

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. Mark 6:2

IN ORDINARY TIME



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healing, to feeding the hungry, to visiting the sick, and to consoling the bereaved as Jesus commanded in the gospels.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: In writing by Mon 10am.



We have officially launched the 2024 Catholic Appeal here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to join me in giving a gift to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. Thankful for YOUR HELP!

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 6

Canice McGlynn 9:00 AM 4:00 PM Fatima DaSilva

Sunday July 7

Sean P. Crowley, Birthday Remembrance 7:30 AM

9:00 AM Pro Populo

11:00 AM Rev. James E. Kelly

July 8 Monday

9:00 AM Refugees fleeing oppression

Tuesday

9:00 AM Cecilia & Henry Francis

Wednesday July 10

9:00 AM Norma Bassett

Thursday July 11

9:00 AM David Halahan

Friday July 12

9:00 AM Margaret Duggan, 1st Anniversary

Saturday July 13

9:00 AM James Whipple, 3rd Anniversary

4:00 PM Phyllis Tyrell

Sunday July 14 7:30 AM Pro popolo 9:00 AM Jack King

11:00 AM Irene & Henri Martineau

Collections:

The June 30 totals were not available at the early press time because of the holiday. They will be published with today's gifts next weekend.

Together, we build. Thanks!

2024 Catholic Appeal: Forward in Faith

The Catholic Appeal is a way that we can fortify, sustain, and expand the many ministries and services that serve thousands across the Archdiocese. We are so grateful to all of you who have given. As of June 25th, we have raised \$50,520.00, 82% of this year's goal of \$61,700.00. Thank you for your generosity. By making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal you help the mission of our Church.



Religious Education 2024 ~ 2025

Wew Year of Religious Education

The Religious Education Schedule is being finalized. Teacher Volunteers are Needed Registrations for 2024~2025

Registration forms for participating families will be mailed this week. Families who have not been recently in our program are invited to contact the Religious Education Office.

Fall Confirmation Date and Time

Our Fall date for Confirmation for our rising Junior class has been set for Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Ouestions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

A Cross-Country Journey May 17-July 17, 2024 Jesus is on the move! July 6

Eucharistic Revival finds the pilgrims walking in

Cincinnati. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Eu-

charistic Procession through the streets of Cincinnati, and Eucharistic Festival on Fountain Square. The week ahead will take them to Indianapolis and the Eucharistic Congress. Learn more at: https://

www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

Our parish has been on a Eucharistic journey, too.

- ♦ We began this time last year with hundreds in our midst taking and reading Dr. Brant Pitre's Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.
- ♦ We continued this Fall with our Women's Retreat based on Bishop Robert Barron's This is My
- We picked up the pace with some 60 members participating in the series "Jesus and the Eucharist" with seven weeks of presentations and small group discussions.

We have, now, the opportunity of thanking God for the gift of the Eucharist and to see what we can do to promote a more authentic Eucharistic sense of devotion in our Parish. Interested? Call or email the Rectory with your name and contact to participate in proposing a next-step forward for the Parish.



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

July 7, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Nazareth must have been a quiet, predictable, small town. Smaller, for sure, than is Marblehead, especially in July 4th Week! Today's Gospel (see Mark 6:1-6) has Jesus returning home for a visit. His return is described with the addition: "Accompanied by his disciples." These disciples are the key to understanding the passage. A very small town is now overrun with the "disciples." Disciples! Not just the twelve, who have recently been chosen. Everywhere Jesus has been large crowds accompany him, precede him, press in on him, follow him making it impossible for people to come and go and difficult even for Jesus and his companions to eat. Picture them all descending on sleepy Nazareth, all of them excited, astounded, awestruck by all the teachings, cures and wonders Jesus has been doing. Mark has been making a big deal talking about their over-the-top reactions at every turn. They probably could not and did not stop talking! You can more easily see, then, as Jesus gets up to speak at the regular Sabbath Service in the regular way with the regular company of the hometown folks why, all of a sudden, a series of unflattering, bitter questions pour out from neighbors and relatives. "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom.... What mighty deeds...??" They who have been hearing all of the excited talk by star struck "disciples" are wondering just when and how he'll step up to the plate, do something for them. They are not buying the talk. They think that they have him pegged: "Is he not the carpenter? Son of Mary? Brother of James, Joses... and those here with us?" And so, Mark tells us, "they took offense at him." Jesus, in his turn, was "amazed at their lack of faith."

