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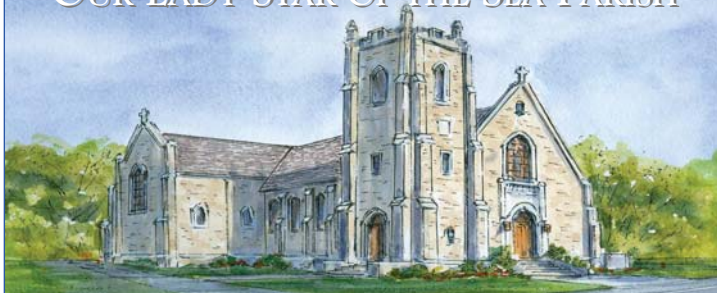
I WILL BLESS THE LORD
AT ALL TIMES; HIS PRAISE
SHALL BE EVER IN MY
MOUTH. PSALM 34:2



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Marblehead, Massachusetts

Laetare Sunday
March 30, 2025

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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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 29</u>
9:00 AM	William Keith Hall
4:00 PM	Pro Populo
<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
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 31</u>
9:00 AM	Nancy Ryan, Month’s Mind
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 1</u>
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 2</u>
9:00 AM	Bob Blake
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 3</u>
9:00 AM	Jack Love
<u>Friday</u>	<u>April 4</u>
9:00 AM	Benjamin John Ramos, Jr., Birthday Remembrance
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 5</u>
9:00 AM	David Donovan, 10th Anniversary
4:00 PM	Carl Pierce, Birthday Remembrance
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 6</u>
7:30 AM	Pro Populo
9:00 AM	Those Praying an End to Abortion
11:00 AM	Anthony Tripodi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024 - 2025

Safety Training 2025



The annual safety program for students took place during this past week with good participation by teachers, students and parents. Studentd received important information for relationships and for life more generally.

First Holy Communion Families

As the celebration approaches, parents will be contacted to plan and to assist at our Retreat Program on May 3rd. Working together we can prepare well.

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:
sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

Fourth Week of Lent

Thursday, April 3rd, 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, April 4th, 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: \$3,966.00
 Online: \$3,036.66

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Grand Annual: \$1,112.50

St. Vincent de Paul: \$217.39

Deepest Thanks!

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

- **Archbishop Richard G. Henning**

The 2025 Catholic Appeal has launched 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 had already reached 27% of our goal. Last week’s commitments will be reported next week. Together, we are on our way to greater success.



Thank you for your willingness to help our mission!

Easter Clothing Drive



The Easter Clothing Drive provides a complete Easter outfit to children in need. Our effort has begun! 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



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 30, 2025

Lætare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Rejoice! We rejoice at this midpoint of our Lenten journey because we look forward to the great feast of Easter: our reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters: life anew! “The old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God...” These words of St. Paul (see 2 Corinthians 5:17-21) come to us as he speaks of the “ministry of reconciliation” that God has given to us, his Church. Rejoice! You are to be an “Ambassador,” bringing the joyful message of God’s reconciliation to the whole world. Our world needs this message of forgiveness and renewal more than ever.

Our Gospel passage (see Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) is the wonderful story we often call the “Prodigal Son” or the “Merciful Father.” The Parable is addressed to Pharisees and Scribes who would not sit down to feast with Jesus because of their judgment against the “sinners” who were in the company of the Lord. The Parable addresses how one might come to share rejoicing in the Great Feast of Reconciliation and New Life we call Easter.

We see, in the figure of the Father, a man able to rejoice in the true demands of relationship and love. True relationship is the one reality that can relieve the profound sense of unworthiness that has smothered the life of the younger son as well as the deep, bitter anger that arrests the heart of the elder son. We are invited to the Father’s celebration.

The younger son, though still burdened by his past selfish actions, resolves to return to the Father. Even though his motives are self-serving, when he arrives he is welcomed to enter a feast beyond all his expectations. It began as a journey of “imperfect” contrition, but it puts him into the realm of victory over death and the abundance of new life.

