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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) — APRIL 27, 2025

Whenever we take a
step towards Jesus,
we come to realize
that He is already
there, waiting for us
with open arms.

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MASS TIMES

SAT:	4:00 p.m. Holy Cross 5:00 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
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MON:	8:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew 9:00 a.m. Holy Cross
TUE:	7:30 a.m. Holy Cross 8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
WED:	8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe 8:00 a.m. St Bartholomew
THU:	8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
FRI:	7:30 a.m. Holy Cross
1ST SA	AT: 8:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
	CONFESSION TIMES
MON:	8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
SAT	3.00 nm to 3.45 nm

AT: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Holy Cross 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe

1ST SAT: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

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Confessions are available at other times by appointment or request.

St. John Paul II Parish Office

Located at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

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Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The office closes daily from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and is closed on weekends.

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> **Deacon Mark Tuttle** mark.tuttle@portlanddiocese.org

Sacraments and Pastoral Care

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office as the birth of your child nears.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office six months to one year in advance of your desired wedding date.

Funeral Arrangements

Please make initial contact with the funeral home, and they will help to coordinate arrangements with the parish.

Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound

Please call the parish office with the name, condition, address, and phone number of the person in need.

Parish Mass & Prayer Requests

Please contact the parish office. Mass intentions can be scheduled up to one year in advance. The suggested offering is \$10.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Please call to make an appointment with a priest or staff member. Or attend an inquiry night on May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Thinking about a priestly or religious vocation?

Talk with one of our parish priests or contact Fr. Brad Morin, Director of Vocations, at (207) 827-4000.

Holy Cross Church

Masses

Eucharistic Adoration—First Friday of every month, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Rosary—Prayed 30 minutes before weekday



Adoration with Rosary & Divine Mercy

Chaplet — Tuesdays, 7:00—8:00 p.m. (Please use the door between the school & church to enter)

St. Bartholomew Church

Rosary—Prayed 30 minutes before weekday Masses First Saturday Devotion—First Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

Eucharistic Adoration—Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Marian Cenacle—Mondays, 2:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m. Rosary—Prayed 30 minutes before weekday Masses Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)—Wednesdays after

Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 26

4:00 p.m., HC Donald Guerette by Carolyn Williams 5:00 p.m., SM Eunice Dusty by Mary Margaret, Katherine & Aalivah Sunday, April 27 8:00 a.m., SM Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish 9:00 a.m., SB Mary Hyland by Edna Chace 10:00 a.m., HC Jim Quincannon by the Falconer Family 10:30 a.m., SM John Leasure by his Family Monday, April 28 8:00 a.m., SB Ronald Walker by Lou, Jim, Leeanne, Charleen & Gunner 9:00 a.m., HC Edward Cook by Tim & Mary Hinman Tuesday, April 29 7:30 a.m., HC David Leasure by Bob & Barbara Morency 8:00 a.m., SM In Honor of the Blessed Mother by Paul Wednesday, April 30 8:00 a.m., SB Carl Hitchcock by Susie & Tim DeGrinney 8:00 a.m., SM Maurice Lemelin by his wife, Mimi Lemelin Thursday, May 1 8:00 a.m., SM Greg Scully by his Family Friday, May 2 — First Friday Francis X Rist by Carl & Denny Maddaleni 7:30 a.m., HC <u>Saturday, May 3 — First Saturday</u> 8:00 a.m., SB Thomas Kirner (1st Anniversary) by his Family 4:00 p.m., HC Thomas E. Spellman by Jay Ashe Elena MacLeod by the Amann Family 5:00 p.m., SM Sunday, May 4 8:00 a.m., SM Protection of the Unborn 9:00 a.m., SB Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish 10:00 a.m., HC Special Intention for Susan Conrov by Bill & Patricia Sherk 10:30 a.m., SM Dorothy Marie McDonald by Mary & Troy

First Friday Adoration, May 2 — Holy Cross First Friday Adoration will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for parishioners to stop and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

First Saturday Mass, Devotion, Rosary & Confessions May 3 at 8:00 a.m.— St. Bartholomew

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, St. John Paul II Parish offers an 8:00 a.m. Mass every 1st Saturday of the month. The recitation of the Holy Rosary and devotions take place following Mass. Confession will also be available.