We can well ask ourselves whether the good Lord, at visiting our town, our homes and our hearts will find the faith. The faith to which we are called is not the excited chatter of the awestruck who think they have found a miracle worker to do their bidding or a hidden force to accomplish their own druthers. Faith is not a series of practices or disciplines by which we prove our loyalty to the leader nor gain advantage over others in the give-and-take of life. Faith is not being the beneficiary of x number of miracles to fix whatever may be broken, missing or unfairly compromised in the context of our lives. Faith is not a series of truths, no matter how wise, by which we come to know the secrets of all that is. Faith is, first and foremost, the heartfelt recognition of how much God loves you and desires your good, and it is, at the same time, your response to that love by which you enter into a friendship with Jesus. The important point of contact is not the teaching, not the wisdom, not the disciplines or miracles. It is the person. It is the real person of Jesus, who really loves you. It is your real friendship with him. In the lights of that encounter with God in Jesus, all of the teachings, the wisdom of his ways, the duties and demands of discipleship, the real help that we enjoy from God each day all come to make sense. That is why the First Reading (see Ezekiel 2:2-5) proclaims the beginning of Ezekiel's vocation is the realization "God spoke to me... and set me on my feet." That is why Paul (see 2 Corinthians 12:7~10) proclaims "the Lord... said to me 'My grace is sufficient for you." It is about relationship. It is about God's love and our friendship with him.

You and I are sent, in the Gospel, as prophets to our hometown, to our way of life. There too, these days, we may meet deepening opposition. When faith has dimmed, the real purposes and destiny of individuals, families and body politic slip from the grasp of the mind and heart. With confidence, as did Jesus, we must not be dismayed, but with kindness and conviction point to the God from whose hands all honor and standing is bestowed.

Asking the friendship and joy of the Lord for you and for your loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

July - For the Pastoral Care of the Sick.

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all. Pray your Morning Offering with one voice in union with Jesus and the intentions of his heart.

For further information please consult the Apostolate at: popesprayer.va.

Summer Reading

Nourish your new life in Christ Jesus by picking up some spiritual reading for your Summer. Browse and borrow from the many offerings in our Parish Free Library bookcase near the front doors of the Church, for learning, inspiration, motivation and life. for learning, inspiration, motivation and life

St. Vincent de Paul —Collection Boxes

Please remember that there are boxes at the doors of the Church for charitable donations for the benefit of persons in need who seek help.



Summer is a needful time!

Exploring Ideas: Follow-up

A meeting was held on June 2nd in which we continued to explore ideas. The Parish in Fr. Stephen's home area is preparing some of their ideas to share with us this week. A consolidated proposal will be prepared and, after review, presented to both Pastoral Councils for support and direction. Bring to Fr. Stephen and Elaine Leahy your questions and suggestions: eleahy10@yahoo.com.



Our Adult Choir rehearsals will resume in the Fall.

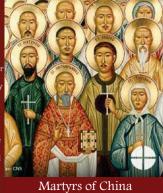
Children's Choir rehearsals have ended until Fall. Interested in joining either choir? Please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Letters have gone out to our graduating High School Seniors with an invitation to apply for one of our Parish service scholarships, 2024, if qualified. For anyone who believes themselves qualified but does not receive a letter this week, please contact the rectory.

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and the Martyrs of China

he 120 martyrs of China were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000. They were killed by various Chinese dynasties over a 400-ye, period. The group consists of 87 Chinese converts period. The group consists of 87 chinese converts and 33 foreign missionaries, mainly European; the were bishops, priests, seminarians, lay men and women, and children. Augustine Zhao Rong is honored by name because he was the first Chinese diocesan priest to be executed. As a soldier, he had account of a Calbelli bishop held a picture and an account of a Calbelli bishop held a picture and a consider a Calbelli bishop held a picture and a consideration. guarded a Catholic bishop held prisoner, and was so moved by the bishop's demeanor that he becam a Christian and a priest. He died in 1815 after being tortured. At their canonization, the pope said the martyrs had "a state of mind marked by deep serenity and joy."



