All Saints Parish

A Roman Catholic faith community on the coast of Maine

January 24, 2021

Our Lady Queen of Peace
82 Atlantic Avenue
Boothbay Harbor 04538
Office: 633-2680
Hours: Monday 8:00AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Pastoral Hours-
Tuesdays & Thursdays-10:00 AM-3:00PM

St. Ambrose
29 Kimball Street, Richmond 04357
Office at St. Charles (see below)

St. Charles Borromeo
Parish Main Office
132 McKeen Street
Brunswick 04011
Office: 725-2624 Fax: 725-4436
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. John the Baptist
39 Pleasant Street
Brunswick 04011
Office at St. Charles (see above)

St. Katharine Drexel
419 Mountain Road, Harpswell
04079
Office at St. Charles (see above)

St. Mary's
Parish Bookkeeping Office
144 Lincoln Street, Bath 04530
Office: 443-3423
Secretary/Bookkeeping Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Patrick's
380 Academy Hill Road
PO Box 598, Newcastle 04553
Office: 563-3240 Fax: 563-3218
Hours: Friday 8:00AM - 4:30 PM

St. John's Catholic School
37 Pleasant St, Brunswick 04011
School Office: 725-5507

PARISH WEBSITE
www.allsaintsmaine.com

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allsaints@portlanddiocese.org

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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PASTORAL STAFF
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Rev. Tom Lequin
Rev. Richard Rice
Rev. Peter Uhde

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Deacon Robert Curtis
Deacon Tom Blatz
Deacon Edwin Robinson

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Pastoral Life Coordinator
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Angela Boivin-725-2624

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Dorothy Peters - 443-3423
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Our Lady Queen of Peace-Susan Carver 633-2680
St. Mary's: Dorothy Peters - 443-3423
St. Mary's: Ann Carlton-443-3423
St. Patrick's: Dorothy Peters - 563-3240

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Principal-Mrs. Shelly Wheeler - 725-5507

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Children's Faith Formation
Amy Ford - 725-2624
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Debbie Poulton - 725-2624—Coordinator
Merissa Newton - 725-2624
Youth Ministry—St. Patrick's
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Anne Theriault
Coordinator of Lay Ministries/
Rite of Christian Initiation Coordinator
Marcy Brenner - 725-2624

MUSIC MINISTRY
Coordinator-Gil Peterson - 725-2624
Local Directors
Our Lady Queen of Peace
Vacant
St. Ambrose-Nan O'Sullivan - 656-2160
St. Charles /St. John-Gil Peterson - 725-2624
Organist
Jeannette Belanger
St. Mary's
Louine Gagnon - 837-3764
St. Patrick's
Jennifer McIvor - 563-3240
Pianist
Amanda Armstrong

Visit us at www.allsaintsmaine.com.

Reservation Instructions and Mass Schedule

We will no longer require Daily Mass Sign ups ahead of time. We find that we are nowhere near capacity and we want to take the burden of calling for Daily Mass off of your shoulders. ***We will, however, still continue to take reservations for weekend Masses and for Holy Day Masses until further notice***. Please remember the cut off for Mass reservations for the weekend is Thursday at 4:30 unless otherwise announced.

We do ask that when you arrive to daily Mass, please see the check-in table to get signed in for contact tracing. Masks must still be worn and as always we ask that you sit 6 ft away from other Mass goers. In the event of inclement weather, we will post our closings in the following manner:

- Maine Local News Channels 6, 8, and 13
- Facebook - @allsaintsparish.maine
- Our Website Homepage: **allsaintsmaine.com**

*****The deadline for calling for weekend mass reservations is 4:30pm on Thursday afternoon.*****

Our Lady Queen of Peace	207-633-2680
St. Charles Borromeo & St. John the Baptist	207-725-2624
St. Mary's Church, St. Ambrose Church & St. Katharine Drexel	207-443-3423
St. Patrick's Church	207-563-3240

