



PARISH OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday:

6:00 p.m. - St. Ann, Bradley

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:00 a.m. - Holy Family,
Old Town

Weekend Mass

Saturday:

4:00 p.m. - Holy Family,
Old Town

5:30 p.m. - St. Ann, Penobscot
Nation

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. - Holy Family,
Old Town

9:30 a.m. - St. Ann, Bradley

11:00 a.m. - Our Lady of
Wisdom, Orono



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Clergy

Fr. Kyle Doustou, Pastor

Fr. Apolinary Kavishe, Parochial Vicar

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*"Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ,
guided by the Holy Spirit,, and
strengthened by the Eucharist, we are
called to invite all people into a deeper
relationship with God and one another.*

The Pastor's Corner



Merry Christmas to you, one and all! On this Christmas weekend, please allow me to extend my promises of prayers and best wishes as we celebrate the solemnity of the Lord's birth! What a joyous and beautiful time of year this is, even if it is still not what we were hoping for at the end of 2021 – we must press on in good cheer! And as always, we are mindful that Christmas is truly a season and not merely a day, so we want to be sure to carry on our merrymaking and celebrating, particularly throughout the Octave of Christmas and into the first weeks of January.

Today, this Sunday the 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, which is the patronage of our beautiful Old Town church. Our liturgy today invites us to consider that the Incarnate Son of God was not a passing guest when He came to us in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, but dug His roots into our human state and, along with Mary and Joseph, made a home for Himself in our midst. Their family life is a model for us and calls us to work at loving our families as they loved each other. This is a good goal for us to have as we prepare to enter into the Year of Grace 2022!

This coming week we have a Holy Day (not of obligation, but a holy day nonetheless!) – **the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. A Vigil Mass will be offered on Friday, December 31 at 6:00 pm at St. Ann's in Bradley, and the Mass of the Day (our First Saturday Latin Mass) will be offered on Saturday, January 1 at 10:00 am at Holy Family in Old Town.** Please join us if you are able!



Be sure to enjoy the week and set aside ample time for Christmas joy! Drink some mulled cider and eggnog, eat some Christmas treats, listen to some carols, read the Nativity narratives in the Scriptures, and rejoice in Christ's birth. *Merry Christmas to all!*

Pax,

Fr. Kyle

Gospel Meditation

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.



Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

Christmas Giving Program

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Giving Program a success. 295 Tags were made up and 295 gifts were provided to children in our local communities. This was truly a community project as we had help from local businesses; as well as the generous donors and volunteers in our Parish. The area schools are very appreciative. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved. You helped spread CHRISTMAS JOY for many children. THANK YOU

Community Supper Update

We are sorry to announce that the Community Suppers will be postponed for a few months because of the upsurge with Covid 19. We will be looking forward to starting them again when things settle down. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year.

RCIA

There will be no RCIA discussion on Sunday 12/26 in celebration of Christmas weekend.



Missa Cantata

Sung Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Our next Latin Mass will be Saturday, January 1st at 10 am at Holy Family, Old Town.
Confessions will be heard at 9 am.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but we will have a Mass celebrating this special day on Friday, December 31st at 6 pm at St. Ann, Bradley

Office Closures

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27th & Tuesday, December 28th in observance of Christmas.

We will be open Wednesday, December 29th & Thursday, December 30th.

We will be closed Friday, December 31st in observance of New Years.

We will reopen to regular hours on Monday, January 3rd at 8:30 am.

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella will be meeting on Wednesday, January 5th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall at Holy Family, Old Town.

Hymnal Fundraising Update

We are currently at 493/600 hymnals with dedications! (as of December 15).

This is 82% of our total goal.

Per church we have:

290/300 in Holy Family
77/150 in Our Lady of Wisdom
86/100 in St. Ann's (Bradley)
34/50 in St. Ann's (Penobscot Nation)



Space is filling up, so make sure to get your donations in!

Family Movie Nights

Starting in January 2022 the Church and Family Life Commission will be presenting a movie feature once a month starting in January and ending in April. The movie will be free for families and friends to attend along with free popcorn, punch and candy. You may also bring your own preferred snack. The movies will be shown in the Holy Family Hall on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 pm. All attending children need to be accompanied by an adult. Keep watch for informational posters at each church and notices in the bulletin of what movies will be premiered. It will be a great way for the whole family to have a night out together during the cold dark winter months.