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the year 2000, St. Faustina was canonized by the first ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

> **Divine Mercy Prayer Service** Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe



Offert	ory
<u>April 6</u> Regular — Envelopes Regular — Loose/Mail In Regular — Online	\$ 7,896.00 \$ 7,905.00 \$ 12,497.25
<u>April 13</u> Regular — Envelopes Regular — Loose/Mail In Regular — Online Maintenance Fund	\$ 10,720.00 \$ 6,505.00 \$ 6,604.20 \$ 4,325.00

Upcoming Special Collections

<u>Date</u>	Collection Intention	
April 27	Catholic Home Missions Appeal	
May 11	Maintenance Fund	

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26			
Men's Group	7:30 a.m.	SM	
SUNDAY, APRIL 27			
Coffee & Donuts	10:00 a.m.	SB	
Volunteer Appreciation Event	11:30 a.m.	SM	
Divine Mercy Prayer Service	3:00 p.m.	SM	
Middle & High School Youth Ministry	6:00 p.m.	SM	
MONDAY, APRIL 28			
Marian Cenacle	2:00 p.m.	SM	
Middle School Faith & Science	4:30 p.m.	SM	
33 Days to Morning Glory	6:00 p.m.	SM	
Practical Catholicism	7:00 p.m.	SM	
TUESDAY, APRIL 29			
Opening the Word	8:30 a.m.	SM	
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30			
Ministry of Presence	8:45 a.m.	SM	
Kindergarten & Tween Classes	4:15 p.m.	SM	
Adult Bereavement Group	5:00 p.m.	HC	
Adult Sacramental Preparation	6:00 p.m.	SM	
Women's Lectio Divina	6:30 p.m.	SM	
THURSDAY, MAY 1			
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:00 a.m.	SM	
FRIDAY, MAY 2 — First Friday			

SATURDAY, MAY 3 — First Saturday			
Men's Group	7:30 a.m.	SM	
Mary's Garden Spring Clean Up	8:30 a.m.	SM	
Bethlehem Holy Land Artwork Sale		SM	
SUNDAY, MAY 4			
Bethlehem Holy Land Artwork Sale		SM	
Coffee & Donuts	10:00 a.m.	SB	
Coffee & Donuts	11:00 a.m.	HC	
May Crowning	1.00 p.m	SM	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☆ May 13: Senior Breakfast (SM)
- ☆ June 23—27: Vacation Bible School (SM)
- ☆ July 6 11: Totus Tuus (SM)
- ☆ August 10: Parish Picnic (SM)
- August 23: Knights of Columbus 5K Road Race (SM)

SM—St. Maximilian Kolbe HC—Holy Cross SB—St. Bartholomew HCS — Holy Cross School



MAY THE SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH the MERCY of GOD, REST IN PEACE. 1936 - 2025

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, immortal shepherd of souls, look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis, who presided over your Church in charity, may, with the flock entrusted to his care, receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Christ is Risen! Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who coordinated our liturgies, decorated our churches, sang in our choirs, served at the altar, read the scriptures, served as extraordinary ministers, ushered in our full churches, and



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everything else entailed in making these most sacred liturgies possible. Through these holy days, we are experiencing God working in our midst.

May we run forward in response to Jesus' invitation to share in His Resurrection and His Life here and now. May this Easter season be a time of living in Jesus, our Risen Lord, and loving as He loves.

In Christ, Fr. Jack Dickinson

Holy Land Bethlehem Artwork May 3 & 4 – St. Maximilian Kolbe

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on display in the Parish Hall at St. Maximilian Kolbe on May 3 & 4 after all Masses. Handmade



rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends; or take this opportunity to add a beautiful hand-carved religious item for your own home.



The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 1% within the last ten years. Crafting the religious articles is the primary

articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land. Holy Land Bethlehem



Artworks is an organization that supports over 100 suffering families each week.

For more examples of their artwork visit: www.hlartwork.com/gallery

May Crowning

It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers. This lovely devotional ceremony has been a favorite in our churches for years. This year, we will be holding a parish wide crowning of



Mary on **Sunday**, **May 4 at 1:00 p.m**. at Št. Maximilian Kolbe in the Mary Courtyard outside. Our children will also have the opportunity to create their own Mary Garden to bring home. **Everyone is welcome to attend**.



Seniors, what is the most important meal of the day? Yes — breakfast! And what is the one thing we appreciate after lots of April showers? Yes — May flowers!

