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Commanded in the gospels.

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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

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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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 1

9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli 4:00 PM Edward T. Finnigan

Sunday June 2 7:30 AM *Pro Populo*

9:00 AM Margaret Hughes

11:00 AM Angelo Celli, 9th Anniversary

Monday June 3

9:00 AM Helena T. Butler, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday June 4

9:00 AM Christopher Ahearn

Wednesday June 5

9:00 AM James Galante, Birthday Remembrance

<u>Thursday</u> <u>June 6</u>

9:00 AM Natalie Whipple. 20th Anniversary

Friday June 7

9:00 AM Canice McGlynn

Saturday June 8

9:00 AM Rev. Robert Rivard 4:00 PM Frank Murphy

Sunday June9
7:30 AM Janet Yench
9:00 AM Pro Populo

11:00 AM Dorothy Fitzgerald

Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024

Offertory collected /mailed in: \$4,277.00 • Online: \$1,872.50

Offertory Total: \$6,149.50 St. Vincent de Paul: \$159.00

Grand Annual: \$150.00 Ever grateful for your generosity!

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 May 28th, we have raised \$46,268.00, 75% 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

in the Center Conference Room following 9:00 a.m. Mass



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



Jesus is on the move! Four small groups of young adults are in the midst of an epic journey which began at the north, south, east, and west

edges of the United States. They are journeying with Jesus in the Eucharist across our whole country, blessing over 6,000 miles of our nation in the shape of a cross. This is the first-ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage—one of the largest Eucharistic processions in history. Come and meet Jesus on the road! 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.

Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ gives us 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.



FAITH

SCAN HERE to make your gift or visit



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

June 2, 2024 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

We celebrate today a Solemnity in honor of the gift of the Eucharist. The first phrase of St. Mark's account of the Last Supper is instructive in its disarming simplicity: "While they were eating..." (see Mk 14:12-26). In the context of the Bible, the phrase not only sets the immediate scene of table conviviality, but reaches way back to the first moments of our human family, then lost in our consumption of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil "While they were eating..." The disciples at table are busy reaching, passing, sharing and enjoying gifts of nourishment. Jesus, however, is readying something else, spectacular. Humanity is intimated as busily occupied with millennia of providing, buying, selling and consuming unawares of what is about to be manifest. Jesus, however, is readying something unheard of that will change all.

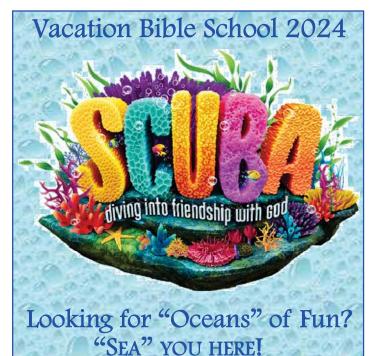
"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body." While they were eating, Jesus is consumed with a total love for them. That love, that life becomes their true nourishment and strength. While the world has been eating, Jesus has readied a sacrifice of living love that will surpass and change all measurement and containment. Jesus pours out his heart that they and we be filled no longer with passing things, but that we might be awash in a rising tide that lifts us beyond give-and-take to the all-in of God's own life and love. It is a gift received; it is to be a gift enacted and shared. Jesus gives of his life, his self, and his life's energies right to the last drop, poured out as a gift of love so as to win, by that loving gift, our salvation. And he invites you and me to "do this," that is, to pour out our own lives as a gift of love as did he.

The measure of love we encounter in the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord is the measure that he invites you to give each day. Receiving the Lord is being with the Lord and is the Lord, through you, being with the world in a new way. The further contemplation of that measure, that nourishment and that gifting is the main purpose of our adoration and worship of the gift of the Eucharist. 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. We have a difficult time conveying the full import of the words that express Jesus' gift of himself for our salvation. How much more do your mind and heart 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? This Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a good time to renew our commitment to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as a usual part of our life and love.

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.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



When: June 24 - 28, 20249:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea, Parish Center Register online:

https://vbspro.events/p/sosreligioused~ staroftheseamarblehead-org

\$75 – 1 child

\$125 – 2 children

\$150 - 3 + children

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

781-631-8340 or email

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Summer's Here

Garden Party the

Saturday, June 22nd dater 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. Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments over great conversation. Beer and wine will be available.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS Letters have gone out this weekend 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. More to come.



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING MY MASTER'S GRADUATION.

Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

As I reflect on my journey through graduate school, I am filled with immense gratitude to Monsignor Timothy Moran and the wonderful people of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish Marblehead for the role you played in making my master's graduation party a memorable occasion.

Your presence at the celebration meant the world to me. Your warm wishes, encouraging words, and genuine smiles added to the joy of the day. Whether it was helping with the decorations, preparing delicious food and gifts or simply being there to share in the excitement, your support did not go unnoticed. I am fortunate to have friends like you who stood by me during study sessions, cheered me on during challenging times, and celebrated my achievements. Your friendship has been a beacon of light, and I am truly thankful.

As I step into this new chapter of my life, I carry with me the memories of our time together. The laughter, the camaraderie, and the shared dreams, all of it has shaped my graduate experience in profound ways.

Thank you for being a part of my journey. Your kindness and friendship have made a lasting impact, and I look forward to creating more beautiful memories together as we work together in our parish.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Rev. Fr. Stephen Arinzechukwu Okoli, SMMM.





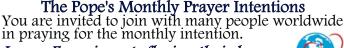
Exploring Ideas: Follow-up

The April 28th meeting went well as we continue to explore a relationship with a Parish or school community in Fr. Stephen's home country of Nigeria. Many ideas were raised. 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 from the

> Church. We all should try to reach out and to offer new possibilities to those most in need



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.



Comments from Deacon Joe

Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is commonly known by its old name in Latin: Corpus Christi, meaning the Body of Christ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/

Feast of Corpus Christi. For centuries the solemnity referred principally to the Body of Christ in the sacred host. Eventually, a separate feast of the Precious Blood was established. Finally, in the past century, the feast of the Precious Blood was merged into the more ancient celebration, since the Body and Blood of Christ are, as St. Thomas Aquinas explained, inseparable since the resurrection. Whether one eats the sacred host or drinks from the sacred chalice, one consumes both the Body and Blood of Christ. The Blessed Sacrament is an almost unimaginable gift to us: the sacramental way in which, above all others, Jesus fulfills his promise to be with us always and which brings eternal life.

Once more I encourage you to meditate prayerfully on the beautiful hymns St. Thomas Aquinas composed for the celebration. They are a wonderful synopsis of the theology of the Blessed Sacrament. In my opinion, the Lauda Sion, the Sequence for today's Mass, is the apex of them https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauda Sion. I should also mention the Pange Lingua, which is sung on Holy Thursday and from which the Tantum Ergo is taken. You can find both in the Missalette.

June In June, the Church observes a <u>month in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</u>, the symbol of the unconditional love of God for each one of us, for every human being. You might want to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart, which leads us to reflect on the multi-faceted meaning of the Sacred Heart for us https://www.usccb.org/prayers/litany-sacred-heart-jesus.

In secular society, June is often designated <u>Pride Month</u> to celebrate "Gay Pride." For Catholics this creates something of a dilemma: "Darned if you do, darned if you don't." As the bishops of the U.S. put it in their feedback report to the Synod on Synodality, there is a "tension between a welcoming spirit and the need to articulate Church teaching." We don't want to foster an impression which some have that "the Church hates gays" be-

cause of our teachings. We also don't want to give the impression that we condone immoral behavior in which some homosexuals (and heterosexuals) engage. My personal opinion is that at this time it is good for us to acknowledge that there has been unjust discrimination against homosexuals (which the Church condemns) and that we call upon all people to accept them with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Rarely is there a movement or organization which is all good or all bad, so we look for elements which we can agree and cooperate with. At the very least it seems to me that disparaging "Gay Pride" altogether would go too far, just as endorsing all manifestations of "Gay Pride," no matter how outrageous, would go way too far in the opposite direction. Respect is needed.

This week The Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions is on June 3. They were twenty-two young Ugandans who were martyred from 1885 to 1887 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles Lwanga.





June 5 is the Memorial of <u>Boniface, O.S.B.</u>, the "apostle of Germany," martyr. He came from England, became bishop of Mainz, traveled widely spreading the faith, and was martyred in 754 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Boniface.

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on June 7 this year. The devotion to the Sacred Heart developed gradually over several centuries and received its fullest expression through a series of visions granted to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque from 1673 through 1675. Promoted by the Visitation nuns and the Society of Jesus, the devotion gained wide popularity and the approval of various popes https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacred_Heart.

Enjoy the spring.

~Deacon Joe Whipple June 2, 2024



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