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**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing by Mon 10am.



Moving Forward in Faith... Together is the theme of the <u>Catholic Appeal 2025</u>. 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 <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/</u>. 165 parishioners have already given, Let us pray for the generous help of ALL!

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 24

9:00 AM Maureen Smith

4:00 PM Dr. Charles M. Louden, 5th Anniversary

Sunday May 25 7:30 AM *Pro Populo* 

9:00 AM Barbara Tempel, Birthday Remembrance

11:00 AM Virginia O'Neil

Monday May 26

9:00 AM Memorial Day Remembrances

Tuesday May 27

9:00 AM Douglas Marino

Wednesday May 28

9:00 AM Carol Bouchat, 3rd Anniversary

Thursday May 29, Solemnity of the Ascension

9:00 AM Carol Bailey 7:00 PM *Pro Populo* Friday May 30

9:00 AM Eleanor Wright

Saturday May 31

9:00 AM Teresa O'Brien, 4th Anniversary

4:00 PM *Pro Populo* Sunday June 1

7:30 AM Janice Cudihy, 1st Anniversary

9:00 AM James Galante 11:00 AM Peter Conner

#### Collections May 18, 2025

Collected/Mailed: \$5,335.00/ Online: \$3,104.16

Offertory: \$8,439.16
Grand Annual: \$147.50
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## "The Catholic Appeal...

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

- Archbishop Richard G. Henning

The 2025 Catholic Appeal has started well for us and I am pleased to see our weekly progress. Thank you to those who have already given. I hope that each family would make some contribution to this important obligation of ours. Every gift counts. As of May 12th, our parish



has reached \$49,442.00, 76% of our goal. Subsequent commitments will be reported next week. Together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your willingness to help our mission!



## Religious Education 2024 ~ 2025

## Confirmation Celebrations

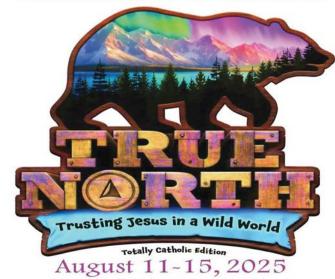
Congratulations to our 74 High School parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here last Sunday. We pray, too, for the additional nine candidates who will be confirmed elsewhere in the weeks ahead. May the Lord make them effective witnesses to God's love and goodness before the world. Vacation Bible School registrations are open for August 11 through 15. See below!

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

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## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

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## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." These words of the Lord from today's Gospel (see John 14:23-29) are now read, in our prayer, in the light of the resurrection of which we celebrate this Sixth week of Easter. We are to live our life, too, in the light of Easter, re-reading all things in the light of Jesus' love.

While the readings this weekend focus on the Lord's departure (we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday) their main intent is to invite us to have untroubled hearts, and to know <u>no</u> fear as we live each and every day in the peace of Christ. Jesus promises an "Advocate, the Holy Spirit" to teach us everything and to remind us of all they he told us. The Lord's departure is not seen as somehow something "less" spiritually speaking. It is something "more." The Lord promises his follower: "We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

You and I complete our Easter celebrations by focusing on the Lord's presence in Word and Sacrament as the center of our lives each moment. By responding to his invitation to love him and to keep his word, we find an immense capacity to love one another, just as he first loved us. Such a power of love and life at work in us who believe is the occasion and cause of the "peace" that is ours to live each day. The Apostles and Elders in the First Reading (see Acts 15:1-29) confronted difficult matters of their day and were able to resolve them: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." What a wonder they point out to us. We do not have to be alone when we look over the realities of life and its challenges. The Holy Spirit works with us; we can review and judge the give and take of life's journey in the company of and in the light of God's Holy Spirit. That is, the Holy Spirit accompanies and guides, heals and consoles our memory both of the circumstances of our own life and the love of Jesus that helps us see all things anew. Is it not true that the Evil One wreaks havoc in us by a warping and embittering of our memory and an exaggeration of the hurts and difficulties we have faced? How much more, precisely here, will the Holy Spirit help us see things anew in the light of Jesus' love. Live Jesus' new life, to the full!

We celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with seventy-four of our ninth and tenth grade parishioners this past Sunday. Nine more will be confirmed in the weeks ahead. We pray that they remain strong in the Spirit and close with the Lord. Great among the many joys of the day was conversation I had with multiple parents of students who had been together for many years of preparation and prayer under the guidance of team-teachers Lauren Kennedy and Heather Bush. The parents and newly confirmed sang the praises of their teachers who had been with them all these many years for the beautiful way that they witnessed to Jesus and the warm way they conveyed to their students the closeness, knowledge and love of the Lord for each of them. They are living examples of the Lord dwelling with us; they embody the work of the Spirit that accompanies, guides, heals and consoles; they show and live Easter life. Our thanks to them and to all those who serve our Parish as teachers!

We have a busy week of celebration ahead:

This coming Monday is Memorial Day

On Memorial Day we celebrate Mass at 9 a.m. for all our fallen military, in whose honor the Country pauses in prayer and recognition. We pray, too, for loved ones and friends who have died.

This coming Thursday is The Ascension of the Lord. The Holy Day Masses are Thursday, May 29th at 9 am and at 7:00 pm.

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

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

## SOS Youth Group Monthly Meet!

All youth are invited to our next SOS Youth Gathering Sunday, May 25th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. We'll begin with Vespers, a beautiful evening prayer of the Church that helps center us in faith and community. We're also excited to welcome Deacon Joe, who will share insights about altar service and answer your questions.

Come check out the **new sports equipment** generously donated by some of our parishioners! We'll also discuss upcoming **group projects** ~ **Pollinator garden**, and enjoy an episode from the inspiring series **The Chosen**.

Bring a friend—and come hungry! Food will be served. Don't miss it! See you on Sunday! Blessings!

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

# The Creation Care Corner Laudato Si Week 2025

All parishioners are invited to help us celebrate *Laudato Si* week with these events:

Outdoor Rosary: Please join us with the weekly Rosary Group this Ascension Thursday, May 29, for a Rosary with readings that emphasize eco-spirituality. We will recite our Rosary outside (weather permitting) near the St. Francis statue in the church garden after 9 a.m. Mass, at approximately 9:45 a.m.

The Letter: The Boston Chapter of the Laudato Si Movement will show the award winning film The Letter via Zoom on Friday, May 30 from 7-9pm. Join the Creation Care Team and parishioners at the Parish Center to watch and discuss together, or plan to watch it at home.

The Letter (info: <a href="https://theletterfilm.org">https://theletterfilm.org</a>) is about five people who received an invitation to the Vatican from Pope Francis. An Indian youth, American scientists and an African activist bring concerns about the impact of climate change and seek hope for the future. To participate via Zoom please register at <a href="https://tinyurl/TheLetter-5-30">https://tinyurl/TheLetter-5-30</a>.

To join our Parish Center viewing, please let Peter Fallon know at pjfallon@icloud.com.

Nature Walk and Journaling: Next Sunday, June 1 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. We will ofter a prayerful, slow walk (not strenuous) around the church gardens while using our senses to fully appreciate God's creations. Then, we will learn the basics of nature journaling and record our discoveries together. Art supplies and paper will be provided, but if you have your own favorites feel free to bring them. If you have a clipboard or notebook to lean on please bring it. Everyone will go home with a Guide to Nature Journaling pamphlet so you can continue your practice at home. Meet at the pond behind the Rectory. RSVPs requested to Elaine Leahy at eleahy10@yahoo.com.

Read recent activity reports on our webpage:

https://www.sosmarblehead.org/creation~care~team.html

Next Meeting: June 10th at 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

Thank-you! Our thanks to Pat Adams for her work on the flowers for the doors of the Church in recent years and to Jacqui Corona who will take up the responsibility.



#### Bereavement Committee

We are pleased to announce the formation of a Parish **Bereavement Committee.** This new ministry will be dedicated to offering comfort, care, and support to parishioners during times of loss and grief.