Pray for Us!



- Creation Care Team -

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish has joined churches in Marblehead in ringing our bells for 11 minutes, at 11 a.m., on the 11th day of every month to raise awareness of the immediate need to address climate change.

Climate change is accelerating; action is needed now.

As Catholics, we are charged by Pope Francis, in his Encyclical Laudato Sí, to care for the environment, our common home and all those who reside in it, especially the most vulnerable. The bell ringing serves as a reminder of his call to action. Hear it this week!

Food Pantry Volunteers

Consider offering a helping hand and heart at Marblehead Food Pantry as Summer begins.

Volunteers are most welcomed and needed. We are hoping to spread out the work by putting teams together when possible. Various opportunities are available and time commitments can be as often as once a week or as seldom as once a month.



Stockers: Move donations from our storage unit at the Masonic Temple on Pleasant Street to the Food Pantry at Our Lady Star of the Sea Center. Help display and arrange items for distribu-

Shoppers: We shop twice a week. Do you read the grocery ads each week? Perhaps you could be a sale shopper, especially for granola bars

and cereal.



Staffers: Additional volunteers staff the Pantry on Tuesday mornings from 9-12 noon or on Thursday evenings from 5 ~ 7. We greet and assist those who come to shop.

Please contact Teresa Chirlin for

any questions and to volunteer at tbchirlin@yahoo.com or leave a message at 781~ 631~6241.



Hot Dog Sunday

Today!

July 7, 2024

12:00Noon-1:30PM

Celebrate with Hot Dogs, Blueberry Pie, and Friends.



Comments from Deacon Joe

A Call for Action

There was an insert in the bulletin for June 23, but it didn't get into all of them. So in case you missed it, it was from the Massachusetts Catholic Conference and it urges us to



contact our state legislators about Senate Bill 1331, which would allow physicians to prescribe deadly drugs for some patients. There are several flaws in it. For one thing it requires a patient's prognosis to be less that six months to live, but such diagnoses can be wrong, and patients with such a diagnosis can actually have much longer to live. For another thing, what we should be promoting is palliative care, not suicide, for those who are suffering.

My older brother died about three years ago. He had been in great pain for some time. On a Tuesday, he told a doctor, "My life now is a nightmare, and I want it to end." He then got stronger pain killers and went into hospice care the following Friday. On Saturday when a doctor asked what his hopes were he said, "I want to get better and go home." Unfortunately his disease was too advanced and he died the following week, but the change in his attitude shows that good palliative care is what people need. Our government should be promoting that, not suicide.

A further consideration is what has happened in other states and countries where physician-assisted suicide has been permitted. It has always started with

limited categories for whom it is allowable, but over time those categories have been expanded to include people who have disabilities or suffer from mental illness — even children. The expansions differ from place to place but the pressure to enlarge the scope is commonplace. We should stop the regime of death before it gets started. We should give care to people who need it, not kill them.

Numbers matter. The more people our senator and representative hear from, the more they realize this is important and we care. So please go to https://macatholic.org and follow the links to call them. You can also find the bulletin insert and links to newspaper articles explaining the issues in depth.

This week The Memorial of St. Benedict is on July 11.



He was born in Nursia (now called Norcia) around 480. He went to Rome as a student, but, shocked at the dissolute lifestyle of other students, he left Rome and became a hermit. His reputation for holiness led others to join him, but eventually he left the area of northern Italy and founded a monastery

at Monte Cassino south of Rome. He wrote a Rule for Monasteries which is the basic rule of the Order of Saint Benedict, and he is considered the Father of Western Monasticism. He died on March 21, 547 https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? <a href="mailto:saint.g

Enjoy the summer.

~Deacon Joe Whipple
July 7, 2024



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