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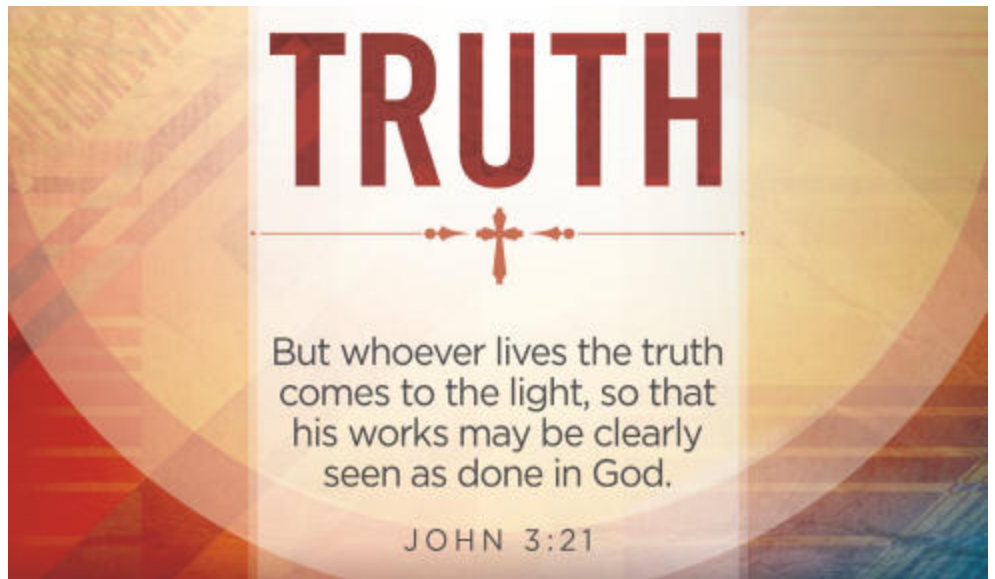
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Baptism, Confirmation, and The Table

Dear God's holy people: One of the greatest rediscoveries of the Church in our time has been the baptismal catechumenate as described in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Last week at St. Joseph, we began preparing, with the First Scrutiny, the adults in our Cluster whom we shall baptise at the Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night (April 3rd at 8 p.m.). This week we continue adult preparation with the Second Scrutiny.

Because of the RCIA experience, the Church in our day has gotten a firmer grasp on what Baptism and Confirmation have to do with the Eucharist. We are washed in Baptismal water and anointed with the aromatic chrism of Confirmation in order to come to the feast of the Eucharist. Here at God's Table, we are called to share in the life of Christ who is fully present in the assembly of his people (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy).

Our friends who began the scrutiny last Sunday (which will go on for three consecutive Sundays) will receive new life in Christ, given in Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation and poured out in service. Nowhere is this more eloquently expressed than in the Eucharist, where we are fed in order to be sent—to go and announce the gospel of the Lord to the world. Let us keep our friends in our prayer during this all important journey they are undertaking to become members of the Church and brothers and sisters in God's family. To God be the glory forever and ever. - Fr. Roland Bernegh

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**THE NATURE of COMMUNITY**

In classical Hebrew there is a word for community: *edah*. *Edah* comes from the word *ed*, meaning “witness.” The people who constitute an *edah* have much in common. They are bent on the same purpose. In Greek there is a word *koinonon*, which is closely related to *koinonia*, meaning “community,” “communion,” “fellowship,” and even a sharing of each other’s lives and hearts with one another. The Apostle Paul said, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person” (Galatians 3:28). To frame this in modern-day terms, there is no “us” and there is no “them” in a shared community such as a cluster of churches. God calls his people to love one another (John 15:12), and the love of God belongs everywhere in equal measure. People who embrace the transforming love of God may be considered one family – the people of God.

The Roman Catholic Churches of Hancock County are part of the Diocese of Portland, ME. Our cluster (No. 11) embraces three parishes, six year-round churches, and four summer missions. The community is united under one pastor and two parochial vicars who together serve the varied needs of a wide region that includes the **Downeast Gateway, Acadia National Park**, and the greater **Blue Hill Peninsula**. We are called to receive and witness God’s Presence through worship, prayer, sacraments and service. All are welcome.

