

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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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

MAY 28, 2023

*Pentecost*



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." -John 20:21-22

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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.

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**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.



## Confessions

Confession will be held in the Church on  
**Saturdays at 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM.**



### Moving? New E-mail Address?

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**June 3 - 4 and June 10 - 11.**



We suggest products that are plant-based, eco-friendly or biodegradable if possible. Please place donations in the box located in the front church entryway.

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To learn more about the goals we are striving to meet, as Pope Francis' outlined in his encyclical, Laudato Si, please visit [laudatosiactionplatform.org](http://laudatosiactionplatform.org).



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday May 27**  
 9:00 AM George O'Shea  
 4:00 PM Dr. Charles M. Loudon 3rd Anniversary

**Sunday May 28** ✠  
 7:30 AM Patricia Fuller  
 9:00 AM Pro populo  
 11:00 AM Ann M. Rice 1st Anniversary

**Monday May 29**  
 9:00 AM James Pye, Jr. 8th Anniversary

**Tuesday May 30**  
 9:00 AM Catherine O'Connell

**Wednesday May 31**  
 9:00 AM Members of the McGreevy Family

**Thursday June 1**  
 9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli

**Saturday June 3**  
 1:00 PM Funeral for Ferol Breymann  
 2:30 PM Baptism for Natalie Nassau  
 4:00 PM Sylvia Swain

**Sunday June 4**  
 7:30 AM Pro populo  
 9:00 AM James Galante Birthday Remembrance  
 11:00 AM Debra Centracchio

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

**Saturday June 3**  
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran

**Sunday June 4**  
 7:30 AM To be announced (*Deacon Joe Preaching*)  
 9:00 AM Msgr. Moran  
 11:00 AM Msgr. Moran (*Deacon Joe Preaching*)

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, we honor the service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to protect the cherished, God given freedoms that we enjoy today. Please remember them in your prayers.



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

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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 INVITED!***

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

We celebrate this weekend the Solemnity of Pentecost. We celebrate the “birthday” of our Church community by celebrating what to be “born from above; born again” truly means. We celebrate God’s bestowing on us the Holy Spirit, God’s own love, as a gift in our lives, bringing us into the very life and life of God in and through Jesus, for the sake of the world.

Meeting the disciples in the locked room of their fear and uncertainty (see John 20:19-23), Jesus enjoins them to “Receive the Holy Spirit!” The gift of this Spirit alone quells fear at its root. The gift of the Spirit unlocks hearts. The gift reopens communication and relationship with God and with one another. By receiving this Gift of God from on high, the disciples are transformed and sent forth. They speak in a new way. They begin to work with Jesus, establishing God’s new creation. They begin to experience what it means to be “born from above.”

The prime work of the Holy Spirit is the living, preaching and realization of God’s mercy through the forgiveness of sins. When fear is set aside in favor of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, we learn to speak the language of God’s heart. God so loved the world, Saint John tells us, that he sent his Son as our Savior, not to condemn but to save and to raise up. Reflecting that twofold mission, Jesus charges his disciples to forgive and to retain others’ sin. Note the conjunction “and” and not “or.” He sends us with the mission to forgive and to retain! We are to forgive in the ways that Jesus did for the Apostles: with peace, with joy, readily and from the heart. And we are to “retain” sins. This does not mean to hold on to sins or to past hurts or failures. That was the work of fear, that must be definitively left dead behind. We are to actively work to retain sin. That is, we hold back the earthly, or temporal, damage that sin brings about in the world, in relationship and in ourselves. Jesus forgave sinners from the heights of his cross. Jesus actively retains and removes the bad consequences of those sins from working further wreck in the context of our lives and our world through the gift of the Holy Spirit. By attending to Christ’s command to love one another as he has loved us we follow in his ways. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus makes manifest how we go forth into the world. We go with good news of forgiveness and we actively build a new and better way of life by speaking to the heart all that the heart longs to hear.

This weekend marks Memorial Day 2023. The annual observances include the town's Monday programs at Memorial Square and Waterside Cemetery, as well as a prayer service and Veterans' Salute to be held today, Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. at Star of the Sea Cemetery. We pray for all our fallen military, in whose honor the Country pauses in prayer and recognition. We pray, too, for loved ones and friends who have died. All are welcome.

You and I, as disciples of the Lord, receive from the Lord the gift of the Holy Spirit. We, too, are sent with the Good News of Jesus’ victory over sin and death to be announced to the world. We know that the world around us has need of such good news. As followers of Christ, we have the chance to speak to the heart of wounded humanity. But first, we ourselves need renewal. Be a living sign of New Life, new birth from above. Then be on a mission that brings healing and peace where it is most needed.

