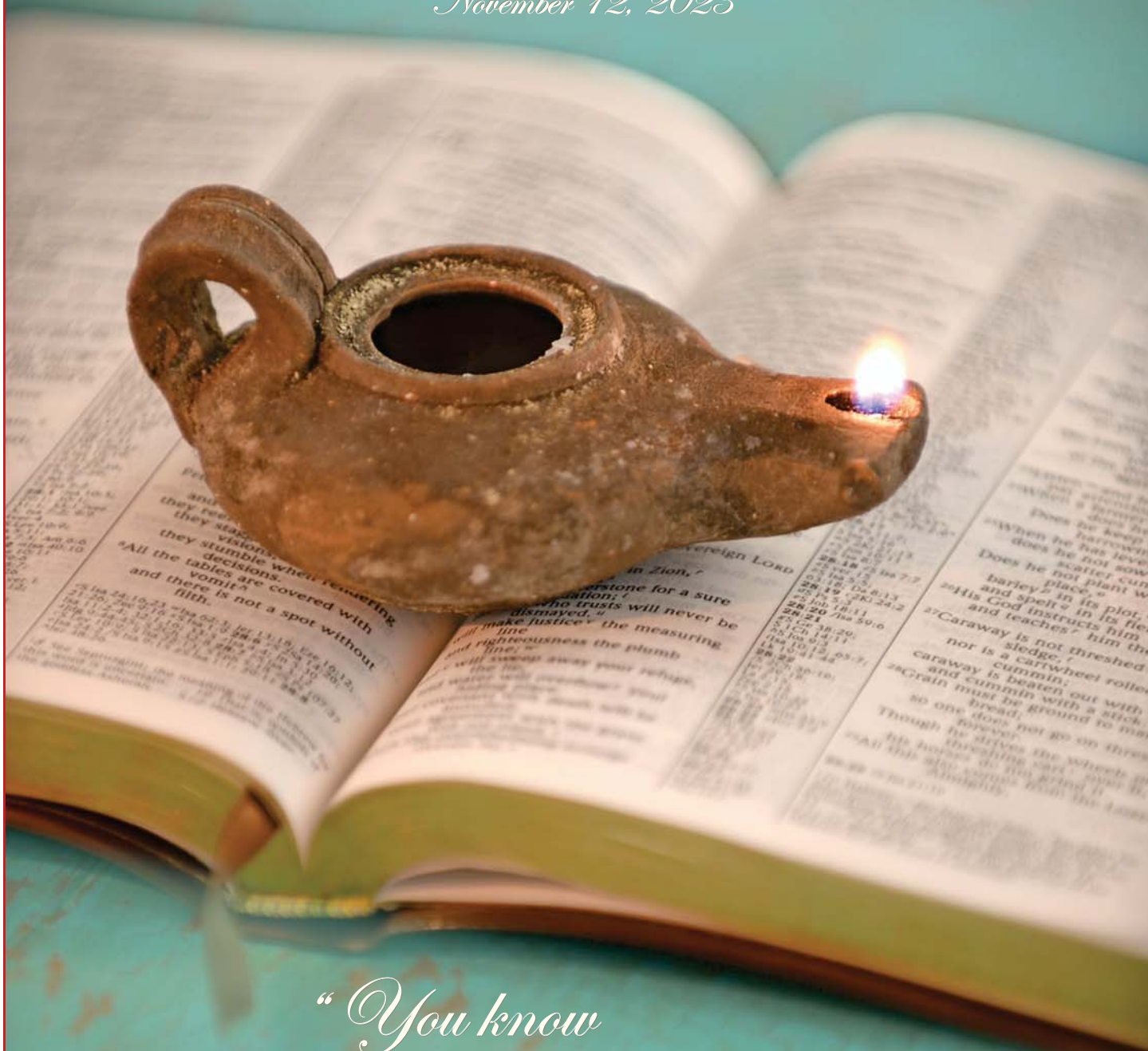


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023



*“You know
neither the day
nor the hour” ~ Matthew 25:13*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