Mass Times & Locations**Saturday, March 13**

4:00 PM St. Peter

5 Ocean House Rd, Manset/SWHarbor ME 04679

4:30 PM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

Sunday, March 14

8:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

8:00 AM St. Mary Star of the Sea

8 Granite St, Stonington ME 04681

10:00 AM Holy Redeemer

56 Mount Desert St, Bar Harbor ME 04609

11:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

11:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul

60 Franklin St, Bucksport ME 04416

Monday, March 15

8:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul

60 Franklin St, Bucksport ME 04416

9:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

56 Mount Desert St, Bar Harbor ME 04609

8:30 AM St. Mary Star of the Sea

8 Granite St, Stonington ME 04681

9:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

56 Mount Desert St, Bar Harbor ME 04609

8:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul

60 Franklin St, Bucksport ME 04416

Thursday, March 18

8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

56 Mount Desert St, Bar Harbor ME 04609

8:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul

60 Franklin St, Bucksport ME 04416

9:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

Friday, March 19

8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

56 Mount Desert St, Bar Harbor ME 04609

9:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

5:30 PM St. Joseph

COMMEMORATIVE MASS - YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 20

4:00 PM St. Peter

5 Ocean House Rd, Manset/SWHarbor ME 04679

4:30 PM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

Sunday, March 21

8:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

8:00 AM St. Mary Star of the Sea

8 Granite St, Stonington ME 04681

10:00 AM Holy Redeemer

56 Mount Desert St, Bar Harbor ME 04609

11:00 AM St. Joseph

231 Main St, Ellsworth ME 04605

11:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul

60 Franklin St, Bucksport ME 04416

NOTE: Weekend Masses at St. Joseph are Live-Streamed on Facebook to the Parish Hall. Sunday Mass at St. Vincent is video broadcast to the Church Hall.

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*NOTE: There will be a **2nd Collection** on **March 13-14** for **Catholic Relief Services**, with checks payable to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland" and "Catholic Relief Services Collection" in the memo line. Thank you.*

The Songs of the Suffering Servant

We encounter four poetic "songs" in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah that can become a way of encountering the Lord during this Lenten season. The first song introduces God's Servant who will establish justice upon the earth. The second song, spoken in the Servant's own voice, tells of being selected from the womb to become God's mouthpiece and help renew the nation. In the third song we learn of the abuse the Servant endured at the hands of his enemies. The fourth song proclaims the salvific value of the Servant's innocent suffering that will justify many and blot out their offenses. To get a sense of the commitment that sustained Jesus in the midst of trial, and of rejoicing with him in God's ultimate vindication of his calling, see <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/seven-penitential-psalms-songs-of-suffering-servant>. - Rose Schultz

Join Fr. Anthanasius, Fr. Emile & Fr. Roland for Reconciliation & Holy Hour of Healing from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on:

- Tues., March 16th at St. Vincent de Paul, Bucksport
- Tues., March 23rd at Holy Redeemer, Bar Harbor

Like all religious experience, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** takes preparation. We prepare for it by opening our hearts, by reflecting upon the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light.

It might begin with a simple question: *Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing?*

**The Light is
ON for You.**



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For sacramental preparation and to schedule a date, please call the parish office of the church where you would like the baptism to occur.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the cluster office (207-667-2342) at least six months in advance of making your reception plans.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the funeral homes, and they will work with your parish to help you make arrangements.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK
& COMMUNION CALLS**

Please call your parish office with the address and phone number of the person(s) in need of pastoral care.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

We connect people with resources for food, shelter and utilities, e.g., and do what we can to provide assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call your parish office to add someone to the prayer list or to offer a Mass intention.

**LEARNING ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

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Schoodic Peninsula*



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Solemnity of St. Joseph – March 19th

To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, there will be a **Commemorative Mass** at St. Joseph this Friday, **March 19th at 5:30 p.m.**

Room at the Inn – A Gift that Gives Twice!

