

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

November 26, 2023



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:34

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



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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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.



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 back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory collection.

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Solemnity of Christ the King

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>November 25</u>
9:00 AM	William Francis Magner
4:00 PM	Carol Talbot
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 26</u>
7:30 AM	Richard Murray
9:00 AM	Marguerite Rinaldi
11:00 AM	<i>Pro populo</i>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>November 27</u>
9:00 AM	Alfred Viselli
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>November 28</u>
9:00 AM	Patricia Dunn
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>November 29</u>
9:00 AM	Rafael Cremina and Sales Barreto
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>November 30</u>
9:00 AM	Eleanor Ditzler
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 1</u>
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 2</u>
9:00 AM	Thelma Thornton
4:00 PM	Jean H. Fallon
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 3</u>
7:30 AM	Bridget McDermott
9:00 AM	Valerie McFadden
11:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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


UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 2</u>
4:00 PM	Msgr. Moran
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 3</u>
7:30 AM	TBA
9:00 AM	Fr. Stephen
11:00 AM	Fr. Kelleher


Sunday, November 19, 2023 Offertory Collection

Bulletin deadline was too early to include this information because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Will be posted next weekend.

Always truly Grateful!



Sunday
Coffee and Donuts
Welcome All!
following 9:00 a.m.
Mass



November 26, 2023

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024

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:

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Scholarships 2023

The Parish is pleased to announce the following Scholarships for the Year 2023 for recent graduates, now new collegians, who have served the Parish in special ways over their High School years:

Anna E. Kelly Scholarships

Aeryn Vizy; Patrick Tolan; Cait Mullins

Smith Family Scholarship

Chloe Curtis

Eric Ciccone Scholarship

Massimo Bottari

Each awardee receives \$1,000.00.

The Parish will have an opportunity to present the awards at Mass during the upcoming holiday season when the recipients are home visiting family and friends. Congratulations!



Concert Series 2023-2024

Sunday, December 10 at 2 o'clock pm

New England Brass Band Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th at 5 o'clock pm

Christmas Chorale

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

December ~ For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

[Pope's WorldWide Prayer Network \(Apostleship of Prayer\) - EYM \(popesprayer.va\)](http://Pope's WorldWide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (popesprayer.va))

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

November 26, 2023
Solemnity of Christ the King

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory...” These words from this weekend’s Gospel (see Matthew 25:31-46) remind us that Jesus will return a Victor, with a kingship not of this world but of a “kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” The Universe of which Jesus is king is not measured by time, place or boundaries of either. This is a kingdom of God’s own loved ones. This is a kingdom built of relationships. It is based on God’s own love for each and every one he has created. This is a kingdom in which the Shepherd proclaims that the fullness of his intimate communion of love and life is given over to “one of the least brothers of mine.”

We usually think of this Judgment scene as the final judgment of all humanity. A friend has recently pointed out to me that we should be more precise. This is the Judgment not of all but of those who have not known Jesus. Indeed, the first group, who helped those in need, clearly say that they never saw him. The second group protest that they, too, never saw him and would have ministered had they seen. The possibility of entering the kingdom depends on having done good for the least of humanity, thereby doing good for the Lord. Those who have not known Jesus do have hope for salvation if they have done good for the least. This is true not because of their doing, but because Jesus has, in love, embraced our humanity and, in greater love, has in the weakness of his passion and death won salvation.

Today’s Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to contemplate our state in life when all has been said and done. We look upon our lives from the point of view of our relationship with Jesus. That is why each and every act of love, or neglect, of any little brother or sister is a privileged moment of engagement, or of tragic forgetfulness, in our relationship with God. Eternal Life is offered, according to the Gospel theme, not because you recognized the presence of God “in” the needy and poor. Rather, it is offered because you loved those needy and poor with the very same love in which God holds them. Such is the culmination of our growth in love with and for the Lord. When all is said and done, we love God by making our own God’s love for all, great and small alike. May you and I live by such love each day.

