

Portland Peninsula & Island Parishes

Five Parishes, One Vibrant Catholic Community

Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D., Bishop



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

307 Congress Street

Sacred Heart/Saint Dominic Parish

65 Mellen Street

Saint Christopher Parish

15 Central Avenue
Peaks Island

Our Lady Star of the Sea

8 Beach Avenue
Long Island

Saint Louis Parish

279 Danforth Street

Saint Peter's Parish

72 Federal Street

Pastoral Center in Guild Hall

307 Congress St, Portland ME, 04101
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Cluster Mission Statement

We, the people of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes, are a diverse and multicultural community of Roman Catholics seeking to draw ourselves and others into deeper union with God through the celebration of the Sacraments, the proclamation of the Gospel, and service to our neighbor. We welcome all to share in the beauty of our Catholic faith and traditions as we strive to witness the love of Jesus Christ present among us.

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Dear Parishioners,

Well, we had a rather eventful weather week – cold, wet, windy... Sacred Heart Church managed to blow a radiator pipe and then lose part of the copper roof flashing, but other than that, I think we survived reasonably well. I hope your homes are warm and dry. I will say that I'm not looking forward to signing the next natural gas bill with this cold weather we've been having!



Not only has the weather been rough, but we've been enduring another surge of this pandemic that seems to never end. Many parishioners have been falling sick in recent weeks with the new Omicron variant, which thankfully seems to be less severe than previous variants, but is serious and concerning none-the-less. I have noticed that our numbers at Mass have dipped a bit, which makes sense, given how many have been experiencing cold and flu-like symptoms. Testing is not always reliable or available, so when we feel sick these days it is best to stay home.

The Bishop and I were talking at dinner this week about all of this, and he has heard from a number of people who are concerned about doing all we can to keep the spread of this virus to a minimum. I agree and have seen that, following the Bishop's strong recommendation, most people have been wearing masks at Mass during the recent weeks that we've gone through this surge.

Navigating our Covid response has not been easy. Many people have very strong ideas on what should be recommended or required – I don't envy the Bishop. Make sure you keep him in your prayers, as no matter what he does he is bound to upset people.

My hope and prayer is that this most recent surge will be short and less severe, as many experts seem to be predicting. Please join me in keeping those who are sick and struggling in your prayers. This has been a long couple of years, and many people are just tired out – especially health care workers, teachers, and others who spend long hours working with the public.

How important that we can drag our tired selves to church and turn these things over to the Lord, asking him for strength and serenity as we weather yet another storm. I am so inspired by all of you who continue to persevere in your faith and go out of your way to be near to Christ and care for others, despite the adversity. Even the stormy times we live in can't obscure these signs of God's grace at work among us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Seamus Griesbach". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Fr. Seamus

P.S. Please note that we have added a new section to the webpage with information about the new staff positions we are hiring and how to apply. Please visit: portlandcatholic.org/employment

SUNDAY VESPERS AND TEACHINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL

5:30PM Chanted Vespers, 6:00-6:30PM Teachings of the Catholic Faith

January 23rd Teaching: The Catholic Examination of Conscience III: Cooperation with Evil

Presenter: Fr. Seamus Griesbach, S.T.L.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, January 23

Mass	Cathedral	8:00 a.m.
Mass	St. Christopher *	8:30 a.m.
Mass	St. Peter *	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	Msgr. DiMingo Hall	10:00 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral	10:00 a.m.
Mass	SHSD <i>Eng/Fr</i>	10:30 a.m.
Faith Formation	SHSD <i>Spanish</i>	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	SHSD <i>Eng/Fr</i>	11:30 a.m.
Mass	St. Louis * <i>Eng/Pol</i>	11:30 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel <i>Latin</i>	12:00 p.m.
Mass	SHSD <i>Spanish</i>	12:30 p.m.
Faith Formation	St. Louis	12:30 p.m.
Azande Service	St. Peter <i>Arabic/Azande</i>	3:00 p.m.
Vespers	Cathedral	5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 24

Mass	St. Peter	7:00 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel	12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25

Mass	St. Peter **	7:00 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel	12:15 p.m.
Middle School Ministry	Guild Hall	3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26

Mass	St. Peter	7:00 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel	12:15 p.m.
Holy Hour	Cathedral Chapel	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27

Mass	St. Peter	7:00 a.m.
Bible Study	St. Christopher	10:00 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel	12:15 p.m.
Holy Hour	St. Louis	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
RCIA	Guild Hall Conference	6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 28

Mass	St. Peter	7:00 a.m.
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	St. Louis Basement	9:30 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel	12:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 29

Confession	Cathedral Chapel	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Mass	Cathedral	4:00 p.m.
Confession	St. Peter	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Mass	St. Peter	5:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 30