Job Opening

The Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord in Old Town seeks a part-time (19hrs) Administrative Assistant to facilitate an atmosphere of hospitality in the parish office, act as the first face parishioners and guests will encounter when coming to the church, fulfill basic secretarial functions required of the parish office, and assist their fellow employees in secretarial needs. They will also oversee various office functions, social media posts, and sacramental record keeping. M-F (with flexibility). Email resume to kyle.doustou@portlanddiocese.org

Ladies of St. Ann After-Christmas Party

Are you missing Christmas Parties? Do you still have the joy of the season and no place to share? Come to the Ladies of St. Ann After-Christmas Christmas Party on Tuesday, January 4th at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Ann, Bradley. All women (let's be honest we aren't all ladies) of the Parish are welcome for good food, good fun and, especially, good company. Look forward to seeing you there. Merry Christmas. By the way: there is no gift exchange, you do not have to figure out what to get because nobody really needs another scented candle this close to Christmas, however we will be collecting money for the Mercy Focus on Haiti. Look forward to seeing you there. Merry Christmas.

Food Pantry

Our Parish will be offering a Food Pantry in Old Town: December 27th - 9 am-12 pm - Holy Family, Old Town Fourth Monday of every month

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



Worship SCHEDULE



Day/Date	Time	Location	Priest	Intention
Saturday, 12/25/2021	12:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Edmond O. & Elizabeth Boucher by Joyce Perry & Family
Sunday, 12/26/2021	9:00 a.m.	St. Ann, Penobscot Nation	Fr. Kyle	Germaine & Eugene LeGal by Mireille LeGal
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Parishioners by Pastor
	9:30 a.m.	St. Ann, Bradley	Fr. Apolinary	Ramona & Paul Gallant by the Gallant Family
Monday, 12/27/2021	11:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono	Fr. Kyle	George Gonyar by Sharon & Joanie
	6:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Bradley	Fr. Kyle	Lawrence Daigle by Sister, Pauline
Tuesday, 12/28/2021	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, 12/29/2021	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Raymond Spruce by Marcella Spruce
Friday, 12/31/2021	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Yvonne Currier by Joyce Perry & Family
	6:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Bradley	Fr. Kyle	Fred Savoy Jr. by Alfreda Savoy & Family
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Intentions of Una Voce maine
Saturday, 1/1/2022	4:00 p.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Fred 'Ticky' Mason by Hanscom Family
	5:30 p.m.	St. Ann, Penobscot Nation	Fr. Kyle	Andrea Mitchell by Edwina Mitchell
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Old Town	Fr. Kyle	Irene Martin by Husband & Family
Sunday, 1/2/2022	9:30 a.m.	St. Ann, Bradley	Fr. Apolinary	Parishioners by Pastor
	11:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono	Fr. Apolinary	Murray Bain by Wife, Lou Bain

Questions of the Week for Scripture Reflection

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

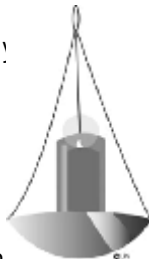
Luke 2:41-52

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

The Vigil Light by the Tabernacle burns this week December 26, 2021 - January 1, 2022

Holy Family Church
Ticky Mason by Hanscom Family

Holy Family, Rectory
Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono
St. Ann, Bradley
St. Ann, Penobscot Nation
For the deceased in the Parish



Weekly Confession

Saturday

Holy Family, Old Town—3:00 pm



Weekly Adoration

Friday

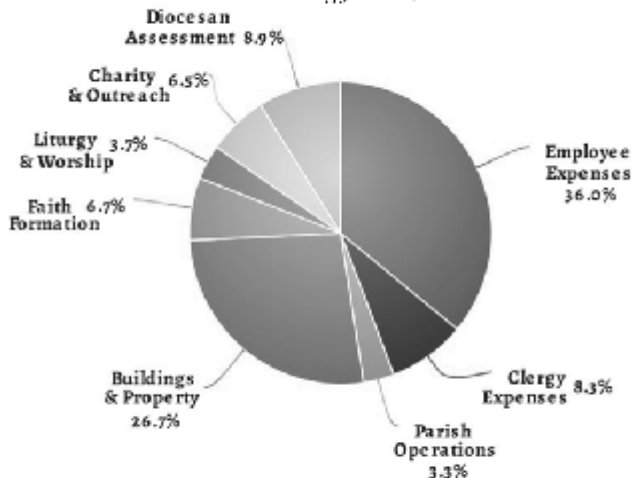
Holy Family, Old Town—8:30 AM-12:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP



Annual Parish Budget

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021



Spread the Good News!

Nearly two-thirds of our budget is allocated towards *ministry* and *mission*! Your weekly offertory ensures that we are able to continue this good work.

Thank you!

