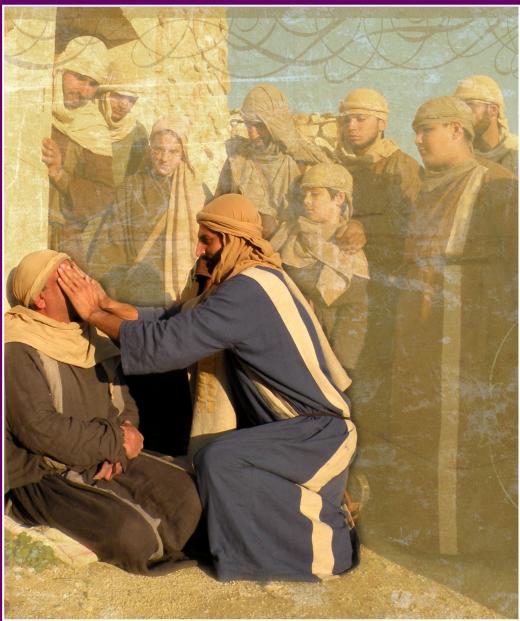
# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Marblehead, Massachusetts

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



"| came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

-John 9:39





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



# **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.

# St Patrick's Day Celebration





# Sunday, March 19

Join us for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Parish Center this 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!

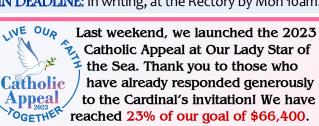
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SICK & SHUT~INS: Priests are available to bring Holy BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory.

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.



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 responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2023 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.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

### March 19, 2023

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### <u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> March 18

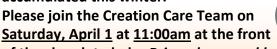
<u>Saturday</u>	March 18
9:00 AM	Elwin, Kathleen, and Kevin Kelliher
4:00 PM	Pro populo
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 19</u>
7:30 AM	Special Intention for Linda O'Donnell
9:00 AM	David Cameron
11:00 AM	Irene and Paul Nagle
<u>Tuesday</u>	March 21
9:00 AM	For Participants in the 40 Days for
	Life Prayer Vigil
Wednesday	<u> March 22</u>
9:00 AM	Marie L. Wall
6:00 PM	Confessions
<u>Thursday</u>	March 23
9:00 AM	Irene Delorme
<u>Friday</u>	March 24
9:00 AM	Mary Crisp 16th Anniversary
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday</u>	March 25
4:00 PM	Gina Jaworski
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 26</u>
7:30 AM	Pro populo
9:00 AM	Daniel James Nolan Birthday
	Remembrance
11:00 AM	Carol-Ann Hynes

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 25</u>
4:00 PM	Monsignor Moran
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>March 26</u>
7:30 AM	Father Des Rosiers
9:00 AM	Monsignor Moran
11:00 AM	Monsignor Moran

### 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.



of the church to help. *Bring gloves and buckets!* 

# **Religious Education**

### 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 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

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on: Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:30am & 12:30pm.

A sign-up genius link has been emailed to all



Grade 2 parents to sign up with your desired day/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 <u>sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org</u>. *Each child must have a parent or guardian present* 

during each sacrament.

On <u>Sunday, May 14</u>, 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.

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 by **Monday**, **March 27**. Gift cards can be placed into the mail slot at the Rectory, located at the front <u>inner door.</u>

The need is great—thank you for your support.

Stations of the Cross

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

### Soup & Stations

We invite you to join us in the Parish Center for a simple supper of Soup & Bread following Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 24 and next Friday, March 31.

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 19, 2023 *Laetare* Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Traditionally this Sunday has also been called "*Laetare*" or "Rejoice" Sunday after the first word in the Entrance Antiphon. We rejoice as we make our way towards the coming celebrations of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. We rejoice because we begin to see the wonders of God's love at work in the hearts of those who believe! We do so also in the company of those the world over who are preparing to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Easter. They are to be initiated into a participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and so to come to walk in newness of life in him.

This mid-section of Lent is called the Lent of Catechumens. Theirs and our journey are marked out by three great passages of John's Gospel. Last week we prayed the passage of Jesus and the Woman of Samaria. This week, it is the Man Born Blind. Next Week, the Gospel is the raising of Jesus' friend, Lazarus, from the tomb. In each of these passages, the Lord Jesus reveals the principal realities of his identity. To the Woman of Samaria Jesus says of the Christ: "I am he, the one speaking to you." To the Man Born Blind concerning the Son of Man, the light sent into the world, Jesus says: "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." To Martha and Mary, Jesus proclaims: "I am the Resurrection and the Life". These 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 asks us to see to it that the works of God be made visible and that we do the works of the one who sends us while it is day. The raising of Lazarus will ask us to believe in Jesus as the Resurrection and Life and to draw closer to him as friends, not servants, in his saving love.

In living and sharing the works and ways of God's saving love together with Jesus and the Word of his Gospel, we come to "see" the true purpose of our lives and the destiny that is ours in him. In St. Paul's words, we are to "Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth" (see Ephesians 5:8-14). We find in Christ the fulfillment of the Lord's prophecy to David through Samuel (see 1Sam 16:1-13) "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

As you and your Lord look into your heart at this midpoint of our Lenten Journey, what do you see? Can you name something of <u>goodness</u> that has been brought about in and through you? Can you see how such goodness enlivens and strengthens <u>right relationships</u> in your life? What does this reveal to you of the <u>truth</u> of God's love and the quality of love you share with others? The above questions are a wonderful consideration for some time in beneficial prayer with the Lord. It is also good preparations for a worthy celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Consider upping your joy this *Laetare* Sunday by knowing first hand these offers of God's redeeming grace, tailored to you!

