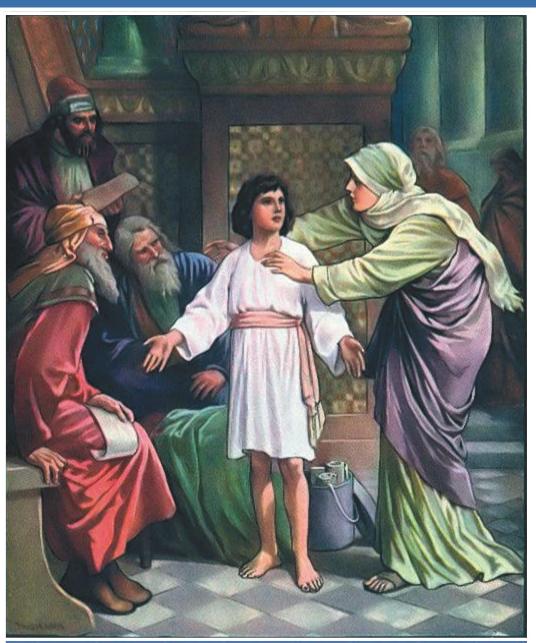


THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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<u>Friday</u> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



The office is CLOSED on weekends.



The parish office will be closed <u>December 31</u> in observance of the New Year.

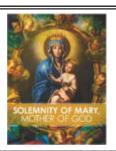
MASS SCHEDULE

December 31

4:00 p.m. — Holy Cross Church 5:00 p.m. — St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

January 1

9:00 a.m. — St. Bartholomew Church



▼ DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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by Angela Houghton Holy Cross Church



▼ MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25

12:00 a.m., SM The Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish

8:00 a.m., SM Jack Callahan by Janet

9:00 a.m., SB Barbara J. Smith by Anthony Mancini 10:00 a.m., HC Michael J. Ingham by Bob Schwartz

4:00 p.m., HC CANCELLED

5:00 p.m., SM CANCELLED

Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m., SM Mr. & Mrs. John Krupski by the Dyer &

Krupski Families

9:00 a.m., SB Paul Dunbar by Sue & Bill

10:00 a.m., HC Don & Sally Colello by their Family

10:30 a.m., SM Thaddeus Phung Lac by his Wife, Kim Tran,

Children, and Grandchildren

Monday, December 27

8:00 a.m., SB John Pielmeier by his Family 8:00 a.m., SB Joseph P. Strob by Nick Young 9:00 a.m., HC CANCELLED (school vacation)

Tuesday, December 28

7:30 a.m., HC Robert Henderson by Peter & Christine

Cloutier & Family

7:30 a.m., HC Sung Kim (Stephen)

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 a.m., SM Norman & Arlene by Bob & Anita Buttarazzi

8:00 a.m., SM The Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish

Thursday, December 30

8:00 a.m., SM Michael & Theresa Lizotte by their Family

Friday, December 31

7:30 a.m., HC CANCELLED

4:00 p.m., HC Ralph Aceto, Jr. by Anthony Mancini &

Family

5:00 p.m., SM Raymond & Theresa Lizotte by their Family

Saturday, January 1

9:00 a.m., SB Patricia DeGrinney by Susie & Tim

9:00 a.m., SB The Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish

4:00 p.m., HC CANCELLED 5:00 p.m., SM CANCELLED

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m., SM Arsene and Georgeanna Lizotte by their

Family

9:00 a.m., SB Joan & Richard Brooks by the Carignan

Family

10:00 a.m., HC George H. Archer by Tonya & Bob Haskett

10:30 a.m., SM Janice Costello by Curt & Patricia Degon

Thank you to everyone who served and attended our Lessons & Carols event last week. It was a great opportunity to slow down this Advent season, even if

only for an hour!

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Age Friendly Parish Workshop

One thing we all have in common is we are all aging. Getting older can bring up questions and challenges, but also opportunities and spiritual blessings. We want to live healthy, engaged, secure lives as we age and continue to be active participants in our parish community. Building an age friendly parish ensures that we can get the support we need as we age.

Join us at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church on the morning of January 22 to discuss the spiritual blessings of aging and learning about important resources and supports. Provide input into how our parish can be age-friendly.

More details will appear in future bulletins.

Sponsored by the Social Justice & Peace Commission and Seniors Supporting Seniors.





December 30 St. Bartholomew Church

January 16 St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

1:00-6:00 p.m.

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Holy Cross and St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

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ADVENT GIVING TREES

Holy Cross, St. Bartholomew, and St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

One of the Catholic theological virtues is Charity, the virtue of love for God, over all other things for His sake, and our love of neighbor as ourselves. Giving to your neighbors in need is what the Advent Giving Trees are all about. Thank you for the overwhelming response to the needs of those in our communities.



On behalf of all of the recipients of these donated gifts -Thank you!

▼ WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY ▼



* Thursday mornings at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. To be a scheduled adorer (one hour shifts), contact Shirley Estabrooks (838-8309).

* First Fridays at Holy Cross Church. Call Marilyn Schiavoni (450-1892) to become an adorer.

PRAYER GROUPS

Holy Cross Church

Eucharistic Adoration—First Friday of every month, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Rosary—Prayed 30 minutes before the weekday Masses and on the first Saturday of every month, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Rosary & Adoration—Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Church

Rosary—Prayed 30 minutes before the weekday Mass.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

Eucharistic Adoration—Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Marian Cenacle**—Mondays,2:00-3:15 p.m.

Rosary—Prayed 30 minutes before the weekday Masses.

