# St. Michael Parish

**Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**
**Col 3:12-13a, 14, 17a**

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**May 2, 2021**

**Sacred Heart**
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**HOURS:**
**Monday - Thursday**
**8am-4pm**

Pastoral Council meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every other month at 6:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center

**Please check out our website at www.stmichaelmaine.org and like us on Facebook!!**

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www.portlanddiocese.org

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## Death and Dying: Our Beliefs and Traditions

(This is the first in a five-part series of articles looking at our Catholic beliefs and traditions concerning death and dying, funerals, and burials. The information in this first article comes from the *Order of Christian Funerals*, with paragraph numbers included for reference.)

"In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity."(1)

"At the death of a Christian, whose life in faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the eucharist."(4)

"Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral."(5)

"Since in baptism the body was marked with the seal of the Trinity and became the temple of the Holy Spirit, Christians respect and honor the bodies of the dead and the places where they rest. Any customs associated with the preparation of the body of the deceased should always be marked with dignity and reverence and never with the despair of those who have no hope….For the final disposition of the body, it is the ancient Christian custom to bury or entomb the bodies of the dead; cremation is permitted, unless it is evident that cremation was chosen for anti-Christian motives"(19)

Next week: **The Funeral Liturgy: How we celebrate**

### ***Our Full-Time Pastoral Staff***

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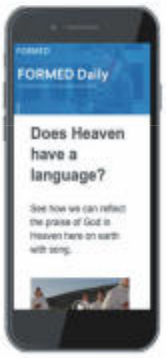

