OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Marblehead, Massachusetts

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781-631-0086 † website: www.sosmarblehead.org † email: sosrectory@verizon.net The Church is open daily from 7:00am - 7:00pm. ~ Sunday, January 29, 2023

> Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday



Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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John 4:13-14



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.

PARISH STAFF

Monsignor Timothy Moran, Pastor Senior Deacon John E. "Joe" Whipple Reverend Philip Des Rosiers, Weekend Assistant Reverend Timothy Kelleher, Weekend Assistant Robert "Mitch" Mitchell, Facilities Manager Matthew Arnold, Director of Music

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upon request, at any reasonable time. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm. contact the Rectory to make an appointment. BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory. please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm.

priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.







Sunday, March 19

Join us for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Parish Center next Sunday, March 19 after the 9:00AM Mass in the Church.

Come and enjoy delicious Irish Soda Breads with butter & marmalade. Top it off with a cup of tea or coffee. Munchkin donuts will be provided for the kiddos. All are welcome!

Upcoming Meeting Pastoral Council There is a **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting this Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm to **8:30pm** in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Jean Ranger, Office Manager Yvonne Verrette, Receptionist Elaine Leahy, Religious Education Assistant Linda Poehler, Business Manager / Accountant Katherine Tanner, Church Bulletin Editor / Website & Graphics Designer

PARISH CENTER / RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE:

(781)631-8340 ~ 80 Atlantic Ave. Mon-Wed 9:00am-2:00pm sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 2:30-3:30pm. Also FUNERALS: To make arrangements for a Funeral, please

SICK & SHUT~INS: Priests are available to bring Holy

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.



We're very excited to launch the 2023 Catholic Appeal this weekend at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Thank you to those who have already responded to the Cardinal's invitation! Because OGETHER of your early support, we have reached

9% of our goal of \$66,400. As Catholics, each of us both directly within our parish and to the greater Church. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated! For more information, or to make a gift online, scan this QR code or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/.

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 (Apr. 8), the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 11AM—12Noon and at 2:30PM—3:30PM.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	March 11
9:00 AM	For Participants in the 40 Days for
	Life Prayer Vigil
10:00 AM	Funeral for Dr. Ronald Killiany
11:30 AM	Baptism for Ronan Kokaska
12:30 PM	Funeral for Pamela Ciavarra
4:00 PM	Norman Theriault Birthday
	Remembrance
<u>Sunday</u>	March 12
7:30 AM	Pro populo
9:00 AM	Marie L. Wall
11:00 AM	Elaine Arruda Birthday Intention
<u>Monday</u>	March 13
9:00 AM	Nancy Conforti
Tuesday	March 14
9:00 AM	John J. Kane, Jr. 2nd Anniversary
Wednesday March 15	
6:00 PM	Confessions
<u>Thursday</u>	March 16
9:00 AM	For Participants in the 40 Days for
	Life Prayer Vigil
Friday	March 17
9:00 AM	William J. Lucca, Jr.
6:00 PM	Station of the Cross
Saturday	<u>March 18</u>
9:00 AM	Elwin, Kathleen, and Kevin Kelliher
4:00 PM	Pro populo
Sunday	March 19
7:30 AM	Special Intention for Linda O'Donnell
9:00 AM	David Cameron
11:00 AM	Irene and Paul Nagle

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 18</u>
4:00 PM	Monsignor Moran
<u>Sunday</u>	March 19
7:30 AM	Father Des Rosiers
9:00 AM	Monsignor Moran
11:00 AM	Monsignor Moran

Religious Education

2nd Grade Parents



If you were unable to attend the 2nd grade parent meetings, please reach out to us as soon as possible to obtain the materials for your child's First Communion. Contact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

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.

Inclement Weather Plan

We align ourselves with Marblehead Public



Schools in the event of inclement weather: Religious Education classes will not be held on the days when public schools are closed (or when after school programs are cancelled) due to poor weather.

First Communion 2023 — Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM. More details to follow. 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.

Easter Clothing Drive

The Easter Clothing Drive provides a complete Easter outfit to children in need. This project begins this weekend, Saturday, March 11! Please take an Easter egg ornament from one of our Easter trees, which you will find at the front and back of the Church, and purchase the item or gift card listed. Return your gift to the Church or



to the back porch of the Rectory. Gift cards can be placed in the Rectory mail slot, located at the front inner door. The need is great—thank you for your support.

