

Our Parish Churches

St. Charles 912 Main Street St. Francis, ME 04774

St. Joseph 7 Church Street Wallagrass, ME 04781

St. Louis 26 East Main Street Fort Kent, ME 04743

St. Mary 3451 Aroostook Road Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. John 1867 St. John Road St. John Plt., ME 04743

St. Paul 320 Dickey Road Allagash, ME 04774

Good Shepherd Ministries

214 W. Main St., Suite 102 Fort Kent, ME 04743 207-834-7166 Thrift Shop Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-3pm

Our Cemeteries St. Louis, Fort Kent St. Paul, Allagash St. Charles, St. Francis St. John, St. John Plantation Holy Family, Daigle St. Joseph, Wallagrass St. Mary, Eagle Lake Sacred Heart, Soldier Pond

<u>Food Pantries</u> (distribution every first week of the month)

St. Mary Church Pantry 3443 Aroostook Road Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. Charles Church Pantry 912 Main Street St. Francis, ME 04774



Allagash † Eagle Lake † Fort Kent † New Canada † St. Francis St. John Plantation † Wallagrass † Winterville, Maine

Parish Office: 26 East Main Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm Ph. 207-834-5656; Fax. 207-834-7461 Faith Formation Center: 102 Pleasant Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743; Ph. 207-834-3984



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Website: stjohnvianneyparish.net E-mail: stjo

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Parish Financial Stewardship

for the weekend of December 11/12 Offertory Envelopes/Church pew: \$6,181.50 WeShare (online): \$1,265.00 TOTAL: \$7,446.50



WeShare total collected from 32 parishioners.



January 9: Winter Collection (all proceeds remain in the parish to assist with heating)

January 23: Latin American Missions (all proceeds sent away to support the work of the Church in Latin American)

> "Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways."



Donate today using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

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• Visit www.stjohnvianneyparish.net and click on Parish Giving **Opportunities.**

 Click on make a donation to set up your account.

 Choose a payment option and customize your one time or recurring donation.



2022 offertory envelopes are in and available to be picked up at your church locations. Some numbers have changed, so please be sure to grab the right envelopes. Interested in using offertory

Contact our Customer

Support Team at

weshare@4lpi.com

envelopes, please contact the parish office.

NOTICE:

Volunteer church cleaners needed on Monday mornings at St. Louis Church. If interested please contact the parish office at 834-5656.

PARISH INFORMATION Pastor: Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the Parish Office anytime. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call ahead.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available during monthly Holy Hour (2-3pm every third Sunday of the month) or by appointment – please call the Parish Office at 834-5656.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Barb Pelletier at 834-3984 to complete registration and to sign up for Baptism Preparation. We have moved to Online Baptism Preparation. Pre-registration is required, if more than 5 years since your last child you fall in that category too!

SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION Please contact Barb at 834-3984.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA/C) If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Barb Pelletier at 834-3984.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE Contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471 www.portlanddiocese/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

Upcoming training will be offered from 9am-12pm at the Faith Formation Center on Pleasant Street in Fort Kent: on January 8, 2022. Please call Barb to register at 834-3984. Pre-registration is required. This training is free and open to the public. FMI, please visit the Diocese of Portland, Office of Safe Environment.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone who needs the power of prayer in their lives? You can have them put on the prayer chain by calling 834-3222 or 834-5487.



Join us for mass on TV or online: Saturdays at 4pm & re-aired Sundays at 8am & 2pm Tune in to WFKTV-4 cable Channel 8 (1301) or visit the "WFKTV-4" YouTube channel. Special thanks to the Channel 4 camera crew: Chaz, Danny & Don.

Please note upcoming deadline for bulletin submissions: By 8am on <u>Wednesday, January 5</u> for the weekend of <u>January 16</u>. Please submit your request via email to the editor: SJVPbulletineditor@portlanddiocese.org

HOLY HOUR: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION AT ST. LOUIS CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 FROM 2PM TO 3PM (CONFESSION ALSO AVAILABLE) ST. CHARLES CHURCH HOLY HOUR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 FROM 3PM TO 4PM

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Rosary: Before mass on Wednesday (7am) and Saturday (4pm) at St. Louis Church. Before mass on Saturday (6pm) at St. Charles Church. Divine Mercy Chaplet: Wednesdays after 7am mass at St. Louis.