Mass	Cathedral	8:00 a.m.
Mass	St. Christopher *	8:30 a.m.
Mass	St. Peter *	9:00 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral	10:00 a.m.
Mass	SHSD <i>Eng/Fr</i>	10:30 a.m.
Circle of Grace	Guild Hall	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	SHSD <i>Spanish</i>	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation	SHSD <i>Eng/Fr</i>	11:30 a.m.
Mass	St. Louis * <i>Eng/Pol</i>	11:30 a.m.
Mass	Cathedral Chapel <i>Latin</i>	12:00 p.m.
Mass	SHSD <i>Spanish</i>	12:30 p.m.
Faith Formation	St. Louis	12:30 p.m.
Azande Service	St. Peter <i>Arabic/Azande</i>	3:00 p.m.
Confession	Chapel <i>Vietnamese</i>	3:30 p.m.
Mass	Cathedral <i>Vietnamese</i>	4:00 p.m.
Mass	St. Louis <i>Polish</i>	4:00 p.m.
Vespers	Cathedral	5:30 p.m.

* Rosary begins half an hour before Mass

** St. Anthony Devotion follows Mass

Eucharistic Adoration



Wednesday
Cathedral, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Silent and ending with night prayer)

Thursday
St. Louis, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at: 2:30-3:30 pm

One priest will hear confessions in the Cathedral chapel in the entryway by the Congress Street entrance

One priest will hear confessions in the main Cathedral in the entryway by the west lawn.

4:00-5:00 pm

One priest will hear confessions in the confessional at St. Peter Parish.

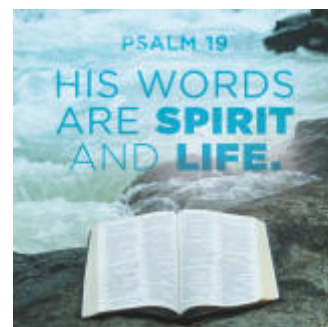
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ongoing. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact the Pastoral Offices for more information.



ONGOING & LOOKING AHEAD

Weekend Mass Schedule Next Weekend, January 29 & 30, 2022

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m.	Cathedral	Fr. Agustin
5:15 p.m.	St. Peter	Fr. Seamus

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Fr. Agustin
8:30 a.m.	St. Christopher	Fr. Seamus
9:00 a.m.	St. Peter	Fr. Kevin
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Fr. Agustin
10:30 a.m.	Sacred Heart/St. Dominic <i>(Eng/Fr)</i>	Fr. Kevin
11:30 a.m.	St. Louis <i>(Eng/Pol)</i>	Fr. Seamus
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Chapel <i>(Latin)</i>	Fr. Robert Parent
12:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart/St. Dominic <i>(Spanish)</i>	Fr. Kevin
4:00 p.m.	Cathedral <i>(Vietnamese)</i>	Fr. Dinh
4:00 p.m.	St. Louis <i>(Polish)</i>	Fr. Bedzinski

- Schedule is subject to change



Calling young adults! Casco Bay Catholics is a ministry of and for young adults in the greater Portland area, based out of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We hope to continue to build a vibrant community of young people to grow in faith together in various ways. Email Abrey (afellicia@gmail.com) with any questions.

**St. Christopher's Church
Breakfast after 8:30 Sunday Mass-
Please join us!**

As St. Christopher's Church on Peaks Island prepares to mark its Centennial in 2023, all are invited to celebrate by buying engraved walkway pavers.

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Creation Care Corner



*"The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and it's human roots, concerns and affect us all."
- Pope Francis*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
Join organizations to generate momentum. Pope Francis urges the world's 1.3 billion Catholics and all people of good will to take urgent action against the injustice of the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* is a compelling call to care for our common home, the Earth, and builds on a long history of Catholic teaching. Joining groups focused on Creation Care can dramatically accelerate progress. Whether it's your parish Creation Care Team, or a national organization, you'll get innovative ideas on how to make a difference. Consider investigating and joining groups like the *Laudato Si'* Movement, LivingTheChange.net, or the Catholic Climate Covenant. There's power in numbers!

Come join us—bring a friend!



All Middle School Students
Tuesday's 3:30-5pm with
Fr. Seamus
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FAITH FORMATION

Children's Weekly Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people about his mission, the work that he will do to bring forth God's kingdom. Jesus responded to the needs of the world. He shared his message of the Father's love and forgiveness with everyone, especially those who were in need. He sends us the Holy Spirit to help us continue his mission. Every kind thing we do is a way to serve God's kingdom. Let's all look for a way to be kind and helpful today.



