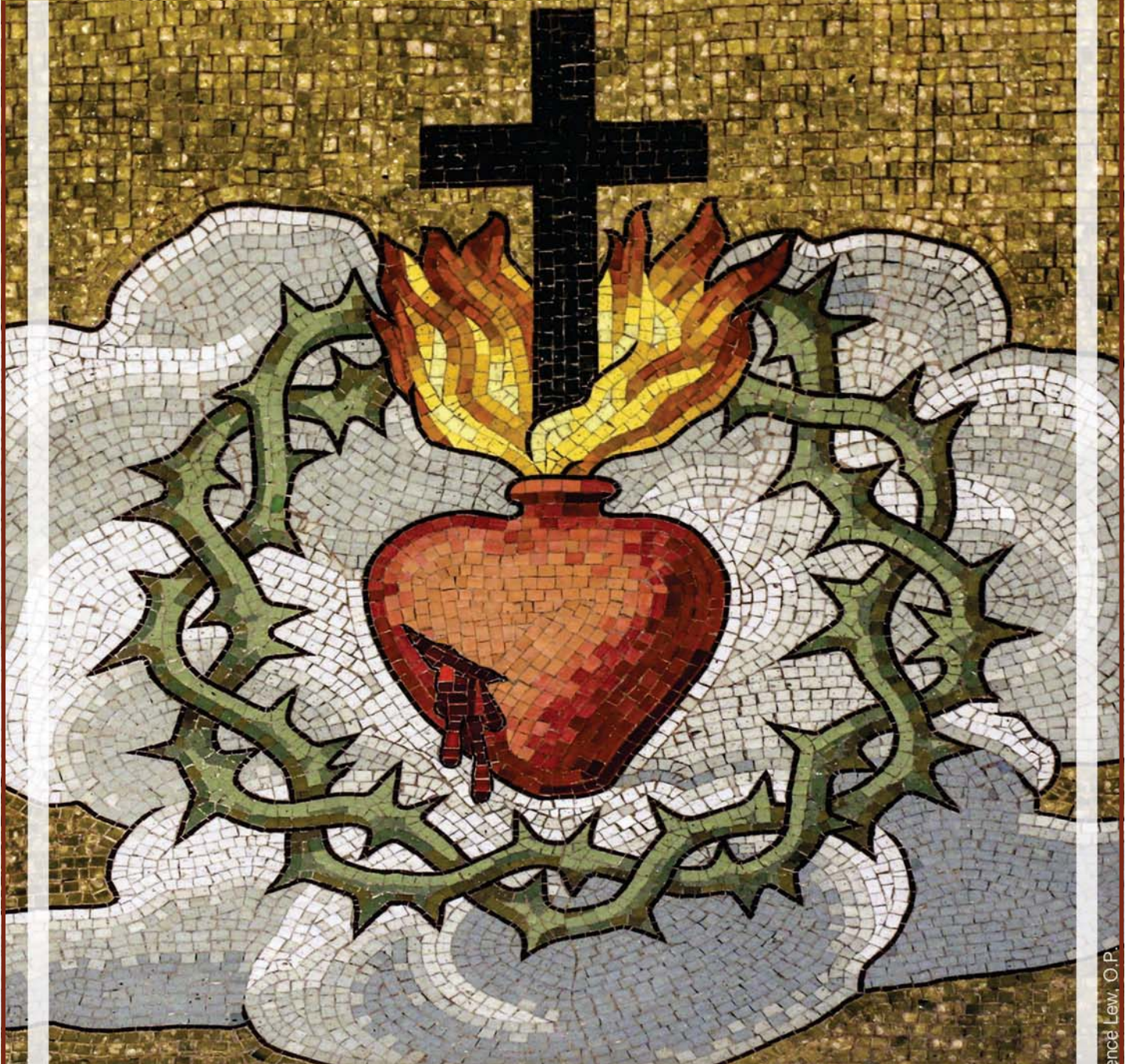


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." *John 15:9-10*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



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FUNERALS: Contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm.
SICK & SHUT-INS: Priests are available to bring Holy Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory.