The Lenten season is a lovely time to sponsor a bed at the **Emmaus Homeless Shelter**. Donations may be made through St. Joseph Parish by calling 207-667-2342. A recent gift in honor of Tom Grogan will keep someone safe and warm on March 15, 16, 17 & 18.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

On March 14th at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, we celebrate the “Second Scrutiny” for Brian Cavnar, who is preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil. The readings for this ritual revolve around Christ, the Anointed One sent by God, who offers a gift of illuminating grace. We can choose to accept the shining truth. - Rose

Mass Intentions

ST. JOSEPH * Livestreaming on Facebook

Sat *	Mar 13	4:30 p.m.	Monica Giordano by Laurie Dwyer, LMC
Sun *	Mar 14	8:00 a.m.	Dunn/Morin Family by Kathleen Dunn
Sun *	Mar 14	11:00 a.m.	R.I. Pietz by His Parents
Mon	Mar 15	9:00 a.m.	Dick Herring (D) by Anne & Michael Dale
Tues	Mar 16	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Extension Donors
Wed	Mar 17	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Thur	Mar 18	9:00 a.m.	For Those Who Struggle with COVID-19
Fri	Mar 19	9:00 a.m.	For Those Who Mourn From COVID-19
Fri	Mar 19	5:30 p.m.	Solemnity of St. Joseph
Sat *	Mar 20	4:30 p.m.	Bonnie Fernald (D) by Michele Suydam
Sun *	Mar 21	8:00 a.m.	Dunn/Morin Family by Kathleen Dunn
Sun *	Mar 21	11:00 a.m.	Francis James Conry by Frances Pietz

**The Sanctuary Lamp before the Blessed Sacrament
burns this week in memory of Fr. Peter Gorham by a Friend.**

NOTE: Confession time is available Saturday, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. and by appointment. • Weekend Masses are Live-Streamed on Facebook to the Parish Hall. • Holy Hour inside the church on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. and outdoors by the Guaymas Chapel on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. • Pray the Rosary after each weekday Mass and on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. • Stations of the Cross CANCELLED this Friday evening, March 19.

Announcements for St. Vincent de Paul

Benediction & Holy Hour has been CANCELLED on Monday evening, March 15th. However, "The Light is ON for You!" for **Reconciliation & Holy Hour of Healing** on Tuesday, March 16th, at 6:00 p.m. • The Knights of Columbus will offer a very good **Take-out Fish Fry Supper** on Saturday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. (use the Central Street entrance to the Church Hall). • Join us to pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** at SVDP on Sunday, March 21st, at 3:00 p.m.

God Has Great Plans!

St. Vincent needs a few more **Sacristans** to set up the Altar before Mass and put away items after; friends to wash & iron purificators, corporals, and hand towels as part of **Altar Linen Ministry** (rotate monthly); and new faces in **Flower Ministry** to procure and arrange altar flowers prior to Sunday Mass. If you'd like to be of service to your church, please call the office at 207-469-3322 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

OUR LADY OF HOLY HOPE

Church closed for the winter and will re-open in April

ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

Sun	Mar 14	8:00 a.m.	Residents of Island Nursing Home Who Have Died <i>by Claudette Kydd</i>
Tues	Mar 16	8:30 a.m.	Those Affected by Covid, <i>by Claudette Kydd</i>
Sun	Mar 21	8:00 a.m.	Paul Bodge (D) <i>by Simeon and Sandra Leach</i>

NOTE: Stations of the Cross at SMSS during Lent on Fridays at 5 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sun	Mar 14	11:00 a.m.	Herman Thibeault (D) <i>by The Family</i>
Mon	Mar 15	8:30 a.m.	Catholic Extension Donors
Tues	Mar 16	6:00 p.m.	Reconciliation & Holy Hour of Healing
Wed	Mar 17	8:30 a.m.	Catholic Extension Donors
Thur	Mar 18	8:30 a.m.	Catholic Extension Donors
Sun	Mar 21	11:00 a.m.	Catholic Extension Donors