Plan to attend the Senior (55 and up) Breakfast on **May 13** at 8:45 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe. Mrs. Sigrid Serpico of our local Garden Club will be the guest speaker after you enjoy a hearty, delicious breakfast.

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima... Join the 2025 Public Rosary Crusade

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in prayer for our nation on **May 17, 2025 at 12 noon**.

The local Public Rosary Rally will take place at **Fort Williams Park,** 1000 Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth near the flag pole at the top of the hill. All you need to bring is a

chair/blanket and all your friends and family. This event is kid friendly, and is open to everyone, even if you've never prayed the Rosary.



FMI: Amanda Meir 603-969-4009 amandahuelat@gmail.com

Mary's Garden Spring Workday

Join us on **Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. – Noon** at St. Maximilian Kolbe to help make Mary's Garden and the front entrance of the church ready for summer! We will gather in Room #6, and coffee & donuts will be served. We had a

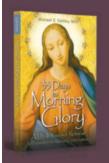
great group of parishioners working in the gardens last year and hope to include more parishioners this year. You are welcome to come late or leave early as your schedule allows. Please call the parish office with any questions.



Prepare for Marian Consecration

Join us in a journey of deepening your relationship with Jesus through Mary as we begin 33 Days to Morning Glory, a do-it-yourself retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration.

We will meet weekly beginning **Monday, April 28, from 6:00–7:30 PM** at St. Maximilian Kolbe with the consecration on May 31 after the 5:00 PM Mass.



Guided by the writings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II, this retreat offers an inspiring and accessible path to entrust yourself more fully to Mary, the Mother of God.

Whether you're new to Marian devotion or looking to renew your consecration, all are welcome.

Come grow in grace with us.

Calvary Cemetery



Calvary Cemetery will be having a price increase effective June 1, 2025. If you have been thinking about either purchasing grave space or prepaying your burial expenses, call the

cemetery at 207-773-5796 to speak to a Family Service Advisor for more information. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT - MAY 15-18, 2025

The women of the ACTS Ministry at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Sanford invite you to a spiritually uplifting weekend, a chance to get away from your usual busy schedule. Take an opportunity to renew yourself spiritually, strengthen your faith, and grow friendships with some amazing women. Women over 21 are welcome. Do hurry to ensure your place for a wonderful weekend with the Lord!

The retreat begins Thursday evening, May 15, with a checkin at St. Therese in Sanford. Transportation will be provided to and from the Retreat Center in Lyman. We will conclude with a Mass at St. Therese on Sunday morning, followed by a brunch. The cost of the Retreat is \$250 and includes transportation, food, lodging, and activities. Financial difficulties should not prevent

anyone from attending the retreat. FMI: Terry Bergeron, Director, (207) 324-5718 or (207) 432-9722.



Registration and payment information: https://stthereseparishmaine.org/acts-retreats



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Admissions for the 2025-26 school year are open at Holy Cross School!

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Tessa Sisti 207-799-6661 ext. 1402 tessa.sisti@portlanddiocese.org

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Holy Cross School Open Positions

Holy Cross School seeks dedicated and faith-filled teachers to join their Catholic School community in the following open positions. Ideal candidates will be passionate about academic excellence, spiritual development, and helping students reach their full potential.

- 4th Grade Classroom Teacher \mathbf{A}
- \mathbf{A} **Middle School Social Studies Teacher**
- \mathbf{A} **Music / Performing Arts Teacher - Part-Time**

For additional information about these positions, please visit the parish website at jp2me.org/jobs. If interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, and copies of your certification for consideration to:

> Bill Ridge—Holy Cross School, 436 Broadway South Portland, ME 04106 (207) 799-6661 Email: william.ridge@portlanddiocese.org





Development News As we begin to prepare for the coming school year, we wanted to share some of the exciting events that have taken place in the area of Development.

Development is the effort of institutions, such as schools, to raise funds to assist in the long-term viability of the institutions, To help us in this effort, we enlisted the help of Vin Ciampi. Vin has been with us since shortly before the school year started and has been working to increase development and allow us to move forward.

Among the efforts led by Vin are:

Annual Appeal - Holy Cross began its first-ever annual appeal. A mailing list was created from school records (current and past families, alumni, and friends of the school) our parish, and others. The Annual Appeal consists of 3 mailings giving folks an opportunity to make a gift to the school. With each subsequent mailing, we target only those who have not responded to previous mailings. Shortly, we will send our 3rd and final mailing of the year.

