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

Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

THE ADVOCATE

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.”

John 14:16-17

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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.

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located at 80 Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead, MA.
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Pastoral Council



Upcoming Meeting

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting on **Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00pm to 8:00pm** in the Parish Center Conference Room.

NEXT SUNDAY!

Family Rosary



Join us on **Sunday, May 21** for our Family Rosary following the 11:00am 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!*

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COFFEE

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



All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 13

9:00 AM Travis Butler
 10:30 AM First Communion
 12:30 PM First Communion
 4:00 PM Bob Griffin

Sunday May 14

7:30 AM K. Mildred Dooling 20th Anniversary
 9:00 AM Pro populo
 11:00 AM Angelo Celli 8th Anniversary

Monday May 15

9:00 AM Catherine Kulevich

Tuesday May 16

9:00 AM Heather Walker

Wednesday May 17

9:00 AM Benjamin John Ramos, Jr.

Thursday May 18

9:00 AM Alice Conlin

Friday May 19

9:00 AM Heather Walker

Saturday May 20

9:00 AM John Ditzler
 4:00 PM John Spillane 5th Anniversary

Sunday May 21

7:30 AM David Paglia
 9:00 AM Pro populo
 11:00 AM Irene & Paul Nagle

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

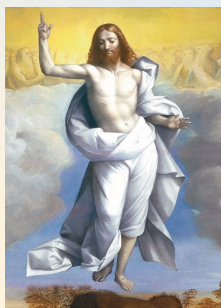
Saturday May 20

4:00 PM Monsignor Moran

Sunday May 21

7:30 AM To be announced
 9:00 AM Monsignor Moran
 11:00 AM Monsignor Moran

The Ascension of the Lord



On Thursday, May 18, 2023 (Ascension Thursday), we celebrate our Risen Lord at Holy Mass at **9:00 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**

All are invited!

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 their Confirmation in this Fall (2023). Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Confirmation 2023

Save the Date! Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm.**



If you have questions about Religious Education, please contact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

First Communion 2023

First Holy Communion is being celebrated at special Masses this weekend, on **Saturday, May 13, 2023.**



Group 1: The Mass is at **10:30am**

Group 2: The Mass is at **12:30pm**

Our First Communicants will return on **Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day**, to lead us in the May Procession.

You are invited to join us this Sunday, May 14th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass as we honor our Blessed Mother. Our First Communicants will lead us in procession from the Church to the Blessed Mother in the Grotto for the crowning of Mary.

All are welcome to take part as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary.



Monsignor Moran, Deacon Joe, Priests, and the entire Staff of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish wish all of our Mothers a blessed and joy-filled Mother's Day, and pray that our Blessed Mother will guide and protect them in their vital, loving role.



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Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Our Easter celebrations have reached their sixth week of fifty days. We are fast approaching the “fortieth” day on which, Saint Luke tells us, the Lord ascended into heaven. The Masses for the Ascension will be Thursday, May 18th, 2023, in the morning at 9:00 and evening at 7:00.

Today’s Gospel has Jesus saying that even though the “world” will no longer see: “you will see me, because I live and you will live.” In this way Jesus encourages his disciples that he will not leave them alone. He promises that the Father will send “another Advocate” to be with us, just as Jesus was with his disciples throughout his public ministry. “The Spirit of Truth” sent by the Father both remains with us and will be in us. All of this is possible, according to the Lord, because we “know” the Father, whom Jesus has revealed. Only by knowing the Father are we able to be accompanied by and be filled with the Spirit and, thereby, to have the very life of God in us.

The personal relationship with God the Father that is ours in Jesus, is the only way that the full potential of the human mind to seek and to grasp the truth is achieved. The mind that does not know God may know many things about the measures of the world and oneself. But the mind that does not know God has not yet exercised the full capacity of the human mind and will. That person remains truncated and incomplete. You, having come alive in your relationship with the Father, in and through Jesus, come to see and to know the world, yourself, others and, indeed, life itself in its fullest reality, the realm of love. And only knowing love at its fullest, can you know how to live and to love fully each day. That is what it means to live the life of Easter.

Love well and so live well. Great among those loves that bless our lives is the love we celebrate this Mothers’ Day. In union with the Lord God, Mothers give life. They do so at no little cost to themselves and through a generous readiness to face all things in view of the goodness to be brought to birth. Like Jesus, Mothers are called not just to give life but to assure that life deepens more abundantly. Mothers are called to “advocate” the wonderful truth of a love greater than any one of us and to help us realize that the truth and beauty of life is to be pursued and brought forth by each of us each day. A Mother is at her best not only in bringing a new life to birth but, by the powers of her words and her love, in calling that new life to a more abundant and complete sense of human destiny and love each day. Motherhood is a calling both of nature and of grace. We thank God for our Mothers. We pray that our Mothers, and indeed all of us in our own way, be ever good at bringing to the fore gifts of truth and of life in ourselves and in others, received from on high and shared generously one with the other.

We will schedule opportunities for general Parish meetings in the coming weeks, 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. Together we place our trust in the Lord.

After the nine o'clock Mass this Mothers' Day, we will have the annual May Crowning.

