

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

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The Church is open daily from 7:00am - 7:00pm. ~ Sunday, January 29, 2023

Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am

Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday



2nd Sunday of
LENT
March 5, 2023

Jesus was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

From the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:23

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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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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.

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FUNERALS: To make arrangements for a Funeral, please 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, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.



A time to grow in faith through play for our youngest parishioners.

Ages: Parents & Children (Baby - 5 Years)

Date: Monday, March 6* at 3:15 - 4:00pm

Come learn about **Lent** on Monday March 6 and about **Holy Week** on Monday, April 3.

**Please note the date change from Mar. 13 to Mar. 6*

Each month, our *Faith & Play* group meets, and is a time for our youngest parishioners to play and learn about our faith. Each session includes time for a story, activity, snack, and play time. Winter sessions are held in the Parish Center.

Please reach out to Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com to RSVP.



Easter Flower Collection

The beauty of spring flowers reflects the joy of Easter. We invite you to remember your loved one(s) with a flower donation in their memory. The Church will be decorated with flowers funded by your donations during the Easter season. We will also remember your loved one(s) in a special Memorial List. Easter Flower Envelopes are available at all Church entrances and on the back porch of the Rectory. Please place your donations in the regular offertory collection, or you can return them to the Rectory.

COFFEE

We will gathering this Sunday in the Parish Center for Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00AM Mass in the Church.



All are invited!



Join in the Parish celebration of
Stations of the Cross
on Friday evenings at 6:00pm.

*On Good Friday (April 7)
Stations of the Cross is celebrated
at 12Noon and 3:00pm.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 4
 9:00 AM Mary Elizabeth Pender
 4:00 PM Jay Arcari
Sunday March 5
 7:30 AM Judge Joseph and Ann Dever
 9:00 AM Pro populo
 11:00 AM Catherine Brophy 5th Anniversary
Monday March 6
 9:00 AM Peter Kane
Tuesday March 7
 9:00 AM Peter and Betsy Dinsmore
Wednesday March 8
 9:00 AM James McNamara
Thursday March 9
 9:00 AM Paul Duffy
Friday March 10
 9:00 AM John Driscoll
Saturday March 11
 11:30 AM Baptism for Ronan Kokaska
 12:30 PM Funeral for Pamela Ciavarra
 4:00 PM Norman Theriault Birthday
 Remembrance
Sunday March 12
 7:30 AM Pro populo
 11:00 AM Elaine Arruda Birthday Intention

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday March 11
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran
Sunday March 12
 7:30 AM Fr. Des Rosiers (*Deacon Joe Preaching*)
 9:00 AM Msgr. Moran
 11:00 AM Msgr. Moran (*Deacon Joe Preaching*)

Weekday Masses (During Lent)

Monday through Saturday
9:00AM Mass

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 6:00PM—7:00PM
Saturdays at 2:30PM—3:30PM*



***On Holy Saturday (April 8), the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 11AM—12Noon and at 2:30PM—3:30PM.**

Religious Education



2nd Grade Parents

If you were unable to attend the 2nd grade parent meetings, please reach out to us as soon as possible to obtain the materials for your child's First Communion.

Parochial School Students

If you have a 10th grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for Confirmation in the Fall of 2023. Please reach out to Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email Elaine at sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org

Inclement Weather Plan

In alignment with the Marblehead Public School system, and to ensure the safety of all, Religious Education Classes will not be held on days when the public schools are closed due to inclement weather, or when after school programs have been cancelled due to hazardous conditions.



SAVE THE DATES!

Vacation Bible School 2023

June 26-30

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Thank you so much!

Our heartfelt **thanks** for all of your gracious donations during this year's February Food Drive!

Your generosity has enabled the Marblehead Food Pantry to provide much-needed food assistance to our neighbors in need.



Daylight Savings Time

We "Spring forward" into Daylight Savings Time next **Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 am.** Remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.



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March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

The voice from the cloud said: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!” (see Matthew 17:1-9). So begins our second week of Lenten journeying. The Gospel scene is of that moment when Jesus was on the mountain with his friends Peter, James and John, and in the presence of Moses and Elijah. The Transfiguration usually invites us to think of the Lord’s coming passion, death and resurrection. The Law and the Prophets had foretold that through suffering would the Christ enter his glory. The moment of the transfiguration actually makes clear what is already the deepest truth about Jesus: The shining glory of the Father’s love made flesh.

