

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts



September 3, 2023, Labor Day Weekend
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 16:24-25

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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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 2
9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli
4:00 PM John Dennis Sullivan, Month's Mind
Sunday September 3
7:30 AM Pro Populo
9:00 AM Timothy Sean Delehaunty
11:00 AM Pamela Sigular
Monday September 4
9:00 AM Tadeusz Urban, Month's Mind
Tuesday September 5
9:00 AM Rev. Jacques A. McGuffie
Wednesday September 6
9:00 AM Ann Thomas
Thursday September 7
9:00 AM Andrea Gleason
Friday September 8
9:00 AM Francis Brady
Saturday September 9
9:00 AM Mary Ellen Rice
4:00 PM Antonio and Belmira Pacheco
Sunday September 10
7:30 AM Pro populo
9:00 AM Terri Anne Jewell
11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation 2023

Save the Date! Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00pm.

Parochial School Students

If you have a rising 11th grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for their Confirmation in this Fall (2023). Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org

Religious Education Registration Forms

Forms have been mailed to all registered parish families with students from grades one through eleven. If you know of anyone who did not receive a form please invite them to contact the office.

If you have questions about Religious Education, please contact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email

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UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday September 9
4:00 PM Fr. Stephen
Sunday September 10
7:30 AM Msgr. Moran
9:00 AM Msgr. Moran
11:00 AM Fr. Kelleher



Join us in the Parish Center on Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.

Sunday's Coffee and Donuts



Recommence September 10th!



PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR

Start off the school year with a prayer! Our parish is praying for all of our students, families and teachers. Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year we implore your mercy: bless our students, teachers, and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen

Prayer taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007), USCCB 300.

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Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” These words of St. Paul (see Romans 12:1-2) form the main theme of our prayer for this weekend. They form, too, the center of my thoughts as I look ahead to the work, the labor of love which is ours to do with and for the Lord.

In the Gospel (see Matthew 16:21-27) Jesus instructs his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem. There he will face the mysteries of his passion and death. There, too, on the third day, he would be raised. Peter takes immediate and strong objection to all this: “God forbid!” But Jesus reminds him of the importance of “thinking as God does.”

When Peter thinks “as God does,” is he square true to his relationship with Jesus and his responsibilities to the members of the Church. If and when he thinks “as human beings do,” he risks becoming untrue to Jesus and unreliable in his responsibilities for others. Peter wanted to spare Jesus the pain of departure and the bitter opposition that lay ahead. Jesus reminds Peter that, so long as we are doing the will of God and doing it in the way God would have us, then we are not separated, but truly walking together in the pathways of God’s goodness. That communion of mind and heart in doing all and only what God may ask, is the greatest bond we can enjoy in this world and is the golden cord that will bring us together in the Kingdom towards which we journey.

You and I, then, this Labor Day Weekend, are asked to consider one very important task for our lives each day: to think as God does, not just as human beings do. That is, we are to consider each and every word and decision in the light of the great saving love in which God holds each and every one of us. When we do, we are rock square with God and solidly reliable in all our relationships. When we do, Jesus continues to build his community of love in us. Allow your life to be led by the wonders of God’s saving love and realize that grace by helping others find, each and every day, that in God’s love all is gained. In that love, none is lost.

Learn to think as God does. As our Summer breaks come to a conclusion with the reopening of the school year this coming week, we too receive from Jesus the renewal of his invitation to come and to follow him. In learning who Jesus really is, we come to know the truth of our own lives and destiny. We truly come to life in him. In our Parish we must make a new and concerted effort for the ministry of teaching in our midst. Teachers are the heart of our Religious Education program and catechists are needed in various ministries among us (Pre-Cana, new parents, youth, young adult, RCIA, Scripture study, bereavement etc.). My prayer is that a good number, including you, might be ready and generous in taking a greater share in the Lord’s work of building up his Church, of bringing new life and hope to others by teaching his ways. Learn by sharing. The challenges and dangers of the world around us are great in these days. All the more important is it to work with each other to form firm foundations on which to build life. We need your help to do so!

Asking God’s blessing on our labors this Labor Day Weekend, that our Religious Education Program and all our works may abound to the glory of God and the good of others, I am,

Yours in the Lord’s service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

LABOR DAY

A LABOR OF LOVE WITH THE LORD

Of all of the works of the Lord during his public ministry, that of **teaching was always prime**. Of all the duties of the Church community, that which has precedence is to teach. Of all the ways of getting to know the Lord more intimately, the most transformative is to join him in teaching the ways of faith.

Of all the many realities that **now** call for our attention as we live in communion of mind and heart in the Lord, the teaching of the faith is the one that most needs our Parish's attention.