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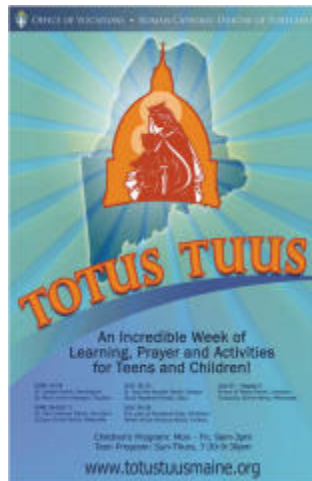
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is available in our cluster!

This is a religious education program that involves child directed, hands-on learning and is based on the Montessori principles of education for ages 3-6. It takes place in a specially designed beautiful space-an Atrium, where all furnishings and materials are specifically designed to meet the developmental needs of the children who participate. Friday mornings at 9:30am at St. Louis. FMI contact

melissa.maurais@portlanddiocese.org

Hundreds of Maine teens and children will have the opportunity to participate in a weeklong Catholic youth program (grades 1-12) dedicated to teaching the Gospel and deepening love for God and the Church through learning, activities, and fun.

Teams of men and women, including seminarians and college students, are hired each year and spend the first two weeks of the summer in training. In collaboration with local pastors and parish coordinators, the teams spend the remainder of the summer traveling throughout the diocese conducting the program. **To apply** or to view the 2022 Team Teaching Packet, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations/teach-totus-tuus. The deadline to apply for a teaching position this summer is **Monday, February 7**.



Livestream Operators Needed!

Are you or someone you know interested in learning how to livestream the Mass? We can use your help! We are looking for a few individuals interested in learning how to livestream weekday and/or weekend Mass at the Cathedral. Some comfort with technology is helpful, but training will be available.

If this sounds like a way in which you may be called to serve the Church and fellow parishioners, please contact the Pastoral Center at 773-7746.

Thank you for your consideration!

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

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

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

FAITH IN ACTION

Valentines Day Bake Sale
Sunday, February 13
9 am - 1 pm
St Louis Church
279 Danforth St



Looking for that last minute sweet treat for that special someone? We have the answer!

A box of Valentine's Day cookies to celebrate that special day with your special someone. Each decorated box contains an assortment of 18 cookies ready to be gifted for only \$10.

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Vocations Ice Fishing!!

A day of ice fishing and recreation, as well as a special Mass, is set for Saturday, February 12, in Old Town.

In what has become a beloved tradition for discerners across Maine, the Vocations Ice Fishing gathering will begin with a 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church in Old Town

followed by a short journey to Pushaw Lake for ice fishing. The day will conclude with a pizza dinner at 5 p.m. The event will be hosted by Fr. Greg Dube, director of the Office of Vocations and Seminarians in the Diocese of Portland, and is for any man discerning the priesthood or religious life.

If you do intend to fish, please bring your fishing license and gear. Limited supplies of traps and bait will be provided for those who need them.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Jennifer Bernier in the Diocese of Portland's Office of Ministerial Services at jennifer.bernier@portlanddiocese.org to receive a registration form. For more information, you can also visit the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/683116352690191.



Echoes of Faith's "Liturgy and Sacraments" Module Starting February 2

All Catholic adults in Maine are invited to register for Echoes of Faith, a diocesan-wide, adult faith formation program. It is a multi-faceted formation opportunity that utilizes the online tools of *Echoes of Faith Emmaus Edition* (11 learning modules total). **The next module, "Liturgy and Sacraments," starts on February 2.** Learn more about the program at www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/echoing-faith.



STEWARDSHIP

World Youth Day (WYD) is an international encounter with the Pope generally celebrated every three years. Different countries around the world have hosted WYD gatherings, and in 2023, the host city will be Lisbon, Portugal. The weeklong celebration includes opportunities for prayer, catechesis, and daily Mass, and events with Pope Francis, most especially the closing liturgy in which hundreds of thousands of youths from around the world participate. With Fatima a short trip from Lisbon, it is sure to be on our pilgrimage. For more info contact melissa.maurais@portlanddiocese.org



OFFERTORY FOR 1/15 and 1/16

Cathedral

4:00 - Saturday	766.00
8:00 - Sunday	845.00
10:00 - Sunday	1,101.00
12:00 - Latin Chaplaincy	750.00
3:00 - Azande service	83.00
Online & Mail	2,531.21
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Sacred Heart/ St. Dominic

10:30 - Sunday	808.00
12:30 - Sunday (Spanish)	491.00
Online & Mail	560.55
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	1,859.55

St. Christopher

8:30 - Sunday (Peaks Island)	416.00
Online & Mail	685.46
Online & Mail (Long Island)	685.00
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	1,786.46

