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The Church is open daily from 7:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am

Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday



“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.” Matthew 21:9

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



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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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 2:30-3:30pm. Also upon request, at any reasonable time. Please contact the Rectory to make an appointment.

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: To make arrangements for a Funeral, please 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.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023

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.



April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence.



We Share

THE PREFERRED METHOD OF GIVING

Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish offers online giving through WE SHARE as an alternative to parishioners. Online giving is an easy, secure option for your weekly offering to our parish. Visit us at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the We Share link to get started.

COFFEE

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



All are invited!

The Easter Clothing Drive...

was a great success! Because of your generosity, many children will celebrate the Holy Day in new Easter finery. We thank Marylyn Kusek and her committee for their outstanding effort and commitment to brightening the lives of deserving youngsters.



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

Ages: Parents & Children (Baby - 5 Years)

Date: Monday, April 3 at 3:15 - 4:00pm

Come learn about **Holy Week** this Monday, April 3. Our Faith & Play group meets once a month to give our youngest parishioners time to play while they learn about our faith. Each session includes time for a story, activity, snack, and play time. Spring sessions are held in the Parish Center. Email your RSVP and any questions about this group to Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com to RSVP.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 1
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
4:00 PM	Joseph Reilly 23rd Anniversary
Sunday	April 2 (PALM SUNDAY)
7:30 AM	Anne Healy
9:00 AM	Maryjane Vaillancourt
11:00 AM	Pro populo
Monday	April 3
9:00 AM	Joanne Callahan 5th Anniversary
Tuesday	April 4
9:00 AM	Benjamin John Ramos, Jr. Birthday Remembrance
Wednesday	April 5
9:00 AM	David Donovan
6:00 PM	Confessions
Thursday	April 6 (HOLY THURSDAY)
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight
Friday	April 7 (GOOD FRIDAY)
9:00 AM	Morning Prayers
12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Commemoration of the Lord's Death
Saturday	April 8 (HOLY SATURDAY)
9:00 AM	Morning Prayers
11:00 AM	Confessions until 12Noon
2:30 PM	Confessions until 3:30 PM
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil—Pro populo
Sunday	April 9 (EASTER SUNDAY)
7:30 AM	Benjamin Riola Ramos
9:00 AM	Dan Smith
11:00 AM	Rosario and Rosalia Cutietta

Religious Education



The last Religious Education class for the 2022/23 school year will be this Wednesday, April 5, 2023.



Happy Holy Week!

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 sosreligiused@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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	April 8 (Easter Vigil)
8:00 PM	Monsignor Moran
Sunday	April 9 (Easter Sunday)
7:30 AM	To be announced
9:00 AM	Monsignor Moran
11:00 AM	Father Kelleher (<i>Church</i>)
11:00 AM	Monsignor Moran (<i>Garden</i>)



Upcoming Meeting

There will be a **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting on **Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the Parish Center Conference Room.



Sunday, March 26

Offertory Total: \$7,983.00

(Online: \$1,934.00 • Collected/Mailed: \$6,049.00)

Join in the Parish celebration of Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 7) at 12:30pm and 3:00pm



Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday (April 5) at 6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Holy Saturday (April 8) at 11:00 AM—12Noon & 2:30 PM—3:30 PM

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

We gather this weekend to begin Holy Week, and the celebration of the mysteries of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Jesus enters with joy into the Holy City, Jerusalem, to accomplish for us his mission to save. The minute preparations for his entry remind us of the careful setting of all that is necessary for the accomplishment of his mission.

I ask each one of you to consider a fulsome celebration of Holy Week this year. If you regularly join us for the celebrations of the Lord's Supper, the Commemoration of his Holy Death and the first announcement of his Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, then I ask you to reach out and bring someone along with you this year. If you have not recently made these three days of prayer with the Church community, why not do so this year? Maybe you have done one or another. Maybe you haven't attended for years. Maybe this would be your first experience of the Church's most solemn moments of prayer together. Know that the invitation is there, from the Lord, and the best way to answer is "Yes"!

