

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Marblehead, Massachusetts
March 2, 2025

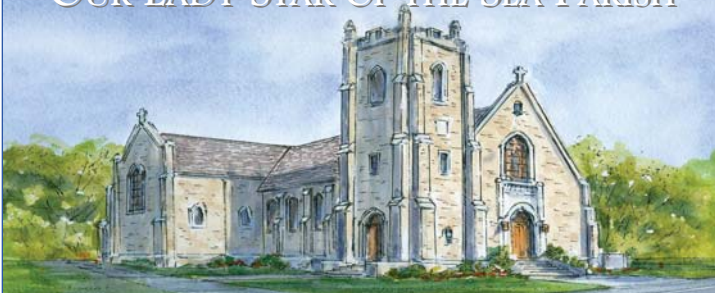


EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil.

Lk 6:45

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



We are one community 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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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.



Moving Forward in Faith... Together is the theme of the **Catholic Appeal 2025**. One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope, this Jubilee Year. Many of you have received a letter from Archbishop Henning requesting your support. For more information please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. 20 parishioners have already given, **Let us pray for the generous help of ALL!**



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 or use this form returned to the collection box or mailed to:

Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish, 85 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead, MA 01945.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 1
 9:00 AM **Christina Rondinelli**
 4:00 PM **Pro Populo**

Sunday March 2
 7:30 AM **Marie Wall, 2nd Anniversary**
 9:00 AM **Bradley Sheridan**
 11:00 AM **Joan F. Parker, 10th Anniversary**

Monday March 3
 9:00 AM **Dan Shea**

Tuesday March 4
 9:00 AM **Allen Boemer**

Wednesday March 5
 9:00 AM **Those Praying for an End to Abortion**
 7:00 PM **Dr. Ronald J. Killiany, 2nd Anniversary**

Thursday March 6
 9:00 AM **Kathleen Tuveson**

Friday March 7
 9:00 AM **William Francis Donovan**

Saturday March 8
 9:00 AM **Norman Theriault, Birthday Remembrance**
 4:00 PM **Lindsay Breed**

Sunday March 9
 7:30 AM **Pro Populo**
 9:00 AM **Richard Marrs, 1st Anniversary**
 11:00 AM **Catherine Brophy, 7th Anniversary**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024 - 2025

Safety Training 2025



Teachers met on Tuesday, February 25th to prepare the annual safety curriculum for our students. The annual safety program for students will take place during March. Parents, please watch for important information coming your way. We look forward to our work together.

Teacher Substitutes are much Needed

What greater joy is there than to share the Word of Life that alone makes our world and future better?

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

Lent Begins This Week

Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

Collections in Favor of Catholic Charities

A day of Fasting (Catholics 18 through 59 years old)

A day of Abstinence (Catholics 14 and older)

9:00 a.m., Mass and Ashes in Church

12 Noon, Service with Ashes in Church

3:00 p.m., Service in Parish Center

7:00 p.m., Mass and Ashes in Church

Thursday, March 6th, 2025

5:00 p.m., Praise and Worship in Church

6:00 p.m., Eucharistic Adoration in Church

6:30 p.m., Confessions in Church

Friday, March 7th, 2025

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church

7:30 p.m. Simple Soup Supper in Center

this week by the Creation Care Team

Collections February 23, 2025

Collected/Mailed: \$5,97.00

Online: \$2,976.66

Offertory: \$8,946.66

Church Around the World: \$1,458.76

Grand Annual: \$122.50

St. Vincent de Paul: \$72.15

Your generous support is so thankfully received!

February Food Drive



Our Parish takes the lead responsibility for our Marblehead Food Pantry each February.

Our Drive Extends One Week!

Bags with suggested needed items will be distributed at all masses.



Each week a list of requested items will be updated.

New and Delicious Lenten Recipes

Demonstration and Tastings

By Holly Willsey-Walker

Sunday, March 9th at 1 p.m.

Parish Center

Lenten Friday abstinence is required of all Catholics from the age of 14 and older. It is also an opportunity to begin Pope Francis' call for a meatless day each week of the year to help fight climate change. Come and find ways to abstain well!

