

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS



October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Many are invited, but few are chosen..."

-Matthew 22:14

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 **\$47,780.00**, (72% 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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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday October 14
- 9:00 AM Phyllis Davis
- 4:00 PM William and Bridget Landers
- Sunday October 15
- 7:30 AM Thomas R. Mahoney, M.D., and Thomas R. Mahoney, Jr.
- 9:00 AM *Pro populo*
- 11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle
- Monday October 16
- 9:00 AM Those praying for an end to abortion
- Tuesday October 17
- 9:00 AM Michael Iacobucci, 8th Anniversary
- Wednesday October 18
- 9:00 AM David Donovan
- Thursday October 19
- 9:00 AM Helene Clavette
- Friday October 20
- 9:00 AM William Francis Magner
- Saturday October 21
- 9:00 AM Martha Manning Cashman, 1st Anniversary
- 4:00 PM Phyllis Davis
- Sunday October 22
- 7:30 AM *Pro Populo*
- 9:00 AM Maria 'Kelly' Scimone Rizkalla
- 11:00 AM Daniel James Nolan, 1st Anniversary

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

- Saturday October 21
- 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran
- Sunday October 22
- 7:30 AM Fr. Stephen
- 9:00 AM TBA
- 11:00 AM Fr. Kelleher

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



Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, October 15

This Week!

This Week!

(following the 9:00 am Mass)



Tickets: \$2.00 per person
 Tickets at the door!

Volunteers welcomed and needed!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

Religious Education Registration Forms

If you or someone you know did not receive a form please contact the office.

Religious Education Classes



have begun for the year

New registrations still continue.



Confirmation 2023

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

Confirmation Retreats will take place in the coming weeks, beginning with the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, followed by Luncheon, Presentation and Discussion. Finished by 2 p.m. Choose One:

Sunday, October 22, 2023;

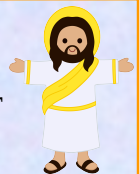
Sunday October 29, 2023.

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

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

FAITH AND PLAY THIS WEEK

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: **October 16th**, November 13th, December 11th. In nice weather we meet in the gardens next to the Church and then we will move indoors to the Parish Center.



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Marblehead, Massachusetts

October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Come to the Feast!" These words of today's Gospel (see Matthew 22:1-14) come from the Parable of the Wedding Feast. You and I are called to a feast of love and of life. We are called to live and to love to the measure of God's own life and love. If we limit our concern to just ourselves, our ways, our needs, we are cut off and do not find the fullness for which our hearts seek. If we recognize the depth and breadth of God's invitation to us and seek to reflect it in our love for our neighbor, then, and only then, do we come to full life in the power of God's saving invitation to us and to our world.

The parable asks us to reflect on our experience of life and of two principal dimensions of our destiny in God. First, life is no mere material circumstance. Rather, life is a Word of Invitation from God to share his joy with all: "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomsoever you find." The second dimension is that life invites a quality of total response. The fact of our response and in the quality of the response is represented in the parable by the wearing of a proper wedding garment. Our engagement in the joy of life is meant to show!

In the parable, as in life, many of the initially invited were not ready, nor worthy, to come. They understand life to be a measure of their own interests, needs and wants, and their own presumed advantage. They are too busy with the circumstances of life to respond to life itself, the Word of Invitation.

Yet, the invitation of Life-in-God is extended to everyone. Our equality before life is based on that fact, not the facts of circumstance, which vary. "The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples... the Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face" (see Isaiah 25:6-10a). St. Paul seeks to share with us his discovery: "In every circumstance and in *all* things I have learned the secret..." The measure of God's love communicated in the Word of Invitation is to be the measure of our own love and service in Christ. When we recognize the depth and breadth of God's invitation to us and seek to reflect it in our love for our neighbor, then, and only then, do we come to full life in the power of God's saving invitation to us and to our world.

A wide and comprehensive grasp of the love of God for our human family and God's invitation to us all to enter into the heart of this love by sharing it widely should be our aim. It is the prime foundation for the community of mind and spirit that is the focus of the current Synod on Synodality taking place in Rome. We are asked to pray that our Church community can discover effective dynamics of appreciation, respect and cooperation in dealing with challenging topics that are based in the workings of God's own grace. In this, we are called to witness to the world that it is possible to work towards comprehensive and real agreement over difficult divides. We are to show a way forward better than the polarization and mutual accusation that has become endemic in our own society and in our world. The dangers of terrible violence and loss of life that we see flaring in our world can be avoided. All peoples have been called to life by God. Our effective communion with our brothers and sisters helps us find our way forward.

Here at Star of the Sea, we are seeking a Parish Office Secretary to assist with our life and work. Effective skills in welcoming parishioners and patiently seeking solutions to various needs are the heart of the service. Principal responsibilities will focus on communications, and include interacting with all the components of the parish community. Work will include also telephone, email, scheduling, Bulletin and website. Strong computer skills in MS Office and an ability for multi-tasking are essential for the work to be shared. Please call or email me, as noted above, if you can help or pass the word along to someone you may know.