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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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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 11
 9:00 AM Helena Mace
 4:00 PM Heidi Cahoon-McEwen

Sunday November 12
 7:30 AM *Pro populo*
 9:00 AM Gloria & Hugh Quigley and
 Timothy & Matthew Quigley
 11:00 AM Timothy Sean Delehaunty,
 5th Anniversary

Monday November 13
 9:00 AM Margo Ivers, 1st Anniversary

Tuesday November 14
 9:00 AM Ed Landry

Wednesday November 15
 9:00 AM John Whipple

Thursday November 16
 9:00 AM Jeremiah Kirby, Birthday Remembrance

Friday November 17
 9:00 AM Albert Irato, 1st Anniversary

Saturday November 18
 9:00 AM Richard Murray
 4:00 PM Dr. Paul McNeil, 2nd Anniversary

Sunday November 19
 7:30 AM *Pro Populo*
 9:00 AM Bo Lyons
 11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle

We pray, as well, at each Mass for our
 All Souls' Intentions this month of November.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday November 18
 4:00 PM TBA

Sunday November 19
 7:30 AM Fr. Stephen
 9:00 AM Msgr. Moran
 11:00 AM Fr. Kelleher

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Offertory Collection
 (Collected/Mailed: \$6,858.00 • Online: \$6,358.08)
 Offertory Total: \$13,216.08

All Saints
 (Collected/Mailed: \$923.00 • Online: \$155.00)
 All Saints Total: \$1,078.00

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024

Prayerful congratulations!
to our Newly Confirmed!
 Pictures on our website at
sosmarblehead.org



New registrations still continue.

Second Graders' First Confessions

Saturday, December 9, 2023,
at 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Students' Christmas Fair Gift Baskets

Check with teacher or office for class theme.

Contributions due by November 22nd

Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education
at 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org



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 learn. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Upcoming: **November 13th**, and December 11th.

In nice weather we meet in the gardens next to the Church and then we will move indoors to the Parish Center.



Marblehead Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



The Church of St Andrew, Episcopal



We join friends and neighbors across our community for an evening of prayerful thanksgiving.

Service planned to be family friendly.

It will include a children's story on the grateful recognition of the gifts of others.

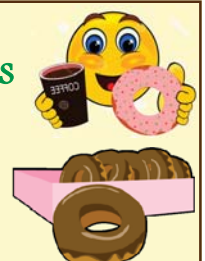


Sunday

Coffee and Donuts Welcome All!

following 9:00 a.m.

Mass



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

November ~ For Pope Francis

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

November 12, 2023
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Since the bridegroom was long delayed...” These words of this weekend’s Gospel (see Matthew 25:1-13) come from the last chapter of Mathew’s presentation of the public life and ministry of Jesus. We read this, and two following sections, over the next weeks as we come to the end of our Year of Grace. The Church asks us to consider the “last things,” our journey of life, its completion in death and our appearance before God. Not a few among us, looking at the current state of world, church and societal events, are sure that the end times are not delayed, but have come. Such speculations have been commonplace over the millennia. However, the Lord reminds us that "You do not know the day nor the hour." For this reason, we are called to live each day, our day, to the full by realizing the greatest good that can be achieved. The first reading (see Wisdom 6:12-16) encourages us to acquire the light of God’s Wisdom and to keep vigil for her presence and guidance each day. The second reading (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) encourages us to deepen the light of our faith: believing that Jesus died and rose, so as to be ready to be caught up together with the Lord upon his coming, at any time.