COFFEE

We will gathering this Sunday for Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00AM Mass. All are invited!

Join in the Parish celebration of Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6:00pm.

We invite you to join us in the Parish Center for a simple Supper of Soup & Bread following Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 31.

On Good Friday (April 7) Stations of the Cross is celebrated at 12Nooon & 3:00pm.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Give me a drink!" These words from today's Gospel (see John 4:5-42) are particularly urgent. They are, first of all, the words of Jesus to the Samaritan woman. They anticipate his words from the cross in which he would express his thirst that all peoples be forgiven in the outpouring of God's merciful love. The words are also appropriate for those who are preparing to receive baptism this coming Easter. It is appropriate also for us to consider these same words as our own. During Lent we examine our lives in detail and thirst to rededicate ourselves to Gospel Living.

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." For all of us who make the Lenten journey of repentance and renewal, this journey serves as a reminder of the great power of love in which our lives have been submerged. St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading: "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Having such great life, such great joy, we are to pour it forth now as our gift to the thirsting world. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the sacraments in which we are transformed by the power of God's life and love. We receive a never failing fountain of joy arising within us. In just that sense the Samaritan Woman, who received Jesus' promise for such a spring of water within her, left her bucket behind and brought Good News to her neighbors instead, testifying that Jesus "told me everything I have done". The work of Evangelization is just the same for us. We come to know the reality of God who loves us first. Knowing the new life and joy that God is for us, we reach out to share it with others. We witness to the joy and life we have come to know in God. It is because of the life, because of the joy and because of our own witness that others are impelled to investigated, are drawn in by the power of God's own ways. Then they, like the villagers, come to see, come to hear, come to know, and come to believe.

This week, when completed, will mark the halfway point of our Lenten journey. And some of us have not even really begun to focus on Lent!! Use Lent to ask yourself: do I know what I am thirsting for in life? Do I know where it is to be found? Have I perceived the real life force and source of love that stands over and against me at every turn, the wonder of Love in which God holds you? Do I let it make a difference??

This weekend marks the kickoff of our Annual Catholic Appeal. All registered parishioners should have received a packet of information from Cardinal O'Malley. Those who did not, or those who may have lost ones received, are encouraged to take the envelopes available in the pews of the Church. The Cardinal's request concerns our own responsibility in the mission to bring the Gospel of Christ to life in our local area. You and I are asked to think carefully on the value of bringing the Gospel to the world and on the important role that our support has in the mission of our local Church. I ask your kindness in giving his appeal every consideration.

Friday is Saint Patrick's Day. I pray a good and fitting celebration for each and everyone! The Parish will gather in mirth on Sunday morning, after the 9:00 Mass, with food and drink, Irish Breads and hearty Irish song. Hope you will join us!

Grateful for your goodness and hopeful in your support of the Catholic Appeal, I am

Yours in the Lord's service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will defray the expense of our snow removal. The cost of snow

removal from our parking lots, walkways and roofs is a considerable expense.

We thank you for your generosity in supporting this seasonal expenditure.



enten Scripture Study

Monsignor Moran is holding a Lenten Scripture Study called "Exodus: Journey towards Freedom."

This enriching Bible Study is held in the Parish Center in five (5) concurrent weekly sessions on:

Tuesday evenings at 7 - 8pm

Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm

<u>Week 2</u> of the 5-week session will be this Tuesday, <u>March 14</u> & Wednesday, <u>March 15</u>. Materials will be provided at each meeting.

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. Easter Flower envelopes are available at all Church doors and on the back porch of the Rectory.

Please place your donations in the regular offertory collection, or you can return them to the Rectory.



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 <u>www.sosmarblehead.org.</u>

Sunday, March 5

(Online: \$6,856.83 • Collected/Mailed: \$6,647.00) Offertory Collection: \$13,508.83



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONCERT SERIES

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

Sunday, March 26th at 5:00pm

in the Church for a Lenten Musical Offering 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, our very own Music Director Matthew Arnold, and Benjamin Hansberry.

All are invited!