Naming Opportunities - We have offered families and businesses the chance to remember a loved one or honor someone in their lives by naming a room in the school. About 10 rooms have been "named" with plaques hung outside the room in tribute to the honoree. We have a few rooms remaining.

Advertising - A number of businesses and families have supported the school through the new banners in our gym. These banners serve as ads for our friends in the business community. We have also added sponsor banners with up to 5 individuals or businesses together on one banner. One of our favorites is the banner purchased by the members of the Holy Cross Class of 2016. They challenge all other alums to join them.

Development funds will assist us in meeting our financial commitments for the school while we work to increase enrollment. Development will also allow us to make significant improvements at the school.

We are very excited to highlight 2 projects that we hope to complete this summer that will have a huge impact: First, with gratitude to a donor, we will make improvements to the stage including paint, floor repairs, and improved lighting and sound. Currently, our stage serves as one of the only storage areas we have in the school. Part of the stage project is the purchase of a storage container that will be placed outdoors to hold tables, chairs, desks, and other items that will make the stage usable.

The second project involves upgrades to the play area outside the school. This includes security fencing, a safety material underfoot, and improvements to playground equipment.

The generosity of the Parish and School community has been astounding. Generous people, with a belief in what we are doing at Holy Cross, are giving us the opportunity to grow and improve the school and its facilities.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of our supporters.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE



Michelle Valcourt Faith Formation Director michelle.valcourt@portlanddiocese.org

This Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate on the Second Sunday of Easter because it flows naturally from the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal Mystery—Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection—is the ultimate revelation of God's love and mercy. By placing this feast directly after Easter, the Church reminds the faithful that mercy is the first and most fundamental fruit of the Resurrection.

This feast was inspired by the visions of Saint Faustina Kowalska and established by Pope Saint John Paul II. His deep devotion to Divine Mercy led to the canonization of Saint Faustina in 2000, and the official establishment of the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. It was a profound moment for the Church, as the message of mercy was placed at the heart of the Easter season.

To celebrate, Catholics are encouraged to go to Confession, receive the Eucharist, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, venerate the Divine Mercy image, and perform works of mercy. This Sunday is an invitation to trust in Jesus and to share His mercy with the world.

For more information, check out our website at: https://jp2me.org/divine-mercy-chaplet

Quote of the Week:

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself" —*St. Faustina*



Are You Searching for

Something More?

Join us to learn about the Catholic Faith on

May 13 at 6:30 PM

at St. Maximilian Kolbe



Come and see. You might just find what your heart has been searching for all along.

Practical Catholicism: Explore the documents of Vatican II

with Fr. Jack Dickinson and Michelle Valcourt

Monday, April 28 at 7 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe

We will focus on the documents of Vatican II what they are, why they matter, and how they continue to shape our faith and daily lives.

All are welcome to deepen their understanding of the Church's teachings in a practical, approachable way.

Mark your calendar and bring a friend!



Michelle Philbrick Children & Family Ministry Coordinator michelle.a.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org

Family Formation Grades K-5 We have completed our Family Formation Sessions for this school year. Thank you to all the families who have joined us. Registration for next year's programming will open on **July 1**. If you missed any of the sessions and would like to pick up materials to work on at home, contact the Faith Formation Office.

Kindergarten and Tween Our next Kindergarten and Tween sessions will be held on **April 30** at 4:15 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe. Our Kindergarten children will learn about the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. Our Tweens have finished their teachings on the Sacraments and will be learning about the importance of prayer.

Question of the Week:

When Jesus appeared to His disciples, He said, "Peace be with you" and gave them the gift of forgiving sins. How can our family share Christ's peace and mercy with others this week—at home, at school, or in our community?

Isabel Sanclemente Ongoing Faith Formation Coordinator isabel.sanclemente@portlanddiocese.org



Faith and Science for Middle Schoolers Grades 6-8 Calling all middle schoolers! Join us for an exciting final Faith and Science session on **April 28** at 4:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will be studying the Resurrection with a nature walk where we will explore the signs of new life and end our time together by making Resurrection Rolls.

Middle and High School Youth Ministry Grades 6-12 will be meeting on **Sunday, April 27** from 6:00—7:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church for a social event and game night that includes Divine Mercy Sundaes.



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