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SUNDAY
OF LENT

BLESS THE LORD, O MY
SOUL; AND ALL MY BEING,
BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

PSALM 103:1

Catholic Appeal 2025
Commitment Sunday

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 23, 2025

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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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: 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.



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/. 39 parishioners have already given, **Let us pray for the generous help of ALL!**



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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 22</u>
9:00 AM	Those Praying an End to Abortion
4:00 PM	Daniel James Nolan, Birthday Remembrance
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 23</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Jim Scherger
11:00 AM	Richard Marrs, 1 st Anniversary
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 24</u>
9:00 AM	Mary Crisp, 18 th Anniversary
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 25</u>
9:00 AM	Julie Rose, Birthday Remembrance
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 26</u>
9:00 AM	Kenneth MacIver
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 27</u>
9:00 AM	Servants of Peace
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 28</u>
9:00 AM	Ann Marie Rafferty
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 29</u>
9:00 AM	William Keith Hall
4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 30</u>
7:30 AM	Those Praying an End to Abortion
9:00 AM	Rosemarie "Chickie" Sorrentino
11:00 AM	Daniel Shea

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 this week. Parents have received important information in this regard. 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

Third week of Lent

Thursday, March 27th, 2025

A Day of Prayer for Peace

Asking the Intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the needs of our world before the

International Pilgrim Virgin Statute of Fatima.

9:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m., Confessions in Church

Friday, March 28th, 2025

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

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

Collections March 16, 2025

Collected/Mailed: \$7,808.00

Online: \$2,757.50

Offertory: \$10,565.50

Grand Annual: \$487.00

Your generous support makes good things happen!

"The Catholic Appeal..."

is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope."

~ Archbishop Richard G. Henning

This weekend, the 2025 Catholic Appeal launches across the Archdiocese of Boston! Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard Henning's invitation to contribute.

Through early support, our parish has already reached 23% of our goal and, together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your support!

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 **Monday, April 7th**. 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.

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.

Venue- The church.



Coffee and Donuts

Today after 9:00 Mass



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Do you think...?” The Gospel this weekend (see Luke 13:1-9) has Jesus challenging the way peoples’ thoughts tend to run, indeed, whether they think deeply about life at all. The passage reads like some first century podcast news flash: Galilean blood mixed with sacrifices by Pilate...; Siloam tower collapse kills eighteen – investigation underway; fig trees fail to produce fruit – global warming blamed! Jesus reminds his listeners that “bad” things do happen and that they do not happen only to guilty persons. The fragility of the world is there due to the consequences of human sinfulness over the ages. None of us avoids this brokenness and pain; nor will any of us avoid our physical death. You and I, however, are to “think again” about our lives in the light of God’s plan of salvation. We are *to repent*, to think again. Otherwise, the only thing our future would hold is our perishing. But, in the light of God’s saving plan, seen in the love of Christ who willingly takes up onto his shoulders the suffering of all humankind, we see the one power that rises triumphant over all the limitations and failures of natural life and brings us the true joy and happiness that God has prepared us to receive. “Do you think...” you can make a difference? Yes! By your “Yes” to God’s plan over your life and purpose, you change this world and lift it up in communion of mind and heart with the Lord Jesus Christ. May your “Yes” to God’s grace truly change you and our world!

This weekend marks the kickoff of our Annual Catholic Appeal. All registered parishioners should have received a packet of information from Archbishop Henning. Far from the “podcast” hype of similar requests for our already overspent funds, this request concerns our own responsibility in the mission to bring the Gospel of Christ to life in our local area. You and I are asked to “think again” on the value of what is being asked and on the important role that our support has in the mission of our local Church. In our own Parish, our life and programs are significantly helped by the support of the Archdiocese. Your support to the Archdiocese, in turn, will help Archbishop Henning fulfill his many responsibilities as he begins his new mission in our midst. We should support his efforts to focus on and to build up the strength of our local communities. We can help him make a good start and help our whole local Church by doing so. Please make whatever contribution you may be able to manage, knowing the great good it will accomplish.

We begin our LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY on the theme of "The Beauty of Christian Life" as presented in the 12th Chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, this coming Tuesday/Wednesday. Two groups will meet: Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock or Wednesday afternoons at 1 o'clock for four weeks. Please call the Rectory at 781-631-0086 to register and to obtain a copy of our text.

A special Day of Prayer for Peace takes place this Thursday, March 27th, from 9 in the morning to 8 in the evening. Our prayer will seek the intercession of Our Lady as we gather in the presence of the International Pilgrim Statue of the Virgin of Fatima, a reminder of our spiritual union with those throughout the world praying together for peace. Please come by for some time of prayer anytime throughout the day, for a short or a longer time. Join your voice to those imploring gifts of peace from on high for the good of us all. Detailed information is available at the doors of the Church.