# Prayer & Worship

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 1**

**4:00 pm** **St. Augustine**–Deceased Family Members requested by Lorraine & Arthur Philbrick

**4:00 pm** **St. Denis**–Burt Truman requested by his wife Pat

**5:30 pm** **St. Francis**–Violete Cerretani requested by the Carr Family

**Sunday, May 2**

**7:00 am** **St. Mary**–The People of St. Michael Parish

**8:00 am** **St. Francis**–Steve Gagne requested by cousin Denny Arbour

**9:00 am** **St. Mary**–Gerard Rouleau requested by his Wife & Family

**10:00 am** **St. Joseph**–Arlene Laliberte requested by Cecile & Juliette Lachance

**10:30 am** **St. Augustine**–Lucien Labbe requested by George & Louise Patenaude & Family

**5:00 pm** **Sacred Heart**–Rene Doyon requested by Lauraine & Don Doyon

**WEEKDAY**

**Monday, May 3**

**7:30 am** **St. Augustine**–Gilles Gilbert requested by Debbie & Jerry Tondreau

**8:00 am** **St. Francis**–Dorothy Dumais requested by Fr. John Skehan

**Tuesday, May 4**

**7:30 am** **St. Augustine**–Therese Turgeon requested by her Family

**Wednesday, May 5**

**7:30 am** **St. Augustine**–Claire Lavigne requested by the Cushnoc Senior Club

**8:30 am** **St. Joseph**–Christine Arbour requested by her nephew Denny Arbour

**Thursday, May 6**

**8:00 am** **St. Francis**–Eugene Millett requested by daughter Pat Spettel

**Friday, May 7**

**7:30 am** **St. Augustine**–Dora Clavette requested by Wally & Lorena Paquette

**8:30 am** **St. Joseph**–Chris Hallee requested by Denny Arbour & Family

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 8**

**4:00 pm** **St. Augustine**–Roland Ouellette requested by Pat & Lynda Dostie

**4:00 pm** **St. Denis**–Therese Turgeon requested by her Family

**5:30 pm** **St. Francis**–The People of St. Michael Parish

**Sunday, May 9**

**7:00 am** **St. Mary**–Theresa Tims requested by daughters Linda & Jeanne

**8:00 am** **St. Francis**–Ann Cotnoir Ellis requested by Larry & Polly DeBlois

**9:00 am** **St. Mary**–Connie Piselli requested by her Family

**10:00 am** **St. Joseph**–Irene & Ernest Query requested by Lauraine & Don Doyon

**10:30 am** **St. Augustine**–Valeda Quirion requested by daughter Jeanne

***The Sanctuary Candle burns this week at:***

**St. Augustine**
for Andrew Bouffard
requested by
Cecile Bouffard

**St. Mary**
for Andy Lacasse
requested by
Bob & Joan Lacasse

## Communion After the Virtual Mass

Bishop Deeley would like parishes to provide opportunities for parishioners to receive the Eucharist even if they are unable to attend church in person. St. Michael parishioners are invited to watch the 9:00 am live-stream Mass from St. Mary and then go to St. Denis Church in Whitefield, St. Francis Church in Winthrop, Sacred Heart in Hallowell, or St. Mary Church in Augusta any time from 10:00-10:30 am to receive Communion. When you arrive at church, you need to wear a mask and enter through the designated door. The Eucharistic Minister will give you Communion. You will step to the side, consume the host, reattach your mask, and leave the church. You do not need to sign up beforehand or sign up when you arrive as you will simply receive Communion and then depart. This will allow you to participate virtually in the Mass and still be able to receive the Eucharist at a time that will connect you to that Mass.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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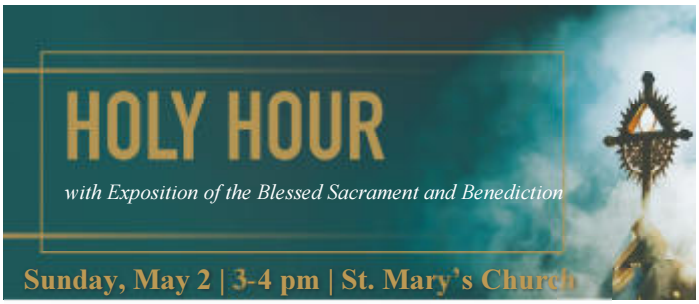
## Calling All High School Graduates

St. Michael Parish would like to recognize all parishioners who are graduating from high school this year. We would like to invite graduates and their families to a Baccalaureate Mass where the graduates will receive a special blessing and small gift from the parish. Please either call the parish at 623-8823 or email Gina Czerwinski at gina.czerwinski@portlanddiocese.org with the name of the graduate and their mailing address.

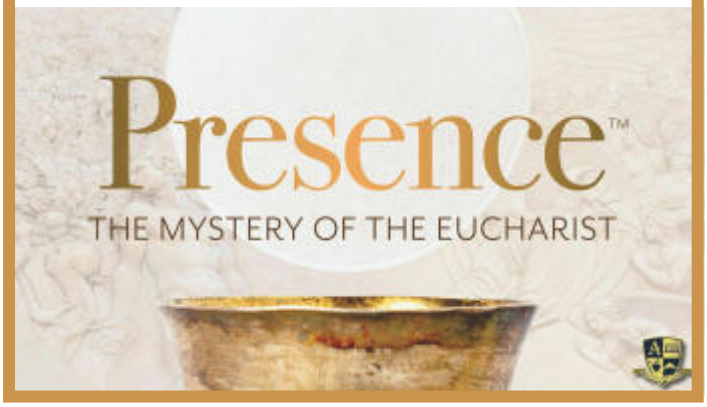
Lance Corporal Matthew Andrews, Army Capt. Marc C. Beaudoin, Army Capt. Morghan E. Beaudoin, SCMT Jason Bergeron, LT Joshua Bergeron, Lt. Col Richard Bickel, MD, Petty Officer 1st Class Anna C. Bilodeau, Helena Blake, Daniel Bolin, Army Specialist Wade Breton, Major Angel R. Brochu, Army Reserve, Lt. Dave Bundy, SSgt. Derrick Crosby, Sgt. Nicholas Daigle, Capt. Sean Daigle, USAF, Lt. Adam d-Ambra, PFC Colby Dufresne, WO2 Joe Emery, Nick Emery WO1, Sgt. Kathreen Rosina Gonzales, Warrant Officer Benjamin P. Gregoire, T. Sgt. Eric Hachey, Sargent Christopher Hayden, Brett Hornecker, PFC James Hubert, Sgt. Nicholas Lachapelle, Staff Sargent Matthew Lapoine, Staff Sargent Jake Larochelle, Michael Layne, Army EOD, LTC Melanie Morin, MD, Cmbr. Stephen Morrissey, Sgt. Daniel Mowatt, Lance Corporal Michael N. Murray, George O'Keefe, Jr., Lt. Christopher Rouleau, Lt. Col. Robert Rouleau, Pvt. 2nd Class Joshua Roy, Lt. Morgan Spiliotis, Sgt. Kevin Townley, Army Specialist Brandon Vashon, Airman Cal Webb, PFC Taylor Webb, Army Specialist Christian Wick, Major Andrew Zikowitz