The burning burden of anger of the elder son, however, is a deeper problem. It keeps that son outside the celebration, outside of his father’s joy. His share in our fallen nature makes him not only unforgiving of his brother but of his father as well. He has lived as a slave to rules his whole life long, finding no joy and unable to forgive. He is unable to enter the feast. Without the gift of forgiveness, there is no entering new life.

The newness of life offered by God’s reconciling love is the one reality in which we can see our true worth and by which the bitter angers that can accumulate over the years can be finally set aside. We celebrate that new life in prayer. Our Lenten Thursday night Praise and Worship followed by Adoration is a way to deepen our hunger for a new way. Friday evening we have the Stations of the Cross at 7:00. The honors fall to the Readers who proclaim God’s joyful Word to us each week. Come share their joy in this commemoration of the Lord’s Via Dolorosa. We follow closely, intentionally, in the footsteps of the One by whose love we find peace, coming alive beyond ourselves in union of mind and heart with the Lord.

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

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



We Choose to Serve

A heartfelt **thank you** to all of you for your **selfless service** in our parish and during the **Thursday Parish Visitation of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**. Your dedication and prayers made the day even more special!

Don't forget—our next **youth group meeting** is on **Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the parish center**. We'll begin with **Mass**, followed by a **pollinator garden lecture and discussion** by **Holly Willsey Walker**. **Food and drinks will be provided**, so come ready to learn and enjoy some great fellowship!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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

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

Thanks to Natalie Costa and the Elm Street Bakery,



Revere, for the Zeppoli di San Giuseppe that graced our recent Blessing of Saint Joseph's Table, and the call to reach out to those in need.

Thanks!

MUSIC *News*
Star of the Sea Concert Series
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 Sunday, April 6th 5:00 p.m.
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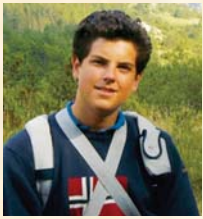
The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

March 2025 : For Families in Crisis.

April 2025: For the Use of New Technologies

We pray that technology not replace human relationship, respect the dignity of all and help us face the crises of our times. 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

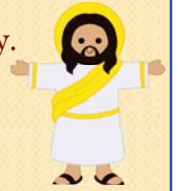
Join us any Thursday evening for Praise and Worship at 5 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration at 7 p.m.

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

Lent Continues



Lætare Sunday comes after the first three weeks of Lent, and there are three weeks left until Easter. The liturgy calls us to rejoice at the midpoint of our preparations for the Great Feast, and gives us a visual alert with the rose colored vestments of the clergy. With the end of our period of preparation coming into sight, we can engage in our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with renewed vigor. So let’s take a look at what we’ve done so far and feel strengthened for the coming three weeks.

Bible Study Monsignor Moran has begun a Bible Study on Chapter 12 of the Epistle to the Romans, Even if you missed the first session last week, the remaining three should be well worth your while. Monsignor Moran always has fascinat-



ing and valuable insights. So I encourage you to attend on the next three Tuesdays at 7:00 in the evening or Wednesdays at 1:00 in the afternoon — or “mix and match” if that works better for you.

Gender dysphoria is a complex topic within the wider appreciation of gender identity and that of personal identity. We all seek to understand such realities more fully. While some general principles have been enunciated, it is clear that when individuals experience gender dysphoria, each situation is a separate case and that dysphoria can be experienced over a wide spectrum of intensity. Speaking by video link last month at a conference in Germany, Cardinal Fernández, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, stated that there can be “cases outside the norm, such as severe dysphorias that can lead to an unbearable existence or even suicide,” which must be evaluated “with great care.” <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/cardinal-dignity-lies-heart-churchs-stance-gender-pro-life-issues> It is not for us as individuals to pass judgment on others. As Catholics we must always bear in mind that all people possess the same “infinite dignity” of human personhood and share the unconditional love of God

Fatima I hope we all took advantage of the visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our parish and joined for a least a few minutes of prayer with our fellow believers seeking Our Lady’s intercession for the conversion and peace our world so sorely needs.



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

Have a good Lent.

~Deacon Joe Whipple
March 30, 2025

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