~Sponsored by **Creation Care Team**

Praise and Worship

A new ministry of praise and worship at Our Lady Star of the Sea: Spend time with the Lord in the Eucharist and in Spirit-filled praise of God imitating the Angels and Saints.

Come and see that the Lord is good and worthy to be

praised!

Time- 5pm, Every Thursday.



Coffee and Donuts

Today after 9:00 Mass



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (see Luke 6:39-45). These words from the end of today's Gospel continue St. Luke's presentation of Jesus' Sermon on Beatitude. The Lord is seeking to lead us from the poverty of a life centered on self to the fullness of life in his heavenly kingdom.

We have prayed together these past weeks the various sections of the Lord's words. We have seen that blessedness is not to be thought of as a mere feeling, nor as some spiritual elation on our part, nor as a particular accomplishment of our efforts. Rather, it is the grace by which we are readied for and enabled to see the goodness with which God has gifted our lives. That grace of seeing God's goodness is to lead, then, to acting on the grace: loving one's enemies, doing good to them, blessing them. We are to be merciful, just as God is merciful. We are to see and judge in the light of God's mercy to us, for others.

Today's portion of the Sermon considers what happens if we were not to see. We can become like "a blind person" guiding another blind person and falling. The blindness in question is this: Not seeing the goodness of God present before us, but seeing instead the "splinter" in our brother's eye and, with a view only of the splinter, pretending to correct our brother's situation by dint of our relatively narrow and dull insight. Instead, we are to see God's mercy and forgiveness as he has gifted it to us and, in the light of that mercy and forgiveness, share the same with our neighbor.

Jesus goes on to say that if we see only thorn bushes, we will find no fig; if we see only brambles we will come to enjoy no grape. Thorn bushes and brambles were said by *Genesis* to be the product of fallen man's tilling of the soil. Figs and grapes, by contrast, describe the fruits of the promised land given by God. If our eye and our heart are filled with preoccupation on the thorns, brambles and splinters of life, we will produce much the same, as did Fallen Adam. If our eye and heart are filled with recognition of the gifts of God's mercy and forgiveness showered on us, we can then speak the promise of forgiveness and mercy fully to and for the sake of our neighbor and of our world, bringing deserts to bloom.

The Book of Sirach (see Sir 27:4-7) reminds us that "one's speech discloses the bent of one's mind." What do people hear from us these days? All that is wrong, troubling, objectionable? The real news is what St. Paul proclaims (see 1 Cor 15:54-58): "God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." What you have seen and known of God's mercy to you in Jesus is what you should share and make operative in your relations with others. As St. Paul said: "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Then, you will find not only that "your labor," unlike that of Fallen Adam, is not in vain. You will have passed from poverty to the Kingdom. From the newly rich fullness of your heart your mouth will speak words of praise, of life and of goodness for the sake of all.

Continuing in prayer for our Holy Father Francis, and asking God's blessing on you and yours, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran.

We Choose to Serve

We appreciate everyone who came for the Feb. meeting/movie night. It was a great opportunity for us to learn and interact with one another.



We also appreciate everyone who has volunteered to serve in the parish: it is a little way to get involved in and to serve the community. We will have another movie night on 03/09/2025 and our general meeting on 03/30/2025. Get involved and contribute to this wonderful and faith-filled gathering. God bless you as you devote your time and talents in serving our parish.

Join us! Questions?? : Call Fr. Stephen.

MUSIC

News

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in preparation for the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and for upcoming Lent and Easter, Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Center Conference Room. New members are most welcome!

Our Children's Choir rehearsals continue on Sundays at 8:15am for the 9 a.m. Mass. A number of new members have joined.

Interested in joining either choir? Please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts Vacation Bible School 2025



August 11-15, 2025

9 – 12 noon daily

Sign-up

<https://tinyurl.com/bd6vb4ty>

St. Vincent de Paul Society—Collection Boxes

Please remember during Lent 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.



Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

March 2025 : For Families in Crisis.



We pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. For further information please consult the Apostolate at: popesprayer.va.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Share your talents and join our new Prayer Shawl Ministry as we create handmade shawls to bring comfort, warmth, and love to those in need—whether they are ill, in the hospital, experiencing a difficult time, or a life transition where they can use some support. Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, March 11, from 10-11 am. Participants bring projects they are working on or new ideas. We look forward to seeing new participants! Email Marylyn Kusek or Elaine Leahy at marylynkusek@icloud.com or eleahy10@yahoo.com with questions.