As with Peter, James and John, it is the communion of friendship that allows the deeper reality to be perceived. The Transfiguration is presented and perceived from the point of view of intimate friendship with Christ. The shining face of Jesus reveals what our humanity should look like as redeemed in the saving love of friendship with God and with each other in God. The Gospel helps us see our human nature in a new light: not as a “thing” but as a communion of life and love. Indeed, we are to see each other in a new light. Transformed by the grace of Christ and renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit you and I are called to shine with the very love of God.

Essential, then, to our Lenten journey is to learn to see each other as God sees us, by entering more deeply into the friendship with Christ to which we have been invited. We are to come to learn something of that specific love in which Christ holds each and every person in our life. We are asked to perceive the very love for which Christ gave his life. What does Jesus see that you and I often do not? The only way we can catch a glimpse of how God sees, and to begin to love as God loves, is by pursuing the way of friendship with Jesus each and every day.

How best to do that? The answer is given to Peter, James and John: “Listen to him.” Jesus invited his friends to climb the mountain of transfiguration together with him. Jesus invites you and I to climb the mountain of Lenten penance: fasting, almsgiving and prayer. In these observances we, like people on a mountain, see the world and life from a whole new perspective. St. Paul tells Timothy (see 2 Timothy 1:8b-10) that according to God’s own design that we are enlightened by “grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest.” What does that grace reveal in you and your loved ones? It is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham (see Genesis 12:1-4a) concerning our future in Christ: “You will be a blessing.” The only way to perceive that blessing is from the heights of freedom from self-concerns and a renewed relationship with Jesus through fasting, almsgiving and prayer. The ways of Lent are first and foremost the deepening of our friendship with Jesus by walking with him each day and by following his ways.

Next weekend, the CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023 will begin in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you prayerfully to consider making a generous gift that will benefit both our parish and the many ministries that serve the parishes, schools, and communities throughout the Archdiocese. Please take a moment today to look through the Catholic Appeal insert in the Bulletin to learn more about the meaningful impact your gift will have. ***This is our Church, and when you support the Appeal, you support us all.***

On Sunday, March 19th, we will anticipate St. Patrick's Day with a special celebration in the Center Hall following the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass with food and drink, Irish Breads and hearty Irish song. Hope you will join us!

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



Lenten Scripture Study

Monsignor Moran invites you to a Lenten Scripture Study called *"Exodus: Journey towards Freedom"*

This enriching Bible Study will be held in the Parish Center in five (5) concurrent weekly sessions beginning this week on:

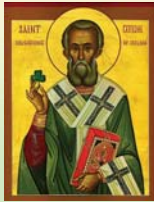
Tuesday evenings at 7 - 8pm

or

Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm

Week 1 of the 5-week session begins this Tuesday, **March 7 & Wednesday, March 8**. Materials will be provided at each meeting. Please register by calling the Rectory at **781-631-0086** or by emailing us at sosrectory@verizon.net. All are invited!

St Patrick's Day Celebration



Sunday, March 19

Join us for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Parish Center on Sunday, March 19 after the 9:00AM Mass in the Church.

Come and enjoy some delicious Irish Soda Bread with butter & marmalade, and drink it with a cup of tea or coffee. We will also have Munchkin donuts for the kiddos.

All are welcome!



Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift, which will benefit both our parish and the many ministries served by the Archdiocese. This year, our Parish goal is **\$66,400**. For more information, or to make your gift online, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/



Upcoming Meeting

There is a Parish Pastoral Council meeting next **Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the Parish Center Conference Room.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONCERT SERIES

We are excited to announce that our second concert in our Concert Series will be

Sunday, March 26th at 5:00pm

in the Church for a Lenten Musical Offering featuring the grand choral masterwork,

'The Seven Last Words of Christ'

by Theodore Dubois.

The Adult Choir, under the direction of guest conductor **Mark Nemeskal** will be joined by renowned Organist **Rosalind Mohnsen**, choristers from across the Archdiocese as well as featured soloists: **Holly Cameron**, our very own Music Director **Matthew Arnold**, and **Benjamin Hansberry**.

