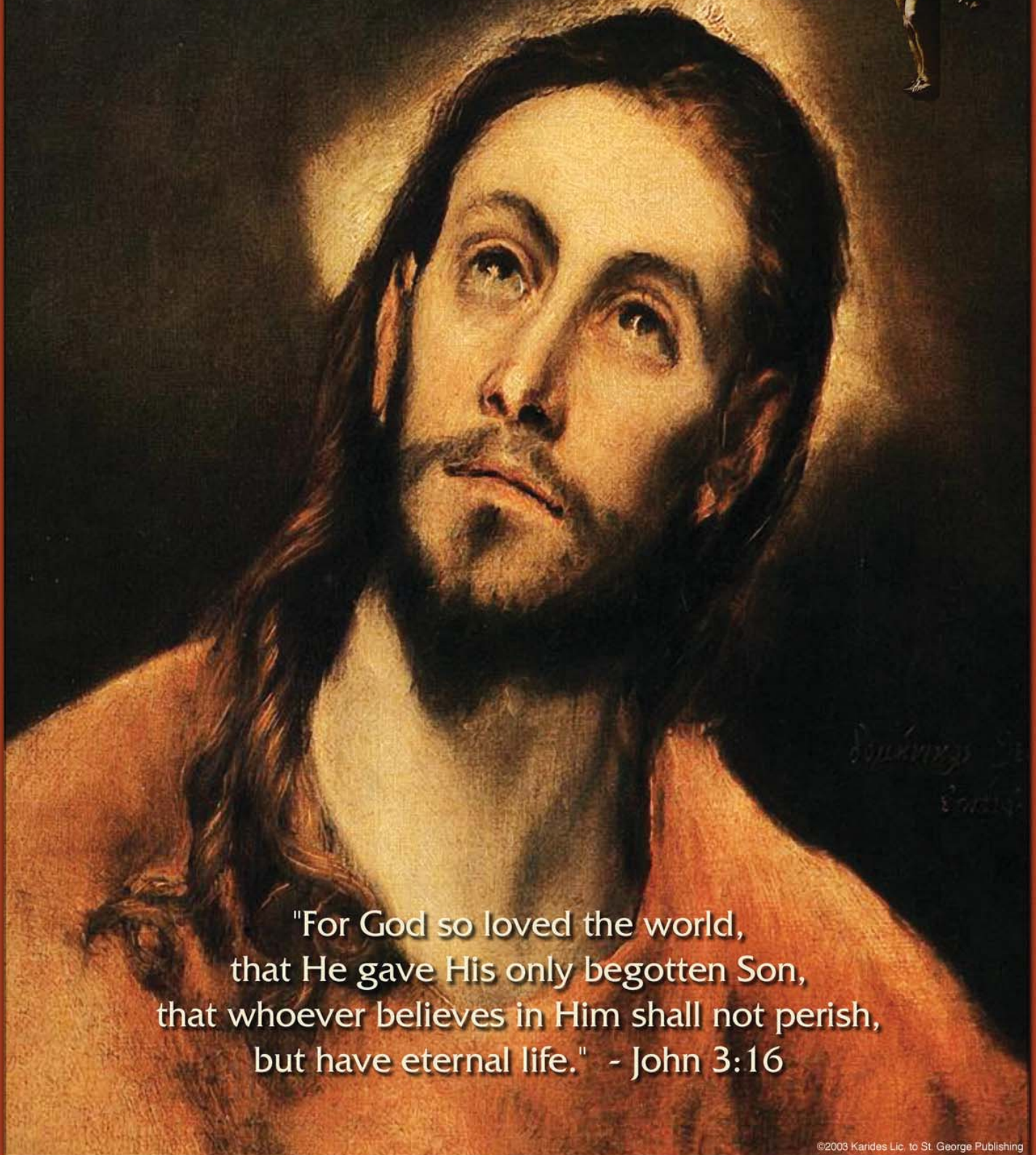


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 10, 2024



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that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,
but have eternal life." - John 3:16

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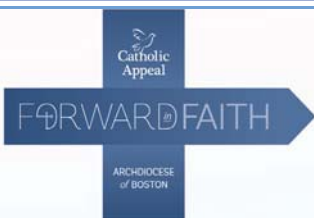
BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm.