St. Louis

11:30 - Sunday	412.00
Online & Mail	256.85
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St. Peter

5:15 - Saturday	432.00
9:00 - Sunday	723.00
Online & Mail	938.74
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Total Offertory

12,484.81

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests - Let us pray for:

Jan 23	Rev. John Bacevicius, OFM; Rev. Amandus Sway, AJ
Jan 24	Rev. Robert Vaillancourt; Rev. Bernard Welch
Jan 25	Rev. Roland Nadeau; Msgr. Andrew Dubois
Jan 26	Rev. Robert Parent; Rev. Gregory Dube
Jan 27	Rev. Robert Lariviere; Rev. Richard Senghas
Jan 28	Rev. Prabu Magimaidass, HGN; Rev. Maurice Lebel
Jan 29	Rev. Albert Colpitts; Rev. James Plourde

2022 Offertory Envelopes are now available at each of our parishes. If you do not have a box specifically assigned to you but would like one, please take an unassigned box and sign up on the entry sheet so we know it's you!

Masks are strongly recommended while attending Mass.

The Sacred Heart St. Dominic Food Pantry is helping many newly arrived people who are in need of large soup pots. If you have an extra 6 or 8 quart pot with a lid, we would be able to find it a welcome home. Drop off any Monday from 12-2pm at the SHSD parish hall. Thanks! God Bless. FMI (Anne Johnson 207 929-3088).



The Matthew 25 Project

Did you know the Matthew 25 Project offers to our neighbors in need one-time urgent help with winter fuel, winter clothing, and groceries? Thank you to all parishioners for your annual generosity and support of this important charitable outreach. **Those in need are encouraged to call 207-712-5239; you will receive a return call from one of our volunteers.**

PORTLAND PENINSULA & ISLAND PARISHES

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00 PM Richard J. Rand by Nancy & Jim Russell

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 AM Rev. Francis L. McFarland, CSC
by Nancy Wallace
10:00 AM Armand DelRossi & Lucy Pomponio Leach
by Craig & Dolly Foster
12:00 PM +Margaret Mandeville
by son Scott Mandeville

Monday, January 24, 2022

12:15 PM Peter O'Donnell, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Pompeo

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

12:15 PM Mary Griffin by David & Lori O'Donnell

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

12:15 PM Mary Gleason (living) by Trisha Mulkern

Thursday, January 27, 2022

12:15 PM Philip J. Haskell by Peter Doyle

Friday, January 28, 2022

12:15 PM Kathleen Ferrante by Rita Gorham

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:00 PM Dick Rand by The Krause Family

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:00 AM John & Margaret Wallace by Nancy Wallace
10:00 AM Coco Sanclemente by Fran & Sam Wilson
12:00 PM For all priests who offer the Latin Mass in
Maine, for all family members of the Latin
Mass community in ME and for the spread of
the Latin Mass in ME by Una Voce Maine

Sacred Heart/Saint Dominic Parish

Sunday, January 23, 2022

10:30 AM Parishioner of the Portland Peninsula &
Island Parishes by Pastor
12:30 PM Our Deceased Family & Friends

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30 AM Jacqueline Proulx by Sacred Heart Choir
12:30 PM Our Deceased Loved Ones

Saint Christopher Parish

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:30 AM Coco Sanclemente
by Robert Hannigan & Family

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:30 AM Coco Sanclemente by Barbara & Chris Hoppin

Saint Louis Parish

Intencje Mszalne

Sunday, January 23, 2022

11:30 AM Coco Sanclemente
by St. Louis Women's Society

Sunday, January 30, 2022

11:30 AM Theresa A. Mancini by John & Johanna Ryan
4:00 PM Bogdan Zieba & Henryka Krawczyk
by The Krawczyk Family

Saint Peter Parish

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:15 PM Coco Sanclemente by Pastoral Staff

Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:00 AM Margaret Bailey by Candy Risbara

Monday, January 24, 2022

7:00 AM Joseph A. Capozza, Jr. by Laura Caminiti

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7:00 AM Antonio & Anna Stivaletti

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:00 AM Dr. Louis & Pat Ciampi
by Godson James Ciampi

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:00 AM Josephine Obermiller
by Michael & Donna Hutchins

Friday, January 28, 2022

7:00 AM Stephen Anthony Costello by Pennie Kimball

Saturday, January 29, 2022

5:15 PM Margaret Bailey by Joe Bean

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:00 AM Parishioner of the Portland Peninsula &
Island Parishes by Pastor



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of our faithful departed, especially:

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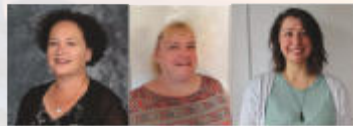
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