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – St. Charles Borromeo Church 8 am (livestream)
Tuesday – Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 12 pm
Tuesday – St. John the Baptist Church (School Mass) 8 am (livestream only)
Wednesday – St. Mary's Church 8 am
Wednesday – St. Patrick's Church 12 pm
Thursday—St. Ambrose Church 10am
Thursday—Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 12 pm
Thursday – St. Mary's Church 8 am
Friday – St. Charles Borromeo Church 8 am (livestream)
Friday – St. Patrick's Church 12 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday
St. John the Baptist Church 4 pm
St. Mary's Church 4 pm
St. Patrick's Church 4 pm

Sunday
St. Ambrose Church 8 am
St. Katharine Drexel Chapel 8 am
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 9 am
St. Mary's Church 9:30 am
St. Charles Borromeo Church 11 am
St. Patrick's Church 11 am

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns at

St. Patrick's Church

In memory of Peg Fogg (1st Anniv.)
by Tony & Jo-Anita Norman

Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Lamps, and Altar Breads are available at all churches and may be scheduled at the church offices.

Suggested Donation:
Mass Intentions - $10.00
Sanctuary Lamp - $10.00
Altar Bread - $35.00

Reconciliation (Confession)

St. Charles Borromeo
Confessions by Appointment
Please call to schedule.

St. John the Baptist
St. Mary's
&
St. Patrick's Church
Saturdays 3-3:45 pm

St. Patrick's Church
Wednesdays as requested
(In Cheverus Hall)

FMI: Visit us at
www.allsaintsmaine.com.

Mass Intentions This Week

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church • Boothbay Harbor

Sun	Jan 24	9:00 AM	OPEN
Tue	Jan 26	12:00 PM	Jack Bremer by Gloria Taliana
Thurs	Jan 28	12:00 PM	OPEN

St. Ambrose Church • Richmond

Sun	Jan 24	8:00 AM	OPEN
Thurs	Jan 28	10:00 AM	David SweHerlein by Constance Cote

St. Charles Borromeo Church • Brunswick

Sun	Jan 24	11:00 AM	Thomas Bell (1st Anniv.) by his family
Mon	Jan 25	8:00 AM	Brenda McDonald (1st Anniv.) by her family
Fri	Jan 29	8:00 AM	Jeanmarie Dowling by Mr. & Mrs. Dumont

St. John the Baptist Church • Brunswick

Sat	Jan 23	4:00 PM	Madeline Beaudoin by Paul Doiron & family
Tue	Jan 26	8:00 AM	Mary Foley by Karen Beatty

St. Katharine Drexel Chapel • Harpswell

Sun	Jan 24	8:00 AM	For the Parishioners of All Saints Parish

St. Mary's Church • Bath

Sat	Jan 23	4:00 PM	Anna Largay (8th Anniv.) by her family
Sun	Jan 24	9:30 AM	Mercedes Haines by Charlie & Carla Burnham
Wed	Jan 27	8:00 AM	Margrit Heer by Paul & Anne Trottier
Thurs	Jan 28	8:00 AM	Meryl Reese by Paul & Anne Trottier

St. Patrick's Church • Newcastle

Sat	Jan 23	4:00 PM	Chet Hopkins (on his 80th birthday) by his wife Cathy
Sun	Jan 24	11:00 AM	Patricia Anderson (1st Anniv.) by her family
Wed	Jan 27	12:00 PM	Lynn/Schaff families by the family
Fri	Jan 29	12:00 PM	Gerry Clark by Arthur Geiringer

