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MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS

Believe

*When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.*

Righteousness

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023*

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, at the Rectory 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 **\$47,320.00**, (71% 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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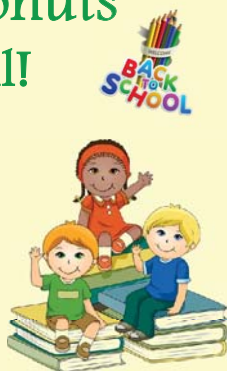
MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>September 30</u>
9:00 AM	Katharine Fitzgerald Mulhall
11:00 AM	John Wheeler, Funeral Mass
1:00 PM	Phyllis Roberts Davis, Funeral Mass
4:00 PM	Stanley Lane
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>October 1</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
11:00 AM	Susan Geary
<u>Monday</u>	<u>October 2</u>
9:00 AM	Patrick Thomas Kennedy
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>October 3</u>
9:00 AM	Michael Iacobucci, Birthday Remembrance
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>October 4</u>
9:00 AM	Baker Family and Friends
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>October 5</u>
9:00 AM	Those praying for an end to abortion.
<u>Friday</u>	<u>October 6</u>
9:00 AM	Mary Landrigan, 1 st Anniversary
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>October 7</u>
9:00 AM	Audrey Kennedy, 1 st Anniversary
4:00 PM	Albert Jordan
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>October 8</u>
7:30 AM	Jane Kelly, 1 st Anniversary
9:00 AM	Joseph Ryan, 8 th Anniversary
11:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>October 7</u>
4:00 PM	Msgr. Moran
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>October 8</u>
7:30 AM	Fr. Stephen
9:00 AM	TBA
11:00 AM	Msgr. Moran

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

Religious Education Registration Forms

Reminders have been mailed to all registered parish families with students from grades one through eleven. If you or someone you know did not receive a form please contact the office.

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Religious Education Classes
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have begun for the year
New registrations still continue

Confirmation 2023

Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00pm.

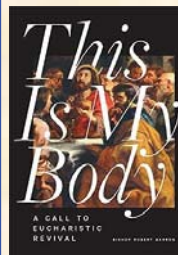
All new 11th graders, including private or Catholic School students, please register Religious Education as soon as possible for Confirmation this Fall (2023). Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

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Star of the Sea Women's Retreat



This year's Women's Retreat will explore Bishop Robert Barron's book: "This Is My Body."

The Church in the U.S. is in the second of a three-year program calling all Catholics to Eucharistic Revival. In 2019 the respected Pew Forum had released a survey that showed 69% of Catholics did not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, thinking communion a mere symbol and the Mass just a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. In response to this startling data, and the need for Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Barron designed his book to help us understand the sacrament of Jesus' body and blood more thoroughly so that we might fall in love with the Lord more completely.

Our retreat will be on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Breakfast and lunch will be included. Materials will be provided. We will complete our day by attending the 4:00 p.m. Mass as a group. You can register for the program by calling or visiting the Rectory. There is a fee of \$20.00 to help cover the cost of food and materials.

This promises to be a very rewarding day -- please join us!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

October 1, 2023
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.” This prayerful wish of St. Paul (see 2 Philippians 2:1-11) was not only his hope for his readers; it is also the Lord’s desire for all who belong to him. Our Church begins this week a Synod, a meeting of representative bishops, priests, religious and laity, to discuss ways in which we can better “walk the road together” (the meaning of the word ‘synod’). The aim is to explore ways in which all of us can work more effectively for the witness of the Gospel to the world today. Our society today needs clear and reliable witnesses, committed to the good not out of self-interest and self-assertion but in light of the good to be accomplished. It is a most important contribution that our Church community can make towards elevating the content and quality of our civil and political conversation today. The witness of a truth spoken in love makes all the difference.

The Gospel offers us a parable about two sons (see Matthew 21:28-32). One initially refuses his father’s request but relents and carries it out. The other readily agrees to his father’s directive, but does not in fact carry it out. The Lord asks the Pharisees: “Which of the two did his father’s will?” Their answer reflects their own attitude towards life. Concerning the mission of St. John the Baptist, they had just refused Jesus’ challenge to them to say whether John’s mission was from heaven or from human beings. In that light, Jesus affirms that tax collectors and prostitutes, those presumably who had once said “no” to God’s way, had then believed John the Baptist, changed their ways and were now on the way to the Kingdom ahead of the Pharisees. The Pharisees had initially said “no” to John’s mission and later, even facing the evidence of peoples’ belief and conversion, still did not move forward. In a real way neither the denying doer son nor the affirming shirker son really “does” our heavenly Father’s will.

The Gospel invites us to live in such a way that our words and our deeds are the same. We are to affirm with everything that is in us our belief in God’s love and show the same in our readiness to carry out the work that our Father entrusts to our hands. It is only if we cultivate that virtue of heart in which our words and deeds match in commitment to what is good, true and beautiful in life, can there be any hope whatsoever of an answer to St. Paul’s prayerful wish mentioned above. Only men and women who have united their words and their deeds to the true belief of their hearts have any hope of “being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.” Only people whose “yes” is “yes” and “no” is “no” are in any position to build the social cohesion and unity that the success of our human family’s endeavors requires. May we respond wholeheartedly to the Gospel’s call to hear Jesus’ Word, to say “yes” to it with a full heart and to strive to accomplish that same loving will in all we do each day.