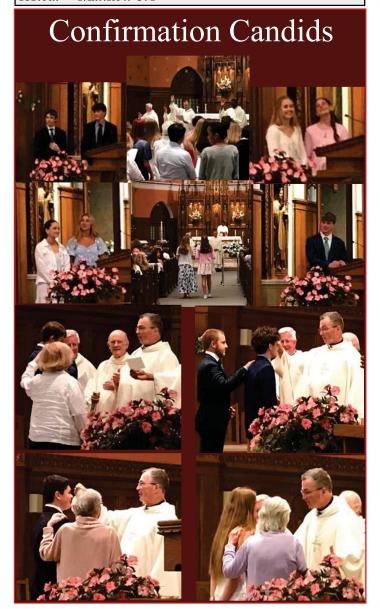
Join us for an **initial kickoff meeting** to learn more and to help shape this important ministry. Whether you feel called to reach out to grieving families, to help families plan a funeral or reception, send cards, or simply be a continued presence in prayer and support afterwards, your gifts are needed.

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

1 Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

PLocation: Star of the Sea Parish Center
This meeting is open to anyone interested in serving or learning more—no commitment required at this time.
Let's come together to build a compassionate team that will be a blessing to our parish and our families.
Please R.S.V.P. by emailing <a href="mailto:sossecretary@verizon.net">sossecretary@verizon.net</a> or calling 781.631.0086.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." – Matthew 5:4



St. Vincent de Paul Society—Collection Boxes Please remember during Easter 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 May 2025: For Working Conditions.

That each person through work might find fulfillment, families be sustained in dignity and society be humanized. Join in prayer with friends world-wide. For further information please consult the Apostolate at: popesprayer.va.

Traveling? You can locate the Mass schedule of a Catholic Church near to where you are traveling throughout the world. www.masstimes.org



### Comments from Deacon Joe

#### Ascension



Thursday of this week, the fortieth day of the Easter Season, is the *Solemnity of* the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will offer Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on that day. The Ascension marks Jesus' return to the Father, moving beyond time and space. Luke records it twice, once at the end of his gospel and again, in a fuller version

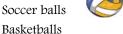
at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. The account in Acts includes the promises of the coming of the Holy Spirit and of Jesus' ultimate return. We spend the following ten days praying for the continuing coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church, and we look forward to the return of Jesus at the end of time. Along with Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and Epiph~ any, this is one of the highest celebrations of the Church's year.

This solemnity also begins what I enjoy calling the Church's "holiday season." From May 29 this year through June 29 we will celebrate seven solemnities: Ascension, May 29; Pentecost, which is the end of Eastertide, June 8; Trinity Sunday, June 15; Corpus Christi, June 22; the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, my principal patronal feast, June 24; the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 27; and Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29. Because of the Sunday celebrations the wearing of the green on Sundays will only begin on July 6.

### Youth Group Sports Equipment Appeal:

As we plan for more outdoor games and activities, we kindly ask the parish community to consider donating gently used **sports equipment**. We are in need of:

- Volleyballs
- Soccer balls







- Pickleball paddles and balls
- Table tennis/ ping pong tables

If you have any of these items at home and are not using them, please consider passing them along to help support our youth group. Contact Fr. Stephen at the Rectory.

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.

Memorial Day is when we gratefully honor the memory of all who gave their lives in defense of our country. Marblehead marks the day, celebrated this year on Monday, May 26, with a parade and three ceremonies. There is a ceremony at



8:30 at the Town Landing honoring those who died at sea. The parade starts from the Old Town House at 9:00, stops at Memorial Park for the next ceremony, moves to Waterside Cemetery for further observances, and returns to the Old Town House. I think Marblehead does Memorial Day very well and I encourage everybody to see some part of the observances.

This week we celebrate, in addition to the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Memorial of St. Philip Neri on May 26 and the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31.

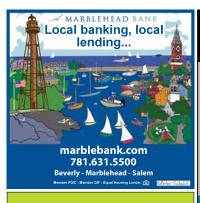
St. Philip was a priest who lived from 1515 to 1595, born in Florence and died in Rome. He founded the Congregation of the Oratory. His down to earth style attracted many to his way of holiness <a href="https://">https://</a>

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip Neri.

The feast of the Visitation fittingly brings the month of Mary to a close. As she visited Elizabeth who was then carrying John the Baptist in her womb while Mary had just conceived Jesus, she gives us an example of unselfish service, a life lived for others. <a href="https://">https://</a> en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visitation (Christianity).

Happy Easter! Enjoy the spring!

> ~Deacon Joe Whipple May 25, 2025

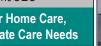


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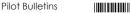
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