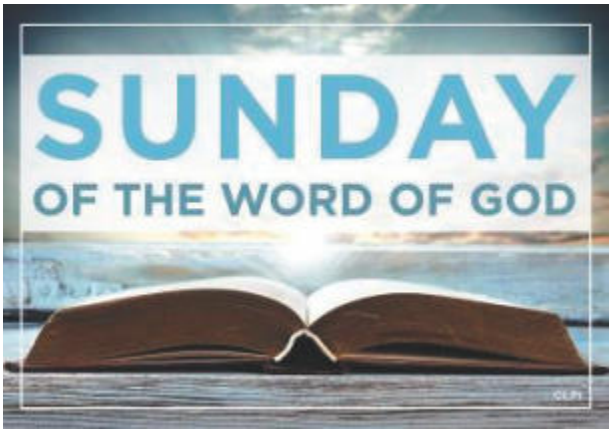
NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 30-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM	St. John the Baptist	Mary Boucher (1st Anniv.) by her family
4:00 PM	St. Mary's	Samuel Waterman & Evangeline Bourassa by Paul & Anne Trottier
4:00 PM	St. Patrick's	Vincent Cuffari By David Glendinning

Sunday, January 31-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	OPEN
8:00 AM	St. Katharine Drexel	Martha Wnek by Anne & Michael Olivo
9:00 AM	OLQP	For the Parishioners of All Saints Parish
9:30 AM	St. Mary's	Alfred Green (on his birthday) by his wife Hildegard & family
11:00 AM	St. Charles Borromeo	Kathryn Conway (1st Anniv.) by her family
11:00 AM	St. Patrick's	Rob Goth by Jane Belknap



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BUSINESS

Parish Offertory Report

We are sorry we do not have the offertory numbers for this week's bulletin, we will hopefully have them for next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend we have a special collection for the ***Latin American Missions***. The funds from this collection will help churches in Latin America and the Caribbean to face challenges including poverty, violence, priest shortages, and a lack of faith formation opportunities through catechesis, family ministry, lay leadership training, prison ministry, sacramental preparation, summer camps, and other programs in nearly 30 countries. Emergency grants are also issued in response to natural disasters.

As a reminder tax statements are sent to everyone who has donated $250 or more to the parish by the end of January. Donations made to St. John's Catholic School directly, will be recognized by the school. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Envelopes - If you would like to be added to our envelope distribution list, please call Ann Carlton at 207-443-3423. Envelopes are mailed directly to your home in two-month increments. For those of you who do receive envelopes, you will soon notice that there is a return address envelope that will be in the next distribution. This is for those of you who are unable to attend Mass right now.

Mailing Your Donations – If you are still uneasy about attending Mass to bring your donation to the church, you can always mail your checks to our office. Please do not send cash through the mail. Checks can be made payable and mailed to:
All Saints Parish *144 Lincoln Street Bath ME, 04530* To streamline offertory donations, we are going to request donations be mailed to our Bath Business Office going forward. Thank you for your help!

Why give online? **Giving online** is a great way to support our parish and it's of no cost to you! You can choose to deduct from your bank accounts, debit, or credit card. **WeShare** can also be used for second collections. If you already have an account with **WeShare,** you can log in and add your second collections to your automatic payments. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy! Log on to https://allsaintsbrunswick.weshareonline.org and create a new account. You can set up recurring payments monthly, weekly, or annually. If you have questions or need some assistance please call Ann Carlton at 443-3423.

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Eucharistic Adoration

First Monday of the Month

February 1st, the first Monday of the month, Fr. Patrick will celebrate the 8 A.M. Mass downstairs in the winter chapel at St. Mary's, Bath. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow with Eucharistic Adoration and conclude at noon. Please use the parking lot back door to enter. If needed, the elevator may be accessed through the church side door.

Five First Saturdays

Our Lady of Fatima told us what we can do to secure peace in the world. Make reparation for sins against The Immaculate Heart of Mary by observing the "Five First Saturdays of Reparation."

Mass Saturday February 6th at 8 A.M. downstairs in the winter chapel at St. Mary's Church, Bath. Father Patrick-celebrant. Confessions following Mass. Please use the parking lot back door to enter. If needed, the elevator may be accessed through the church side door.