Wishing each and every Disciple of the Lord a happy Pentecost, Happy Birthday for our Church and your own rebirth in the joy of God’s forgiving love, I am

Yours in the Lord’s service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



## Seminary Offering ~ Pentecost Collection

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the

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are responding to the call to serve as priests. Your past and present support of this collection has helped provide for future generations of Priests. Please be generous in supporting these seminarians and their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more info, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

## Hot Dog Sunday

Sunday, July 2, 2023

12:00 Noon — 1:30 PM

Save the Date!



## We Share

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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 our website at [www.sosmarblehead.org](http://www.sosmarblehead.org).

## Church Announcements

Our Lady, Star of the Sea is on Facebook. Stay up-to-date with the latest news and events from our local Parish and the larger Catholic Church.



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## MUSIC News

The Adult Choir meets in the organ loft every Thursday for rehearsal at 7:00pm.

The Children's Choir meets in the organ every Sunday for rehearsal at 8:15am.

*New members are welcome!*

If you are interested in joining the choir or have questions about the choir, please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, after weekend Mass in the Church, or you can send him an email at [sosmusicdirector@aol.com](mailto:sosmusicdirector@aol.com).



Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to \$39,742.00, (60% of our Parish Goal of \$66,401.00). If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, we invite you to pick up a pledge envelope located at the back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory Collection. You can also give online today by visiting [bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/).

## Church Bookcase

Our Creation Care Team maintains a bookcase in the entryway of the church in order for parishioners to share religious books amongst each other. Visitors and church-goers can browse and borrow the books, then return them on the "honor system." **If you have a book you no longer read, please consider donating it to our Little Free Library Bookcase.** *Topics we suggest include: Jesus, Saints, Apologetics, Bible studies, Prayer, and Church history.*

We hope this bookshelf encourages learning about our faith while being good stewards of the earth by saving books from ending up in the landfill. We ask that donated books be in good condition, and can be dropped off in the box next to the bookcase so we can label them prior to shelving. Please do not leave books directly on the book shelf.



**Thank you!**



# Family Rosary

We gathered for our Family Rosary on Sunday, May 21 in front of the Blessed Mother in the Grotto. We thank all of our families and individuals who were able to join us to pray together the Rosary.



## Ascension Thursday, May 18

(Online: \$120.00 • Mailed-In/Collected: \$295.00)

**Collection Total: \$415.00**

## Sunday, May 21

(Online: \$2,743.16 • Mailed-In/Collected: \$4,868.00)

**Offertory Total: \$7,611.16**

### Comments from Deacon Joe **PENTECOST/ORDINARY TIME**

**Today, Pentecost,** is the last day of Eastertide. **Ordinary Time** begins on Monday. Still, we continue to celebrate Easter all year in a way. After all, Sunday is the Christian “sabbath” because it was on a Sunday that Jesus rose from the dead, and every Sunday we gather at Mass to celebrate the Resurrection. Furthermore, as Pope Francis reminds us in *Desiderio Desideravi*, at every Mass, even on weekdays, the Good Friday-Easter event takes place before our eyes. But during Ordinary Time we also look at Jesus’ entire earthly ministry — his teachings and his miracles. Let’s try to be aware from week to week between now and Advent that the gospel readings we hear aren’t isolated events but part of Jesus’ ongoing ministry preparing people — now including us — to carry on spreading God’s kingdom after his saving work is completed. We must be formed as disciples just as his original hearers were.

It won’t feel much like Ordinary Time at Sunday Mass for a couple of weeks because we’ll be celebrating solemnities on June 4 and 11, but weekday Mass-goers will start seeing green vestments on Tuesday. Before Lent started we were in the seventh week in Ordinary Time. This will be the eighth week. The ninth and tenth Sundays in Ordinary Time have Solemnities preempting their Masses, but on June 18 we’ll be back to Ordinary Time Masses on Sundays as well.

**Memorial Day** is probably my favorite civic holiday. Honoring those who gave their lives in military service to our country is a debt we owe to them, and I believe our town fulfills the obligation very well with our parade and the ceremonies at Memorial Park and at Waterside Cemetery. When I was a selectman, I considered it a great honor to march in the parade, and I encourage you to be present for at least some part of the observances.

<https://www.marblehead.org/home/news/memorial-day-weekend-events-0>

**This week** we have two celebrations in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Visitation is on Wednesday, May 31.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visitation\\_\(Christianity\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visitation_(Christianity))

On Monday there is the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother\\_of\\_the\\_Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother_of_the_Church)

June 1 is the memorial of St. Justin, martyr. He was a convert who wrote defenses of Christianity to the emperor and to the Senate of Rome

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin\\_Martyr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin_Martyr)

Saturday, June 3, brings the memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs. Christian pages at the royal court they were killed because the king saw Christianity as a threat to his power and because he refused to participate in immorality with him.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Lwanga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Lwanga)

**HAVE A GOOD WEEK.  
ENJOY THE SPRING.**

~Deacon Joe Whipple  
May 28, 2023



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