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Marblehead, Massachusetts



Pentecost

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

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FUNERALS: Contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm.

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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME: Please make yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

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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May 19, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 18</u>
9:00 AM	Chris Papageorge
4:00 PM	Nancy Graves
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 19</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Peter Conner
11:00 AM	Donald Daniel DiSpirito
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 20</u>
9:00 AM	David Donovan
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 21</u>
9:00 AM	Nancy McGrath
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 22</u>
9:00 AM	Francis & Catherine Sullivan
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 23</u>
9:00 AM	John & Anne Birtwell
<u>Friday</u>	<u>May 24</u>
9:00 AM	Rev. Msgr. Paul T. Ryan
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 25</u>
9:00 AM	George Gagnan
4:00 PM	Ginny O'Neil, Birthday Remembrance
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 26</u>
7:30 AM	Janet Dubey Berry, 15 th Anniversary
9:00 AM	Katherine A. Mulligan
11:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024

Collected \$6,068.00/mailed in: • Online: \$2,313.75

Offertory Total: \$8,381.75

Ascension: \$472.00

Scholarship Fund: 763.00

Grand Annual: \$415.00

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 6th, we have raised \$44,136.00, 72% 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 2024



Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email: sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Family Rosary 2024 Today

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 permitting. 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.



FORWARD in FAITH

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." These words are from one of the Gospel options for the great Solemnity of Pentecost (see John 15:26-27; 16:12-15). They speak of the works of the Spirit, the Advocate whom Jesus and the Father send from on high. In the understanding of the Jewish believers of Jesus' day, the Spirit had been active in and throughout all of God's people in the time of the Patriarchs. From the time of the false worship of the Golden calf, the Spirit's manifestation was confined to the mission of prophets and high priest. With the death of the last prophet, the Spirit had not since been heard. The Messiah was awaited who would inaugurate a new time in which the Spirit would be poured forth anew on a forgiven and redeemed people. At that time would all God's people prophesy, prompted by the gift of the Spirit!

That expectation was realized in the midst of Jesus' followers gathered in prayer at his direction in the Upper Room of the first Eucharist. Apostles, disciples, the women of Jesus' company and Mary, the Mother of the Lord together experience this unleashing of God's Spirit not only *upon* them but taking up residence *within* them, transforming them in new ways. They now undertake the mission of the Spirit for the sake of the world. The risen Lord Jesus is proclaimed as victor, not over Roman soldiers, Temple guards nor those who had betrayed, denied, abandoned or opposed him. He is victor over sin and death, over those forces of evil that result in human conflicts, violence, wars and oppression. Jesus heals that root wound by which all the wounds of time and place are brought about. His witnesses, gifted in the Holy Spirit, are to guide others by Jesus' word; they are to speak to the heart concerning God's love in a way that each and every person hears and understands; they are to glorify God in praise and rejoicing; they are to "take" from what is Jesus' own, his special relationship to his heavenly Father, and "declare it to the world: calling each and every believer to forgiveness, to become true sons and daughters of God in and through Christ Jesus.

We pray for the outpouring of that same Spirit in a renewed way in our day. Our world so much needs the guidance, the words, the joy and the integrity that only the Spirit can work in our midst. It is so urgent for the Church to be renewed from on high because the world, in turn, is in urgent need of such love from us, from you! A love that guides, that speaks to the best in each heart, that rejoices in the good and that brings new possibilities to birth in our human experience, is desperately needed. May the Spirit so renew you and your loves, so that you, in turn, will be an outpouring of Godly love for others.