Personal Prayer Time *Church Availability*

Our Lady Queen of Church
Tuesday & Thursday after mass until 2pm

St. Charles Borromeo Church
Monday thru Friday
2pm to 4 pm

St. Mary's Church
Monday & Tuesday
9am to 12 pm

St. Patrick's Church in the Old Church
Monday & Friday
9am to 11 am

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

National Masses on Television/Radio

EWTN-TV
Daily Masses at 8 am and noon, seven days a week, and at 7 pm every day but Sunday. The Masses are also online (www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live).

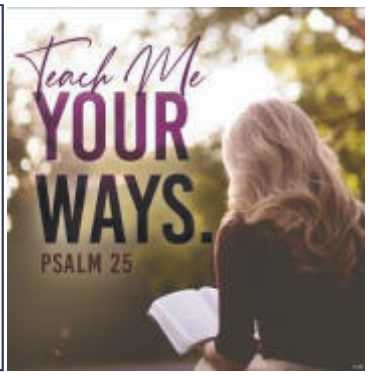
CatholicTV
Broadcasts Masses at 9:30 am each day over the air and online (www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass).

Relevant Radio
Masses each day at 1 pm and 8:30 pm as well as Sundays at 10 am on Relevant Radio, 89.7 FM in Bath/Brunswick; at www.relevantradio.com/listen; or on smartphones by downloading the Relevant Radio app.

All Saints Parish Local Cable TV Mass Schedule

View the last weekend Mass on the following local TV stations.

Bath TV - 8 am Sundays
Brunswick TV - 9:01 am Sundays
Harpswell TV - 9 am Sundays
Lincoln County TV - 11 am Sundays



SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE

Clean out that winter closet! If you have winter outer wear you are no longer using, **Catholic Charities Maine Refugee Program** is accepting donations of hats, gloves, coats and jackets until **Sunday, January 31st**. There are collection bins at all of our churches. *Thank you!*

Supporting the Ecumenical Food Pantry During the Pandemic
If you would like to support the Ecumenical Food Pantry, you can send checks directly to the Food Pantry. That address is Ecumenical Food Pantry 51 Main Street, Second Congregational Church, Newcastle, ME 04553.

Supporting the Diaper Bank During the Pandemic
Donations to the Ecumenical Diaper Bank should be made out to the Damariscotta Baptist Church with a statement on the memo line that the donation is for the **Ecumenical Diaper Bank**. Checks should be mailed to *Midcoast Friends, PO Box 714, Damariscotta, ME 04543*.

COVID-19 & Corporal Works of Mercy
Since 1931, Corporal Works of Mercy of St. Mary's Church has helped those in our community who have emergencies for food, shelter and heat. If you wish to support this effort, **your gift will be matched by our four local financial institutions** (Bath Savings, First Federal Savings, Five County CU, Midcoast FCU). Make gifts payable to: Corporal Works of Mercy and Mail attention: Craig Burgess, 48 Cottage Lane, Brunswick, ME 04011. Those needing assistance should contact Midcoast Maine Community Action. Phone: (207) 442-7963 or Email: mmcainfo@mmcacorp.org
Craig Burgess - Treasurer

~WARM THY NEIGHBOR~
Next weekend, January 30-31, a collection will be taken up in the Narthex of **St. Charles Borromeo Church and at St. John the Baptist Church**. This will be our only opportunity this year to help in this way those of our neighbors who cannot meet their heating costs to get through this cold and windy winter. Your response to past collections has been wonderful. Please be as generous as you can now in the deepest part of winter. Thank you for all you do for those in need, following the message and the spirit of Jesus.

