

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

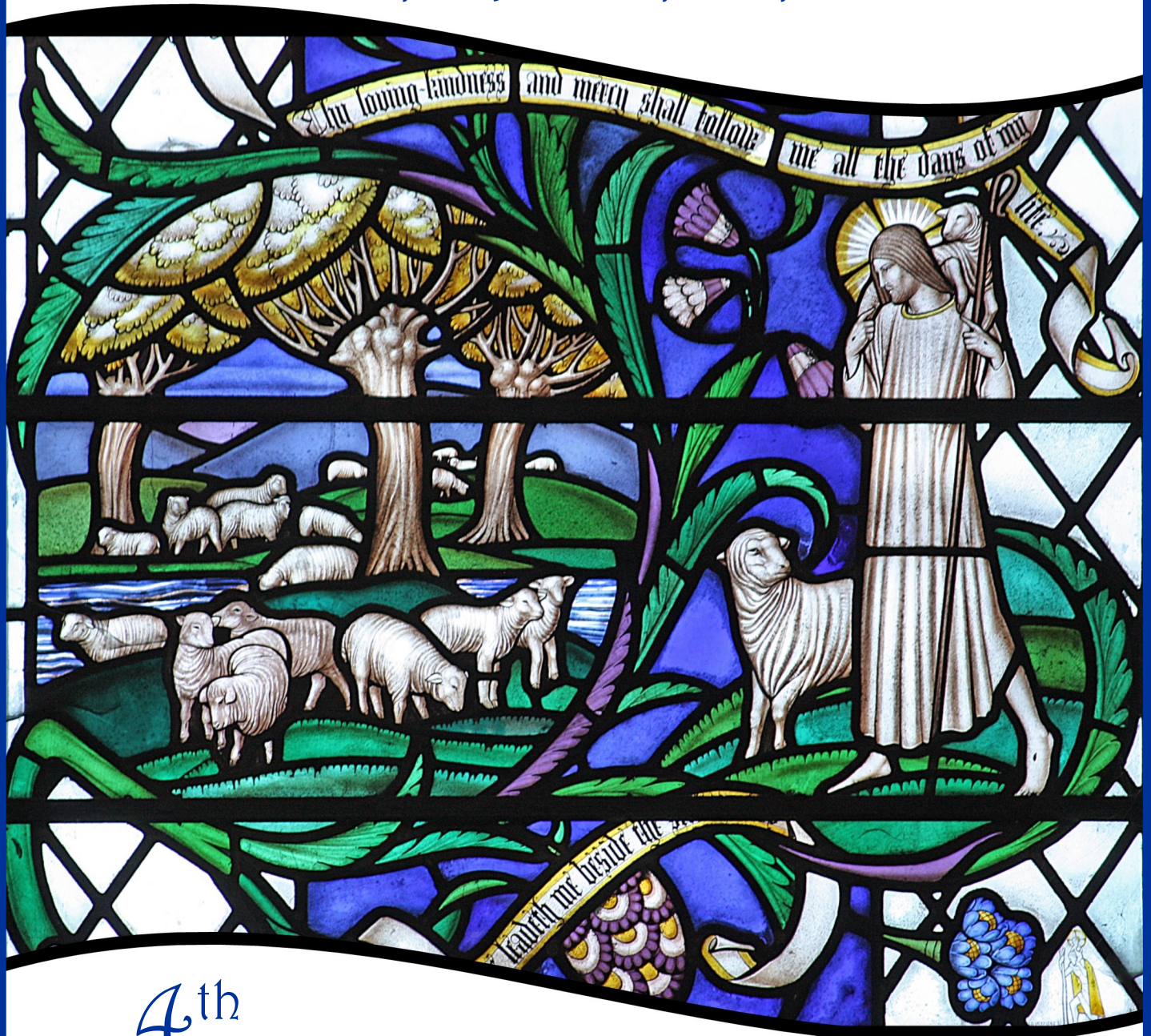
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Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am

Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday



4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday of  
Easter

April 30, 2023

Jesus said, "Amen, amen,  
I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.  
Whoever enters through me will be saved."

John 10:7,9

Photo: Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

# 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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**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 May

### For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



## We Share

### THE PREFERRED METHOD OF GIVING

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 through **WE SHARE**. Simply visit our parish website at [www.sosmarblehead.org](http://www.sosmarblehead.org) and click on the WE SHARE link to get started.