We celebrated these past days our observance of Thanksgiving. “Heaven and earth are full” of God’s glory, of that presence of Christ not only in moments we readily recognize as blessings, but throughout all our days. Even moments of needfulness that we do not readily welcome as blessings, are in fact blessings because Christ himself is especially present there. He loves us most deeply when we can say with him that we are “the least” of the company. All things are a blessing for those who learn to love as God does. If you learn to love as God does, you will become a blessing to all in and through all your loves.

Our final preparations are underway for our Christmas Fair Saturday, December 2nd. Please plan to join us. Raffle tickets are available after Masses this weekend as are tickets for the upcoming New England Brass Band Christmas Concert, a not-to-be-missed celebration.

Asking God’s blessing on you and your loved ones and with a fond remembrance for our All Soul’s Intentions this final week of November, 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 TREE GIVING

Each Advent Season, our parish donates approximately 1,500 Christmas gifts to needy children living on the North Shore. This wonderful program is coordinated with Catholic Charities North, and these gifts will be shared with neighbors that will otherwise go without. Catholic Charities prefers store gift cards but can accept donations of toys this year.

We will have two trees in the Church decorated with ornaments describing the gift needed. Returns should be made by December 11th, together with the ornament tag.

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING

Program begins This Weekend, November 25/26

Choose a Tag for a toy or gift card for someone in greater need.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PRESENTS

The New England Brass Band



Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm

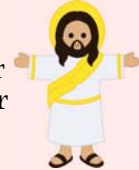


Tickets, \$15.00, at Masses and at Rectory.
Plan to join us with family and friends
for this annual Christmas Concert
extravaganza of sound and joy!

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 11th. In nice weather we meet in the gardens next to the Church and then we will move indoors to the Parish Center.



Growing
in Faith



Comments from Deacon Joe

Christ the King

We have arrived at the last week of Ordinary Time, beginning with today's Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year. Calling Christ "King of Kings" goes back to the Bible, but today's feast was only established in the 1920's by Pope Pius XI in response to the strife in the years following the end of World War I. He wrote that true peace would depend on Christ's reigning in human hearts. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christ_the_King.



At baptisms, the newly baptized is anointed with sacred chrism with a prayer that he/she will live as a sharer in Jesus' roles of priest, prophet, and king. One aspect of the kingship which we share is when we make the world a better place by bringing God's love to others by our words and actions. That's the sort of non-political kingship Jesus already exercised during his ministry on Earth. But how do we share in his status of King of the Universe, which we are celebrating today? Thinking back to God's command to Adam and Eve to "fill the earth and subdue it," we can see our care for planet earth — called for once more by Pope Francis in "*Laudato Si*" — as our participation in Christ's universal kingship. Our parish's "Creation Care Team" is enthusiastically taking on that role, but we also do it whenever we do anything that benefits the environment.

Christmas Fair On Saturday, December 2, we have a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. There will be items from our fellow parishioners as well as products offered by commercial vendors. Tasty and nourishing food will be available as well. Santa is expected to swing by. More details can be found in this bulletin. Not only can you find nice things to purchase, but it's also a good chance to hobnob with your fellow parishioners. Come and enjoy.



This week the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle is celebrated on November 30. He was the brother of St. Peter. After first encountering Jesus soon after his baptism, they were ultimately called to be his disciples when he encountered them at the Sea of Galilee while they were working as fishermen. Later, Andrew was the one who told Jesus about the boy with the five loaves and two fishes which Jesus would use for the miraculous feeding of 5,000 people. Tradition indicates that he preached the gospel along the Black Sea and northward to the areas that are now Kyiv and Novgorod. Based on that, he is patron saint of Ukraine, Russia, and Romania. Finally he founded the Church of Byzantium (Constantinople). Thus the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Churches is considered the successor of St. Andrew. He was martyred in the Greek city of Patras about the year 60 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_the_Apostle.



Have a good week.

Deacon Joe Whipple
November 26, 2023

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