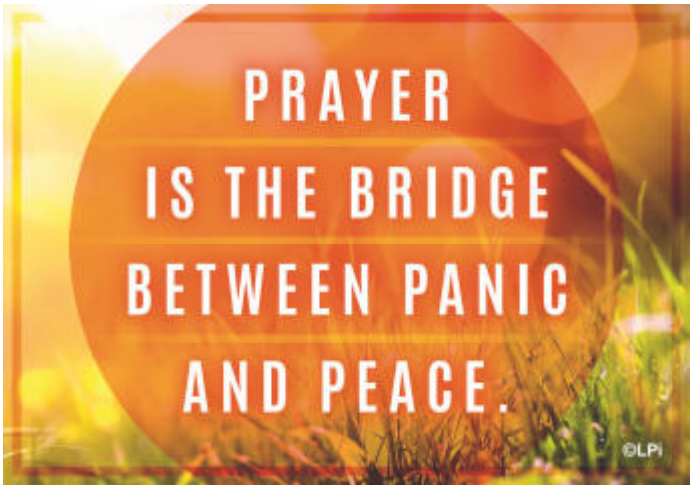
# Faith Formation

*Nothing produces a healthy and holy family with more ease than giving God a place in your family life. Sunday Mass is a gift you give your children and a pattern that is imprinted on their hearts.*




**Presence Study** - Join us for **"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"**, which explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Join us to watch the series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way. Sessions will be held via Zoom at 6:30pm on May 5, 12, 19 & 26. Email gina.czerwinski@portlanddiocese.org to register.



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training and Commissioning

We are preparing for our annual commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested in being trained for this important ministry or wish to be recommissioned for this ministry, please call Gina at the Pastoral Center 623-8823.

## Evening of Prayer for Liturgical Ministers

**All liturgical ministers are invited to join us for an evening of prayer and renewal on Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30pm at St. Mary Church.**

**Readings for the week of May 2, 2021**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunday: | **5th Sunday of Easter**—Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 |
| Monday: | **Sts. Phillip and James**—1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday: | Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday: | **National Day of Prayer**—Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11 |
| Friday: | Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17 |
| Saturday: | Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 |
| Next Sunday: | **6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**—Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 |

## VBS Help Needed

Help us run a smooth Archeological Dig at VBS this summer! We are currently looking for "Archaeologists" and "Junior Archaeologists" to join our excavation team! There are a variety of ways to help before, during, and after VBS. For more information, please contact Angela at angela.goulette@portlanddiocese.org or 623-8823.

- Help us "dig up" needed supplies!
- Help set up the "digging sites!" (sets for outside stations)
- Become a "Junior Archaeologist!" (skit actor)
- Become an "Excavation Leader!" (Station Leader)

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- Become an "Adventure Guide!" (small group leader)
- Join the Kitchen Crew and help feed our hungry participants!
- Join the Clean Up Crew and keep our sites and equipment safe!
- Spread the word and invite children to VBS!
- Help sponsor this VBS with a monetary gift for needed supplies!
- Pray for our team and for all the participants at VBS!