You can use whichever of the following methods of making a donation best fits your needs in this pandemic time:

- If you are attending Mass on January 30 or 31, you can leave your donation in the second collection basket as you leave the church. Either cash or a check is fine. Make your checks out to "All Saints Parish" and enter "Warm Thy Neighbor" in the line at the bottom of the check. Your donations will be forwarded to Tedford Housing where they organize the delivery of fuel where needed.
- If you are not able to attend Mass in person, please send a check to All Saint's Parish, 144 Lincoln St. Bath, ME 04530, made out as above to "All Saint's Parish" with "Warm Thy Neighbor" at the bottom of the check. Your donation will be forwarded to Tedford Housing.
- Or you could send a check directly to Tedford Housing, 14 Middle St. Brunswick, ME 04011. Please write this check differently with "Warm Thy Neighbor, Tedford Housing" on the top line and add "from All Saints Parish" at the bottom line

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sacred Partnership, Do you feel you are ready to take the next step in your relationship with God? Consider participating in Sacred Partnership, a once-a-month workshop where we learn about and experience various ways of connecting with God. We've explored the Prayer of Asking (petition), Praying from our Experience (the Examen), Praying through the Page (Lectio) and the Prayer of Quiet (Centering Prayer). Join us the 2nd Sunday of the month to deepen your prayer life. FMI contact Sheila.murphy@portlanddiocese.org.

Join nearly 100 parishioners who are enjoying ***Formed...***
Did you ever wonder why you were born or why you are living in this particular period of time? Did you ever reflect on your life and wondered about some of the things you have experienced? Have y
ou thought about how you fit into the humanity and how your experiences may be related to people you don't even know. Register for "Formed" online to explore these questions with the compelling series, "The Search." Formed is available **free** to all parishioners!

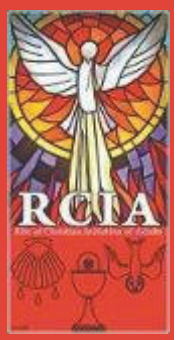
Registering for FORMED, our new amazing faith formation resource for all ages is easy: Go to
https://signup.formed.org/
Enter our parish name **All Saints** or better use the zip code **04011.**
Enter your name and email.
Check that email account for the link to begin using FORMED.

That's it.

Begin by watching *The Search* and the use the guide for discussion in your family or join us in one of our parish groups. See the parish update for specific dates.

RCIA

What's life all about?
To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to us than meets the eye? Where am I going, where is this journey taking me and what am I looking for in this life? We all want to be happy, but where are we looking for it right now? Check out our All Saints Parish website and Facebook for information on episodes called THE SEARCH.
Contact Marcy at 207-725-2624 – Marcy.brenner@portlanddiocese.org for more information on Catholicism and our Initiation Process.



FAITH FORMATION

PK through GRADE 5 FAITH FORMATION

Please contact the following people for information:

St. Patrick's
Kim Tolley 563-6251, ketolley@usa.net
Our Lady Queen of Peace
John O'Connell 633-2680
St. Mary's, St. John the Baptist,
St. Charles Borromeo, and St. Ambrose
Amy Ford 725-2624 Amy.Ford@portlanddiocese.org

The Good Shepherd and the Child
In the Home and Podcast
from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Do you ever wonder:
"How can a young child deeply encounter the love of God and respond to it?"
~
"How can we as adults foster and facilitate children's authentic and loving awareness of God?"

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) method of Faith Formation has worked with these questions for many decades. Through the Montessori approach, the child is helped to form her or his relationship with God while grounded in Scripture and the Liturgy. Children absorb the message of the Gospel through their senses and the work of their hands.

- **CGS in the Home** offers ideas related to the traditions and beliefs that are accessible and available for any age.
- **The Good Shepherd and the Child Podcast** explores the spirituality of the child through a series of twice-a-month episodes. A host of topics are available to support parents in nurturing their child's spirituality and relationship with God.