"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Religious Education is about engendering and supporting an attitude of spiritual generosity. This is an attitude that gives life, that lifts up. Ours is not to have an attitude that is ever self-centered or self-assertive in the style of our contemporary society. The wonderful role of teacher, of catechist, is to mentor and to animate, calling forth an informed and genuine attitude of life and love in our youngsters. What they hear from the world will not nourish their heart and soul. That is a labor of love that God has entrusted to us, together. Please consider joining me in this ministry. Together we can awaken hearts and souls to a life of beauty, goodness and truth.

Asking God’s blessing on you and yours, I am,

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

**Saint Francis' Day
October 4th**



The Season of Creation continues through October 4th. The theme chosen for this year's Season of Creation is "Let Justice and Peace Flow," and it calls on the faithful to reflect on the relationship between justice and creation with regard to our nation's waterways. Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace issued a reflection which may be found [here](#) and at USCCB.org under Office of Public Affairs.

St. Francis' Devotion

Thursday, October 5th

The Parish Rosary Group will gather in the garden at the fish pond before the Statue of Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Rosary prayer will be dedicated to St. Francis in honor of his devotion to our earth and the animals who inhabit the earth. All are cordially invited to join them in prayer.



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

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

**October
For the Synod**



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level. May we allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world and witness the Gospel in our lives.

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$4,725.00 • Online: \$2,748.16)

Offertory Total: \$7,473.16

St. Vincent de Paul: \$50.45

Grateful for the support!

**Blessing of Animals
Sunday
October 8th
1:00 p.m.
Rose Garden**

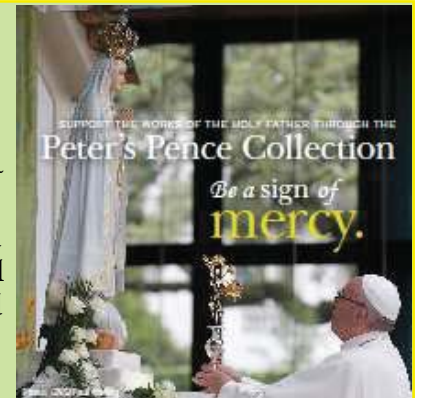


Bring your beloved pet, bring your misbehaving pooch, bring your clever cat, your overfed gerbil, your creature most in need of the Good Lord's Blessings. The celebration of the Blessing of Pets will take place in honor of Saint Francis, Patron of Animals. All pets are welcome on a leash, in a container or otherwise under suitable control (e.g. a bowl for your fish!)



**Second Collection
This Weekend !!**

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence.



When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the activities of the Holy See that assist his ministry.

Christmas Fair

December 2, 2023 ~ Save the Date!

Planning Meeting

Rectory on October 4th at 10:00 a.m.

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Christmas Fair Crafters

The Christmas Craft Group meet in the Parish Center, Conference Room B, now every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We are making items to be sold at the Christmas Fair on December 2nd. All tools, supplies and instructions are provided.

Use of the mini glue gun is required.



If you knit, sew or crochet and would like to make items at home to be sold at the Fair, you may do so.



New Members are welcome!

Save the Date! Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 15 (following the 9:00 am Mass)



Tickets: \$2.00 per person

Tickets on sale next week!

Volunteers welcomed and needed!

Help us mix, pour, flip and serve in great style!

Telephone the Rectory: 781-631-0086

Comments from Deacon Joe

October: Month of the Rosary

The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary has developed over the centuries, beginning in the Middle Ages. Perhaps the custom of reciting 150 Hail Marys divided into 15 groups of ten (called decades) was devised as a way for lay people to imitate the recitation of the 150 psalms by monks and nuns. The 15 decades were further divided into three groups of five with subjects for meditation called “mysteries” assigned to each decade. In this form it was approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1569. The greatest change since then has been the addition of five Luminous Mysteries to the long-standing Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. One aid to focus meditation is the “scriptural rosary,” in which a Bible verse related to the mystery is recited with each Hail Mary. Over the years many popes have encouraged praying the Rosary, and October is called the Month of the Holy Rosary. A more detailed treatment is available on Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosary>.

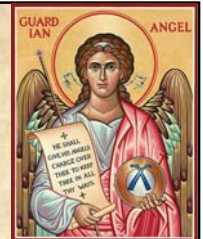


Congratulations to Matt Arnold,

our Music Director for a successful run in “Madama Butterfly” with Boston Lyric Opera. Matt had the role of Yamadori, which he sang and acted well. Matt has been active as a professional opera singer for ten years and has appeared in leading and supporting roles with companies around the country and in Europe.



This week we celebrate three obligatory memorials, beginning with the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels on October 2. Our guardian angels have a role in protecting us from attacks of the devil during our lifetime and especially when we die, bringing us safely before God <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07049c.htm>.



The Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi is on October 4.



Perhaps the most popular saint other than the Blessed Virgin Mary, he desired to imitate Jesus, above all in his poverty, and to “rebuild the Church” by preaching the gospel of God’s love to all. The world was ready to hear his words and the Franciscan order grew spectacularly during his lifetime. He also exhibited great respect for all of nature as our brothers and sisters, creatures of God, and can be considered the patron saint of ecology. He was canonized less than two years after his death https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi.

October 7 is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory of the Catholic League over the Ottoman Turks at the naval battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Turks were a threat to Christian Europe, and Pius had called for the Rosary to be prayed for the threat to be averted https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_the_Rosary.

**Have a good week.
Enjoy the Fall!**

~Deacon Joe Whipple
October 1, 2023

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