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"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

5 th Sunday of LENT March 26, 2023

~ John 11:25-26



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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME: Please make WEDDINGS: By personal appointment with a yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.

Sunday, March 19

Offertory Total: \$8,824.16

(Online: \$2,973.16 • Collected/Mailed: \$5,851.00)

Join in the Parish celebration of **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evenings at 6:00pm.* *On Good Friday, April 7, Stations of the Cross will be at 12:30pm and 3:00pm.

Soup & Stations Join us in the Parish Center on a simple supper of Soup & Bread following Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 31.

Weekday Masses (During Lent)

Monday through Saturday 9:00AM Mass

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 6:00PM—7:00PM Saturdays at 2:30PM—3:30PM*

*On Holy Saturday (April 8), the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 11AM-12Noon & 2:30PM-3:30PM.

Schedule for the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday (April 6)

7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper (No 9:00 AM Mass)

8:00 PM to Midnight—Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday (April 7)

9:00 AM—Morning Prayers (No Mass)

12:30 PM & 3:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM—Solemn Service

Holy Saturday (April 8)

9:00 AM—Morning Prayers (No Mass)

11:00 AM to 12Noon—Confessions

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM—Confessions

(No 4:00 PM Mass)

8:00 PM—Easter Vigil (1st Easter Mass)

Easter Sunday (April 9)

7:30 AM—Easter Mass

9:00 AM—Easter Mass

11:00 AM—Easter Mass (Church)

11:00 AM—Easter Mass (Garden)

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 25 4:00 PM Gina Jaworski Sunday March 26

Sunday March 26 7:30 AM Pro populo

9:00 AM Daniel James Nolan Birthday

Remembrance

11:00 AM Carol-Ann Hynes, Sr.

Monday March 27

9:00 AM For Participants in the 40 Days for

Life Prayer Vigil

Tuesday March 28

9:00 AM Nicholas Delfino 9th Anniversary

Wednesday March 29

9:00 AM Br. Paul Demers 4th Anniversary

6:00 PM Confessions

Friday March 31

9:00 AM Craig Snedeker

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 1

9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli

4:00 PM Joseph Reilly 23rd Anniversary

Sunday April 2 (PALM SUNDAY)

9:00 AM Maryjane Vaillancourt

11:00 AM Pro populo

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday April 1

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

Sunday April 2

7:30 AM Fr. Des Rosiers

9:00 AM Msgr. Moran (Deacon Joe Preaching)

11:00 AM Msgr. Moran

COFFEE

We will be gathering this Sunday in the Parish Center for Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00am Mass.

All are invited!

LITTER CLEAN UP

Let's do a little spring cleaning of our beautiful church grounds and pick up the litter that has accumulated this winter. Please join the Creation Care Team on Saturday, April 1 at 11:00am at the front of the church to help. Bring gloves, a bucket, and a picker if you wish!

Religious Education



Parochial School Students

If you have a 10th grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for Confirmation in the Fall of 2023.

First Communion 2023

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9:30am—12:30pm

First Communion Celebration

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on:

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:30am and 12:30pm. A sign-up genius link has been emailed to all Grade 2 parents to sign up with your desired day and time: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e48acac29a0fe3-first2#/ Opportunities are provided for those with special needs, who are unable to celebrate in a group. For those with special needs or special requests, please reach out to the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email Elaine at sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org. May Procession

On **Sunday, May 14**, Mother's Day, all First Communion students will return for the May Procession (**9:00 Mass**) and the crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Grotto.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Blast off on a "Stellar" Bible adventure!

Explore the starry night in Bethlehem,

follow the star to Jesus in the manger, and learn how YOU can shine Jesus' light! Vacation Bible School will be:

Dates: Monday, June 26—Friday, June 30
Time: 9:30am—12:30pm Ages: Grades K—6
Location: Parish Center (80 Atlantic Ave)

Cost: 1 child \$75 • 2 children \$125 • 3+ children \$150
Register NOW at → vbspro.events/p/events/ecb457
Questions? Please contact the Religious Education Office.



A time to grow in faith through play for our youngest parishioners.

Come and learn about Holy Week!

Parents and children ages Baby through 5 years are invited to join us in the Parish Center to learn about Holy Week through play. This play group meets monthly and each session includes time for a story, activity, snack, and play time. RSVP to Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com.