### Welcome to our Parish Family!

The following child was baptized recently in St. Michael Parish: **Teagan Brodie Emory.** May God's love and blessings be with you and your family!

### Rest in Peace

Please keep in your prayers the following who died recently: **Fr. Costanzo (Chris) Piselli, Ann C. Ellis, Connie Piselli and Leona Russell.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN. May God bless their families and friends with His consolation and peace.

## Breaking Bread 2021

Breaking Bread Music Issues are available at the entrance of each church. Parishioners are invited to take a copy for your personal use at home or at church. If you bring your music issue with you to Mass, please remember to bring it back home with you.

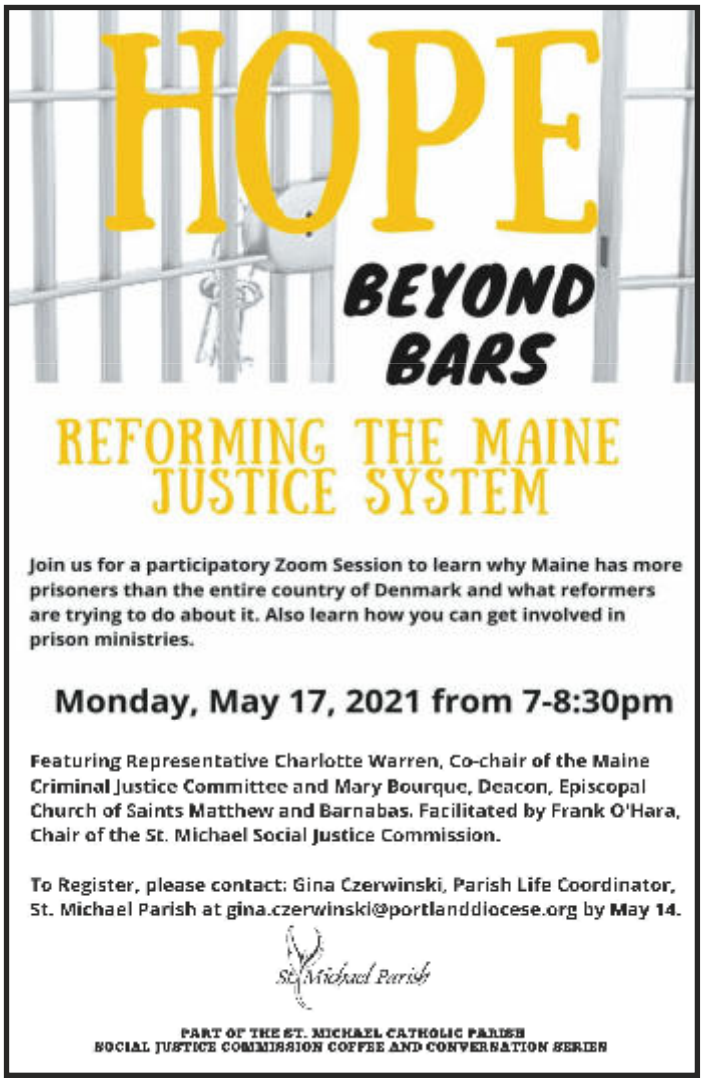
# It's time to restock the kitchen at Shirley's Barn!

Bring your items to the St. Augustine Church Parking lot on Saturday, May 22nd between 9 and 11 am. *We will space ourselves out, wear masks, and stay safe!*

| What we DO WANT | What we DON'T WANT |
|---|---|
| ☑ Pots and pans | ☒ Plates |
| ☑ Casserole dishes | ☒ Cups |
| ☑ Mixing bowls | ☒ Mugs |
| ☑ Loaf and muffin pans | ☒ Glassware |
| ☑ Pie plates | ☒ *OR ANYTHING JUNKY!* |
| ☑ Large spoons, spatulas, whisks | |
| ☑ Silverware | |
| ☑ Dish towels and cloths | |
| ☑ Can openers | |
| ☑ Electric mixers | |
| ☑ Toasters and toaster ovens | |
| ☑ Crock pots | |
| ☑ Coffee makers | |
| ☑ Microwaves | |
| ☑ Food processors | |

**PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. THANK YOU!**

Shirley's Barn is also in need of bureaus, which can be dropped off directly at: 1049 South Belfast Avenue, Augusta




## 13th Annual Healthy Aging Expo

The Event Has Moved Outside This Year

Spectrum Generations' Cohen Community Center is holding its 13th Annual Healthy Aging Expo outside on Friday, May 14, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (rain date Friday, May 21st). The Center is located at 22 Town Farm Road, Hallowell. The event is free to all. If you have questions call the Cohen Community Center at 626-7777.

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## SPRING INTO ACTION!

**You can do this** by investing time to an isolated senior through a friendly phone call, grocery shopping /errands or transport to doctor visits. If you are interested in becoming a ***volunteer*** or FMI please contact the SEARCH/RSVP program- Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137/ lkidd@ccmaine.org.

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**Do you know a graduating high school senior?**
Are they planning on entering the music field, engineering, plumbing or electrical? Are they the first in their family to attend college? Have they done charitable work in their communities or are they members of St. Michael Parish? Have them check out the Calumet Education Foundation's website. Here they can find over 18 scholarships for graduating seniors. Do you know someone who is a sophomore, junior or senior in college? There are two scholarships listed for students already attending college. The Tony Violette Memorial Scholarship is for someone pursuing a degree in business or a related field. The Ernest Couture Scholarship is for a relative or a member of St. Michael Parish. The due date for all scholarships is ***May 15, 2021***. For more information, please check the website:
www.calumeteducationfoundation.org.

# Our School

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### St. Michael School IT Position

St Michael School, a Catholic School in Augusta, Maine, is looking for someone to coordinate our IT program. The qualified candidate should be experienced in the IT field, including setting up school computers, creating new school website, maintaining Chromebooks and Tablets, facilitating NWEA test program, maintaining programming for school and assisting staff when needed. We are looking for someone who is flexible, energetic, and experienced in the IT field. The ideal candidate will be comfortable working in a building with children from different age groups.

If you are a kind, energetic, and organized, this could be the job for you. Certification in CPR and First Aid is preferred, and the qualified candidate should be a practicing Catholic. The position is for 16-20 hours per week, for approximately 40 weeks. Pay will be commensurate with experience. The position will stay open until a suitable candidate is found, but a preliminary deadline of May 22nd has been set. To apply please send a cover letter, resume, three letters of reference and state certifications to: Kevin Cullen, Principal, St. Michael School, 56 Sewall Street, Augusta, ME 04330 or email to kevin.cullen@portlanddiocese.org.

### St. Michael School First-Grade Ed Tech Position

St Michael School, a Catholic School in Augusta, Maine, is looking for someone to work in First-Grade classroom as an assistant to the first-grade teacher. The qualified candidate should be at minimum an Ed-Tech II, with state-required certifications, and paperwork meeting the qualifications as defined by State of Maine. The ideal candidate will be flexible, energetic, experienced with small group instruction, comfortable working with young children and familiar with technology/tablets or willing to learn.

If you are a kind, organized, and nurturing person, this could be the job for you. Certification in CPR and First Aid preferred. The qualified candidate should be a practicing Catholic. The position is for 20-25 hours per week, for approximately 35-38 weeks. Pay will be commensurate with experience. The position will stay open until a suitable candidate is found, but a preliminary deadline of May 15th has been set. To apply please send a cover letter, resume, three letters of reference and state certifications to: Kevin Cullen, Principal, St. Michael School, 56Sewall Street, Augusta, ME 04330 or you can email their materials to kevin.cullen@portlanddiocese.org.

## St. Michael School Giving Opportunities

☐ I want to support the ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND, which strengthens existing programs, funds future initiatives, and provides scholarships for families in need. Please make checks payable to ***St. Michael School*** and mail to St. Michael School, 56 Sewall Street, Augusta, ME 04330.
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