7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. Jn 17:17



May 12, 2024

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Marblehead, Massachusetts

Pilot Bulletins



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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 May 11

9:00 AM Thomas Kilduff 4:00 PM **Everit Chesley**

Sunday May 12, Mothers' Day

7:30 AM Margaret Petrilli 9:00 AM Pro Populo 11:00 AM George Scotti

Monday May 13

9:00 AM Anthony & Christine Corona

Tuesday May 14

Carol Bouchat, 2nd Anniversary 9:00 AM

Wednesday May 15

David Somerset, For spiritual wellbeing 9:00 AM

Thursday

Rev. Charles E. Salamone 9:00 AM

Friday May 17

9:00 AM Benjamin John Ramos, Jr.

Saturday May 18

9:00 AM Chris Papageorge

4:00 PM **Nancy Graves**

May 19 <u>Sunday</u> 7:30 AM Pro Populo 9:00 AM Peter Conner

11:00 AM Donald Daniel Dispirito

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024

Collected \$6,487.00/mailed in: • Online: \$6,184.33

Offertory Total: \$12,671.33 Grand Annual: \$130 St. Vincent de Paul: \$53

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 6th, we have raised \$43,886.00, 71% 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

First Communion Retreat

Thanks to the many parents who ran the workshops and who worked with the student groups.

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

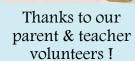












Annual May Crowning Mothers' Day May 12, 2024

The procession will feature our First Communicants and will follow the 9 o'clock Mass.

All are invited.

Refreshments to follow.



Family Rosary 2024

The Family Rosary will be prayed Sunday, May 19, 2024, following the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass. All are invited. We will gather outside at the Blessed Mother statue, weather per-

mitting. In the event of inclement weather we will gather in the Church in front of the Blessed Mother altar. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us in praying the rosary of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Star of the Sea.



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mothers' Day

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"Jesus prayed, saying: 'Holy Father'" (see John 17:11b-19). These words of today's Gospel for our Seventh Sunday of Easter celebrations portray Jesus praying before, with and for his disciples. St. John remembers Jesus not only addressing the "Father" in the final moments of the Last Supper but, directly asking the Father to be "Father" to his disciples as well. It is not by chance that the Lord's own prayer is in accord with how the other Gospels relate that Jesus taught his disciples to pray: the Our Father. As you look over today's Gospel passage you will see how many direct correspondences there are with the familiar "Lord's Prayer" each of us has learned, even though John's presentation comes at this crucial and dramatic final moments of their time together. The themes are familiar: Father; holy (hallowed); name; you; world; keep (deliver); evil one. Thanks to the disciples' communion with Jesus in word and deed, they too are introduced into a new relationship with God who becomes truly their "Father" in and through Jesus. And just as the Father is holy, so too does Jesus pray that his disciples be made holy, be consecrated in God's truth. He prays, too, that the Father deliver them from evil, that is, "keep them from the evil one."

This prayer on Jesus' lips comes to us in the midst of the great Novena for Pentecost. At the time of the Ascension, which we celebrated this past Thursday, Jesus instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem and to pray for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. And the Apostles did gather, together with the disciples, the women of Jesus' company and, especially, with Mary, the Lord's Mother in their midst. So, for the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost, the Church joins as a community of believers in prayer to renew the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all who believe. May our Church and our own commitment to the Gospel receive new strength and impetus through the Holy Spirit! Our world needs more than ever the guidance of a holy, generous, joyful and loving way of life. Such will never come from programs, through funds or by others' command. It comes about only by minds and hearts renewed in the power of those gifts from on high of which Jesus spoke and for which he wants you to pray. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fires of your love."

We have the joy of celebrating Mothers' Day this weekend. Many of you, as did I, learned to pray, learned particularly the Lord's Prayer as mentioned above, from our mothers. A mother, at her best, shares in a remarkable manner the creative work and love of God by bringing forth into the world a new human being. In the words of the late Cardinal Mindszenty: "She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace." A true mother knows, too, how to nourish her child's soul, helping her beloved to grow in relationship both with God and with neighbor in God. We ask God's blessings on our Mothers; we ask God to bless our world with true Motherhood for the good of us all.

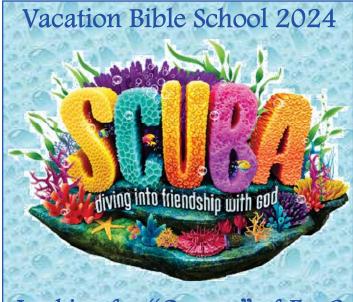
We celebrated the first of our First Holy Communions yesterday. We pray that those who have received and those who shortly will join them, will always remain close to the Lord all the days of their lives.

