



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

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Matthew 20:16

Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last.

September 24, 2023 ~Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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 **\$47,320.00**, (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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MASS INTENTIONS

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**
Monday September 25
 9:00 AM **Rosemarie Sansone, 1st Anniversary**
Tuesday September 26
 9:00 AM **James Newhall & Margaret Newhall**
Wednesday September 27
 9:00 AM **Frank Scigliano**
Thursday September 28
 9:00 AM **Michael Butler, 1st Anniversary**
Friday September 29
 9:00 AM **Rev. Msgr. Laurence McGrath**
 11:00 **Helena Mace, Funeral Mass**
Saturday September 30
 9:00 AM **Katharine Fitzgerald Mulhall**
 11:00 AM **John Wheeler, Funeral Mass**
 4:00 PM **Stanley Lane**
Sunday October 1
 7:30 AM **Pro Populo**
 9:00 AM **Christina Rondinelli**
 11:00 AM **Susan Geary**

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday September 30
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran
Sunday October 1
 7:30 AM Msgr. Moran
 9:00 AM Fr. Stephen
 11:00 AM TBA

**Sunday's
 Coffee and Donuts
 Welcome All!
 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 ★
 ★ **have begun for the year**
New registrations still continue

Confirmation 2023

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

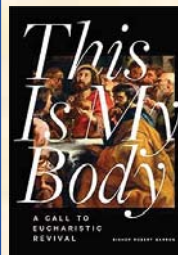
All new 11th graders, including private or Catholic School students, please register Religious Education as soon as possible for Confirmation this Fall (2023). Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

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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!

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Marblehead, Massachusetts

September 24, 2023
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ" (see Philippians 1:27a). Saint Paul's prayer and best wish is meant for each of us. As we complete our Summer season and begin Autumn, we ask that God be with us and help us live each season worthy of the Gospel of his Son.

"When the first came, they thought they would receive more... they grumbled..." These words from the Gospel this weekend (see Matthew 20:1-16a) tell of the reaction of some early workers, who thought they should receive more than later arrived workers who had seen but a short day. Sometimes we think mostly of the generosity the Landowner showed to the more recent workers, that he would give them a full day's wage. We can, and should, also think of the generosity of the Landowner to the full-day workers, to those very complainers.

The Landowner was, indeed, very generous to them. Even if he had not increased the agreed upon daily wage, he had sent them, time and again, new workers, new help, new company. Many hands make light work, or so the saying goes. The work-day of these complaining workers had been made much different and, by implication, much lighter because of the willingness of the owner to hire more and more co-workers. The owner was very generous to these complaining workers. They had received their agreed upon wage and they had received much help, much company and much improved conditions, though none of that was in their immediate ken nor appreciation.

How often, in our own prayers, we can fall into that same complaining spirit. We perceive what God may have done for others and we wonder why more has not been done for us. We fail to see that often, and again, God may have sent our way various offers of support, many persons to lighten our load, and many opportunities to go about the work of life in a new way, offering real help that comes our way in an unexpected manner. We think so narrowly of ourselves and our expectations that we fail to see how very generous the good God has been time and time again in our direction.

Such happens when we are too full of thoughts about ourselves. The Gospel invites us to focus on the harvest, the work that is to be done. We are asked to take satisfaction in the goodness of what is accomplished, not so much the amount, great or small, of our reward for the same. St. Paul tells us (see 2 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a) that "for me life is Christ." God has already given us everything that he is and everything that he has in the saving love of his Son Jesus. He invites you to a share in Christ's mission of bringing life and love to this world. All of life is ours in Christ Jesus. As God's thoughts are "above your thoughts" (see Isaiah 55:6-9) so may we pray to gain better perspective of what it is God invites us to accomplish in life, and realize how very generous God is to us each and every day.

Speaking of new workers to be sent in, 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 you can help.

Asking God's blessing on you and yours and upon all of our work together, 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 for all volunteers.

Saint Francis' Day October 4th



The Season of Creation continues through October 4th. The theme chosen for this year's Season of Creation is "Let Justice and Peace Flow," and it calls on the faithful to reflect on the relationship between justice and creation with regard to our nation's waterways. Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace issued a reflection which may be found [here](#) and at USCCB.org under Office of Public Affairs.

St. Francis' Devotion

Thursday, October 5th

The Parish Rosary Group will gather in the garden at the fish pond before the Statue of Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Rosary prayer will be dedicated to St. Francis in honor of his devotion to our earth and the animals who inhabit the earth. All are cordially invited to join them in prayer. If the weather does not permit an outside gathering, the rosary will be prayed in the church.



Blessing of Animals
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!)



Sunday, September 17, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$4,758.00 • Online: \$2,566.50)

Offertory Total: \$7,324.50

Clergy Trust Fund September Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$2,100.00 • Online: \$765.00)

Clergy Trust Total: \$2,865.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$105.00

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Christmas Fair Crafters

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

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

Save
the Date!



Tickets: \$2.00 per person

Tickets are going on sale soon!

Comments from Deacon Joe

Star of the Sea

The title *Star of the Sea* is based on an early interpretation of the meaning of the name Mary. When the idea caught on that Mary's name means "Star of the Sea," devotion arose for her as a guide for mariners, and then more generally as a guide for Christians showing us the way to heaven. The example of her life models how we should live, thus pointing us toward Jesus.



September 27 seems to be generally considered to be the "feast day" of Our Lady Star of the Sea (although it is outranked by the memorial of St. Vincent de Paul). She is the patron saint of the Netherlands and Hawaii. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady,_Star_of_the_Sea

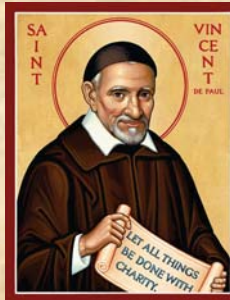
This week we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on September 29. In scripture Michael is seen as protecting God's people, Gabriel brings word of the future birth of Jesus to Mary and to Joseph, and Raphael is a guide to Tobiah on his way to marry Sarah and the bringer of healing to Tobit. May they continue to work for our well-being and salvation. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-michael-gabriel-and-raphael/>



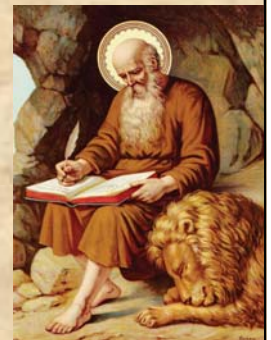
Formerly this was just the Feast of St. Michael, and it was known as Michaelmas (pronounced micklemas),

and in England it was the beginning of terms of court and university. Our Supreme Court's opening of its term on the first Monday of October, shortly after Michaelmas, is a vestige of that custom.

Also this week we have two obligatory memorials, beginning on the 27th with the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest. He is known today principally through the St. Vincent de Paul Society which cares for the poor, reflecting one of the saint's major concerns. (It wasn't founded by him but centuries later in furtherance of his concerns,) He founded the Congregation of the Mission (C.M. — the Vincentians) to work among the people of small towns and villages, and co-founded the Daughters of Charity. He died in 1660. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vincent_de_Paul



September 30 is the Memorial of St. Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin, a version known as the Vulgate. He also wrote extensively on theological topics and is recognized as a Doctor of the Church. He was born in the 340's and died in 420. He should inspire us to read and study the Bible. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerome>



*Have a good week.
Enjoy the Fall while it's possible!*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
September 24, 2023*

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