Blessing of Throats February 3

February 3 is the Feast Day of St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the fourth century, who is popularly known as the saint who protects us from ailments of the throat. Blessing of throats will take place on that day, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. The following prayer will be used:



"Through the intercession of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Readings for the week of December 26:

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, 5b11a]/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

Reconciliation

Mondays:

St. Bartholomew Church, 8:30-9:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturdays:

Holy Cross Church, 3:00-3:45 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 4:00-4:45 p.m.



The Presentation of the Lord February 2

The Presentation of the Lord occurs forty days after Jesus' birth, when Mary and Joseph present him in the temple. The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ—Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. Tradition since the seventh century, candles to be used throughout the year are blessed at Mass on this day, hence coining the term "Candlemas".

Candles will be blessed at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church on February 2. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their candles to that Mass for blessing.



In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II established February 11 as the World Day of the Sick. It is an opportunity to pray specifically for the sick and those who minister and care for them.

An Anointing of the Sick Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church on February 12 at 10:00 a.m. More information about the history of the World Day of the Sick and who should receive the Anointing of the Sick will be covered in upcoming bulletins.



PRAYER LINE

All intentions are confidential and no request is too small. To place a prayer request, contact Gail Atkins (799-8243, gatkins 1189@gmail.com).



EPIPHANY

Epiphany (also know as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors". The formula for the ritual—adapted for 2022—is simple:

Take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home -20 + C + M + B + 22.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house". The + signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and "22" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ bless those homes so marked and that he stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

We will be distributing blessed chalk at all of the Masses on January 2. We pray you have a happy and holy 2022.

20 + C + W + B + 22

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Thank you to all who have made donations to the Remembrance Fund in memory of Michael Joseph Kane.

† † †

A donation in memory of Mary & Bob Edmondson has been made to St. John Paul II Parish to offset the cost of the new organ at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church.

Job Openings

Custodial/Facilities Worker

St. John Paul II Parish is looking for a Facilities Worker to join our team. This position is part-time or full-time. Work hours would be Monday through Friday (with some flexibility) and occasionally some weekend hours. Duties include cleaning, ordering supplies, scheduling and overseeing outside maintenance contracts and inspections. Offers the opportunity for reduced hours in the summer.

St. John Paul II Parish seeks a part-time Music Minister to be responsible for developing musical gifts with the parish to enhance all liturgical celebrations and for fostering full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy by all parishioners. Other responsibilities include selecting music, accompanying and leading two choirs, planning and providing music for parish celebrations/events, mentoring cantors, developing volunteers, playing at funerals and on holy days. The successful candidate will possess strong communication skills and interact well with people.

Assistant Faith Formation Director

With an Emphasis on Middle and High School Youth Ministry

St. John Paul II Parish is seeking a dynamic, inviting, and enthusiastic individual to join their pastoral staff. The Assistant Faith Formation Director with an emphasis on Youth Ministry will oversee planning and leading a comprehensive youth ministry program. The Director will recruit and engage adult volunteers to participate in events and will be responsible for supervising volunteers, including program leaders and support staff. The position includes leading Sacramental Preparation programming for our middle school and high school youth which includes facilitating and monitoring retreats. Applicants must be practicing Catholics in good standing. A Bachelor's degree is required and the candidate must be willing to work nights and weekends.

If you are interested in sharing your gifts and becoming a contributing member of our team that is passionate about making a difference every day, send a cover letter and resume to Katie Benedict, Business Manager, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough, ME 04074. Interested parties can also email their materials to katie.benedict@portland diocese.org.

Before & Aftercare Staff

St. John Paul II Parish and Holy Cross School are seeking responsible, caring, and energetic individuals to staff our Before & Aftercare program. This part-time position (15-20 hours per week) runs from 7:15-8:35 a.m. and 3:00-5:15 p.m., Monday-Friday and provides care, fun, and activities for pre-k-grade 4 students. Days/hours can be flexible to accommodate your schedule.

For more information or to apply for this position, contact Teri Feely (teresita.feely@portlanddiocese.org).

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Children's Faith Formation

OUR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church







Adult Sacramental Preparation



Over the past months, a group of inquirers (people interested in the Catholic Church) have been meeting with the Adult and Teen Sacramental Preparation Teams here in our parish. During this time, they have explored their own faith journeys and whether the Catholic Church is the place to continue that journey. They have prayed about it and have decided to take the next step. This step involves a liturgical rite: The Rite of Acceptance.

Our inquirers assembled at several Masses on the second Sunday of Advent to publicly declare for the first time their intention to the Church. The Church, in turn, accepted them as persons who intend to become a member. We welcome these catechumens into our faith family:

Audrey Assia Ethan Assia Sam Assia Shelley Assia Ben Divney Melanie Krum Joel Lueso Paula Rodriguez

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue preparing for the sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil this spring.

Adult Faith Formation

Who Was Augustine? What Did He Confess?

A Presentation by Dr. John Kenney February 15 — 7:00 p.m. — St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

Dr. John Kenney and his wife, Ann, have been involved in Catholic education for many years. Most recently, John taught religion and humanities at St. Michael's College and was the Dean of the College for a decade. John is part of a larger movement among Catholic scholars who have sought to return to the ancient sources of our faith and to discover anew their answers to the perennial questions of human life, including our knowledge of God, the problem of evil, and the immortality of the human soul.

Dr. Kenney has graciously offered his time to lead a discussion on St. Augustine and his contribution to the faith. Join us for this one-night event. If you love what you hear and want to continue learning about St. Augustine, you can join Dr. Kenney's fiveweek reading group which will start on March 1 (7:00 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe Church).

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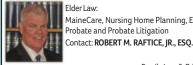


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