WEDDINGS: By personal appointment with a priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.

FUNERALS: 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.



This weekend, the 2024 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to join me in giving a gift to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. **Thankful for YOUR HELP!**

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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 9</u>
9:00 AM	Christine M. Lawson
4:00 PM	Norman Theriault
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 10</u>
7:30 AM	Pro Populo
9:00 AM	Paul Luchini
11:00 AM	Those praying to end abortion
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 11</u>
9:00 AM	Patricia Flanagan
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 12</u>
9:00 AM	Pamela Ciavarra, 1st Anniversary
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 13</u>
9:00 AM	Eugene Travers, 1st Anniversary
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 14</u>
9:00 AM	Richard Francis Cox
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 15</u>
9:00 AM	Carol Faulkner
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 16</u>
9:00 AM	Iñez Moore
4:00 PM	James Galante, 2nd Anniversary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 17</u>
7:30 AM	Those praying to end abortion
9:00 AM	Pro Populo
11:00 AM	John J. Kane, Jr., 3rd Anniversary

★ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024 ★

First Communion Candidates

Participation in every class is important. Parents should contact the Office to verify they have made up any missed lessons.

Important Dates:

First Communion Retreat is May 4th, 9:30a - 1:00p

First Communion is May 11th at 10:30a or 12:30p

May Procession is May 12th after the 9:00a Mass.

Confirmation Candidates

Prayer Partners for each Candidate are being arranged at Sunday masses.

Catholic/Private school Candidates should have contacted the office by now.

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligiously@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Your help has been great!

Some 900 bags filled!

Thanks!

Your kindness has been wonderful this year and has enabled us to do so much to set and to keep our Marblehead Food Pantry in good stead. It means so much for those who depend on this support. While our prime responsibility finished with the month of February, the ongoing support of many of our parishioners remains a vital part of the Food Pantry's continued strength. Your help will always be appreciated. Non-perishable food donations can always be left at 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.



Sunday, February 25, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$5,897.00 • Online: \$6,117.33

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Lenten Devotions

Wednesday, March 13th

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15th

Stations of the Cross 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Simple Lenten Supper follows at Center offered by the Creation Care Team

Saturday, March 16th

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Coffee and Donuts

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Saint Patrick's Day
Sunday, March 17th

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Laetare Sunday ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

The half-way mark of our Lenten Journey having past this week, the liturgy bids us: "Rejoice!" This theme of the Fourth Sunday of Lent is one we can readily receive and participate in. It is the true meaning of our Lenten penances. We don't rejoice because penance is nearly over. We rejoice because joy is the fruit and the outcome of our prayer, our fasting and our works of charity. They cause us to rejoice.

Rejoicing is the goal of our life in Christ. The Gospel this weekend (see John 3:14-21) reminds us: "God so loved the world..." Jesus came to us that we might have life, that we might be saved, that we might believe. For by grace we have been saved through faith. "And this is not from you; it is the gift of God" (see St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10). We are God's own handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The Gospel told us that the Son of Man was "lifted up" so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. You and I, through our prayer, fasting and works of charity are to "lift up" Jesus in our own day and in the sight of our world. We do so that they, too, might have life and have it to the full. As Paul reminds us, God has shown "the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Because of God's love and kindness, our joy can be sincere and full. We, then, are to be instruments of a sincere and full joy in the hearts of our neighbors and friends. Cyrus of old Persia (see 2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) was an instrument of God's grace for his Chosen People's restoration and renewal. You are called to be an instrument of restoration and renewal in the context of our world today. The way to do so? Lift up Jesus in your prayer and in your style of generous detachment from the things of this life and thereby show your readiness to work in charity for the good of all.

Next Sunday will be our Commitment Sunday for our Annual Catholic Appeal. We are asked to take our rightful part in the work and ministry of our Church in the Boston area. Cardinal O'Malley depends on our participation and support to carry on his work as our Archbishop. Moreover, we are asked by the Gospel to "lift Up" Jesus in our words and actions each day, not only as individuals, but also as a community. Our Catholic Appeal helps us do just that! Please be generous in considering what you might be able to do. Each of us should take some share, however large or modest it might be, in the common work that is ours as God's people in this time and place.