**The Sanctuary Lamps before the Blessed Sacrament
burn this week for the Glory of God.**

NOTE: Confession time is available at St. Vincent by appointment and on Sundays, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. • Pray the Rosary at SVDP beginning 30 minutes before each weekend & daily Mass. • Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. on the Third Sunday of each month (March 21). • Join us for Benediction & Holy Hour on Monday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. • In Lent, pray the Stations of the Cross at SVDP on Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

Stella Maris Parish

*Bucksport, Castine,
and Stonington*



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Stonington, ME 04681

St. Vincent de Paul
60 Franklin Street
Bucksport, ME 04416

Reconciliation & Holy Hour of Healing

Tues., March 16 at 6 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul
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On **Good Friday** (April 2)
St. Vincent de Paul will have
Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m.,
followed by **The Passion** at 3 p.m.

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*Mount Desert Island &
Little Cranberry Island*



V. Rev. Emile Dubé, VF
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(closed for the season)

Covid-19 Vaccine News from Bishop Deeley

On March 4th, our Diocese issued a new statement, excerpted here, from Bishop Deeley: "We must thank God for the scientific advancement and dedication of those in the medical field that have led to lifesaving vaccines during a global pandemic. When it is your turn to receive a vaccine, you can receive the one that is offered to you without moral reservation." As Catholics, we are called to serve humanity in caring for one another. Consider the fact that, "receiving a vaccine is not just for one's own health, but for the health and safety of those around you." The Bishop continues to pray that God will grant healing, comfort, and peace to all affected by this pandemic.

Parish Prayer List

Please pray for hope and healing for the sick, for the safety of our country's service men and women throughout the world, and for those on our prayer list: Thomas Donovan, Christopher, June Sokol, Cathy Scovill, Julie Kelley, Tanya Harkins, Jan Hanscom, Vanessa Hyde, Al & Ruth Goodwin, Tom Fulton, Trish Scott & Troy Thomas.

Music at Holy Redeemer

Derf McKeeton invites someone to play the **piano or violin** (the melody) as he continues as accompanist on guitar. Please touch base with Derf or Fr. Emile if you have musical gifts to share at Mass.

America Needs Fatima

Join rally captain Vicki Anne Webber and **Pray the Rosary** at Holy Redeemer on Saturday, March 20th, at 12 noon. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

ST. PETER

Sat	Mar 13	4:00 p.m.	Priest's Intentions
Sat	Mar 20	4:00 p.m.	Pro Populo

HOLY REDEEMER

Sun	Mar 14	10:00 a.m.	Priest's Intentions
Tues	Mar 16	8:30 a.m.	Reconciliation & Healing at St. Vincent
Wed	Mar 17	8:30 a.m.	Saint Patrick
Thurs	Mar 18	8:30 a.m.	Priest's Intentions
Fri	Mar 19	8:30 a.m.	Saint Joseph
Sun	Mar 21	10:00 a.m.	Alfred J. Champagne (D) <i>by Albert and Anita Landry</i>

**The Sanctuary Lamp before the Blessed Sacrament burns
in memory of the Cantwell Family & Friends.**

NOTE: Confession time is available at Holy Redeemer by appointment and on Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. • Join us for Holy Hour on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. • Stations of the Cross CANCELLED this Friday, March 19.

Excerpts of Readings for March 14**First Reading (2 Chr 36:19):**

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.

Psalm 137: *Let my tongue be silenced,
if I ever forget you!*

Second Reading (Eph 2:10):

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Gospel (Jn 3:16):

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of March 14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47






Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Sunday Précis: God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful (1), those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that he sent his only son (2, 3) to deliver the world from exile (Ps). ©2020 Paulist Press Ordo

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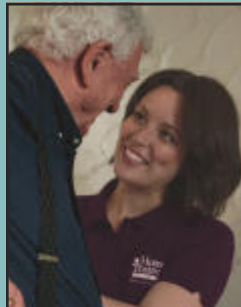
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