Asking God's blessings on you and yours this first Sunday of Spring, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



We Choose to Serve

Thanks be to God for the dedication and service we experience when we come together to support one another and grow in faith.

Our next youth group meeting is on Sunday, March 30th. This will be an important gathering as we discuss upcoming events, reflect on our mission, and continue building our community. Your presence and participation are essential, so please make every effort to attend. Looking forward to seeing you all there! In the meantime, keep up the great spirit of service and faith.

Get Connected! Questions?? : Call Fr. Stephen.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL READING



Have you visited, recently, our Parish library shelf at the front door of the Church? There you may find something of interest to pique your understanding of the faith, prayer or the moral life during this season of Lent. Stop by!

The CREATION CARE CORNER

Lenten Recipes, Demonstration and Tastings

Holly Willsey-Walker, from the Creation Care Team, shared Lenten recipes and prepared a delicious selection of meatless entrees, in addition to salads and desserts, for members of the Parish on March 9.

The Pope has encouraged a meatless day each week throughout the year to help fight climate change.

Our thanks to Holly for educating and feeding us so we can support the Pope's wishes.



SANDWICHES FOR MY BROTHERS' TABLE

Please join the Creation Care Team on Sunday, March 30 after the 9am Mass in the Parish Center to make 50 lunches for My Brother's Table. Kids are welcome to come and decorate brown paper lunch bags to brighten someone's day. We offer this event in response to "the Cry of the Poor," as Pope Francis discusses in his encyclical, Laudato Si. Note for allergy purposes: we will be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Hope you can join us.



Join our Meeting: April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

MUSIC *News*
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 Sunday, April 6th 5:00 p.m.
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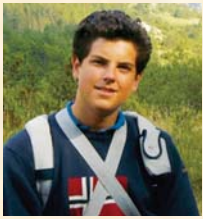
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The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

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.



Come for a Visit!

Eucharistic Miracles
by Carlo Acutis
May 8th to the 13th



Soon to be “Saint” Carlo Acutis put together a photographic exhibition of Church-approved Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

Our Parish will host this exhibit in the week following Carlo’s Canonization on April 27th

The Exhibition will open during our Thursday Eucharistic Exposition on May 8th

Join us any Thursday evening for Praise and Worship at 5 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration at 7 p.m.

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.:
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.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Mary

The international pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be brought to our parish church on Thursday, April 27. From 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. This statue, which travels around the world, will be here as a focus for our prayers for the conversion of sinners and for peace in our world, a cause which is especially urgent now. There will be organized times of prayer, including decades of the rosary, interspersed with quiet moments for individual prayer throughout the day. Mary’s message at Fatima in 1917 was a call for prayer for peace, especially the rosary. I hope everyone will be able to take some time, however short or long, to join with others to implore Our Lady’s intercession for our world. It can be after school, on your way home from work, after supper, before or after errands — whenever it’s convenient for you — but please try to spend some time in church on Thursday. If you are unable to come physically to church, please join fellow parishioners and visitors spiritually in prayer to Our Lady. Fliers with the schedule are available at the entrances to the church, and here’s a link to an article in the Pilot about the meaning of Fatima and the Pilgrim Statue <https://thebostonpilot.com/opinion/article.asp?ID=199329>.

The Annunciation is celebrated as a Solemnity on March 25. This is the moment when God became human in Mary’s womb. The Gospel of St. Luke tells of it in Chapter 1, verses 26-38. It is summarized in the familiar prayer the Angelus which takes its name from the opening word of the original Latin version.



Here’s the English version I learned over 50 years ago at Star of the Sea School. *“The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary / and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ... Behold the handmaid of the Lord. / Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary ... And the Word was made flesh / and dwelt among us. Hail Mary ... Pray for us, O holy Mother of God / that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee O Lord, thy grace into our hearts that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.”* In other words, we are celebrating the Incarnation of Christ, the moment which begins the work of our salvation, the work which culminated with Jesus’ death and resurrection. Of course, we are all familiar with our Annunciation window in the southwest transept of our church. It shows the angel Gabriel on the right, Mary on the left, and the Holy Spirit above. I’ve assumed that it reproduces a Renaissance painting, but I can’t find a painting just like it on line <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annunciation>.

Reset? We are approaching the middle of Lent. Are you doing all you planned? Do you need to adjust your plans or maybe do better? It’s never too late to make the best of what remains of the season. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. And be grateful for whatever you have been doing.

This week apart from the Annunciation, there are no solemnities, feasts, or memorials.

Have a good Lent.

~Deacon Joe Whipple
March 23, 2025

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