After the 9 o'clock Mass this morning we will have our Annual May Crowning. Our First Communicants will take the lead in our celebration. All are invited.

Next Weekend, on Pentecost Sunday, our parish Rosary Group invites you to join in a Family Prayer of the Rosary here on the grounds of our Church. It will take place after the 9 a.m. Mass and before the 11.

Asking the blessings of Christ for our Mothers, living and deceased, I am Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



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781-631-8340 or email

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FAITH AND PLAY

THIS WEEK

Faith and Play is a time for our youngest parishioners to gather to grow in their faith. This group is perfect for parents with children ages Baby to 5 Years. Join us once a month for a time to play and to learn about our faith. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. In nice weather we will meet in the garden next to the Church and then we will move indoors into the Parish Center. The dates this New Year will be: Mondays:



January 8 February 12 March 25 April 8

May 13.

For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com or Lynne Celli at sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Ensemble Lyrae

May 19th at 5:00 pm.

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in the organ loft Thursdays at 7:00pm.

Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the organ loft Sundays at 8:15am.

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.



ALL ABOUT RECYCLING WITH REPUBLIC



May 14th at 7 p.m.

Can I recycle milk or orange juice cartons? Do plastic strawberry containers go in the trash? What do I do with those black restaurant take out containers? Do I have to remove staples before I recycle paper?

Answers to these and other questions will be provided at a joint program offered by our Creation Care Team and Sustainable Marblehead, in conjunction with Republic Industries-the town's recycling provider-on Tuesday, May 14th in the Parish Center at 7pm.

We hope to see you at this community wide event.

The Creation Care Team is looking for more members to help us with our Mission to support Pope Francis' call to tend to our home and show respect for all of God's creation as outlined in his encyclical Laudato Si'.

If interested in becoming part of our team, please reach out to Peter Fallon, Elaine Leahy or Dylan Vizy at the program or on line at:

sossecretary@verizon.net.

Reopening Celebration May 19th.

The reopening of the Dining Room at My Brother's Table will be a special celebration. Open House will be

held from 5:30 until 7:30 in the evening. RSVP at

their website: https://www.mybrotherstable.org/.

If you would like to help the Parish send a message of congratulations, please send a donation marked for this purpose in the collection or to the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

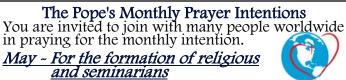
Exploring Ideas: Follow-up

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. Easter reminds us all to reach out and to offer new possibilities to those most in need



We pray that religious women and men, and semi-narians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. Consider joining Catholics around the world in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer). For further information please consult

the Apostolate at: popesprayer.va.

Easter Flower Memorials

We are grateful for the donations towards our Easter decorations in memory of many loved ones. We continue to hold them in our prayer throughout the Easter Season



Comments from Deacon Joe

Eastertide Concludes

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and next Sunday is Pentecost, which is the last day of the Easter season. This means that this is the last week of Eastertide: our great time of celebration is almost over. Let's try to stay aware that we are still in in the season and make the week special.

Mother's Day Today we celebrate Mother's Day. We all have a mother, and we should always be grateful for them for bringing us into this world. Clearly, the circumstances of our lives have been different and

maybe there have been difficulties or challenges along the way, but it is good to remind ourselves of the essential role our mothers have in our lives and to express our appreciation. Families have different traditions for celebrating the day. My mother's birthday was May 6, so that was our big celebration, and Mother's Day was secondary marked mainly by greeting cards. Other families may have a big party or a fancy dinner. When your mother, like mine, is no longer alive,

it is appropriate to pray for them and to remember how they cared for us.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers among us.

Vacation Bible School For a number of years we have had a Vacation Bible School for our young children. It provides them with an enjoyable experi-

ence while learning about concepts of our faith in an age-appropriate way. Unfortunately, last year too few children were registered for the program to work, and reluctantly the VBS was cancelled. This year we're again offering a program, and I strongly encourage all who are able to do so to register children for the one-week program. I've popped in for a peak in earlier years, and based on what I've seen, I think you'll be glad if your child has the experience. There are more details elsewhere in the bulletin.

This week the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle is on

Tuesday, May 14. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, as we read in Acts of the Apostles 1:15-26, He had been a disciple from the beginning, so he was able to witness to the Jesus' teachings and resurrection. There is nothing certain about his apostolate af-

ter that, but numerous traditions have arisen. At any rate, his selection may be seen as the beginning of the apostolic succession of bishops in the Church. Some of his relics were transferred by St. Helena from Jerusalem to Padua and others to Trier, where is is the patron saint https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Matthias the Apostle.

There are also several optional memorials: Our Lady of Fatima, May 13; St. Isidore, May 15; and Pope St. John I, May 18.

Happy Eastertide! Enjoy the spring.



-Deacon Joe Whipple May 12, 2024





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