Please remember our additional Confession times on Wednesday evenings in preparation for Easter and our celebrations of the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent.

Next Sunday we will also observe St. Patrick's Day with Irish Bread and celebrations at the Parish Center following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Holy Week Penance Service

A communal celebration of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Scripture, examination of conscience and Act of Contrition prayed together, followed by individual absolution. Multiple confessors will be available.



Jesus and the Eucharist

Study and Discussion

Ongoing

As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady Star of the Sea is offering a small group study and discussion opportunity continuing 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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Welcome!



SESSION 6



Tuesday, March 12
or Thursday, March 14

The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

SESSION 7



Tuesday, March 19
or Thursday, March 21

Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Please consult the Parish Website or call the Rectory for further information.

MUSIC News

Star of the Sea Concert Series

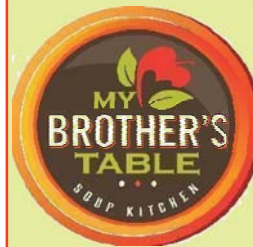
March 17th 5:00 p.m.

J.H. Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary"

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You can do it right from your home! Could you make a batch of beef stew once every other month and deliver it to our Parish Center? Join in our parish tradition, now 40+ years old, and provide beef stew for My Brother's Table.

We lost a few cooks in 2023 and need to increase our Beef Stew Team. We all use the same recipe. Please call the Rectory 781-631-0086 if you can help. Thank you so much for your support!

FAITH AND PLAY ~~Rescheduled!~~

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 month for 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 25

April 8

May 13.



For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com or Lynne Celli at sosreligiously@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Easter Clothing Drive

The Easter Clothing Drive provides a complete Easter outfit to children in need. Please take an ornament from one of our Easter Palm trees, which you will find at the front and back of the Church, and purchase the item or gift card listed. Return your gift to the Church or to the back porch of the Rectory by **Wednesday, March 20**. Gift cards can be placed into the mail slot at the Rectory, located at the front inner door.



The need is great—thank you for your support.

Special Collection March 10th

Seasonal Snow Plow Fund

2024 Catholic Appeal Commitment Sunday

March 17, 2024

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.



March - For the New Martyrs.

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

For further information please consult the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer)

at: 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 during this Season of Lent.



Comments from Deacon Joe



We're halfway through Lent on our way to Easter, and today is called *Lætare* Sunday, meaning "Rejoice Sunday." *Lætare* is the first word in Latin of the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass of the day. We rejoice especially today because we are halfway to Easter.

Do we need to refocus? Perhaps there is something we wanted to do but we've been inconsistent. If it's prayer, maybe it would help to set a (different) time for it rather than not having a set time or a time which isn't working. Similarly for almsgiving or charitable works. Perhaps we can do better if we set a specific or different time or place. If our fasting or giving up has been spotty, maybe adjusting mealtimes (e.g., when we have our major meal of the day) or tweaking our fast could help. Don't give up. There's still time, but be realistic.

Concert for Lent and Easter Next Sunday, March 17,

Matt Arnold will lead a Lenten concert featuring the oratorio "From Olivet to Calvary," by John Henry Maun-

Olivet to Calvary

A Sacred Cantata by J H Maun-

der, published in 1904. I've never heard it, but I've seen the text, and it can be a good occasion for prayer as we hear in music about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and several of the events of Holy Week, ending with his death on the cross. It includes some familiar hymns. I recommend it.

Home heat My furnace conked out on February 28 and the repairmen tried hard the next day but couldn't get the burner working properly. I needed to have the furnace and the hot water system replaced. The new system was installed over Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5. So I was without central heat for six days. The plumbers lent me four space heaters, which did a good job in the rooms where I had them. Without them I'd have been very uncomfortable. Now things seem to be back to normal with a new "tankless" system.



As it happens, a couple of weeks earlier I had booked a tour to Italy, which I probably would not have done if the business with the heating system had already happened. So maybe God made sure I got the money for the trip before I had the expense of the new heating system. At any rate, I'm grateful that I can take the trip, and I'm grateful that I have heat.

This week there are no solemnities, feasts, or commemorations.

Have a good Lent.

Try to keep warm.

~Deacon Joe Whipple
March 10, 2024

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