Wishing one and all a happy continued celebration of Easter, and renewing our prayers of blessing over our Mothers, both living and deceased, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



Anna E. Kelly Scholarship Fund

This weekend, our second collection is for the Anna E. Kelly Scholarship Fund. This Youth Ministry scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school seniors in our Religious Education program who have served at least four years of Christian Service to our parish. This scholarship fund was established in 1995 by Anna E. Kelly, a dedicated, long-time parishioner of Star of the Sea. She was committed to promoting educational opportunities for the youth within our parish. Upon her death in 1995, she generously bequeathed a substantial sum of money to our parish in order to create a fund for deserving students. This fund provides high school seniors with \$1,000.00 upon graduation.

We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this fund so that we can continue honoring future recipients with this gift.

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus, marking a 10-day period of prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to come upon us at Pentecost—gifts that enable us to live further the mission of Jesus Christ our Lord. This day also marks the 40th day after Easter, which Jesus spent on earth preaching and preparing His disciples to preach and baptize all people.

Our Lady Star of the Sea will take up an Offertory Collection at Masses on Ascension Thursday.



Spring Celebration Saturday, May 13, 2023

This weekend, Our Lady Star of the Sea is participating in Marblehead's town wide "Spring Celebration" by giving tours of our Church from 2pm to 3:30pm. Delicious cookies and lemonade will be offered right outside the Church during the tours.

Easter Scripture Study

For those of you who joined us during our Lenten Scripture Study, "Exodus: Journey towards Freedom," Monsignor Moran is leading an Easter Scripture Study to continue where we left off during Lent. Join us in the Parish Center to resume the journey on Tuesday evenings at 7 - 8pm *or* Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm.

MUSIC News

Our Lady Star of the Sea presents the 4th installment in our new Concert Series next Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 5:00pm featuring the talented women's ensemble,

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in a concert titled "Star Bright."

Join us in the Church for music that bursts with sublime inspiration and heavenly sounds.

Admission is free for all.

A free-will offering is very much appreciated.

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.

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.



We thank you sincerely for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to **\$38,280.00** (58% of our Parish Goal of **\$66,401.00**). If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift as we move closely to our goal. The Catholic Appeal sustains 51 ministries serving 249 parishes, including 100 Catholic schools. Through our support of the Catholic Appeal, we have the opportunity to join in the Church's universal work of serving Christ joyfully, spreading the Gospel, having a generous heart, and caring for those in need. Pledge envelopes are available at the back of the Church, and can be returned to the regular Offertory. You can also make a gift online by scanning this QR Code with your smart phone camera, or by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/.

Thank you for your thoughtful support of the Catholic Appeal.



Parish Altar Society

Our Mission is to ensure that the environment of our Church is reflective of the dedication and respect we, as parishioners, have for our faith. We strive to maintain an environment that is welcoming and peaceful for all who enter. The members of the Altar Society are a group of parishioners who volunteer their service to the Church.



~We are looking for volunteers~



The commitment is 1 to 1½ hours per month. We are having a meeting for all who are interested on Tuesday, May 23rd at 4:00pm in the Parish Center.

All are welcome!

Sunday, May 7

Offertory Collection:

\$11,072.83

(Online: \$5,296.83

Mailed-In/Collected: \$5,776)



We Share

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.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Eastertide Continues

Ascension Thursday is one of the top celebrations of the Church, right up there with Easter, Pentecost, Christmas, and Epiphany. We celebrate Jesus' return to the Father after he had completed his saving action. Now it is up to us, the Church, as a body and individually, to continue spreading the Kingdom of God. Jesus promised to be with us always, but now his presence isn't in his visible physical body. He is with us and in us spiritually and comes to us in word and sacrament.

St. Luke tells us that the Ascension occurred forty days after Easter, so that is when the solemnity takes place. For the remaining ten days of Eastertide, our focus is primarily on the sending of the Holy Spirit on the Church at Pentecost and now.

The Ascension is so pivotal that the day is a Holyday of Obligation. Please make every effort to attend Mass as you would on Sunday.

"The Letter" The video was very powerful, showing the effects of climate change around the world. People from several countries tell of their experiences and meet with Pope Francis to discuss our obligation to care for the world and one another.

It illustrates the pope's encyclical "Laudato Si." If you didn't see it last Sunday, I recommend watching it here. <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/> After that, you might want to read, or reread the encyclical. *Laudato Si* You can also find it on the Vatican web-site. https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Catholic Update for May is now available. It's titled "Miscarriage: Loss, Grief, and Faith." While it is primarily written for the benefit of women who have suffered a miscarriage, it can give us all some insight into what they are experiencing and thus enable us to be more supportive of them in their grief.

This week in addition to the Solemnity of the Ascension there are two optional memorials.

May 15 is the optional memorial of St. Isidore, a farm worker who died in 1130. He is patron saint of Madrid and of farmers.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isidore_the_Laborer

May 20 brings the optional memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena, O.F.M., a great preacher.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernardino_of_Siena

Christ is risen!

Happy Easter! Enjoy the Spring.

~Deacon Joe Whipple

May 14, 2023

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