This week, the Gospel's theme focuses on the *meantime* – the period in which we live, awaiting the Lord’s Coming in his glory. It may seem long; he may seem delayed. However, in line with the parable about the Wise and Foolish Virgins, the delay is a sign of love and an opportunity for readiness. It is a sign of love just as is seen in the story’s presentation of first century marriage customs in Palestine. The groom has gone to the bride’s father to complete the contract of marriage. Upon success he will escort his loved one back to his home. That the negotiation and discussion should take long is a sign of the competing loves of family and fiancé: the first seeks to hold on to their relationship with the bride, the second wants her to come to a new life with him. An easy “done deal” would not be seemly! That everyone expects this to take time is made evident that the welcome party have all brought lamps to light the night, and to party ‘til dawn!

So for ourselves, the "delay" in the Lord’s coming is a chance for each of us to sort out our loves and to decide what is really important and what we are willing to sacrifice for along the way. The delay is also a moment of opportunity. Five foolish virgins have brought no oil. They will not last. Rather than take the opportunity afforded by the delay to buy oil and be prepared, they just hang out, wait and fall asleep. In the end they are not ready to welcome the bride and groom to the feast and find themselves shut out. Rather, for you and me, the long delay in the bridegroom’s return is lived as an opportunity not to be missed. We need to supply ourselves with flasks of oil to be ready and to welcome life with joy. During this *meantime* leading up to the last day of the world, you and I are to be wise. We are to seek the light of God’s wisdom in all things, so as to judge wisely the things of each day. We are to deepen the light of faith to as to be ready to follow the Lord through the death of baptism, so to rise with him in glory. The flasks of oil, those of reason and faith, allow us to be ready to recognize the Lord at his coming, to greet him with joy and to enter with him to the Banquet of Life.

Plans continue underway for the Christmas Fair. The mailing of Raffle ticket information goes out this week. You are welcome to throw your returns into the collection basket, to mail them to the Rectory or to bring them personally to the Fair. Representatives of the planning committee will be outside with tickets starting next week. Please make your plans to join us for at least part of the day on December 2nd and to support our efforts for the good of our Parish community.

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

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Christmas Fair



Saturday, December 2, 2023
9:00AM—3:00PM

Come join us for great food and unique, artisanal Christmas gifts created by local artisans and crafters. We will have tickets on sale for spectacular Raffle prizes, like gift cards to Woodstock Inn, Beauport Hotel, Gloucester, a Giant Lottery Tree, Shubies, The Landing, Mission on the Bay, The Beacon, Patriots Tickets and more!

Browse our gift baskets while you enjoy creamy, classic New England Clam Chowder deliciously provided by *Shubie's*. The food court will also have wonderful Chili, Sausages & Peppers, hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate and sweet treats!

Our Fair is a fundraiser, but, more importantly, it is an opportunity to share with our parish community during the Advent season. We'll see you all at the fair!



Santa Claus will be with us as well. He eagerly looks forward to hearing the Christmas wishes of our young parishioners.

Volunteers are being recruited for this year's

Live Nativity

at the Christmas Fair, December 2nd. This includes families with new babies! Please leave name, grade and contact info at the Reception Desk, Parish Center. Comfort with live animals a must!



Marblehead Food Pantry Call for Assistance



Food Pantry Needs Donations of food are very much needed for the Food Pantry whose supplies have run low. Gifts of food can be left at the Center or on the back porch of the Rectory. Thank you for your help!



Jewelry Table at the Christmas Fair

We invite you to donate costume jewelry items for this event. *Maybe a pair of earrings or a necklace or brooch that you no longer wear?* We gladly welcome all donations. There is a box on the back porch of the Rectory where you can leave your jewels and precious gems no later than Friday, November 24th. Thank you so much!



Christmas Fair Bake Shoppe Calling all Bakers!



Bakers are needed for the Christmas Fair. Please email Carol or Lisa to receive the link to a Sign-up Genius page to select the item(s) you would like to bake from our list. All baked goods will need to be dropped off by 3 p.m. Friday, December 1st at the back porch of the Rectory. Please wrap items in clear bags or clear plastic wrap and they will be decorated with holiday flair for the sale.



Carol at capotier@hotmail.com
Lisa at wlgillis@comcast.net



Wish to Volunteer?