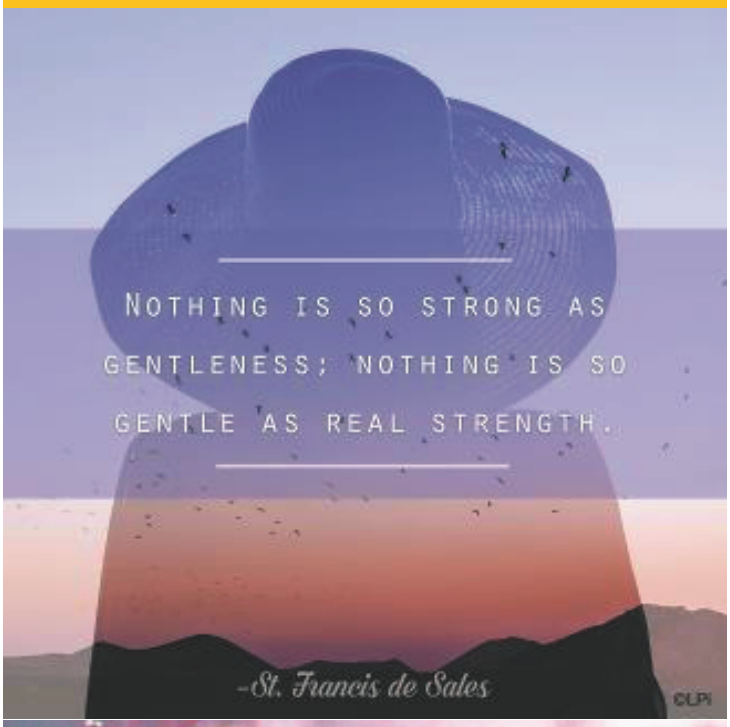
Visit www.cgsusa.org for more information.

Our Youth Ministry

Sunday Night Youth Ministry at St. Charles Borromeo Church

January 24th: Junior High and High School in-person meetings from 6:00-7:00pm

January 31st We're hoping to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. More info to come!



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 academic year is opening soon!

St. John's is looking for energetic candidates who are patient, kind, and passionate about working with young children to assist in our after care program (The Learning Center), and substitutes (PK-8) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Learning Ctr. Aide: Assists aftercare program Mon.-Fri. 2:15-5:30pm.

Substitutes Teachers: As needed. Variable, flexible schedule.

The candidates will work with a wonderful team of educators and support staff. The ideal candidates will have a background in education and/or working with children of all ages. Interested candidates should email a letter of interest and resume to Shelly Wheeler, Principal, at shelly.wheeler@portlanddiocese.org.

Must be 18 years old to apply and complete *Protecting God's Children*.

St. John's Catholic School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices (consistent with those religious exemptions provided in statutory and constitutional law) on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. The positions will remain open until filled.

Coming Up:

January 19-29 - Winter NWEA Testing
January 31-Feb. 6 - Catholic Schools Week
February 15-19 - February Vacation
March 12 - End of Trimester 2
March 25 - Early Release, 11:30am
March 25 - Parent Conferences, Virtual
April 2 - Good Friday, Early Release, 11:30am
NO LEARNING CENTER AVAILABLE
April 4 - Easter Sunday
April 19-23 - Spring Vacation
May 17-21 - Spring NWEA Testing
May 31 - Memorial Day, No School
June 9 - Current Last Day of School

Open Enrollment
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 at
St. John's Catholic School
Please see our website **www.sjcsbme.org** to inquire and apply, or call 207-725-5507 today to schedule a tour or get more information!
Exceptional Education Anchored by Faith

DIOCESE

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

Bishop Deeley Appointed as Chairman of the Board for National Catholic Risk Retention Group

LISLE, Ill.---The National Catholic Risk Retention Group (National Catholic) has announced that Bishop Robert Deeley has been elected as its chairman of the board. Since July of 2019, the bishop has served as the company's episcopal moderator and as a member of its board of directors. Bishop Deeley's appointment as chairman is **in addition to** his duties as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Portland.

Incorporated in 1987, National Catholic is a licensed insurance company that operates as a risk retention group in 21 states with authority to write liability insurance in all 50 states.