## COFFEE

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



*All are invited!*

## 2023 Vacation Bible School

# STELLAR

Shine Jesus' Light

# June 26-30

Monday – Friday	1 child \$75
9:30a – 12:30p	2 children \$125
Grades K – 6	3+ children \$150

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# STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Vacation Bible School is held at the Parish Center, located at 80 Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead, MA.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday April 29**  
 9:00 AM Colette Sullivan  
 4:00 PM Mary Crowley Birthday Remembrance

**Sunday April 30**  
 7:30 AM Pro populo  
 9:00 AM James Velleco  
 11:00 AM Ellen Pero

**Monday May 1**  
 9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli

**Thursday May 4**  
 9:00 AM Arthur L. Fischer

**Friday May 5**  
 9:00 AM Mary Lou White

**Saturday May 6**  
 4:00 PM Marie L. Wall

**Sunday May 7**  
 7:30 AM Pro populo  
 9:00 AM Sean Fenton  
 11:00 AM Mark Tripodi

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

**Saturday May 6**  
 4:00 PM Monsignor Moran

**Sunday May 7**  
 7:30 AM To be announced  
 9:00 AM Monsignor Moran  
 11:00 AM Father Kelleher

**Sunday, April 23**

(Online: \$2,628.16 • Collected/Mailed: \$3,925)

**Offertory Total: \$6,553.16**



**MARY,  
 OUR MOTHER**  
 The month of May  
 is dedicated to  
 our mother, Mary.  
 Spend time with  
 her in prayer.

**Religious Education**

**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.**

**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.

**Parochial School Students**

If you have a 10<sup>th</sup> grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for their Confirmation in this Fall (2023). Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email [sosreligiously@staroftheseamarblehead.org](mailto:sosreligiously@staroftheseamarblehead.org).



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

**Ages: Parents & Children (Baby - 5 Years)**

**Date: Monday, May 8 at 3:15 - 4:00pm**

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.

Please email RSVP and questions to Jaclyne Ainlay at [jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com](mailto:jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com).

**Altar Server Training**

We have a training session for Altar Servers on:

**Monday, May 1 at 3:00pm**

This training session is for new and seasoned Altar Servers. We welcome all ages (grade 3+) into this ministry. Training will be held in the Church.

If you have any questions about serving, please contact Deacon Joe at [jewhipple@comcast.net](mailto:jewhipple@comcast.net).



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 30, 2023  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (see John 10:1-10). These words of Jesus form the heart of our prayer this weekend. Jesus is, as Peter says (see 1Pt 2:20b-25): “The shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

So that Jesus might bring you abundant life, and so that he might shepherd and guard your soul, Jesus enters your “sheepfold through the gate.” Unlike the thief who “come only to steal and slaughter and destroy,” Jesus, our Good Shepherd, comes directly to the gate, the main door of your mind and heart. He calls you to think. He calls you to choose. He calls each of you by name.

What a wonderful way to describe the work of God’s grace for us. Jesus speaks to us directly, simply, freely. He speaks the word of truth. He speaks to the heart and soul in a freeing way that helps you welcome and recognize his voice and the abundant life to which he calls you.

This is totally unlike the more insidious, tortured, crooked, half-truths and misleads of many other voices that clamor for your attention. Our society today is endangered seriously by such voices. They seek to “climb over elsewhere” and are thieves and robbers. Just consider the “news” and the battle to partisan your support by whatever means necessary so someone else might gain position or power. These voices break into your mind and soul any way they can in order to gain advantage, put you off your way, and entice you to support plans and endeavors that do not lead to life. Do not follow such a stranger.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, ask for the grace that your heart respond readily and freely to the beauty of good living to which the Gospels call you. As Peter proclaims the Gospel (see Acts 2:14a, 36-41), he does so in just that way. The thousands of voices in Jerusalem who once called for Jesus’ crucifixion are now the first thousands of voices who proclaim Jesus and freely choose to follow him, the Shepherd and Guardian of their souls. Jesus speaks to your heart and calls you to new life in him, whatever your past, whatever your problems have been. Listen to him, and live!

During this coming May, I will schedule opportunities for general Parish meetings, now that our community has truly begun to come alive again after our Covid-19 and other challenges. Together we will look at our pastoral and financial state of health. Together will set our next priorities for our mission and for the care and strengthening of our families and community.

Wishing one and all a happy celebration of this Good Shepherd Sunday, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

# Spring Celebration

Saturday, May 13, 2023

The Marblehead Chamber of Commerce and Discover Marblehead are hosting a town wide event called "Spring Celebration."

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be participating in this event. We will be giving tours of the Church from 2pm to 3:30pm, followed by a Potluck Supper from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Our Director of Music, Matt Arnold, will be performing with his band.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the many aspects involved with this day of celebration — which promises to be great fun!

*If you can help please call the Rectory at 781-631-0086 to provide your contact information.*

# MUSIC News

## Thank You

to our dedicated Choir members for giving so much of their time and talent, for the enhancement of our weekend Liturgy with beautiful songs of praise.

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!*

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](mailto:sosmusicdirector@aol.com).

Our Lady Star of the Sea's 4th installment in our new Concert Series will be held in the Church on:

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 5:00pm featuring a talented Women's Ensemble. Details are forthcoming.

