Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

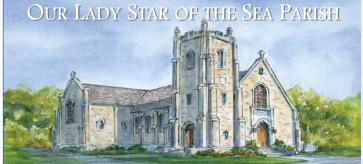
"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4: 30-32)



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Marblehead, Massachusetts

June 16, 2024



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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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 15

9:00 AM Ferol Breyman 4:00 PM Jules Gosz Sunday June 16 7:30 AM Pro Populo

9:00 AM Innocent Victims of Violence and Wars 11:00 AM William H. O'Connor, 2nd Anniversary

Monday June 17

9:00 AM Jerry Kirby, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday June 18

9:00 AM Michael Iacobucci & Felix Petrilli

Wednesday June 19
9:00 AM Nancy Graves
Thursday June 20
9:00 AM Eileen Kent
Friday June 21

9:00 AM Jennifer Young Sileo

Saturday June 22

9:00 AM Rev. William T. Pearsall

4:00 PM *Pro Populo* Sunday June 23

7:30 AM Robert Bouchard 9:00 AM Marcellino Families

11:00 AM Dr. Charles M. Louden, 4th Anniversary

Collections: June 9, 2024

Offertory collected /mailed in: \$6,048.00 • Online: \$4,435.33

Offertory Total: \$10,483.33

Grand Annual: \$397.00

Your continued support is gratefully received!

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 11th, we have raised \$47,248.00, 77% 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.

Coffee and Donuts Join Us

outdoors, weather permitting following 9:00 a.m. Mass



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

Vacation Bible School

Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God! June 24-28th

Volunteer training now underway. Fall Confirmation Date and Time

Our Fall date for Confirmation has been set for Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 in the afternoon. Any rising Junior who has not been part of our Religious Education Program this year but who would like to receive this sacrament should contact the Religious Education Office by mid-June to arrange to make their preparation.

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

A Cross-Country Journey May 17–July 17, 2024

Eucharistic Revival

Jesus is on the move! Leaving from New Haven, the eastern arm of the Pilagrimage is named

grimage is named for St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton. It began near the Atlantic coast, is now at Washington D.C., our nation's capital, and will cross the Appalachian Mountains on the way to the 10th National 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 Body*.
- 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

June 16, 2024 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"This is how it is with the Kingdom of God." These words from today's Gospel (see Mark 4:26-34) differ from the usual introduction to Jesus' parables, an example of which we hear later in the same reading: "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God..." "This is how it is." What a great phrase! Jesus tells us, then, something about "how it is," about life and about his own approach to the mission that was his in life so that we, too, might follow.

"It is as if a man were to scatter seed..." That is, in our ultimate relationship with God and in all our relationships with each other, we are like this man who scatters seed. Whether the man sleeps or rises, whether it be day or night does not matter as much as does the inner strengths of that which was sown: it grows towards its own fulfillment.

For us, each of our actions and, especially, all our words, are like that seed which has been scattered across life. Once it is out there, it takes on a life of its own. And, as the Second Reading reminds us (see 2 Corinthians 5:6-10), something "whether good or evil" will result in accord with what has been done, what has been said. The "mustard seed" from among all the seeds scattered by the man in question, though "the smallest of all the seeds of the earth," actually results in "the largest of plants." All this reminds us that our faithfulness in all things, great and small, each and every day, builds the dominant presence in our lives. "This is how it is." Are you planting with Jesus for the growth of the Kingdom of God, or are you scattering the evil of unfulfilled promises and missed opportunities that grow into the chaos of this world that Jesus so much wants to heal, restore and raise up? He asks you to sow his Word, together with him, for the good of all.

We celebrate this weekend Fathers' Day. We are thankful for the good our Fathers have been and have brought into our lives. We seek, too, God's own blessing upon them, living and deceased. We pray that our Fathers be faithful in great things and in small, and offer their very best, especially through the power of their words, so that the best will grow strong in their children and in this world we all share.