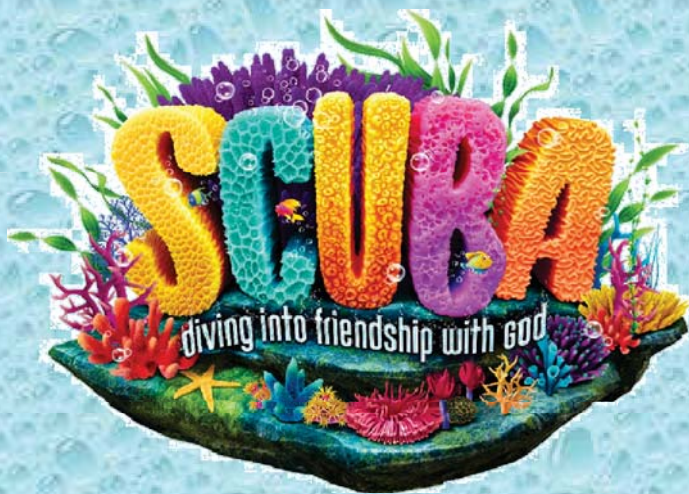
On Monday, Father Stephen Okoli and Mr. Richard Chirlin will graduate from their respective programs at Boston College. We congratulate them prayerfully and, through them, congratulate all parishioners who will be graduating from undergraduate and graduate university studies this Spring. Donations, too, are being accepted for the Anna E. Kelly Scholarship, Eric Ciccone, and the Smith Family Scholarship that express thanks for our High School Seniors who have served our Parish in special ways. Gifts can be placed in the offertory basket or sent to the Rectory.

Asking the strength and joy of the Holy Spirit upon you and loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

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Director of Faith Formation;
781-631-8340 or email

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Reopening Celebration May 19th. **Open House**

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.



Creation Care Team

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 on line at: sossecretary@verizon.net.

MUSIC *News* Tonight!

Star of the Sea Concert Series

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.

May Procession 2024



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***



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.



May - For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, 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

Pentecost/Ordinary Time

Fifty days after Passover is the Jewish feast of Shavuot, meaning Weeks. It celebrates the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai after the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shavuot>.

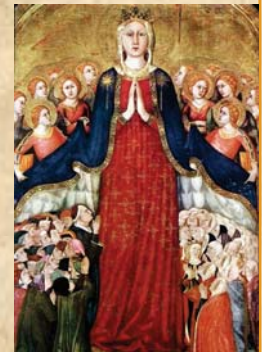


After Jesus' Ascension it was on this feast that the Holy Spirit, who is to lead us into all truth, descended on the Apostles. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism empowered him to undertake his public ministry. The descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples at Pentecost similarly empowered them to undertake their work of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus. Thus Pentecost can be considered the "birthday of the Church." In turn we have received the Holy Spirit in our baptism and confirmation, empowering us for our share in witnessing to our risen Lord in the world in which we live.

Ordinary Time The times of the year outside Advent, Christmastide, Lent, and Eastertide are called Ordinary Time in English. Its exact length depends on how long Christmastide runs. Usually there are about thirty-three weeks of Ordinary Time, some between Christmas and Lent, most, however, between Pentecost and Advent. Writers sometimes say, "There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time," which strikes me as kind of silly. Ordinary Time is not useless, but it's not special either. At Mass we listen to gospel passages about Jesus' public

ministry and we can gain new insights and deeper understanding each time we focus on them, as is also the case with the other readings at Mass. So Ordinary Time can certainly be a time of spiritual growth. This is what we should hope for as we go about our *ordinary* lives cooperating with God's grace.

This week Monday, the day after Pentecost, is the Feast of the **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**. The day after we celebrate the birthday of the Church we honor our mother — considering that the Church is, as St. Paul tells us, the body of Christ of which we are all members, and Mary is the mother of Christ.



There are also several optional memorials: **St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions**, martyrs to persecution by Mexico between 1915 and 1937, May 21; **St. Rita of Cascia**, on May 22; and **St. Bede the Venerable**, Doctor of the Church, **Pope St. Gregory VII, O.S.B.**, and **St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Carmelite**, all on May 25.

Note: By the time you see this I should have returned from a ten day (including travel to and fro) tour of Italy.



Because of publication deadlines, I actually had to write this on May 6 before I left. I trust you've all been well-behaved, enabling Monsignor Moran to hold down the fort comfortably in my absence.

Enjoy the spring.

~Deacon Joe Whipple
May 19, 2024

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