"National Catholic has offered substantial and significant benefits for its insured shareholders and is guided by a strong call to fiduciary duty as a steward of assets for the Catholic Church," said Bishop Deeley. "The company is also the originator and provider of VIRTUS, the leading child protection and safe environment program for Catholic organizations in the United States."

In Maine, over 16,000 Catholic Church employees, volunteers, priests, and educators who work with children have been trained in the VIRTUS program, which offers education to adults on recognizing the warning signs of risky behavior, the need to communicate concerns about improper behavior, and how to teach children proper boundaries and effective responses to potentially harmful situations.

Since the training began in Maine over 20 years ago, there have been no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric in the Diocese of Portland.

"National Catholic has assisted the diocese in those efforts, and I am honored to offer any guidance and leadership that I can in ensuring that the success will continue in dioceses across the country," said the bishop.

COMMUNITY

SFC Casey Ballard, US Army/SF; Kyle Bird, US Air Force; Lt. Col. Matthew Crosman, US Air Force; SGT Benjamin Davis, US Army; John Henry Eddyblouin Petty Officer 3rd Class-US Navy:ENS Katherine Finnegan, US Navy; Captain Stephanie Hasenfus; LTJG Elyzabeth I.M. Hendricks, US Navy; Nathaniel Jackson, W. O.1; Private 1st Class Shaun Kamataris, Army; CSM Christopher G. Lewis, US Army; 1LT Jacob H. Liedman, US Army; Capt Edward Liston, USMC; LtCol Mark Liston, USMC; Patrick Lockard, US Navy; AO3 John M. LoSchiavo, US Navy; Matthew Pecoraro 2nd Lt. US Army; Warrant Officer Patrick Pecoraro, US Army; Amber Pelletier US Navy;SSGT Jamie T. Rosenberg, USAF; BM1 Thomas Ross; 2dLt Wunderly Rote, US Air Force ; SPC Tyler B. Spencer, US Army; LTJG Lukas Temple, US Navy; Nicholas P. White, US Army; Corp. Taylor Whitman, USMC; FCA2 Chase Woolman, US Navy

All the families thank you for your prayers.

(Please call the parish office at 725-2624 to add/remove names.)

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in time of need. I ask this in the name of JESUS our Lord and Savior. Amen."

The ***St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus*** meet at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month in the parish hall. Men thinking of joining the Knights are welcome to our meetings.

SEARCH
A program of Catholic Charities

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH PROGRAM

The Catholic Charities SEARCH Program is still supporting isolated seniors in the midcoast but with modifications due to COVID. We have recently been able to match a few of the clients on our waiting list and are always open to accepting new clients and chatting with prospective volunteers. We are following strict COVID protocols and are providing reassurance phone calls and shopping, with very limited transportation for essential medical appointments. We are grateful for the support of All Saints parishioners in donating very needed items during COVID and for donating gift cards at Christmas. Our clients are very appreciative of all the help they have received. If you know someone in need of assistance or would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Szalay, Program Coordinator, at 837-8810 or cszalay@ccmaine.org.

VOCATIONS

We don't always recognize the voice of God. Spend time in silence regularly to listen to God's voice. God calls, what do you hear? (1 Samuel 3:3-10). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach:
Phone: 207-773-6471
Email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org

Website: www.portlanddiocese/vocations

Facebook: VocationsME

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well

Readings for the Week of January 24th

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2
[Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,
10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
[cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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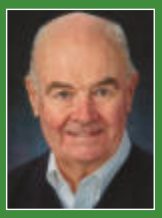

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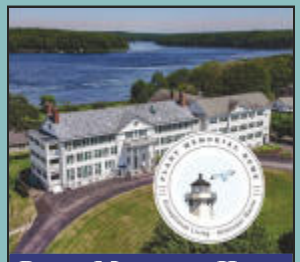
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