

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 3, 2024



"Take these things away;
stop making My Father's house a place of business."
- John 2:4-5

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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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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 2</u>
9:00 AM	Helena T. Butler
4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 3</u>
7:30 AM	Innocent Victims of War
9:00 AM	Those praying to end abortion
11:00 AM	Catherine Brophy
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 4</u>
9:00 AM	William Lucca, 1 st Anniversary
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 5</u>
9:00 AM	Joseph Lucca
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 6</u>
9:00 AM	William McCarthy, Health and wellness
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 7</u>
9:00 AM	Dr. Ronald J. Killiany, 1 st Anniversary
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 8</u>
9:00 AM	Carol Graves Faulkner
<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	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Paul Luchini
11:00 AM	Those praying to end abortion

★ 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:

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Your help has been great!

Thanks! ❤️

May we finish this weekend strongly

Your kindness has been wonderful this year and has enabled us to do so much to set and to keep our Food Pantry in good stead. It means so much for those who depend on this support. While our prime responsibility finishes 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: \$5,282.00 • Online: \$2,376.50


Offertory Total: \$7,658.50

Grand Annual: \$1,150.00

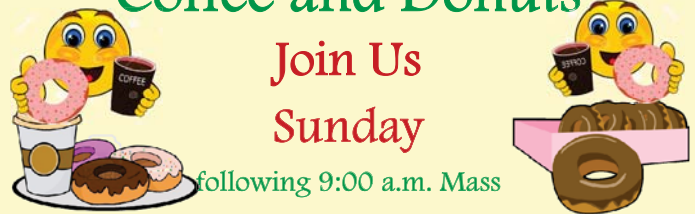
St. Vincent de Paul: \$102.00

Your continued help makes our work possible!

Lenten Devotions

Wednesday, March 6 th	
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	
Friday, March 8 th	
Stations of the Cross 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	
Simple Lenten Supper follows at Center	
Saturday, March 9 th	
Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	

Coffee and Donuts



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God” is at work drawing us into right relationship with the Father in whom we find our love, and with each other with whom we are called to share that same love (see 1 Corinthians 1:22-25). We celebrate his work during our Season of Lent. We seek to work together with our Lord and to his ends for our good and for the good of our world, that so much needs our sane and healthy presence.

The Gospel reading this Third Sunday of Lent (see John 2:13-25) places us before the figure of Jesus cleansing the Temple. The Temple is, first and foremost, a “house” in which we can be at home in a communion of mind and heart with the Father and, thereby, with each other. It is not to be a marketplace. Jesus drives out those who would make it a market, together with their animals, and removes the cages, tables and other items. Jesus does his cleansing with great energy, determination and zeal. “He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen...”

As the passage will make clear, Jesus is speaking first and foremost of the temple that was his body. The “home” of God in our midst is not the building dedicated to God’s honor, but the heart, mind and body of one in love with God. In Jesus, you and I are to be that home of God’s grace in this world. The First Reading (see Exodus 20:1-17) calls us to respect the Words (Commandments) of God, Jesus’ Father and ours. God’s Ten Words were meant to lead us to everlasting life (see Psalm 19). Jesus fulfills the Commandments in his perfect love for his Father and in embracing, in love, the mortality of us all, his brothers and sisters, grimed by the ravages of sin. Jesus, in his person and by living example, continues his mission of cleansing our hearts as he recalls each of us and our Church community to the life of the Gospel and to the right set of priorities and truths that should guide our life and our witness before the world.

We, and our world, are not, ultimately, a marketplace. We are a communion of encounter with God and one another. Jesus continues his mission of cleansing the Temple as he calls us through this holy Season of Lent to renewal and reform in the light of the Gospel and to a clearer and more convincing witness before others of our true love and our true way of life and our true goal: home with God. You consecrate our parish church by your presence when you drop by during the week for a few moments of prayer with the Lord. Set aside the business of the day and spend a private period of time of enjoyment with the Lord. The Church is open for you each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This weekend is the kick-off for the 2024 Catholic Appeal: "Forward in Faith!" We hear from Cardinal O’Malley of the need for living our faith together. It is only by praying, working and living faith together that we can work towards meeting the needs of brothers and sisters, both known and unknown. The Annual Appeal supports all that the Archdiocese provides to our life of faith as a community. It makes our Faith Community an effective presence of God’s goodness in our midst. I ask your generous response to the Cardinal’s request. Our Parish goal this year is \$61,700. May we do all we can to take our share in this common work of the Church.

See the Bulletin for ongoing Lenten programs and invitations. May we continue strongly!

