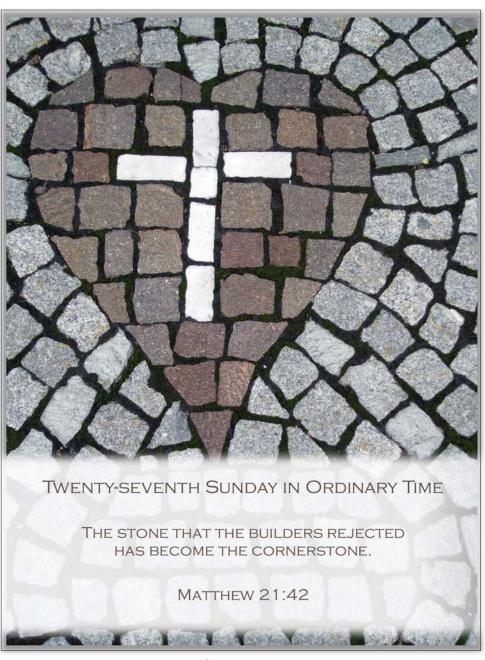
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October 8, 2023



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**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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# 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 7

9:00 AM Audrey Kennedy, 1st Anniversary

4:00 PM Albert Jordan
Sunday October8

7:30 AM Jane Kelly, 1st Anniversary
9:00 AM Joseph Ryan, 8th Anniversary

11:00 AM Pro Populo

Monday October 9
9:00 AM David Donovan

Tuesday October 10

9:00 AM Christine Pavalok and Lawrence Lay

Wednesday October 11

9:00 AM Margaret Iacobucci

Thursday October 12

9:00 AM

Friday October 13

9:00 AM Dr. Ronald Killiany

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

#### **UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

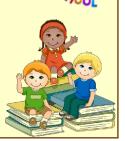
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Fr. Schmidt
Sunday
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
Fr. Kelleher
11:00 AM
Fr. Stephen

# Long Weekend Sunday's Coffee and Donuts

Welcome All!



following 9:00 a.m.



# 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.

Religious Education Classes

have begun for the year
New registrations still continue

# Confirmation 2023

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

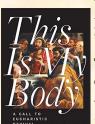
All new 11th graders, including private or Catholic School students, must be registered for Religious Education in order to receive Confirmation this Fall (2023). Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

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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 likeminded 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 8, 2023 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." The words of St. Paul from today's Second Reading (see Philippians 4:6-9) are an invitation to each of us to renew a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving to God. It is a prayer for renewal also for our Church as the Synod, in process since 2021 with consultations around the world, enters its first of two formal sessions. Knowing the polarization in our own society and the dangerous violence throughout the world, it is so important that our Church community can rise above such divisiveness and find its voice for the sake of sane guidance in our world today. The challenge is great and we pray that the best may be realized through this session and throughout the year to come.

All of that goes to the final and most important part of the "building plan" initiated by Christ in the formation of his Church. Over these weeks we have read about the Lord's actions. He founded his Church on the evidence of God the Father's grace active in the mind and heart of St. Peter, his Rock. To build us up together, in peace, Jesus both exemplified and called his followers to a courageous and kindly mutual correction. He insists on a forgiving heart, no matter how many times offences may be repeated. He does so because, in God, true justice and mercy are building stones of relationship, that fit together perfectly, so that we must not cut corners on either, but fully realize the demands of both. Last week we saw that the stability of our building demands that any gaps that exist between good intention and real action be overcome, so that what we say and what we do are of one and the same goodness. Today's parable of the vineyard puts the crowning piece in place, the most important of all. We are to learn to sincerely love and prefer the good of the other over ourselves and be willing to serve that good with all our heart. That is what holds the whole of life together in one piece. That is the way of Christ, the way of Church life and the way that brings us to heaven.

Let your heart sing anew of God's love! The Prophet, too, had prayed: "Let me sing now of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). So, too, are you and I called to let our heart sing out, celebrating the goodness of the Lord reflected in the good in our neighbor. Everything in our lives is to prefer that good over and above ourselves. When we see and celebrate that good, we rejoice. When we do not honor the goodness of God by preferring our neighbor's good over our own self concerns, then the sad picture of death, destruction, theft and dispossession mentioned in the parable of the Vineyard (see Matthew 21:33-43) befall our human family. Our world today falls apart to the extent that we have not listened to the master-builder, Christ, and have tried to construct society on an endless calculations of wants, needs and desires. Such leads to ruin. You and I, by our dedication to Jesus and his way of building, are to bring new hope to the world and help it turn away from violence and build for lasting peace.

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

Plans are rolling along too, for the Christmas Fair to be held on December 2, 2023. Mark your calendar early! Final spots at the Fair will be awarded soon.

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.

<u>All</u> 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.

<u>Pre-registration online</u> 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 ad 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, October 1, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$6,852.00 • Online: \$3,851.50)

Offertory Total: \$10,703.50

Holy Father Missionary Efforts \$2,355.65

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# Blessing of Animals Today I 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 of otherwise under suitable control (e.g. a bowl for your fish!)

# 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: 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.



# Seven Million Meals Walk

October 15, 2023

1:30 check-in; 2 p.m. Start First Church, Monument Ave., Swampscott.

Walk the 3-mile route along the Swampscott/Lynn shoreline. Help nourish our neighbors in need. Join us on the walk route or walk virtually your own way. Support My Brother's Table's Annual Walk. Register at: www.mybrotherstable.org/walk.



September 27 - November 5, 2023 Local Prayer Vigil information at 40DaysforLife.com

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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!



Help us mix, pour, flip and serve in great style! Telephone the Rectory: 781-631-0086

Comments from Deacon Joe



The first session of the Synod on Synodality is taking place in Rome this month. It has been described as intended to consider how we should "be Church" in the current world. After the Second Vatican Council Pope St. Pau VI established a Synod of Bishops to meet from time to time to discuss issues facing the Church and to present the Pope with thoughts and recommendations coming from a representative group of bishops from around the world. This was intended to broaden the input the Pope would receive beyond the Vatican bureaucracy. The current session is intended to reflect the thinking of the whole Church on how we can go forward taking into account the thoughts, concerns, and needs of the world -wide community. It is often pointed out, correctly, that the Church is not a democracy. It may also be fair to say that the Church should not be an absolute monarchy. The Pope has full jurisdiction as spelled out at Vatican I, but the insight of Popes Paul and Francis is that this authority should be exercised both prayerfully and advisedly.

Some people seem to fear that the Pope intends for the Synod to overturn the established doctrine of the Church in one area or another. It seems to me that such fears arise from a more generalized dislike of Pope Francis' leadership and they implicitly deny Jesus' promises that he would always be with the Church and that the Holy Spirit would lead us into all truth. So if you're worried about what the Synod will

do, I suggest you relax and realize that God will not let the Church fall into error. I also think we all should pray that the participants listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that all their conclusions will be helpful for the Church as we work to proclaim the gospel to the whole world. https:// www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/10/04/ pope-francis-homily-opening-mass-synod-246198

Catholic Update for October is available. Catholic It is titled "Beyond My Parish: The Universal Reach of the Catholic Church." It may sound as if this is about the worldwide extent of the Church, but that isn't it. It's about "the extent to which the

Church has entered into deep reflection and dialogue with almost every area of human interest and endeavor."



This week there are no solemnities, feasts, or obligatory memorials. There are several optional memorials, including, among others, St. John Leonardi, who founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and



Pope St. John XXIII, who called the Second Vatican Council.

> Have a good week. Enjoy the Fall!

> > -Deacon Joe Whipple October 8, 2023





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