Asking God's abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



VIRTUS is an awareness program for child safety that identifies and trains parishioners in best practices designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "right doing" within the parish. The VIRTUS program empowers people to better control risk in all our activities and to improve the lives of all those who participate at any level. The word 'virtus' denotes a way of life and manner of behavior that always aspires to the highest, most positive attributes of people and aspects of our human interaction.

All parish staff, religious education volunteers and liturgical ministers must have received this training in order to serve. We work together for the safety and happiness of everyone.

Our Lady Star of the Sea will offer this training program on the following dates:

Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. *or*
Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Pre-registration [online](#) is necessary for the program.

Go to: Virtusonline.org

select: First time Registrant; click: Begin Registration;
 select: Boston, MA (Archdiocese), then follow the prompts.

The registration process will also show you alternate locations and times if our dates do not work for you.

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

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$6,454.00 • Online: \$5,042.83)

Offertory Total: \$11,496.83

Next Week's Special Collection

World Mission Sunday

Grateful for the generous support!

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. 22, 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 in the collection bin at the entryway of church.

Thank you very much for your help.

Recycling Drive

In partnership with the Marblehead Recycling Committee, our Creation Care Team is holding a recycling drive this Season of Creation. Please see the list below of the items we're collecting, along with the destinations. The donation box can be found in the Church entryway until the end of October.

Cell phones ~ to Cell Phones for Soldiers

Printer cartridges ~ to Staples

Eyeglasses ~ to Marblehead Opticians

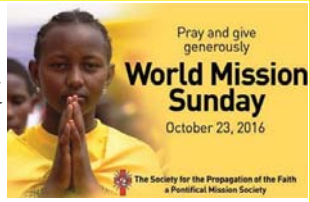
Hearing aids ~ to North Shore Hearing Foundation

Your assistance will put usable items to new use and will come to the need of those who can use help.

Thank-you!

World Mission Sunday

Next week's Special Collection supports Catholic World Missions. Together we assist 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. For Information: www.propfaithboston.org.



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Christmas Fair Crafters

The Christmas Craft Group
meet in the Parish Center,
Conference Room B,
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!

Christmas Fair December 2, 2023

Jewelry Table at the Christmas Fair

There will be a Costume Jewelry table at our Christmas Fair on December 10th. We invite you to donate costume jewelry items for this event. *Maybe there are a pair of earrings or a necklace 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!



Comments from Deacon Joe

“Nothing has changed.”

Monsignor McCarthy, the pastor of this parish in the 1960's, occasionally said, “nothing has changed,” after the Second Vatican Council. In a sense that was true, but it depends on what you mean by “thing” and “change.”

There is the story about the old man who was being interviewed. The interviewer said, “I suppose you’ve seen a lot of changes in your life.” The man answered, “Yep. Opposed them all.” It seems to be natural for us to think that the way things are when we first observe them is how they’re supposed to be, maybe even how they’ve always been. So we think that’s how they have stay or should have stayed. But change in human affairs is constant, even in the Church. The bishops at the Council of Nicæa did not celebrate the “Traditional Latin Mass” or employ the theology of Thomas Aquinas, who wrote centuries later. God has revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus and in the Sacred Scriptures, and through the centuries we have come to understand that revelation more clearly and express our understanding in various ways. We have worshipped God and celebrated the sacraments in different ways.

What we always hope is that changes in our words and practice will be improvements. This brings us to the Synod meeting now in Rome. We have the guarantee that the Church will not fall into actual error, but it is possible that the results of the Synod will be less than the best they could be in enabling the Church to spread the gospel and help us all grow in holiness. So we pray that the participants will discern where the Holy Spirit wishes to lead them. We can be confident that nothing will change in what is essential for fidelity to the gospel, while we hope that any changes in nonessentials will be useful for our life and work as God’s people now and in the future

This week the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr, is October 17. He was taken from Antioch to Rome about the year 107 to be thrown to wild animals.



On the way he wrote letters to several churches. These letters express the faith of the Church and tell us something about how local churches were organized around a bishop with priests and deacons.

They also give evidence of his zeal and courage as he looked forward to giving his life for Christ. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_of_Antioch

October 18 is the Feast of St. Luke, the evangelist, who



was at times a companion of St. Paul. It seems that he was also well acquainted with Mary and St. Peter. His gospel and the Acts of the Apostles spring from his connection with these witnesses to Jesus. His gospel is read at Mass on most Sundays every third year (2022, 2025, etc.) and at daily Mass in the fall. The Acts of the Apostles are read during the Easter season

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luke_the_Evangelist.

The North American Martyrs have a Memorial on October 19. They were eight Jesuit missionaries from France who were killed between 1642 and 1649, the first three in upstate New York, and the others in Ontario. They are the first canonized saints of the North American continent https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Martyrs.



*Have a good week.
Enjoy the Fall!*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
October 15, 2023*

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