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

The Choir meets for rehearsal each week in the organ loft. The Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm. The Children's Choir meets on Sundays at 8:15am. *New members are welcome!*

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



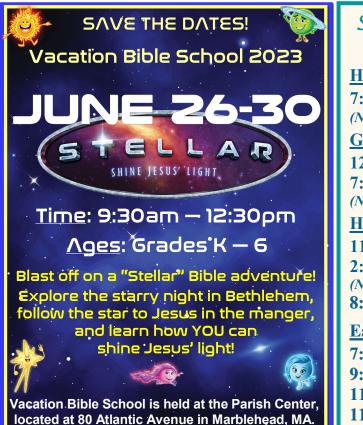
A 40-Day Vigil of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2

You are warmly invited to join **40 Days For Life.** This vigil is held on the public sidewalk in front of the Beverly Cummings Center on Route 62/Elliot Street at 7A-7P. Parking available across the street at the Stop & Shop. Participants can assemble on any one of the 4 corners available on Elliot Street.

-AND-On Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00pm, former Planned Parenthood manager Ramona Trevino will be speaking at the "Mid-Point Campaign Celebration" at Our Lady of Hope Parish Center at 1 Pineswamp Road in Ipswich, MA.

More information at www.40daysforlife.com, or email John at awacinpi@comcast.net for Beverly campaign details.



Schedule for the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday (April 6) 7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper (No 9:00AM Mass)

Good Friday (April 7)

12Noon & 3:00 PM—Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM—Solemn Service (No 9:00 AM Mass)

Holy Saturday (April 8)

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)



Creation Care Team

A simple supper of Soup & Bread followed the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 3. This Soup & Stations was sponsored by our Creation Care Team, and was a very pleasant follow-up to the solemn time of the Stations. The soups provided were: Vegan Lentil and Fish Chowder.



Our Creation Care Team has recently been updated its Creation Care Table in the Parish Center, with new, fantastic information! In the spirit of integral ecology, we can make small sacrifices with our individual actions. Discover more ways to live the Seven Goals outlined for us by Pope Francis in Laudato Si'. Learn more at greenerlent.org, laudatosiactionplatform.org, catholicclimatecovenant.org, or visit our Creation Care Team webpage at www.sosmarblehead.org/creation-care-team.html.



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Comments from Deacon Joe St. Patrick

St. Patrick As you probably already know, St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He is also the principal patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. This means that while St. Patrick's Day is a memorial in most of the Roman Catholic world, it has the rank of a feast in this diocese, and a solemnity (and holy day of obligation) in Ireland. Cardinal Seán has dispensed us from the requirement to

abstain from meat on March 17, so we can have corned beef or whatever else we want on that day. <u>https://thebostonpilot.com/</u> <u>article.php?ID=194198</u>



St. Patrick is recognized as the principal missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th Century. Few details about his life are known for certain, including the dates of his birth and death. He wrote an autobiographical work the "Confession," which gives some details but is often vague. He was the son of Roman-British official and was kidnapped by raiders and enslaved in then-pagan Ireland for six years after which he escaped. During his captivity, he accepted the Christian faith of his parents. Some years later, he returned to Ireland as a missionary and had considerable success. After his death, the Irish remained staunchly Catholic until well into the 20th Century, and sent waves of missionaries to many lands around the world. So it's appropriate for us to celebrate the work of this great saint and its ongoing effects through the ages. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick</u>

Catholic Update This month's Update, now available, has the title "An Examen for Married Couples: Questions for Reflection and Examination." There are sidebars explaining what "examen" is, offering some resources, noting that the family is the "domestic church" the basic cell of the larger body of the Church and giving an encouraging quote from Pope Francis. But at its heart is a series of questions for reflection and discussion by couples, and possibly other members of the family. I hope couples and families will find it helpful



Another idea for Lent On March 1 the editor of America magazine published this



editorial with a suggestion for Lent. <u>https://www.americamagazine.org/</u> <u>faith/2023/03/01/antisemitism-catholic-lent-244822</u> His suggestion is that we should act, not just speak, against antisemitism. I'll add that if you plan to show solidarity by attending a Sabbath service, it would be a good idea to call and let them know you're coming rather than making it a surprise. Whether or not you follow Fr. McDermott's suggestions, it's good to be reminded that we should do what we can to remove antisemitism from our society, wherever it lurks.

This week there is only the Feast of <u>St. Patrick</u> on the 17th to mention.

Fappy St. Patrick's Day! Have a Blessed Lent.

~Deacon Joe Whipple March 12, 2023



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