

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults. Sirach 28:7



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

September 17, 2023

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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 **\$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.

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 16
 9:00 AM Charles Henry Downey
 4:00 PM Christopher Scott Aquizap

Sunday September 17
 7:30 AM *Pro populo*
 9:00 AM Rosario Belleau
 11:00 AM Americo & Linda Traci, 20th Anniversary

Monday September 18
 9:00 AM Robert Digiammarino

Tuesday September 19
 9:00 AM Carl Jache

Wednesday September 20
 9:00 AM Ralph and Joanne Anderson

Thursday September 21
 9:00 AM Robert Bouchard

Friday September 22
 9:00 AM Anita Balliro
 11:00 Rose Mary Donovan, Funeral Mass

Saturday September 23
 9:00 AM Kenneth Peterson
 4:00 PM Daniel and Jane Moriarty

Sunday September 24
 7:30 AM Donald Fraser
 9:00 AM Pro populo
 11:00 AM Daniel Joseph Nolan

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday September 23
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran

Sunday September 24
 7:30 AM Msgr. Moran
 9:00 AM Fr. Stephen
 11:00 AM TBA

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.

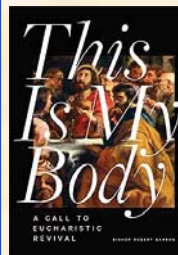
All new 11th graders, including private or Catholic School students, please register Religious Education as soon as possible for Confirmation this Fall (2023). Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

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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 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

September 17, 2023
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

I take this opportunity to continue introducing our new Faith Formation Director within the Parish community, and will do so with her own words... Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and encourage her in her new mission.

~Msgr. Moran

Lynne Celli – Introduction

My name is Lynne Celli, and I am the new Director of Faith Formation here at Our Lady Star of the Sea. I am humbled and privileged to be assuming these responsibilities alongside Monsignor and all of you. Many thanks to you and Monsignor Moran for making this possible for me.



In this role, my responsibilities will include working in faith formation for our parish community. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, working with our teenage population, working with the newly married, and working with the RCIA program, to name a few. In addition, I will be coordinating the religious education program, working with families, children, and teachers as a collective faith community.

I very excited to be part of such a vibrant and faith filled community here at Our Lady Star of the Sea, and am committed to becoming more involved with all of you as we work together to continue to be the welcoming community that we are and to expand opportunities for formation for all.

I come to this role being raised in the Catholic tradition. My Catholic faith has always been at the core of my family. When my great-grandfather immigrated to the United States from Italy, building the church was their first order of business. It was in this church that I and my children received all the sacraments and regularly practiced our faith until I moved to Marblehead and found my new home in this Catholic family.

I was Catholic school educated by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Sister of the Presentation. Additionally, I earned a Masters degree in Catholic School Leadership and a PhD in leadership from Boston College. I am the person I am today because of these influences.

My first teaching position right out of college was returning to my Catholic elementary school to teach middle school English and French. Five years later I welcomed the opportunity to become the first lay principal at my home parish (yes the same church built by my great grandfather and other family members) at the age of 27. I also was the first lay principal at St. Mel Day School in Gloucester. These roles of evangelization gave me the privilege to work with children, sisters, families, and communities to further our Catholic faith.

This next step for me is a seamless way to continue my servant leadership.

It is my hope that our journey together will expand opportunities for all parishioners and welcome new parishioners to find ways to engage with our vibrant parish community. From the words of Matthew Kelly, "...to always leave people with encouraging words, do good in the world, and stay on the journey..."

Again, I look forward to working with everyone and to personally getting to know as many of you as possible, so together we can continue the tradition of Our Lady Star of the Sea, as the welcoming community that it is.

Once again, thank you to Monsignor Moran for this opportunity, and I look forward to our journey together and to serving this community alongside all of you.

Thank you,

Lynne

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 for all volunteers.



Creation Care Team
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

Parish Pastoral Council
 Wednesday, September 20, 2023
 7:00 p.m.
 at Center in Conference Room B

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Offertory Collection
 (Collected/Mailed: \$5,956.00 • Online: \$2,406.00)
Offertory Total: \$8,362.00

Please give generously for the support and health care of our retired priests.
 Your kindness is deeply appreciated!





Our second collection this 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!

Learn more and give today at clergytrust.org/september

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Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September:
 For People Living on the Margins.



Saint John Paul II Shrine of Divine Mercy, Salem
 Symposium on Divine Mercy
 by Very Rev. Kazimierz Chwalek, M.I.C.
 Saturday, September 23rd
 Mass at 5:00 p.m. / Lecture at 6:00 p.m.
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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 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!

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

Save
the Date!



Tickets: \$2.00 per person

Tickets are going on sale soon!

Comments from Deacon Joe

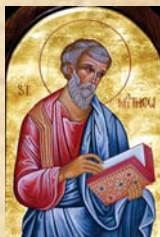
Farewell to Summer

The autumn equinox will be this Saturday, September 23, at 2:50 a.m. So that morning we'll wake up to fall. At least it's not winter, so I shouldn't complain, for now.

Oktoberfest in Munich begins this weekend and runs through the first weekend of October. This year it extends through October 3, German Unity Day. I've never been to Oktoberfest, and I don't particularly want to go, but I like the fact that it's been going on for over 200 years of good spirits, and maybe I'll have some bratwurst to celebrate along with the Bavarians and others who visit from around the world <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oktoberfest>.



This week the biggest weekday celebration is on Thursday the 21st, the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. As we remember, he was a tax collector. As such, he was working for the Romans; he was one of a group of people who were considered disloyal to Israel and so disloyal to God. Some people complained that Jesus ate "with tax collectors and sinners," the sort of people the "righteous" would want no contact with. When Jesus called Matthew to be his disciple, he showed clearly that God definitely did want contact with such people. No matter how much we have sinned, God wants us to come and follow him. He'll help us turn from sin, no matter how long it takes. And no matter how bad we think other people are, God wants them to follow him, too, so he can help them turn from their sins no matter how



long it takes [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew the Apostle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_the_Apostle).

Wednesday, September 20, is the Memorial of the martyrs Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions. Altogether 103 individuals were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on May 6, 1984. They were martyred during successive waves of persecution in Korea between 1791 and 1866. In addition to these heroic witnesses whose names we have, it is estimated that there were another 8,000 to 10,000 who were killed for the faith during these persecutions. In August, 2014, Pope Francis beatified another 124 Korean martyrs. May they all inspire us as well as the people of Korea [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean Martyrs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Martyrs).



Then on Saturday, September 23, we have the Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, O.F.M. Cap., popularly known by the Italian title and name, Padre Pio. He is one of the most famous saints of the 20th Century, zealous in hearing confessions and encouraging toward penitents, reputed to work miracle during his lifetime, and a recipient of the sacred stigmata — the wounds of Christ — early in life. He was concerned for the sick and was instrumental in having a large hospital built on the hillside above his monastery in southern Italy [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padre Pio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padre_Pio).



*Have a good week.
Enjoy the last of Summer!*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
September 17, 2023*

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