The CREATION CARE CORNER



Visit the Black Earth Compost Facility

Manchester-by-the-Sea
Tuesday, March 4th at 10 a.m.

Are you curious about the process of composting and the remarkable transformation of organic waste into nutrient-rich soil? Join the Creation Care Team for a visit to the Black Earth Compost Facility! This is a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the fascinating processes of composting and learn about its environmental benefits. The success and fun of composting with Black Earth have taken hold recently within the CCT. Perhaps a tour of the facility will convince you to give it a try as well.

Composting fits into the first goal of Pope Francis: Laudato Si Action Plan - Response to the Cry of the Earth. To join us for this educational and inspiring visit to the Black Earth Compost Facility, please RSVP to Joan Thayer, joan_thayer@comcast.net. Carpooling will be available departing at 9 a.m.

Creation Care Team meets next March 12th @ 7p.m.

Come for a Visit!

In the Most Holy Eucharist is contained all the spiritual wealth of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Passover and living bread, through his flesh, made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, offering life to all, who are thus invited and led to offer themselves, their works, and all created things in union with him.



A weekly opportunity for prayer, devotion and worship before the Eucharist
Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 o'clock.
anytime, long or short, during that hour.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Lent Arrives

Ash Wednesday is this week, March 5, which is nearly as late as it can be. It would have been good if I had thought to give some advance warning last week, but most of you have at least some idea of what Lent is all about, and you can always modify your plans as you go along in the light of events. You can add things, subtract things, or switch what you're doing based on what seems to work for you. The whole idea is to be ready to receive fully and joyfully the graces of Easter.

The Church has traditionally encouraged engaging in a heightened way in three things we should be doing all year: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Prayer**

can be vocal prayer such as the rosary or some of the liturgy of the hours — privately or with a group. It can also be reading and meditating on scripture or simple talking to and listening to God in your heart. And of course the highest prayer Church has is the

Mass. **Fasting** includes eating less and not eating some types of food, specifically meat. There are Church rules which give a basic level for these practices for all whose health would not be put at risk. We can also go beyond those requirements (or substitute if health requires it). This is where the idea of "giving something up for Lent" comes from. We can give up something we enjoy; and if there are things we shouldn't do we can use Lent as a time to give them up and not return to them after Easter. **Almsgiving** involves sharing what we have with those who are in need, and we are invited to be especially



generous during Lent. We can give directly to individuals, or through the Church or charitable organizations.

Prayer brings us closer to God and helps us to hear him better. Fasting draws us away from being focused on our personal enjoyments and helps us to subordinate them to God's will for our lives. Almsgiving puts love of neighbor into direct practice and helps us be detached from passing material goods.



The parish offers various Lenten programs and activities which are listed in this bulletin.

This week apart from Ash Wednesday there are no obligatory memorials, feasts or solemnities. But one thing about Lent is that its weekdays rank higher than memorials, so that even obligatory memorials become optional. So I'll mention the optional memorials which fall during Lent.

March 7 is the (optional) memorial of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, a noble woman and her slave who were martyred along with several others in Carthage in the year 203 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perpetua_and_Felicity.

We remember St. John of God on March 8. Born in 1495 in Portugal, he spent many years as a shepherd and as a soldier. At the age of 42 he was converted and found his true vocation in caring for the sick. He founded the Order of Hospitallers. In 1550 he died on his birthday, March 8 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_of_God.

Have a good Lent.

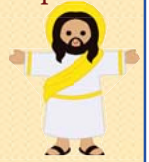
Deacon Joe Whipple
March 2, 2025

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 6 Years. Each session includes time for a story, activity, snack, and play.



Mondays at 3:30 p.m.:
March 10th
April 14th
May 5th



For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email Jaclyne Ainlay at jclyne.ainlay@gmail.com

Caring Meals Please be sensitive to the needs of your fellow parishioners or neighbors and call or e-mail if you feel a Caring Meal would be helpful. **Thank you so much!** See for information: www.sosmarblehead.org Caring Meals Ministry.

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