"You have said so." This enigmatic response of Jesus during his passion ordeal is highlighted in Matthew's account, which we pray this year. In key moments with Judas, with the High Priest and with Pilate, Jesus points out that the speaker himself already knows the truth of what is said. The challenge, of course, is whether one accepts and follows that truth or whether one, knowing inwardly what should be done, goes and does something less. As we prepare through Palm Sunday of the Passion to accompany Jesus spiritually through his passions, death and resurrection, we are reminded that our very lives already "say so," already proclaim a truth about God, his love, mercy and forgiveness. We ask for the grace that, by walking this Way with Jesus, we welcome the truth that wells within us like living water, as did the Woman of Samaria. We pray that we welcome that truth that shines as we open our eyes to recognize the wonders of God's mercy, as did the man born blind. We pray that we might come to new life in Jesus, as did Lazarus, his friend, by hearing the Lord call us to come out of the dark tomb of inaction, and be set free from all that ties us down.

Wednesday of this week we have confessions from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Again, confessions will be offered on Saturday from 11a to 12p and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Eucharist was given "for the forgiveness of our sins." The Lord offered his life on the cross for the redemption of the human race. There is no better way to make these blessings our own than by going to Jesus in this Sacrament of Penance that is his Easter gift to the Church, and to receive from him, through the ministry of the Church, the absolution of your sins. Come alive in his mercy; come alive in Christ!

One aspect of the Holy Week celebrations which has been largely absent here at Star of the Sea is the Eucharist Watch from the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday evening, until midnight. During that time the Church is open and the faithful are encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the Eucharist in the tabernacle, responding to the Lord's request of his disciples: watch and pray with me, that you not undergo the test. This prayer is, then, for ourselves, our children, families, friends and neighbors. Please consider a visit to the Church during that time, especially if you were not at the Mass, and offer your heart and life with the Lord in the mysteries of his great gifts of love.

May our celebrations of the mysteries of Holy Week draw us closer to God in his love!

Yours in the Lord's service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



Easter 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 *"Exodus: 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 or
Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm**

The final week of our 5-week session will be this Tuesday, April 4 & Wednesday, April 5.

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 12 Noon—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)



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONCERT SERIES

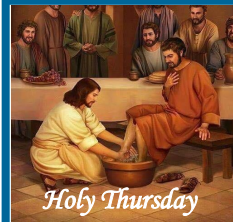
We are excited to announce that our third concert in our Concert Series will be

Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00pm

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com. Our Adult Choir meets for rehearsal in the organ loft every Thursday at 7:00pm. Our Children's Choir meets for rehearsal in the organ loft every Sunday at 8:15am. *New members are welcome!*



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



Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday's collection will support the Christian Service programs at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Our parish has many successful programs that benefit our fellow human beings and guide us in corporal works of mercy.

We sincerely appreciate your generosity in supporting these faith-enriching programs.



Good Friday

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Next week, at all of our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit





Soup & Stations

A simple supper of Soup & Bread followed the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 24. This Soup & Stations was sponsored by our Rosary Group. The Rosary Group is open to all, and meets to pray the Scriptural Rosary every Thursday morning in the Church following the 9:00am Mass.



The 2023 Catholic Appeal is in full swing. We are so grateful to those who have already responded generously to the Cardinal's invitation. Thank you!



So far, we have raised **43% of our goal of \$66,400.** It all starts with YOU putting your faith into action! Give online now at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Holy Week

Holy Week begins today. I especially encourage everybody to attend the special liturgies commemorating the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection of Jesus on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. The bulletin also gives information about Masses on other days, opportunities for Confession, and Stations of the Cross as well. The Sacred Triduum is the most sacred time in the year, so try to treat it as particularly special.

A new book is now available in the church. Titled *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*, by Brant Pitre, it delves deeply into what Jewish scripture and tradition can tell us. As the author writes in the Introduction, "By focusing on the Jewish context of Jesus' teachings, ... all of his words come alive in a way that is exciting and powerful. ... [I]t is precisely the Jewish roots of Jesus' words that will ... unlock the secrets of who he was and what he meant when he said to his disciples, 'Take, eat, this is my body.'" I'm sure it can

help you come to a deeper understanding of the Mass and a greater enthusiasm for it. I have begun to read my copy of the book, and I'm very excited about it.

Recent Events On March 25 I attended the Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine at Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church in Forest Hills. Cardinal Seán and the Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia presided, and both spoke very well of the need for peace and of the importance of defeating Russia's aggression. The Globe carried a story, which should be available on line, as is the Pilot's coverage. Last Sunday, I was at the concert in our church, featuring "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. The performers did very well. Congratulations to all, especially to our Music Director Matt Arnold, who organized it. I'm looking forward to future concerts.

This week we observe Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum.

*Have a good week
Enjoy the Spring.*

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
April 2, 2023*

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