



WEEKEND MASS

Saturday

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

Sunday

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Thursday

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 1, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPI

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited on **August 8th**, following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart. The Icon of Divine Mercy, blessed by Saint John Paul II will be adorning the front of the church.

Preventing Congress from Forcing Americans to Pay for Abortions

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortions. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortions. To view a website with infographics, statistics, a webinar, a petition, and other resources on this issue, visit www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com. A flyer has been created for your usage to explain the push in Congress to force Americans to pay for abortions and what to do about it. Feel free to share this flyer in bulletins and on parish websites and social media platforms to get the word out: www.usccb.org/resources/no-taxpayer-abortion-flyer.pdf.



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INVITING YOUNG PARISHIONERS TO

Go ask your father!

Fr. Lariviere, with the assistance of Mark and Jonnie Clark, would like to invite all students **GRADES 6-12** to a new faith formation series called Go ask your father! The get-togethers will be held at St. Philip in Auburn from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on the first Sunday of each month beginning October 3rd. We will be serving pizza, salad, and snacks. There will be games, activities and most importantly a simple way of reading the Bible called "Lectio." Lectio is interactive, however students can choose to be silent and just observe. The program gives teenagers time to open their bible, spend time with their priest and ask questions! Registration forms can be found in the narthex of each church and on our web page: ihm-auburn.org/family-faith-formation

Stewardship Offering

July 25

\$ 5,662 (Basket)
1,342 (Online)

Peter's Pence



This week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

Pastoral Assistant:

We are pleased to announce that the parish has hired Robert Chaisson as "Pastoral Assistant." This is a part-time position which entails a variety of responsibilities such as working with the Pastoral Council, meeting with families preparing for a baptism or a funeral, prayers at the funeral home. In short, his work is intended to help the Pastor in service to the parish. **Robert Chaisson welcome to the IHM parish staff!**

Thank you!



A sincere thanks to all who encouraged and supported this year's Catholic Vacation Bible Camp at IHM. A special appreciation to our volunteers, Andreaska Jeffcoats, Janet Dehetre and Bonnie Stone, who with all their hard work, made the week special for all the children who attended. To the parents, thank for entrusting your amazing children to us and for attending the celebration on the last day.

Public "Welcome Home" Section of Diocesan Website

Maine Catholics, non-practicing Catholics, and non-Catholics are encouraged to visit the new "Welcome Home" section on the Diocese of Portland website at www.portlanddiocese.org/welcome-home. On the page, you will discover information about returning to Mass in Maine, messages from Bishop Deeley, the importance of attending Sunday Mass, reflections on Sunday readings, columns about the beauty and gift of the Eucharist, videos from Pope Francis, and much more. The section will be frequently updated with additional material and resources.



Practicing Faith

Question:

I'd like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer:

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

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"Living in the Present Moment, The Eternal Now" in Biddeford on August 21-28

"Living in the Present Moment, The Eternal Now" a retreat led by Sister Carol Marozzi, SSJ, will be held at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford from August 21-28. The retreat will focus on living in the present moment and finding the God who is present in the here and now. Retreatants will be helped to identify the obstacles that hinder the discovery of the richness of God's life within them. The cost of the retreat is \$640. For more information or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call (207) 284-5671.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Christopher Colulombe, Jeremey Gagne,
Cheryl MacDonald and Normand Roy

Golden Age Club

Next meeting is **August 10, 2021, at Taber's at 11:30 AM.**

Menu includes small fries, small drink, & Ice Cream:

Hot Dog \$10.50; Hamburger \$11.00; Cheeseburger \$11.25
(tax & Gratuity Included).

Please call Paula B. (207-576-4082) for reservations. Will collect money at meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

2021 Blue Mass in Lewiston September 19



Local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel will be recognized for their faithful commitment and self-sacrifice at the Blue Mass on Sunday, September 19, at 10:30 a.m., at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston. Bishop Robert Deeley will celebrate the Mass, joined by priests and deacons from throughout the diocese. **People of all faiths are invited to attend and join in showing our gratitude to these dedicated heroes. All active and retired members of the public safety community are encouraged to come with their families and in uniform.** For more information about the Blue Mass, including its history in the Diocese of Portland, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass.

Free Basilica Summer Concert Series Returns to Lewiston

The popular summer concert series at the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, located on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston, have returned. The performances are free and open to the public, but donations to help with the preservation of the historic Casavant organ at the Basilica will be gratefully accepted.

Upcoming concerts:

Randall Mullin, August 4

Mark Thallander, August 11

For more information about the summer concert series or to read the biographies of the performers, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/content/free-basilica-summer-concert-series-returns-lewiston-july-7.



Saturday 7/31 4:00 pm Sacred Heart
1st Anniv. Margaret "Peggy" Roy by George & Shelley Harris

Sunday 8/1 7:30 am Sacred Heart
I.H.M. Parishioners

9:15 am St. Philip
Richard Thibodeau, Sr by Richard Lee and Lynn Rossignol

11:00 am Sacred Heart
1st. Anniv. Donald Caron by Normand Caron

Monday 8/2 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Catherine Smith by Peggy Roy

Tuesday 8/3 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Hoa by Tam Ha Family

Wednesday 8/4 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Ashley O'Brien by IHM Staff

Thursday 8/5 7:45 am Sacred Heart
Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners

Friday 8/6
NO MASS

Saturday 8/7 4:00 pm Sacred Heart
Richard Pelletier by Rita & Dave Gagnon

Sunday 8/8 7:30 am Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:15 am St. Philip
People in Texas for their ice storm by Jeannette Raymond

11:00 am Sacred Heart
1st. Anniv. Jack Coady by Wife Irene



Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Richard Labonte
Roger P. Dufresne
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

Readings for the Week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab,
13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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