You might find a simple enactment of the above considerations in the opportunity of our Easter Clothing Drive currently underway at Church. Goodness served, we see, as well as new relationships of recognition and assistance created and the joyful truth of bonds of communion that raise up the fallen world for the better. Join in?

Asking God's blessing on you and your loved ones for a Holy Lent, I am

Yours in the Lord's service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

# Caster Hower 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.



# 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 3</u> of the 5-week session will be this Tuesday, <u>March 21</u> & Wednesday, <u>March 22</u>. Materials will be 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 40-day peaceful prayer Vigil is held on the public sidewalk in front of the Cummings Center in Beverly (Route 62/Elliot St.) at 7am-7pm daily. Please park at the Stop & Shop across the street, and assemble on any one of the 4 corners available on Elliot Street.

This <u>Tuesday, March 21</u> at <u>5:30pm</u>, Father Robert (of the Divine Mercy Shrine, Salem) will join us at the Cummings Center entrance to lead a group in prayer.

### "MID-POINT CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION"

Where: Our Lady of Hope Parish Center 1 Pineswamp Road, Ipswich, MA

<u>When</u>: This Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00pm <u>Special Speaker</u>: Ramona Trevino, former Planned Parenthood manager, will be speaking at this event! More information at www.40daysforlife.com, or email John at awacinpi@comcast.net for Beverly campaign details.





# 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.



# Altar Server Training

We have a training session for Altar Servers on:

# Monday, March 27 at 3:00pm

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. Training will be held in the Church.

If you have any questions about serving, please contact Deacon Joe at <u>jewhipple@comcast.net</u>.



# Rosary Group

All are invited to join us in the Church to pray the Scriptural Rosary. The Rosary Group meets every Thursday morning in the Church following the 9:00am Mass. We meet at approximately 10:00am. This group is open to all.

# Schedule for the Paschal Tríduum 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

### <u>Good Friday (April 7)</u>

9:00 AM—Morning Prayers (No Mass) 12Noon—Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM\*—Stations of the Cross \*See next week's bulletin 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)

Easter Vigil (April 8) 8:00 PM—Easter Vigil 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)

He is Risen!

### Sunday, March 12

**Offertory Total: \$6,946.00** (Online: \$2,309.00 • Collected/Mailed: \$4,637.00)

**Snow Removal Total: \$1,676.00** (Online: \$785.00 • Collected/Mailed: \$891.00)



#### Thank You Note from the Marblehead Food Pantry

March 10, 2023

Dear Msgr. Moran,

On behalf of all of us at the Food Pantry, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you at Star of the Sea for your great generously in your donations to our Pantry during the month of February. It seemed to us that the level of donations was the highest is has been in several years.... I have to acknowledge that your parish's coordinator of the food drive, Teresa Chirlin, was unfortunately housebound with Covid, along with her husband, for part of the drive... However, Teresa's planning and coordination ahead of time kept things moving smoothly, as least from our perspective.

In addition to all the food items, paper goods and other necessities that were such a help to our Pantry, another source of great help during this food drive were the generous financial donations and gift cards from parishioners that were donated, totaling **\$1,360**, which was truly appreciated.

We have seen a significant increase in the numbers of people we are seeing each week. A year ago our average number was 50-60 households and now it's 60-70 and sometimes beyond...

With gratitude for your support and that of your whole staff and parish throughout the year, and for the use of your facility, we wish all of you health and optimism in this season of spring renewal. Sincerely,

Janet Parker Food Pantry Director



### <u>Comments from Deacon Joe</u> Solemnities

**Bookends** Between the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the weekdays are bookended by the Solemnities of St. Joseph, March 20 this year, and the Annunciation, March 25.

As you know, St. Joseph's Day is March 19, but since the Sundays of Lent take precedence

even over solemnities, the celebration is transferred to Monday this year. It was only around 800 that devotion to St. Joseph began to spread in the Church. It grew through the Middle ages and thereafter, with Pope Pius IX declaring him Patron of the Universal Church and its Protector. At the top of the Jeremiah window in our Church St. Joseph is shown above St. Peter's basilica, with the title Universal Protector.

### https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint Joseph

St. Joseph is an example to us of the value of foster

parenting (because he provided for Jesus) and of the dignity of manual labor. He is invoked for a happy death since he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary.



At the <u>Annunciation</u>, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah. Her consent led to the Incarnation, the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. So this day points us to Christmas, nine months hence, and all the work of our salvation accomplished by Jesus during his life here on earth. This is clearly on of the most important events in the history of salvation, apart from the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is imaginatively depicted in the large window in the southwest transept of our church. We honor Mary for her loving acceptance of God's call in her life. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annunciation</u>

A pro-forma apology to the people who were at the 4:00 and 7:30 Masses last Sunday. I promised that the Catholic Update for March would be available then, but it wasn't in place until 9:00. I'm sorry for the delay. At least it's there now and is available while supplies last. Fortunately, it's not especially time-sensitive.

Another article from "America" points out that for centuries, the primary focus in our moral teaching seemed to be avoiding sin. The author said that focus began a few centuries ago, whereas in the first 1500 years of the Church, that wasn't primary. While obviously we are not supposed to sin, Christians looked first to doing what is right, acting lovingly toward others. <u>www.americamagazine.org/</u> faith/2022/12/15/keenan-ethics-catholic-sin-morality-244273

**This week** the two solemnities call us to a reasonable celebration. And, of course, even before that this is Lætare Sunday. "Lætare" means "be happy," and the reason to be especially happy is that we're halfway through Lent to Easter.

~Deacon Joe Whipple March 19, 2023

Happy St. Joseph's Day! Happy Annunciation Day! Have a Blessed Lent.





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