Before the Cross of Christ displayed in the Sanctuary, there are the names of our Confirmation Candidates who have begun their proximate preparation for the celebration of that sacrament this coming Fall. You are invited to take a name from the table and to make that person a remembrance in your prayer before God from now until their Confirmation.

Asking God’s blessing on you, your loved ones and your home, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

The Road to Calvary

a Lenten presentation by Dr. Anthony Coleman.
Friday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall
Lynnfield, MA
R.s.V.p. by March 4: jsano@ola-smg.org



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 5



Tuesday, March 5
or Thursday, March 7

God Is with Us

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the

Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

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.

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

Creation Care Team

Members toured the Republic Services recycling facility in Peabody on February 16. We learned about their work and the importance of recycling only what is recyclable in Marblehead's single stream recycling program. We plan to host a presentation by Republic in the spring when you will hear about what they do and what you can do to maximize our recycling efforts through Republic. In the meantime, if you have any questions around what is and isn't recyclable, please visit Recycle Smart MA recyclesmartma.org. Pictured from left to right- Caitlin Smith, Michele Audet, Dylan and Linda Vizey, Gail Kanarski, Elaine Leahy, Pam Roberts, and Peter Fallon. Missing Pat Adams and Jim Zisson.



MUSIC News

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in the organ loft Thursdays at 7:00pm.

Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the organ loft Sundays at 8:15am.

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.

Star of the Sea Concert Series

March 17th 5:00 p.m.

J.H. Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary"
Star of the Sea Choirs and Friends, James Demler, Baritone and Heinrich Christensen, Organ.

FAITH AND PLAY *This week!*

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 4
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.

Exploring Ideas: Meeting this Sunday

Might our Parish seek out and establish a relationship with a Parish or school community in Fr. Stephen's home country of Nigeria? What could that relationship be? Those interested in exploring this question and of proposing any ideas are welcome to meet Sunday, March 3rd at 10 a.m. during Sunday Coffee and Donuts.

Contact Elaine Leahy: eleahy10@yahoo.com.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

In Catholic practice, it is considered divine law that all Christian faithful do penance each in his or her own way (CIC 1249). Some common observances of penance are also proposed. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years or older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting in which one modest meal may be taken together with two other takings of solid food that do not add up to a meal, for ages 18 through 59.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Third Sunday of Lent

How is Lent going? Remember that we can always review what we are doing for Lent. Are we doing what we planned? If not, should we try harder, or were our plans unrealistic? The point is to actually do something, not to have big plans we can't keep. So we should be realistic, and adjust our prayer, fasting, or almsgiving if necessary. It's also possible that by now we can see that we could actually do more. If so, we can increase our Lenten activity. As with any decision, it makes sense to pray about it. Ask God, "What should I do now?"



Concert for Lent and Easter In two weeks, on March 17, Matt Arnold will lead a Lenten concert featuring the oratorio "From Olivet to Calvary," by John Henry Maunder, published in 1904. I've never heard it, but 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. I recommend it.

Catholic Update This month's Catholic Update is now available. Titled "Anxiety and OCD: Integrating Treatment and Faith," it talks about normal worrying and unhealthy patterns of worry. The author, a Catholic psychologist recommends getting treatment for excessive anxiety, with pastoral involvement. One form of unhealthy anxiety is scrupulosity, and a sidebar addresses it specifically.



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.



This week there are four commemorations. They may be observed at Mass at the discretion of the celebrant:

St. Casimir, born in 1458, died in 1484. He was a prince of Poland and Lithuania, known for piety and charity. He is patron saint of both countries, and he is remembered on March 4, the date of his death https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Casimir.



March 7 is the Commemoration of **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**, a noblewoman and her pregnant slave who were martyred along with four men in Carthage in about 203 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perpetua_and_Felicity.

The next day, March 8, brings the Commemoration of **St. John of God, O.H.**, the founder of the Order of Hospitallers. He was born in Portugal on March 8, 1495, and died on March 8, 1550, in Granada. He was canonized in 1690. After many years spent variously as a shepherd and a soldier, he underwent a conversion in 1537 and eventually found his vocation in caring for the sick poor of Granada https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_of_God.

March 9 is the Commemoration of **St. Frances of Rome, O.S.B.** She was married at an early age to a wealthy man and used the family wealth to care for the poor and sick. She became a Benedictine oblate and founded a community of oblates. She was born in 1384 and died on March 9, 1440. She was canonized in 1608 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_of_Rome.



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*Have a good Lent.
Try to keep warm.*

~Deacon Joe Whipple
March 3, 2024

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