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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 \$46,133.00, (69% 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.

You can also give online today by visiting **bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/**. Prayerfully Grateful!

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## 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 9 9:00 AM Mary Ellen Rice

4:00 PM Antonio and Belmira Pacheco

SundaySeptember 107:30 AMPro populo

9:00 AM Terri Anne Jewell
11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle

Monday September 11
9:00 AM John Wheeler
Tuesday September 12
9:00 AM Judith Anne Keating
Wednesday September 13

9:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Peter T. Martocchio

ThursdaySeptember 149:00 AMRev. Mario OrrigoFridaySeptember 159:00 AMColette Sullivan

9:00 AM Charles Henry Downey
4:00 PM Christopher Scott Aquizap

September 16

Sunday September 17
7:30 AM Pro populo
9:00 AM Rosario Belleau

11:00 AM Americo & Linda Traci, 20th Anniversary

#### **UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday September 16

4:00 PM Msgr. Moran (Deacon Joe preaching)

SundaySeptember 177:30 AMMsgr. Moran

9:00 AM Fr. Kelleher (Deacon Joe preaching)

11:00 AM TBA

Centering Prayer

Saturday

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

Welcome Back! following

9:00 a.m.

Mass

## Religious Education 2023 ~ 2024

## Religious Education Registration Forms

Forms 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 begin Sunday, September 17th

## Confirmation 2023

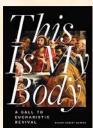
### Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00pm.

All new 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org. If you have questions about Religious Education, please contact the Religious Education Office 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 Baron'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 Baron 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

September 10, 2023 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law." This passage from St. Paul (cf. Romans 13:8-10) not only furnishes a conclusion to that great letter on Christian life, but also illumines the Gospel reading for this weekend. Having given the "keys" of the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter, and having begun to instruct the disciples all about the journey to Jerusalem and their share in his Cross, Jesus now points to the "key" issue of the cross: forgiveness.

Christ has come to win pardon for our sins and to renew God's life in each of us. He has done so in the mystery of his death and rising to new life. You and I are to "take up" the cross and follow in the Lord's way. We do so when, and only when, we forgive readily from the heart and thereby join Jesus in the work of saving the world, of opening the gates to the Kingdom of Heaven. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (see Matthew 18:15-20). You and I are to bind ourselves to the cross of Jesus and to the intention of Jesus' heart as he goes to his cross. You and I are to agree to pray, with Jesus on earth, his prayer of forgiveness from the cross, knowing that: "it shall be granted to them by my heavenly father."

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (see Gospel above). I am delighted that our parishioner, Lynne Celli, will be joining our Parish Staff in promotion of Faith Formation, truly a "key" role in our Parish. In religious education hers will be a responsibility to support and to sustain teachers in their service to our students and to assist parents generally to help them assume their roles as Spiritual Teachers of their children. Additionally, she will work with me to develop and to support teams of Parishioners, young and old, who will serve engaged couples, new parents, adult spiritual formation opportunities, RCIA team members, bereavement ministries and more. Lynne will be introducing herself at masses this weekend.

We begin next Sunday our new year of Religious Education. However, we still need more teachers in order to do our work well and happily. There is no more important mission or task in our Parish community than that of passing on the faith. We must teach our younger generation the meaning of the "keys" of life that Christ has handed on to us. As two and three gathered in the Lord's name, please join me, together with our group of experienced teachers, with Lynne as she begins her service and with other brothers and sisters in the Lord in this great task. We do it with and for the Lord.

Additionally, 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 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 interested.

Asking God's blessings on you and yours, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHING MINISTRIES

## 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 this 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

(Collected/Mailed: \$6,363.00 • Online: \$6,334.83)

Offertory Total: \$12,697.83 Next Weekend Special Collection:

Clergy Trust Fund

Please give generously for the support and health care of our retired priests.

## clergytrust



Our second collection next weekend is for the Clergy Trust Fund which supports our retired priests. Fr. Philip Des Rosiers who has served our Parish for the past 18 years is being helped by this fund in an important way now. Let us be generous in our support and recognition. ~Thanks!

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## Moving? New E-mail Address?

If you change your mailing address or e-mail address, please let us know as soon as possible to be sure that you receive all parish correspondence (which can be time-sensitive) as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you!



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## Christmas Fair Crafters

The Christmas Craft Group
will meet in the Parish Center, Conference
Room B, every Tuesday
starting this week, September 12<sup>th</sup>,
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 That Was Then; this Is Now

<u>Our rosters of liturgical ministers</u> are way down from what they were pre-Covid. Here are the numbers:

Year	Lectors	Extraordinary Minis- ters of Holy Commun- ion	Altar Servers
2016	34	54	40
2018	34	44	40
2019	33	53	45
2023	27	27	8*

\*There are adult altar servers who serve at the 4:00, 7:30, and 11:00 Masses.

As you can see the shortage is especially acute for altar servers. At this point we can only staff the 9:00 Mass most Sundays. Only 9 Lectors and 9 Eucharistic Ministers are available between the 4:00 and 7:30 Masses, which is pretty thin coverage.

So, I hope you will consider prayerfully whether you can and should serve your fellow parishioners in any of these capacities, and especially whether you know any young people, grades 3-12, who could commit to serving once every three weeks or so. You can respond by calling the rectory, or see me or Monsignor Moran

Catholic Update The September issue is available. It's titled "Sacred Art: Epiphanies of Beauty." There is much sacred art in our stained glass windows and statues, but we also encounter sacred art in other places and different styles. There is a startling picture on the front page, and the writer uses it to illustrate ways of approaching art prayerfully to gain insights that can help us understand and appreciate it and other artworks.



This week the biggest weekday celebration is on Thursday the 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. September 14 is the anniversary of the dedication of the Church of



the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem in 335. The feast also commemorates the finding of the Cross by St. Helena in 326 and the return of the cross to Jerusalem in 629, after its capture by the Persians in 614. We venerate the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation as we remember Jesus' call to take up our cross and follow

him https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast of the Cross.

There are also three obligatory memorials. September 13 brings the Memorial of St. John Chrysostom. He was born in Antioch about 347, ordained deacon in 381 and priest in 386. In 397 he became Archbishop of Constantinople. He died in exile on September 14, 407. He was a powerful preacher, especially on behalf of the poor and against luxury and conspicuous consumption by the rich. He wrote extensively on theological topics and is one of he four great doctors (teachers) of the Eastern Church <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Chrysostom">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Chrysostom</a>.

The 15th is the Memorial of <u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u>, formerly known as the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the Presentation of Jesus, Simeon told Mary that a sword [of sorrow] would pierce her heart. In the Middle Ages seven incidents in her life, beginning with that prophecy, were identified as her sorrows, and devotion to the sorrows spread. All seven are depicted in our church. We join ourselves to



On Saturday, September 16 we observe the Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop. Cornelius was Pope and Cyprian Bishop of Cathage in the middle of the third century. To the question whether those who apostasized under persecution could be received back into the Church, both answered, "Yes." Both were martyred for refusing to sacrifice to the emperor. They remind us to be firm in faith but merciful, as God is, toward those who are weak <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope Cornelius">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope Cornelius</a> (See also link to Cyprian in that article).

Have a good week.

Enjoy the Summer while it lasts!

~Deacon Joe Whipple September 10, 2023





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