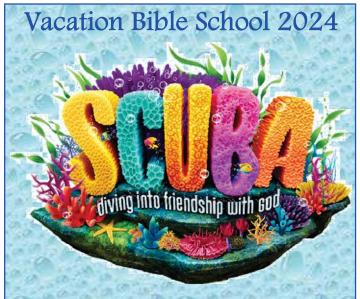
Here in the Parish, we have been working to renew and to restore our two parish councils, both Pastoral and Financial. All of the many decisions that are enacted in our parish life are meant to be done in the context of shared perspective and experience through the discussions in our established councils. Priests, Deacon and Staff, together with other Parishioners evaluate, discuss and propose what is deemed to be helpful for the growth of our Parish and the effectiveness of our witness to Christ in our wider community. Members of the Pastoral Council will be describing their experience and inviting your participation by approving new members to the Council or even by offering your own service for such a call. Our Finance Council (for which I am in arrears with information and consultation) is also to be restored and renewed drawing on the expert experience of Parishioners for the good of us all.

A well-balanced and complete Catholic life always includes quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. When was the last time you dropped by the Church during the week to spend some time in prayer before the Eucharist? It is open daily; you are always invited. Our minds and hearts need to spend time stretching, exploring, reflecting and being energized by the wonder and power of the Eucharist that Jesus left us as a gift of his abiding presence in our midst. If you are interested in promoting within our Parish community new opportunities for Eucharistic celebration, adoration and exposition please call or email the rectory with your name and best contact. I would like to assemble and work with a group to come up with a good proposal for Eucharistic Renewal in our midst.

Asking the strength and joy of the Lord on you and your loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



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When: June 24 – 28, 2024 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea, Parish Center

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For more information, please call Lynne Celli, Director of Faith Formation;

781-631-8340 or email

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Star of the Sea Concert Series

Summer Garden Party June 22nd at 5:00 pm.

Our Adult Choir rehearsals will resume in the Fall. Children's Choir rehearsals end today 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 <u>service</u> scholarships, 2024, if qualified. For anyone who believes themselves qualified but does not receive a letter this week, please contact the rectory.

Summer Summer Garden Party!

This Saturday, June 22nd

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come for an early summer evening outdoors in the garden, next to our koi fishpond. Come and listen to live, Summer tunes while you dance and mingle to the music of the "Matt Arnold, and his New England Yankees" band. Free admission. Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments over great conversation. Beer and wine cash bar will be available.

Pastoral Council June Meeting

Wednesday, June 19th, 7:00 p.m.

no regular meetings in July or August

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 distribution.



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.



<u>Staffers:</u> 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.

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.

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!

We all should try to offer what we can

Comments from Deacon Joe

Summer comes in

Correction Last week in my bit about Italian food I

referred to "small ravioli-type pasta" and incorrectly guessed that they were called tagliatelle. It has been pointed out that tagliatelle are a flat form of



pasta. Searching different forms of pasta, I think what I had was actually tortelli, more specifically tortelli d'erbetta.

Catholic Update There is a new "Update" for June



and July. It is titled "The Mass Before and After Vatican II," and it says it is the first of two parts on the topic. The second part may be the August issue. This issue acknowledges that for many of us the changes to the Mass after Vatican II were very difficult to accept. It traces some of the developments which were taking place, especially

among scholars, before the Council and looks at the questions of the use of the vernacular rather than Latin and permitting the laity to receive Communion from the chalice. You may find it interesting reading.

Summer will begin on Thursday, June 20, at 4:51 p.m., Boston Time. (For my brother in Japan that will be 5:51 a.m. on the 21st.) I'm looking forward to the hot weather: it's my favorite season.

Summer is prime vacation and

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

June ~ For migrants fleeing their homes.

We pray that migrants fleeing their homes, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them. Consider joining Catholics around the world in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer). 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.

Save the Date: Hot Dog Sunday



July 7th

following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

travel season, so enjoy. The sisters at Star of the Sea School would remind us at the end of every school year, "There is no vacation from God." There are online services that enable us to find the nearest Sunday Masses wherever we are.

This week The Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, S.J.

is on June 21. Born in 1568, he died in 1591. Wiki tells us he "was an Italian aristocrat who became a member of the Society of Jesus. While still a student at the Roman College, he died as a result of /disease he contracted while/ caring for the victims of a serious epidemic. He was beatified in 1605 and canonized in 1726"



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloysius Gonzaga.

We might also note the optional memorial of Sts.





John Fisher and Thomas More on June 22. They were martyred within weeks of each other in 1535 for refusing to acknowledge King Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England.

Enjoy the rest of the spring and the summer which lies ahead!

> ~Deacon Joe Whipple June 16, 2024



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