All are invited!

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Matt Arnold, our Music Director, after weekend Mass in the Church, or email sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

The Choir meets for rehearsal each week in the organ loft. The Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

The Children's Choir meets on Sundays at 8:15am.

New members are welcome!

The Mass Parts can be found on Page 14 of the Heritage Missal.



A 40-Day Vigil of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

FEBRUARY 22 – APRIL 2

You are warmly invited to join 40 Days For Life.

This vigil is held on the public sidewalk in front of the Cummings Center on Elliot St./Rte. 62 in Beverly every day at 7am-7pm. HealthQ, the local abortion mill (where infanticide takes place on-site), is located on the premises. Parking is available across the street in the Stop & Shop parking lot.

Participants are asked to assemble on any one of the 4 corners available on Elliot Street.

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For more information about this campaign, email John at awacinpi@comcast.net or visit www.40daysforlife.com.



SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection will defray the expense of our snow removal. The cost of snow removal from our parking lots, walkways and roofs is a considerable expense.



We thank you for your generosity in supporting this seasonal expenditure.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

We want to do all we can to enhance your Lenten experience by opening our minds and hearts through prayer, meditation and storytelling.

We have purchased 200 Little Black Books which contain 6-minute meditations.

The books are available at the rear entrance to the Church for all who are interested. For those who take a book, we will gladly accept a donation, but it is not mandatory.



We Share

We offer this alternative to parishioners of Our Lady, Star of the Sea. You have the option of making your weekly offering to our parish through **WE SHARE**. Simply visit our parish website at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the WE SHARE link to get started.

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$2,634.28
(Online: \$583.00 • Collected/Mailed-in: \$2,051.28)

Sunday, February 26

Offertory Collection

Offertory Total: \$6,766.00
(Online: \$2,074.00 • Collected/Mailed: \$4,692.00)

Support for the Church Around the World

Collection Total: \$1,989.00
(Online: \$538.00 • Collected/Mailed: \$1,451.00)

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023



March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Comments from Deacon Joe *Desiderio Desideravi*

After reminding us of the importance of properly planned celebrations of the liturgy, Pope Francis next says that this must be at the service of our *"Amazement before the Paschal Mystery: an essential part of the liturgical act."* He is calling, not for some individualized feeling of reverence. The objective fact that what happens at Mass is Christ's giving himself to us to be consumed, so that he is united with each one of us in his saving action of giving his life on Calvary and rising on Easter — this fact should be in our minds; and it is an "amazing grace." In other words, what happens at Mass is Christ reaching out to each person

in love and self giving. We must marvel "at the fact that the salvific plan of God has been revealed in the paschal deed of Jesus (cf. Eph 1:3-14), and the power of this paschal deed continues to reach us in the celebration of the 'mysteries,' of the sacraments." The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council were designed to enable each of us live fully the meaning of the sacrament through the symbols which express it. One problem is that people are generally no longer as attuned to the meaning of symbols as in former times. Yet the capacity is still there to be developed. In light of this the pope asks, "How can we grow in our capacity to live in full the liturgical action? How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes?" He says, "We are in need of a serious and dynamic liturgical formation."



Lenten Scripture Study Monsignor Moran will begin the scripture study this week, and I strongly recommend it. I've attended previous studies, and I can tell you that every session is packed with insights. Msgr. Moran shows deeper meanings of the texts and connections to the rest of the Bible. If you attend, your understanding will be deepened and you'll never read Exodus quite the same. You can just show up on Tuesday evening at 7:00 or Wednesday afternoon at 1:00, but if you call the rectory to let them know you'll be there, it helps Msgr. Moran know how many copies of the handouts to make.

This week the Memorial of St. Perpetua and Felicity is March 7. Perpetua was a noble lady with an infant son and Felicity her pregnant slave. Both were martyred, along with several others at Carthage in the year 203. There is a "prison journal" in which Perpetua describes her sufferings during her imprisonment prior to her martyrdom,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perpetua_and_Felicity


Have a Blessed Cent. ~Deacon Joe Whipple

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