Rebuild His Church

The Capital Campaign for the future of the Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord
As of December 6, 2021

Campaign Goal.....\$3,800,000
 Commitments to Date.....\$2,758,310.25
 Percentage of Goal.....72.59%
 Percent of Participation.....55.81%

If you would like to contribute to the Capital Campaign through We Share the link is:
<https://parishoftheresurrection.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>

The pledge cards are available at all churches



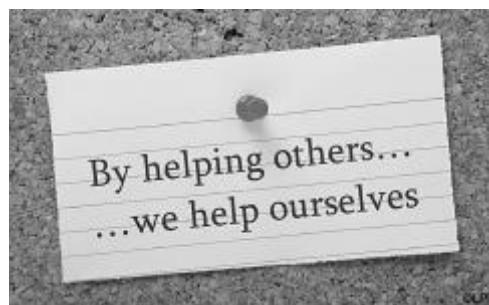
Collection Report

Weekly Offertory for: 12/12/2021

110	Regular Envelope Total	\$4,715.00
	Currency	\$2,507.45
54	Online Donations	\$1,880.00

	Total Offertory	\$9,102.45
	Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$8,365.00
	Over for the Week	\$ 737.45

	Thrift Shop	\$1,266.55
47	Immaculate Conception Envelopes	\$ 530.00
	Immaculate Conception Currency	\$ 68.00
1	Immaculate Conception Online	\$ 20.00
5	Christmas Envelopes	\$ 170.00
33	Retired Religious Envelopes	\$ 509.00
1	Retired Religious Online	\$ 50.00
37	Christmas Flower Envelopes	\$ 784.00
1	Christmas Flower Online	\$ 50.00
1	Solemnity of Mary Envelope	\$ 20.00
	Festival of Lessons & Carols	\$ 110.00
1	Food Pantry Online	\$ 50.00
1	Giving Tuesday Online	\$ 100.00
75	Building Fund Envelopes	\$1,067.00
	Building Fund Currency	\$ 298.00
6	Building Fund Online	\$ 155.00



Catholic Appeal Report

As of 12/9/2021

Goal: \$62,001

Gift Count.....184
 Total.....\$51,025
 Percent of Goal.....82%
 Participation Rate.....25%

Please make you pledge today or send your gift directly to:
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 make your gift online at portlanddiocese.org/appeal

Prayer REQUESTS

Chris Bate	Alan Hensel
Rosemarie Bate	Wayne Hesselstine
Peter Bosse	Cindy Jordan
Ralph Button	Courtney King
Andrea Carlson	Arthur Knapp
Vicki Climo	Vin Knapp
Judy Comeau	Karen Lavoie Stone
Fr. James Conlan	Cherie Levesque
Theresa Cote	Fr. Ed Morin
Susan Curran	Linda O'Connor Smithson
Eric Damboise	Darrell Parrick
John Davis	Rick Piffard
Paula Davis	Joan Snow
Glenn Dupuis	Mary Carmen Thibault
Jake Dupuis	Johndavid Toothman
Stephen Dupuis	Doreen Vaillancourt
Theresa Garrity	Scott Walker
Hilda Geroux	Owen Young
Kathy Gibbons	Bernard Yvon

Please note: Names will be removed from the prayer list after 8 weeks. If a person needs to remain on the prayer list after that time please notify the office at 827-4000.

Pray for our Military

Mark Abbott	Preston Hodge
PFC Brandon Appel	Ryan J. Moore
SSG Dale Bragg Jr.	Tyler Moore
Kyle Dupuis	Andrew Rackliff
Christopher Hambrock	Jonathan Seymour
Lew Henderson Jr.	Dillon Shorey
Adam Hesseltine	SGT Anthony Waite



Readings Week ^{of the}

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
[cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
[cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
[12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
[11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
[2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

"GOD IS LOVE.
WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

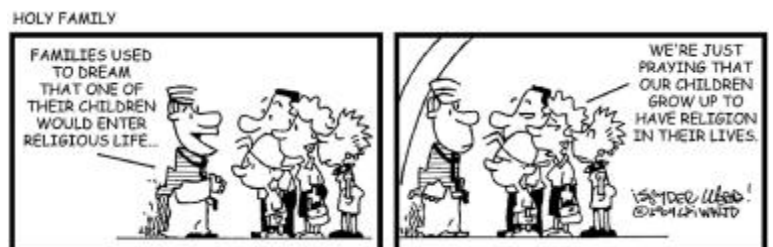


St. John
Apostle & Evangelist

Feast Day:
December 27th

The Food Pantry is in need of Canned Chicken, Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter, & Jelly

Thank you for your donations.





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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those seeking to become Catholic or learn more about Catholicism

Sundays 5-6pm at Our Lady of Wisdom

Newman Center

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Baptisms

To make arrangements for baptisms please call the Parish office at 827-4000.

Prayer Line Ministry

For prayer line requests call Bernice Curtis at 827-3264.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

For prayer shawl requests call Anne Richard at 827-3070.

Sacrament of the Sick

If your loved ones are in the hospital or nursing facility and wish to see a priest to receive the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office at 827-4000 and someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Communion to Home Bound

Please call Claire Lint at 356-8902 if you or a family member wish to receive communion at home while sick or recuperating from surgery, etc. Thank you!

Parish Hall Use

Please contact the Parish Office at 827-4000

Food Pantry

The Holy Family Food Pantry opens at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Brunswick St. Parking Lot at Holy Family, Old Town.

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