WE SHARE

We offer this alternative to parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea. You have the option of making your weekly offering to our parish online through We Share by visiting us at www.sosmarblehead.org.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live" (see John 11:1-45). With today's Gospel we open our celebration of Passiontide. Jesus speaks with his friends, Martha and Mary, who are grief stricken over the death of their brother, Lazarus. He tells them, and us, it is by following in Christ's way that we come to see the glory of God: "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" In fulfillment of the prophet's promise we see Jesus enact the wonder they foretold: "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them" (see Ezekiel 37:12-14). Together with St. Paul we profess our hope that: "the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you" (see Romans 8:8-11).

Our Lenten Journey has been guided by three great readings from John's Gospel. Two weeks ago we prayed the passage of Jesus with the Woman of Samaria. Last week, it was the Man Born Blind. This week it is the raising of Jesus' friend, Lazarus, from his tomb. In each of these passages, the Lord Jesus reveals to his interlocutors, and to us, the principal realities of his identity. To the Woman of Samaria his conversation reveals him as 'the Christ.' To the Man Born Blind he is shown to be 'the Son of Man.' To Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Jesus proclaims that he is 'the Resurrection and the Life'. The three passages deepen our understanding of who Jesus is so that we might more fully celebrate the mysteries of his death and resurrection.

The same passages describe the steps of our own spiritual journey: from hearing, to seeing, to drawing near in love. The conversations with the Woman of Samaria focused on the Word that is *heard* and that calls us to worship in Sprit and in Truth. The opening of the Man's eyes asked us *to see* and to begin to understand the deeper meaning of the Lord's mission to reveal the judgment of God's saving love. The raising of Lazarus asks us to *believe* in Jesus as the Resurrection and Life and to draw closer to him as friends, not servants, in his saving love. Each of us is *to hear* in the circumstances of our lives and, especially, in the people God brings into our lives, his Word of invitation to follow in his ways. We are, then, to come *to see* the deeper meaning of that call by committing to live out the Word of Christ fully with regard to our responsibilities and the realities of life as they are presented to us. In doing so, we come to deepen our *friendship* with Christ and our trust in the powers of his Word. In that friendship, a communion of mind and heart with Christ, we will discover the power of God's New Life already in us. We learn to live, even now, by the life and love of God. We rise with Christ today, to begin to live a level of happiness and purpose that no obstacle, no challenge, not even the mystery of our physical death in this world, can ever take from us. We live a new life in Christ.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, begins our celebration of Holy Week and of the Easter Triduum. Make the choice to participate in the ceremonies of Holy Week, and deepen your relationship with the Lord that is therein celebrated. The Lord's Supper, the adoration of the Eucharist, the Commemoration of the Lord's Death and the Easter Vigil are the most important prayer moments of our Church year. May we discover together the greatness of New Life in Jesus. You will not regret the decision. You will rejoice with Him in a new way!

This evening, Sunday March 26th, join us at 5 pm for our Lenten Concert: "The Seven Last Words of Christ." It promises to be a moment of fine musical experience and an excellent meditation on the meaning of the Lord's gift of his life, in love, for us. Wonderful beginning for our Paschal Festivities!

Additional Easter Confession opportunities: Wednesday Evenings 6:00 to 7 pm this week, March 26th and Holy Week, April 2nd.

Yours in the Lord's service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Caster Flower Collection

The beauty of spring flowers reflects the joy of Easter. We invite you to remember your loved one(s) with a flower donation in their memory. The Church will be decorated with flowers funded by your donations during the Easter season. We will also remember your loved one(s) in a special Memorial List. Flower envelopes are available at all Church entrances and on the back porch of the Rectory. Please place your donations in the regular offertory collection, or return them to the Rectory.



Lenten Scripture Study

Monsignor Moran is leading a Lenten Scripture Study titled "Fxodus: Journey towards Freedom" in the Parish Center. This enriching Bible study is held in five (5) concurrent weekly sessions on:

Tuesday evenings at 7 - 8pm

Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm

Week 4 of the 5-week session will be this Tuesday, March 28 & Wednesday, March 29. Pre-registration required. Materials are provided at each meeting.