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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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 4</u>
9:00 AM	Pat Gagne
4:00 PM	James Fitzgerald
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 5</u>
7:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 AM	Lillian Barry
11:00 AM	Longino Campos
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 6</u>
9:00 AM	Kathy Kelley Herald
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 7</u>
9:00 AM	Albert Irato
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 8</u>
9:00 AM	Arthur Mill
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 9 Solemnity of the Ascension</u>
9:00 AM	Margaret Remmes
7:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>May 10</u>
9:00 AM	Phyllis Adams
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 11</u>
9:00 AM	Thomas Kilduff
4:00 PM	Everit Chesley
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 12, Mothers' Day</u>
7:30 AM	Margaret Petrilli
9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 AM	George Scotti

★ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024** ★
Regular Classes Ended for the Year ★
First Communion Candidates
Retreat was held May 4th

The children enjoyed a morning together of hands-on learning in preparation for First Holy Communion. Unleavened bread baking, wine pressing, a visit to the Last Supper, banner making and a visit to the Church helped the children review all they have learned and to anticipate the upcoming celebration. Thanks to the many parents who ran the workshops and who worked with the student groups.

First Communion is May 11th

First Communion is May 11th at 10:30a or 12:30p
 May Procession is May 12th after the 9:00a Mass.

Fall Confirmation Date and Time

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$4,648.00 • Online: \$1,996.50

Offertory Total: \$6,664.50

Grand Annual: \$622.00

Many thanks for your kind remembrance!

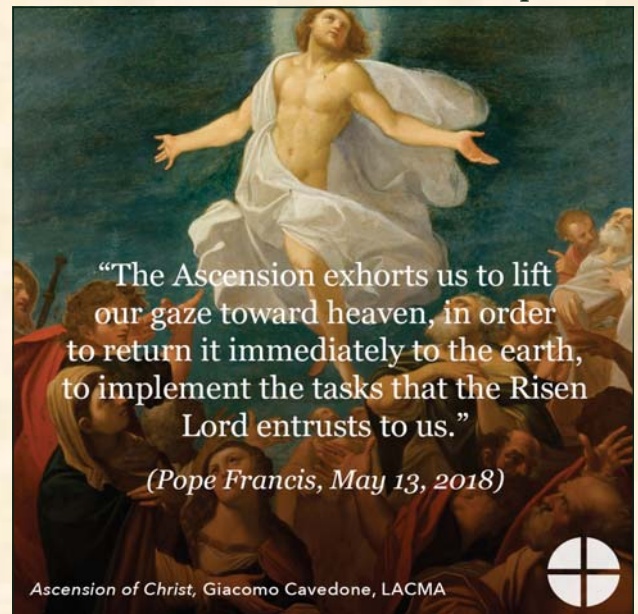
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Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Our readings this weekend and our prayers continue exploring the image of last week: Jesus as the true vine. Our focus is to try to perceive more clearly the reality of Easter love which we draw from Jesus and are called to bear towards one another and the world.

From the First Reading (see Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48) we see an assortment of hints pointing towards the true qualities of the love we celebrate this holy season. The verses from the story of Peter's encounter with Cornelius highlight a focus on Easter love. When Cornelius falls at Peter's feet, Peter immediately encourages him up. Peter, who had fallen from his friendship with the Lord, knows the tragedy of failure and denial. He now knows true love in that friendship renewed. Love is not a "falling" for, all over, or with regard to the other. Rather, as Peter will say, love is about gifts of "truth," "no partiality" and the respect to act "uprightly" in all things, to be offered to the other, thus finding acceptability with God.

The Second Reading (see 1 John 4:7-10) reminds us that Easter Love is a gift from God: "for God is love." Love is not conjured up. Nor is it to be measured by the intensity of our focus and, even less, by the depth of our need. Rather, love entails being "begotten by God." Love has called us into being alive. Love is a kind of knowledge that leads to a total grasp on life in and through God. What counts is "not that we have loved God, but that he loved us." And in that love we share life and love with others.

The Gospel passage (see John 15: 9-17) expresses Jesus' desire that his joy be in us and that our joy be complete in him. Jesus invites us to "remain in my love." "No one has greater love than this." What a remarkable utterance! Easter love is one, like that of Jesus; it is a readiness to "lay down one's life for one's friends." Easter love is something lived, not just felt. And if we "live" Jesus' command to love, he promises we will bear fruit and that his joy will be in us and our joy will find completion in him. We rejoice that God has given us the chance to reflect the wonders of his love in our own.