JOIN US TO WATCH

## "THE LETTER"

A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 3:30pm  
In the Parish Center

YouTube Originals

Featuring Pope Francis and the stories of frontline leaders from India, Senegal, Hawaii and the Brazilian Amazon. The film follows these people coming together in dialogue with each other and with Pope Francis as they find unity in their distinct worldviews and strength in our common values.

*We will watch the film together followed by a short discussion session.*

The Letter is a new feature documentary produced by Off the Fence Productions in collaboration with Laudato Si' Movement and the Vatican based upon Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si.

## Family Rosary

Join us for a Family Rosary on **Sunday, May 21** following the 11:00 AM Mass. We will gather in front of the Blessed Mother in the Grotto, next to the koi fish pond. *Tea breads and coffee will be served in the Parish Center afterwards. All are invited!*

## THE PASCHAL CANDLE



The Paschal Candle is the symbol of the light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds! It will stay out and prominently displayed in the church until Pentecost.



## Easter Scripture Study

For those of you who wish to continue where we left off during our Lenten Scripture Study, *Exodus: Journey towards Freedom*, Monsignor Moran invites you to continue the journey in our Easter Scripture Study in the Parish Center on:

Tuesday evenings at 7 - 8pm or  
Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm.



We are so grateful to all of you who have helped us make the 2023 Catholic Appeal campaign a success so far. We have now raised **\$31,875.00** (which is **48%** of our goal of \$66,401). If you have not had the chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope at the back of the church, or visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/](https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/) to make your gift online today.

*Thank you so much for your prayerful support!*

**Faith in Action, It All Starts with You.**



## The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament

will be **Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event benefits the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction, and dinner at the seminary for each golfer and a guest. **Space is limited!** Register now at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4b5c89> or by calling 781-899-5500, ext. 110.

### Comments from Deacon Joe Eastertide Continues

**"The Jews"** During Holy Week we hear the gospel accounts of the passion and death of Jesus. They contain references to "the Jews" as calling for the death of Jesus. When we hear these things, we need to remember that at the time of Jesus, there were several different factions within the Jewish people: Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots, and probably many ordinary people who didn't belong to any of these parties. In this light, the Second Vatican Council declared, *True, the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ; (13) still, what happened in His passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today. Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures.*— Declaration on ... Non-Christian Religions §4

When we hear or read in the scriptures about "the Jews" as opposing Christ, we need to remember that these words are a kind of shorthand for the small element who actually were his opponents on that occasion. We should also realize that the gospels were written down at a later time when Jews who accepted Jesus, such as the apostles and many of their converts, had come under increasing pressure and persecution from other Jews who did not believe in him. The Temple had been destroyed, and Christian Jews were often unwelcome in the synagogues of non-Christian Jews.

It is unfortunate that in everyday speech, "the Jews" is understood to mean everybody of Jewish faith or ethnicity. Because of that, some people misunderstand these gospel texts as a justification for antisemitism. At a time when antisemitism is increasing, I'm always a little uncomfortable reading these texts at Mass for fear that some hearers will misunderstand them. We need to be clear on what they mean and what they don't mean so that they don't foster prejudice.

**My trip last Monday** to St. Anselm College to be present at the awarding of the first John S. Whipple Scholarship in Eighteenth Century Studies went very well. I had an enjoyable three hours on campus, which included reading a sonnet of Shakespeare and meeting the winner of the scholarship and two other applicants. The winner was Jillian Dorazio, whose topic is "The Paradox of 18th Century Enlightenment: A History of Western Racism." She suggests that, "Enlightenment thinking has also provided the foundation for a racial taxonomy that seeps into the current age." So she will be looking deeply into the writings of 18th Century philosophers to see how they may have influenced later generations. It is appropriate that the first "Whipple scholar," chosen by a panel of St. A faculty, is continuing the "ferment of ideas" which is what my dad admired about the 18th Century.



Dr. Favazza & Jillian Dorazio

**This week** Monday is the optional memorial of St. Joseph the Worker, which calls us all to be aware of the dignity of work, especially manual labor, and to support the right of all workers to be fairly compensated for their work with a living wage. [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-joseph-the-worker/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-joseph-the-worker/)

Tuesday May 2 brings the Memorial of St. Athanasius, the tireless defender of the divinity of Christ against the Arian heresy in the 4th Century. We must continue to understand that Jesus is fully God as well as fully human.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athanasius\\_of\\_Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athanasius_of_Alexandria)  
Then on May 3 we celebrate the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James. Like them, may we come to know Jesus fully and spread the faith in our world.

[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-philip-and-james/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-philip-and-james/)

**Town meeting begins on Monday at 7:00 p.m. If you're a registered voter, try to be there if you can.**  
<https://www.marblehead.org>

**Christ is risen! Happy Easter!  
Enjoy the Spring.**

*~Deacon Joe Whipple*  
April 30, 2023

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