

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Newsletter Lent 2012



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of our Parish,

The Lenten season will be upon us shortly with its invitation to a deeper relationship with Jesus in His ministry, His intensely prayerful bond with God, the Father, His suffering and death, and His glorious Resurrection. The spiritual 'tool kit' we recently enclosed with the Parish Lenten Letter contains wonderful suggestions to make your Lenten journey more rewarding. I pray that you will use it often during these special 40 days.

Over the Advent/Christmas season, our Parish prayed, celebrated, visited the homebound, and enjoyed a deeply rich Candlelight Midnight Mass. Please enjoy the photos of some of these events and the range of age groups who make up our beautiful Parish.

Rev. Michael L. Steele, Pastor

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**The Plaque for the St. Julie Room is blessed in Memory of all those Sisters who served at Our Lady Star of the Sea School from 1949-1973. 17 Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur attended the Celebration.**



**Silent Art Auction 2011**



**Members of the Christmas Fair Planning Committee are Dan and Michelle DelPapa and Pat Bachelder**



**Linda Newall is honored to receive the Cheverus Award at Holy Cross Cathedral on November 20, 2011**



**Christine, Joan and Jackie with baskets prepared**



**James Pennock and Claire Roche, from the Sunday 7:30am Mass holding the quilt made by Grade 5 Rel. Ed. Students.**



**Christmas Pageant 2011**



**John McCarthy serves the delicious Kelly's Clam Chowder assisted by Brian Cusack at the Fair.**



**An Advent Evening of Prayer with the Members of the Parish Pastoral Council**



**The Ruocco family at the Manger**



**Our beautiful Candlelight Midnight Mass at Christmas**

And Behold,  
A young  
Child  
Shall lead  
Them!



Young people  
Follow the Star  
to the Altar at  
Christmas

### Upcoming Events 2012

Saturday & Sunday, February 11 & 12—4:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday—World Day of the Sick—Eucharistic Ministers who bring Communion to Nursing Homes and Shut-Ins will be blessed and commissioned.

Ash Wednesday, February 22—Services:

- 8:30 am—Mass with Ashes
- 12 Noon—Service with Ashes—no Mass
- 3:00 pm—Service with Ashes—no Mass
- 7:00 pm—Mass with Ashes

Catholicism—Adult Faith Formation—The popular adult religious education program will be offered at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish for 5 weeks—Mondays at 9:15 am & Thursdays at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm—dates: Feb. 27 & March 1, Mar 5 & 8, Mar. 12 & 15, Mar. 19 & 22 and Mar. 26 & 29, (snow date April 2)

Saturday, March 10—A special day of Recollection at St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton. Cars will leave our parking lot at 8:15 am, Retreat begins at 9:15 am and concludes after the 4:00 pm Mass. The Retreat director is Rev. David Nicgorski, the Provincial of the Oblate of the Virgin Mary. The cost is \$40. pp which includes coffee, refreshments and lunch. If you have never been on a full day Retreat, this is the time to sign up and experience the quiet and peaceful day of prayer. If interested please contact Kathleen Nelson at 781-631-8340.

Sunday, March 11—following the 9:00 am Mass—Dancers from the Sheila Bremer School of Irish Dance will perform at our Saint Patrick's Day celebration in the Parish Center.

Sunday, March 11—11:00 am Mass—High School Youth Mass—Alice Duffy, Celtic Harpist will play.

Sunday, March 11—9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses - Susan Conroy will be our special guest speaker. Susan made her first trip to Calcutta as a student to work with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity in 1986. She and Mother Teresa kept up their correspondence until Mother Teresa's death in 1997.

Lenten Evening of Prayer on the following dates in the Church:

Monday, March 12, 7-8 pm-Susan Conroy

Monday, March 19, 7-8 pm-Fr. Silva, Pastor of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard, Newton

Monday March 26, 7-8 pm-Fr. Timothy Shea, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Woburn

Monday, April 2, 7-8 pm—Fr. Rick Beaulieu, St. Mary's, Winchester

Sunday, April 29—All the Animals go to Confession—Grade 2 students getting ready for First Penance—Grade 2 students, parents and all Parishioners

### FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

February is the month that Our Lady Star of the Sea supplies the Marblehead Food Pantry. Bags labeled with various food items will be given out at each Mass throughout the month. Please return your bags and food items to the rear of the Church or the Parish Center. Please do not bring them to the Rectory.