Ours is a time of recovery from the disruptions of recent years. Ours is a time in which we know we cannot rely on the society around us to support or promote the more important values that define a **decent, holy life**. Ours is a time in which many in our midst know in a new way the need and desire to find their way forward in a more secure and wholesome way.

Spiritual health is one of many dimensions of our life and that of our children and young adults. But unlike the many other matters that clamor for our and their attention, our **spiritual health gives** life, purpose, direction and joy to all the others in a way that is unique. One must not do without.

You are invited, by the reality of Parish needs, by the good of our children and young adults, by your own call to know the Lord anew, to **join** me as a teacher in our community. We are to accompany, enrich and encourage a fullest life in our loved ones. Our aim this year is to set in place a renewed support



Creation Care Team

The first meeting after "summer break" will be Wednesday, Sept 13th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. We will discuss Season of Creation ideas, a recycling drive and more. All parishioners are invited and new members are most welcome. Please call the rectory and we will have the Zoom link sent to you.

Season of Creation Mass Join the Boston Catholic Climate Movement at a special Mass celebrating the Season of Creation (9/1 to 10/4) on Saturday, Sept. 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Paulist Center Boston. This Season unites the world's 2.6 billion Christians in prayer and action to protect Earth, our common home, and in discerning ways we can respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor as set forth in *Laudato Si'*. A reception will follow providing a chance to interact with other Massachusetts Catholics, including recent *Laudato Si'* Champion award winners. For details contact:

BostonCatholicClimate@gmail.com

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Offertory Collection

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Offertory Total: \$6,844.00

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Thankful for your Labor of Love!

Prayer for Work

Creator God,

Thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community, our nation, our world the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity of our global family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Amen.

From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice (USCCB, April 1998)

Christmas Fair

December 2, 2023 ~ Save the Date!

A Planning Meeting will be held at the Rectory on September 7th at 10:00 a.m. New faces always welcome. Bring your ideas and the best of your Christmas Spirit.



“

Give yourself fully to God.

He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness.

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

”

Christmas Fair Crafters

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

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

The Pope's September Prayer Intention

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Consider joining the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network by visiting "Popesprayer.va" on any device.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Labor Day

I've noted in past years that Catholics were prominent in forming the labor union movement in the United States in the late 19th Century. I've also noted that in his encyclical "Rerum Novarum" Pope Leo XIII endorsed the right of workers to form unions. Although Labor Day celebrates all wage-earners, not just unions, I'd like to suggest a couple of points.

First there is the principle of *subsidiarity*, part of Church social teaching, which holds that subsidiary institutions should be important independent actors in society. The central government shouldn't determine everything. Local governments should have their own authority, and private organizations should be able to make their own decisions for the benefit of their members. Labor unions are one type of institution in which people with common interests can join for the sake of their shared needs and interests, such as a living wage and good working conditions. This contrasts with socialism, which calls for the government to own businesses in order to protect the workers. Unions promote the needs of employees without being controlled by government.

Second, in our time, it seems that many people need to have two or more jobs in order to support a family (often meaning that both spouses need to work outside the home, with no one able to stay home and care for children). This is contrary to papal teaching, which calls for a "living wage," namely, a wage which will enable the wage-earner to support a family. I'm not an economist, and I don't know if current conditions justify the lower wages that are often paid. But the extent of unionization has shrunk as wages in some sectors of the economy have continued to fall short of a living wage. This in turn leads to calls to increase the minimum wage. It occurs to me to wonder whether stronger, more widespread unions would have helped maintain wages at a level closer to the living wage which the Church calls for.

Blessed Pope John Paul I

The Pilot for September 25 has two articles about "The September Pope." He was elected Pope on August 26, 1978 and died on September 28, the same year. The joyful informality of his weekly audiences was a great contrast to the formality of earlier popes. It made the pope approachable and, I think, made possible the warmth of St. John Paul II's papacy. John Paul I was beatified by Pope Francis on September 4 last year https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_Paul_I.



This week we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity (churchspeak for the birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, September 8. Various ancient legends tell of Mary's parentage and birth, and September 8 is the date of the 5th century dedication of a church in Jerusalem at the supposed home of her mother, St. Anne https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_of_Mary.



The next day, September 9, is the Memorial of St. Peter Claver, S.J. Peter Claver, S.J. He was born in northeastern Spain in 1580, joined the Jesuits in 1600, and went to South America in 1610. There his ministry to the African slaves was centered in Cartagena, Colombia, where he visited the arriving slave ships and proclaimed the gospel to the new arrivals. He also provided food and medicine for them. He was a tireless advocate for the human rights of the slaves. Over the course of 40 years of ministry he is believed to have baptized 300,000 people. He died on September 8, 1654, and was canonized in 1888. He is patron saint of missions to African people. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Claver



*Have a good week.
Enjoy the Summer!*

~Deacon Joe Whipple
September 3, 2023

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