We need your time and talents!

Your help is needed to assist with the Raffle Ticket Table, Bake Sale Table, Living Nativity and so much more!



If you can volunteer please call the Rectory at 781-631-0086 or email sosrectory@verizon.net

Christmas Fair

December 2, 2023 ~ Save the Date!

Planning Meeting
Rectory on November 15th at 10:00 a.m.
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PRESENTS

The New England Brass Band



Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm



Tickets, \$15.00, available from November 19th.
Plan to join us with family and friends
for this annual Christmas Concert
extravaganza of sound and joy!

Needed: Winter Protection

The Creation Care Team is holding a collection drive as we respond to “the cry of the poor” during the weekends of Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 for refugees who are being housed in dorms at Salem State. Most of the refugees are from Haiti and do not have warm clothes for the winter, so we are asking your help to provide:

- New young children’s winter jackets (sizes newborn – 6);
- New adult winter hats and gloves.



Items may be placed on the table at the entryway of church.

Thank you very much for your help.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Two Important Issues

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has called our attention to pending legislation to authorize physician assisted suicide. A letter from them explains the question. It is available at the doors of the church, and I encourage you to read it. I’ll comment that in other countries where physician assisted suicide has been legalized, the protections tend to get weakened and the circumstances where it allowed get broadened in ways that are often horrifying. As a citizen, you have the right to make your opinion known to Rep. Armini and Sen. Crichton. Public opinion has stopped such bills in the past and can do so now.

Paradoxically, the brutal terrorist attack on Israel on October 7 has led to increased expressions of anti-Semitism here and around the world — going so far as the killing of a participant in a pro-Israeli demonstration on the West Coast last week. Within the past ten days at daily Mass we have heard readings from St. Paul reminding us that God still loves the Jews as much as he did in Old Testament times. There is no room in Christianity for hatred against the Jewish people, and I think we have an obligation to challenge any expressions of anti-Semitism made in our presence in person or in our social media circles. Falsehoods can be corrected with facts, hatred with a reminder of God’s irrevocable love for the Jewish people and of the commandment for us to love all as God loves us.

Catholic Update This month’s Catholic Update is now available. It is titled “The Wisdom of Sister Thea Bowman: Let Us Live Until We Die!” Sister Thea, a convert to Catholicism, died of cancer at the age of 52, and her cause for canonization is proceeding. This issue quotes Sister Thea extensively on issues she has faced, expressing practical wisdom we all can take to heart https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thea_Bowman.



This week on November 13 we celebrate the Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Born in Lombardy in 1850, she was the youngest of thirteen children. In 1880 Mother Cabrini and seven other women founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Active first in Italy, they were encouraged by the pope to go to the United States to serve Italian immigrants. There they founded hospitals in New York and Chicago along with other institutions to serve the needy. They also were active in South America and, after her death, in China. Mother Cabrini had become an American citizen. She died in 1927, was beatified on November 13, 1938 and canonized in 1946 — the first American citizen to be canonized. She is a patron saint of immigrants https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Xavier_Cabrini.



The Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary is November 17. She was the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary, born July 7, 1207. At the age of four or five she was sent to Thuringia in Germany as the future wife of the future Landgrave of Thuringia, Ludwig IV. In 1221 she married Ludwig, and in the same year he became landgrave. Their marriage was happy and they had three children, the last of whom was born after Ludwig’s death in 1227 while he was traveling to join the Sixth Crusade. Meanwhile, in 1221 Elizabeth had learned of St. Francis, who was living at that time, and was inspired by his ideals. She became highly generous to the poor and used her own funds to build a hospital. She was associated with the Franciscans and possibly a member of the Third Order. She died on November 17, 1231, and was canonized in 1235. She is a patron saint of the Third Order along with King St. Louis IX of France. She is one of the prominent medieval women saints who practiced remarkable charity to the poor https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_of_Hungary.

*Have a good week.
Enjoy the Fall!*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
November 12, 2023*

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