This time of year I have the joy of meeting repeatedly with engaged couples as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Through their sharing with experienced couples and individuals and through the conversations that the engaged couples have, each with the other, they seek to focus on the real greatness of the love with which they have been blessed. The love they share finds its greatness when they are rooted in and draw strength from God's own love from on high. Our experiences of earthly love in family, among friends and in society is far from perfect. This we know. Yet, even in the vicissitudes of daily living there is always, in our imperfect loves, some measure of reflection of God's own love from on high, calling us to a more complete and joyful experience of life. We can be renewed each morning in the promise of that love.

We thank God for gifts of life and love that have reached us through countless generations and allows us the chance to love well today. We also ask God's blessing on all engaged couples and, in prayer with and for them, ask God to fill their hearts with his joy and his peace.

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

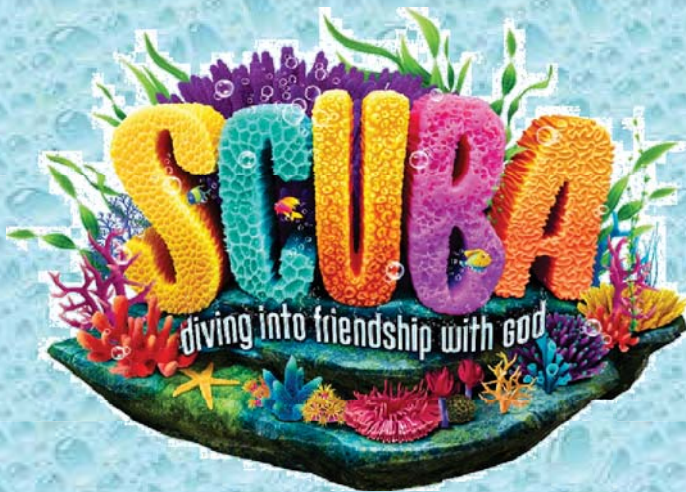
Saturday will be our principal celebrations of First Holy Communion. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

Asking the blessings of Easter love for you and yours, I am

In the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

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FAITH AND PLAY

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.

MUSIC News

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.



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.

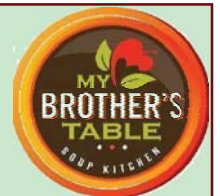
The Creation Care Team is looking for more members to help us with our Mission to support Pope Francis' call to tend to our home and show respect for all of God's creation as outlined in his encyclical Laudato Si'.

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***



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

Eastertide Continues

Ascension Thursday The Thursday of the sixth week of Easter is the fortieth day of the season, which is when Acts of the Apostles tell us Jesus ascended to the Father, out of sight of the disciples. After that the community (including Mary) remained gathered in prayer, and ten days later, on the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) The Holy Spirit descended on them and they began to proclaim the gospel to the people.



Although Jesus is no longer visibly present, he promised to be with us until the end of the world. He is present and active in the sacraments, and the Holy Spirit continues to teach and empower us as his witnesses to the world.

After Easter, Ascension is one of the four top Solemnities of the church year, along with Christmas, Epiphany, and Pentecost. It is a holy day of obligation, and we will have a Mass at 7:00 p.m. in addition to our usual one at 9:00 a.m.

"Tis the month of our mother..." May has been traditionally designated as the month of Mary. So in addition to celebrating Easter through the 19th, we might also pay particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin, particularly in prayer or spiritual reading. Her fidelity to God in joy and sorrow is an example for all of us. We will have a May Procession and Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother after the 9:00 Mass on May 12.



First Communion Children of the parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion this month, most at a Mass on Saturday, May 11. Details are elsewhere in this bulletin.



Catholic Update This month's issue, titled "Making a Pilgrimage: The Journey Begins Within," is now available. It provides information about what pilgrimages (as opposed to tours or other types of travel) are and why one might make one. There is also a sidebar about the coming Jubilee Year 2025, which will be an occasion for pilgrimage for many people.



Town Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., tomorrow, May 6, in the Middle School auditorium. It is effectively the town's legislature, and all registered voters can participate. If you're able to attend, it is a privilege of citizenship.



This week, apart from the Ascension there are no solemnities, feasts, or obligatory memorials. Friday, May 10 is the optional memorial of St. Damien de Veuster, S.S.C.C. of Moloka'i, a Belgian priest who ministered for years to the lepers confined on Moloka'i and eventually contracted the disease and died of it in 1889 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father_Damien.

*Happy Eastertide!
Enjoy the spring.*

~Deacon Joe Whipple
May 5, 2024

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