MASS SCHEDULE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Saturday, January 1, 2022 9am (St. Louis Church) Gil Dubois by Joel Plourde 4pm (St. Louis Church) Gladys Gagnon by Keith & Patty Michaud & Family 6pm (St. Charles Church) Dana Caron by Lance & Pauline Martin Sunday, January 2, 2022 9am (St. Louis Church) Recovery of Health of a Special Infant by Brenda & Larry Plourde 11am (St. Mary Church) Barney Pelletier—1st Anniversary by Theresa, Holly & Jason 5pm (St. Joseph Church) For the People of the Parish by the Pastor Monday, January 3, 2022 9am (St. Charles Church) John Rodney Mattison by The Martin Family Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1pm (St. Mary Church) Zilda Madore by Ladies of St Anne Eagle Lake 2pm (Mercy Home Chapel) Zilda Madore by Rachel Martin Wednesday, January 5, 2022 7am (St. Louis Church) Lourdes Albert by Bernice Charette Thursday, January 6, 2022 4pm (St. Louis Church) Gilbert Dubois by Paul & Helen Nadeau Friday, January 7, 2022 2pm (Forest Hill Manor) Gladys Gagnon by Marc & Bern Michaud Saturday, January 8, 2022 4pm (St. Louis Church) Laura Pelletier—1st Anniversary by David, Bev & Family 6pm (St. Charles Church) Romeo, Rita, Roy, Peter & Darrell Pelletier & Theresa Kelly by Children/Siblings Sunday, January 9, 2022 9am (St. Louis Church) Ronald & Patsy Taggett by Roland & Judy 11am (St. Mary Church) For the People of the Parish by the Pastor 5pm (St. Joseph Church) Norman Desjardins by June & Pauline Guimond & Family

Understanding Holy Days of Obligations & Sunday/Weekend Obligations

By common agreement among the bishops of the Province of Boston (ME, NH, VT, MA), Catholics once again are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation as of June 20, 2021.

• <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 25–Christmas</u>. Masses celebrated on Saturday evening, December 25, must use the Mass texts and readings for Christmas. Individuals can fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas anytime from the evening of Friday, December 24, through the evening of Saturday, December 25. Individuals can fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, December 26, anytime from the evening of Saturday, December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity), through Sunday evening, December 26. Individuals must satisfy both obligations, one to attend Mass for Christmas, and another to attend Mass for Sunday.

• In 2022, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, falls on a Saturday. By decision of the USCCB, there is <u>no obligation</u> to attend Mass on January 1 when it occurs on a Saturday or on a Monday. Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland Latest Recommendations from the Office of Communication Mask Notice

In the light of increasing COVID-19 transmission in nearly all counties in Maine, Bishop Deeley is directing parishes to strongly urge all persons attending Mass to wear a mask for their own protection. This is not a mandate. It is strongly urged. <u>Vaccination and the Catholic Church Information</u> The Diocese of Portland is providing a number of

The Diocese of Portland is providing a number of different resources to explain the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as an act of protecting and preserving the common good. To view the resources, visit

www.portlanddiocese.org/acktoMassResources.

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life." If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

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In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord ©LPi

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new



Ethan Michael Hafford and Catherine Anne Jamieson received the Sacrament of Marriage on December 18, 2021 at St. Louis Church. Congratulations!

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The St. Charles Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week for a favor obtained at the request of Anonymous.

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Joyce & Mark Beaulieu at the request of Carl Beaulieu.

The St. Louis Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Jerome Marquis at the request of Adrienne & Family.

