OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts November 19, 2023

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will give you great responsibilities"

Matthew 25:23



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**WEDDINGS:** By personal appointment with a priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.

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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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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.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to \$48,582.00, (73% of our Parish Goal of \$66,401.00). If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, we invite you to pick up a pledge envelope located at the Catholic Appeal back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory collection. OGETHER

You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. Thankful for YOUR HELP !

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	November 18
9:00 AM	Richard Murray
4:00 PM	Dr. Paul McNeil, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
<u>Sunday</u>	November 19
7:30 AM	Pro Populo
9:00 AM	Bo Lyons
11:00 AM	Irene and Paul Nagle
<u>Monday</u>	November 20
9:00 AM	John Paul Kulevich, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
<u>Tuesday</u>	November 21
9:00 AM	Patricia Kane, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<u>Wednesday</u>	y November 22
9:00 AM	Bette Conley
<u>Thursday</u>	November 23 Thanksgiving Day
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving For Blessings Received
<u>Friday</u>	November 24
9:00 AM	Robert Dickinson
<u>Saturday</u>	November 25
9:00 AM	William Francis Magner
4:00 PM	Carol Talbot
<u>Sunday</u>	November 26
7:30 AM	Richard Murray
9:00 AM	Marguerite Rinaldi
11:00 AM	Pro populo

We pray, as well, at each Mass for our

All Souls' Intentions this month of November.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us on Thursday, November 23, 9:00AMI We will bless small loaves of fresh bread for your Thanksgiving Day meal — as a pledge of blessings to be extended to all. Welcome!

#### UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

<u>Saturday</u>	November 25
4:00 PM	Fr. Stephen
<u>Sunday</u>	November 26
7:30 AM	Fr. Stephen
9:00 AM	TBA
11:00 AM	Msgr. Moran

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Offertory Collection (Collected/Mailed: \$13,189.00 • Online: \$2,234.00) Offertory Total: \$15,423.00

> St. Vincent de Paul: \$102.01 Truly Grateful!

#### November 19, 2023



#### 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.

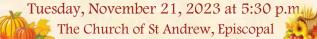
### Students' Christmas Fair Gift Baskets

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.

Marblehead Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



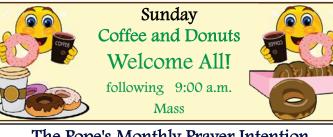
We join friends and neighbors across our community for an evening of prayerful thanksgiving. Service planned to be family friendly. It will include a children's story

on the grateful recognition of the gifts of others

## Thanks to our Sisters for a Lifetime of Service



This weekend the Archdiocese takes up the Collection for Retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, this collection has provided financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators, health care workers, and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.



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 Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (popesprayer.)

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

November 19, 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"I will give you great responsibilities" (see Matthew 25:23). These words of today's Gospel remind us of the significance of the many blessings that God sends our way. Family, friends, insights, loves, country, talents, and successive new days, all these and more are great blessings. They are, at the same time, great responsibilities for each of us.

St. Paul writes(1Thes 5:6): "You are children of the light and children of the day." That joyful optimism should well be ours as we celebrate this week an early Thanksgiving Day. We are enlivened by the many blessings which are ours. We are, indeed, thankful for them each day. "Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober," as St. Paul reminds us. We ask the good Lord for the grace to welcome and to fulfill the great responsibility which each blessing entrusts to us. You and I are blessed in our abilities. You and I are enabled, capable of great things, even of that wonderful mystery of love of which the first reading speaks (see Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31). A husband treasures the gift of his wife's love: "Entrusting his heart to her." So does God give us the ability to receive his gift: he entrusts his heart to you and enables you to multiply the realization of that same gift.

"Talents... to each in according to his ability." As the Gospel account this weekend (see Matthew 25:14-30) looks to the end things, to the completion of time and of life, it refers to those gifts, "talents," that God has entrusted to us. The operative phrase in Matthew's presentation of this thought is the qualifier: 'each according to his ability.' Some may take that to mean the most able was given the most talents. I do not agree. If that were the case then the story describes a cruel set-up in which the least able person was given the least to work with and, thereby, the most difficult task. Money makes money, so the saying goes. The person with the five talents would have the easiest time to make more. No, the challenge of the parable is that the most able person was given the more difficult task: making something of the one gift given. That this person was quite able is demonstrated in his astute evaluation of the master: a demanding person, harvesting and gathering what was not planted nor sown. We must never, "out of fear" of the challenge, its demanding expectations or the prospects of failure, ever bury the gift given.

God has entrusted his "heart" to us, his loved ones. Fear not! He may not have given you the whole world at your beck and call, but he has given the one gift that counts. Much more than multiple talents, he has given of himself. Our great responsibility now is to share the gift. That's why we, now, in turn, do not bury the gift away in fear. That's why we seek to share and multiply that gift of love and life in all our words, all our deeds and all our ways. That's why we anticipate, when all is said and done, the wonder of hearing Jesus' word on the last of days: "Come, share your master's joy." It will happen if we share the Master's joy every day.