A 40-Day Vigil of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2

You are warmly invited to join 40 Days For Life. This peaceful prayer Vigil takes place on the public sidewalk in front of the Cummings Center in Beverly on Route 62 (Elliot St.) daily from 7AM to 7PM. HealthQ, the local abortion mill — where infanticide takes place on-site — is located on the premises. Take some time to fast and pray. Join 40-Days for Life to bring awareness that every life matters! Please park at the Stop & Shop across the street. Participants are asked to assemble on any one of the 4 corners available on Elliot Street. More information at www.40daysforlife.com, or email John at awacinpi@comcast.net for Beverly campaign details.

Easter Clothing Drive

Thank you sincerely for your generosity. We wrap up our Easter Clothing Drive this weekend. Please return your gift to the Church or the back porch of the Rectory by Monday, March 27. Gift

> card donations can be dropped of at the Rectory, in the front inner door mail slot.

Your support makes a huge impact!





OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONCERT SERIES

Join us this weekend for an unforgettable Lenten Musical Offering in the Church this

Sunday, March 26th at 5:00pm

featuring the grand choral masterwork

'The Seven Last Words of Christ' by Theodore Dubois

The Adult Choir, under the direction of guest conductor Mark Nemeskal will be joined by renowned Organist Rosalind Mohnsen, choristers from across the Archdiocese as well as featured soloists: Holly Cameron, Star of the Sea's very own Matthew Arnold, and Benjamin Hansberry.

Attendance is free for all. Free-will offerings are greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Matt Arnold, our Music Director, after weekend Mass in the Church, or email sosmusicdirector@aol.com.



The Mass Parts can be found on Page 14 of the Heritage Missal.

The 2023 Catholic Appeal is starting strong! We are grateful to those who have already responded generously to the Cardinal's invitation. So far, we have raised 28% of our goal of \$66,400.

As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community — both directly within our parish and to the greater Church. Thank you for making us stronger together by responding in faith, hope, and charity. For more information, or to make a gift online, visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/.

Altar Server Training

We have a training session for Altar Servers on Monday, March 27 at 3:00PM in the Church. This training session is for new and seasoned Altar Servers. We welcome all ages (grade 3+) into this ministry. Children assigned Monday Religious Education classes will be excused from class if attending this training. If you have any questions about serving, please email Deacon Joe at jewhipple@comcast.net.

Please join us!

Scenes from our St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Thank you to all who were able to join us for St. Patrick's Day festivities!
Thanks to our many volunteers, including those who baked homemade Irish soda bread.



Comments from Deacon Joe Getting Closer

As we get closer to Holy Week and Easter this is a good time to continue looking at <u>Desiderio</u> <u>Desiderave</u>, Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter about the Liturgy. As we saw last time I wrote about it. the pope calls for "Amazement before the Paschal Mystery: an essential part of the liturgical act." I hope our celebrations this Holy Week and Easter will be filled with this amazement.

Pope Francis quotes St. Paul VI at the Vatican Council, who pointed out that God must have first place in our lives; prayer is our primary duty; and the liturgy is both the first source of communion with God and "the first school of the spiritual life." Given that the liturgy is so fundamental in the Church's life, Pope Francis notes that the current controversies about the current liturgy vs. the older form go to the heart of our understanding of the Church. If Vatican II is valid — and how could the work of all the bishops of the world not be valid? — then the liturgical reform it led to must also be. So, he concludes, the forms

established by Sts. Paul Vi and John Paul II "are the unique expression of the *lex orandi* [law of prayer] of the Roman Rite." When some in the Church refuse to accept the reformed liturgy, the controversy becomes a distraction from growing in our understanding of the liturgy and "let[ting] ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes."

So let's try to remind ourselves, at every Mass, but especially during Holy Week and on Easter, that by means of the liturgy we become present at the first Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Amazing!

Spring crept in last Monday at 5:24 p.m., the vernal equinox. I'm looking forward to the warming trend we can expect over the next few months: birds, flowers, nice weather, and all that. I hope the accompanying pollen won't be too bad for those with hay fever.

This week there are no celebrations to disrupt our Lenten routine.

Have a Blessed Lent. Enjoy the Spring.

~Deacon Joe Whipple, March 26, 2023





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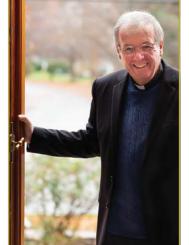
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