The St. Mary Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Richard E. Daigle, Sr.—8th Anniversary at the request of daughter, Elaine Daigle. ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

JOB OPENINGS

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR 8-10 HOURS PER WEEK

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR 8-10 HOURS PER WEEK

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER 2-4 HOURS PER WEEK

IF INTERESTED CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 834-5656

Lucille Saucier—Fort Kent (1925 - 2021)

In Peace

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Rest

The Blessed Mother Candle burns this week at St. Louis Church in memory of Peter Nesbitt at the request of Ruth Nesbitt.

The Blessed Mother Candle burns this week at St. Mary Church in memory of Hampy Pelletier at the request of May and Ken.

The St. Joseph Candle burns this week at St. Mary Church for Recovery of Health of a Special Infant at the request of Brenda & Larry Plourde.

The St. John Vianney Candle burns this week at St. Louis Church in memory of Reynold Pelletier—Happy Anniversary at the request of wife, Rita & Family.



Masks are strongly recommended for all persons in church.

I want to personally invite you to return to Mass in our Maine churches! Effective the weekend of June 19-20, the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass was reintroduced, another step toward a sense of normalcy and the way of life we treasure. As is always the case, the obligation does not apply to those who have serious reasons for not attending in person.

The celebration of Mass as a community, and the special nature of Sunday as a day on which we give thanks to God for his goodness to us, is central to who we are as Christians and Catholics. It is an ancient practice which is at the heart of our faith. In our gathering for Mass, together, we give thanks to God for the gift of salvation and life.

We sometimes hear people say that "I am spiritual, but I don't need to go to church to connect with God." An isolated faith is not what Jesus intended for his followers. We come to

know him through our being together, and together, we bring him with us when we depart from the church to share our faith in him with others.

Our gathering provides the venue where we encounter Jesus Christ in ways that bring true meaning to our lives. Celebrating the Eucharist is the primary place in which we are community. It is the source and summit of our faith. Here, Jesus unites us in himself as we receive his body and his blood, and we experience ourselves as Church gathered in Christ. He speaks to us, feeds us, and assures us of his eternal presence. We can only experience his real presence fully when gathered together in the Eucharist.

It has been a long 15 months. We have missed the company of one another. More importantly, I hope we have realized that the loss was not just a case of missing one another; it was the loss of our sense of being Church, of the way in which our gathering as God's people at Mass is not just a nice way to be together, but it is a sacred duty we have to each other and God. Together, we form the Church, and when we worship together at Eucharist, we believe that we will find Jesus in our community.



The diocese has been guided by experts and science in making decisions throughout the pandemic. We have acted with caution and continue to do so. Our use of vaccinations has grown sufficiently to allow us to safely reopen and gratefully welcome people back in our places of worship. There is no substitution to experiencing Christ in person in the Mass.

Please take this invitation to heart. Help those in your life who are hesitant to return to understand why they should come back. In the words of Pope Francis, when we joyfully gather, exchanging smiles and sharing in our faith, the Church becomes "a large and welcoming room where everyone can enter and meet the Lord."



I look forward to seeing you soon!

Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD

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GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



January 2, 2022

God's Doorkeeper St. André of Montreal



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!





PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

To set up your free account visit stjohnvianneyparish.net and find the FORMED link and signup today.



Donations for Tornado Victims

The Diocese of Portland, along with the other dioceses and archdioceses of the U.S., are partnering with Catholic Charities USA in a wide response to the recent disaster affecting thousands in western Kentucky and beyond. Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services are the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. You can help families and communities devastated by the recent tornado events in this manner as 100% of your donation goes towards rebuilding

lives. To donate and assist with immediate emergency needs and recovery support, call (703) 549-1390 or give online at www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051.

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 2, 2022

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be give to the Lord as priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, at (207)-773-6471 or email vocations@portlanddiocese.org.



Good Shepherd Donation Drop Box is accepting donations during its operating hours of Good Shepherd Ministry. Please drop off clean and gently used items. Also, please close boxes and tie bags closed. Thank you!

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

Gift certificates to the Good Shepherd are available at the

parish office. Please stop by if you are interested in giving a certificate as a gift.