During the month of November, we remember our departed loved ones in a special way. The Book of Remembrance is in front of the St. Joseph statue and you are welcomed to submit the names of recently deceased there for inscription into the book and remembrance in our prayers.

Asking God's blessing on you and yours, 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 moreI

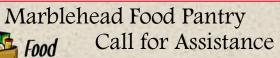
Browse our gift baskets while you enjoy creamy, classic New England Clam Chowder deliciously provided by *Shubie's*. The food court will also have wonderful Chili, Sausages & Peppers, hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate and sweet treatsI

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!



**Pantry** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

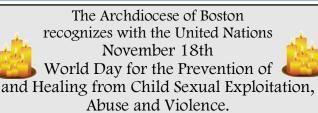
## Wish to Volunteer?

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



We are all invited to prayerful, kind and compassionate outreach to those impacted by abuse. To learn more about how you can help contact the Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection at www.BostonCatholic.org.



CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING Program begins <u>next Weekend</u>, November 25/26 Choose a Tag for a gift for someone in greater need.



## **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!

#### **Comments from Deacon Joe**

### Thanksgiving

It has always been a civil holiday, but it comes from a time when public authorities were participants in a shared faith in God which made it appropriate to express gratitude to him for all the blessings he had bestowed on us as a people. Certainly as Catholics we want to express our thanks to God always, and Thanksgiving Day is a good time to do so in a special way. If possible, please join your fellow parishioners at Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.

There will also be an interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday evening, November 21, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Lafayette St. It is good to join with other believers in God to pray in Thanksgiving for the blessings we receive as individuals and as a community. One of the good things in Marblehead is the respect our religious communities have for one another, as shown by the Interfaith Covenant. We had the Covenant on display in our Church a couple of years ago. Last year it was passed to Old North Church, and this year Old North will hand it on to St. Andrew's at the Thanksgiving Service. So if you can attend, it will show both gratitude to God and respect for those of other religions. Both are important.

I'll be out of town when both these events happen, but I strongly encourage you to attend them.

Thanksgiving Dinner Thanksgiving and Christmas can be poignant for people who no longer have family to celebrate with. When I was a boy ten or more of us across three generations would gather. The numbers increased and then gradually decreased as grandparents and uncles died and cousins moved away. For a while, my brother and I were hosted by our aunt. More recently friends took us in. If it weren't for such kind hospitality, I'd now find myself enjoying Thanksgiving dinner alone. I think I could find a way to make the dinner special even so. And I want to encourage any of you who find yourself alone on the holiday to somehow make it special. Maybe go to a restaurant that offers a good dinner, or order one to be delivered. Even just have something special for your homemade meal. Be in touch with relatives. Above all, rather than focusing on the loss of all the people from Thanksgivings past, focus on the good memories of those days. Be grateful for all that you were able to enjoy, and in this month of All Saints and All Souls re-

Deepest thanks to the many who donated to the Refugee Winter Clothing Drive. The warmth of your love makes the world a better place! Thanks, too, for your recent donations of recyclable items which have all gone to new and good use. -Creation Care Team

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: December 11<sup>th</sup>. In nice weather we meet in the gardens next to the Church and then we will move indoors to the Parish Center.

member that they are still living, in the next life. They aren't permanently lost, and you'll see them again. Try to have a positive attitude. It can make all the difference.

By the way, I don't remember green beans as part of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Gramps's house. So if you refrain from green beans (or worse still, green bean casserole) on Thanksgiving, you have my admiration.

This week there are three obligatory memorials.

November 21 is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is based on a story from before the year 200 that Mary's parents, Sts. Joachim and Ann, presented her to God in the Temple when she was about three. Fittingly for the one who was to be Mother of God, she was raised and educated there. November 21 is the date of the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary the New in Jerusalem in



543. The basilica was built near the ruins of the Temple. Whether or not the story is historical fact, our lives, like Mary's, belong to God https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Presentation\_of\_Mary.



The virgin and martyr St. Cecilia is remembered on November 22. She is patron saint of musicians because the story of her martyrdom says that while musicians played for her unwanted wedding she sang to God in her heart. She was probably martyred around the year 230. She is depicted in the window in our choir loft <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</u>

#### Saint Cecilia.

The Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions is November 24. St. Andrew was a Vietnamese priest who was martyred in 1839. He is one of 117 martyrs who were killed in persecutions in the 18th and 19th Centuries who were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988. It is estimated that in addition to those individuals between 170,000 and 300,000 were killed for the faith between 1745 and 1862 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnamese Martyrs.

Happy ThanksgivingI Have a good week.



~Deacon Joe Whipple November 19, 2023



