

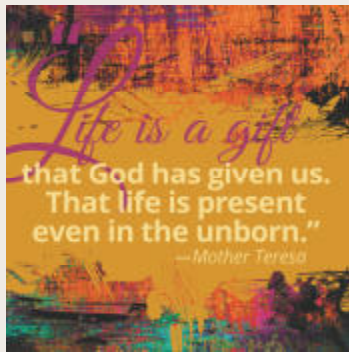


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2022



Fr. Aaron Damboise, Pastor

St. Athanasius/St. John

126 Maine Avenue
Rumford, Maine

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:30am (also online)

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 8:15am (also online)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm
Sunday 8:30am-9:15am

Our Lady of the Snows

265 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26)
Bethel, ME

Lord's Day Mass

Saturday 6:00 pm



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2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Father Aaron was not able to complete his reflection this week. Please stay tuned and it will return in the next bulletin.

**Monday is a Holiday
Martin Luther King Day
The office will be closed**

We were fortunate to get Fr. Joel Cyr to cover last weekend's masses in Fr. Aaron's absence. His homily was great and many of you enjoyed reconnecting with him, a former pastor of St. Theresa's Catholic Church. Our collective thanks to Fr. Joel.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

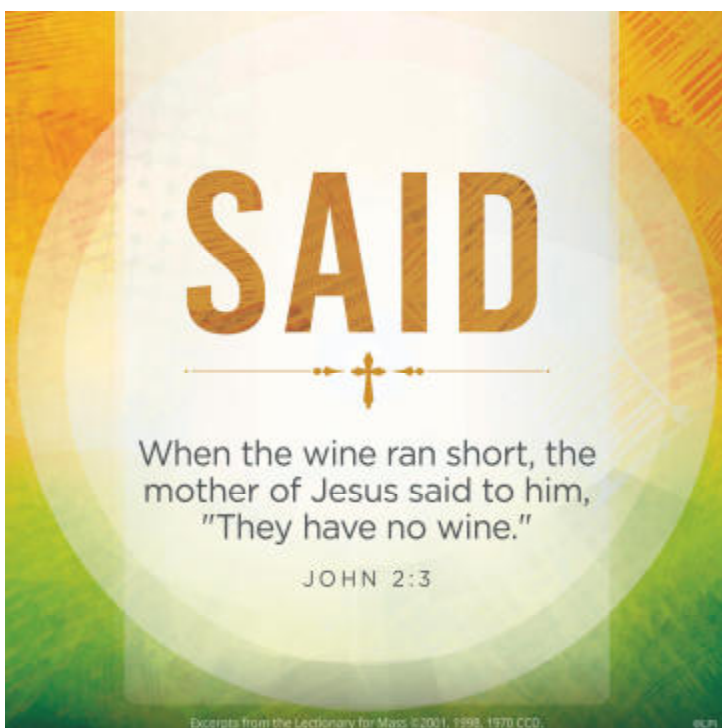
God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young

brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, January 15th

- 3:00pm Confessions at St. A & J
- 4:00pm Weekend Mass at St. A & J
- 6:00pm Weekend Mass at OLS
- 7:00pm AA Meeting in the Church Hall

Sunday, January 16th

- 8:30am Confessions at St. A & J
- 9:30am Weekend Mass at St. A & J

Monday, January 17th-Dr. Martin Luther King Day Office is Closed today

- 7:30am Rosary at St. A & J
- 8:15am Daily Mass at St. A & J
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Troop meeting in Church Hall

Tuesday, January 18th

- 7:30am Rosary at St. & J
- 8:15am Daily Mass at St. A & J
- 6:00pm Tuesdays with Thelma Potluck in the Church Hall—all are welcome

Wednesday, January 19th

- 8:00am Rosary at St. A & J

Thursday, January 20th

- 7:30am Rosary at St. A & J
- 8:15am Daily Mass at St. A & J
- 6:30pm Sister B's Bible Class in the Church Hall

Friday, January 21st

- 7:30am Rosary at St. A & J
- 8:15am Daily Mass at St. A & J
- 8:45am Friday Adoration

Saturday, January 22nd

- 3:00pm Confessions at St. A & J
- 4:00pm Weekend Mass at St. A & J
- 6:00pm Weekend Mass at OLS
- 7:00pm AA Meeting in the Church Hall

Sunday, January 23rd

- 8:30am Confessions at St. A & J
- 9:30am Weekend Mass at St. A & J



We are so thankful for the parents and children participating in our faith formation program this year and are aware of the sacrifice you are making to pass on the faith to your children.

Upcoming Faith Formation Schedule

- January 23, 2022
- January 30, 2022
- February 6, 2022
- February 13, 2022

No classes on February 20th or February 27th due to holiday weekends or winter vacation.



Sister B's Bible Class on Thursdays

Class resumed on January 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

FYI: The bible class is canceled when the school district is closed for snow storms.

“BREAKING OPEN THE BREAD OF THE WORD”

‘Your Journey into the Sunday Readings’
2022

For the Liturgical
facilitated by Sister Bernadette



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WHERE? IN THE CHURCH HALL
WHEN? THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30 – 8 pm.

You are invited to gather with likeminded parishioners to reflect, share, and be nourished by the Scripture passages given to us each weekend in the Sunday Readings.

Just as we are fed each Sunday with the Eucharist = the ‘Bread of Life’
so we are fed with
The Scriptures = the ‘Bread of God’s Word’.



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
A great way to “Follow Jesus in the Foothills in 2022!”

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3,
5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 17th—St. A & J

8:15am—Larry Clark by Artie & Jeannie Muse

TUESDAY, January 18th—St. A & J

8:15am— Jake Dupuis by Fern “Snooky” Bellegarde
& family

WEDNESDAY, January 19th—NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 20th—St. A & J

8:15am—Carmello Puiia Sr. & Rosario Langella Puiia
by Peter Puiia & family

FRIDAY, January 21st—St. A & J

8:15am—Barbara Doherty (1st Anniv.) by Ray, Lisa,
Russ & Chicky

SATURDAY, January 22nd—St. A & J

4:00pm—**St. A & J** —All Parishioners

6:00pm—**OLS**—For all the Souls in Purgatory by a
friend

SUNDAY, January 23rd—St. A & J

9:30am—Theresa Gallant by Roger & Barbara
Arsenault



Old School Food Pantry

115 Maine Avenue

Wednesdays: 3:00pm to 5:00p
Every other Saturday: 9:00am-11:00am

Donations welcome. Items needed are outlined below. Feel free to leave items in the boxes at St. A & J. Any monetary donations should be made payable to Old School Food Pantry. Checks can be dropped at the parish office. We will get them over to the pantry. This is open to all, there are no income guidelines, so please feel free to come.

Snacks: chips, popcorn, cookies, crackers, and school snack items.

Baking supplies; sugar, flour, vanilla, baking soda and baking powder.

Personal items: shampoo, soap, dish soap, Q-tips and deodorant.

Infant care items: baby food, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby powder, baby lotion and diaper cream.

Condiments: mustard, ketchup, pickles, mayonnaise, salt and pepper.



2021 Donations

After the first of the year, we will be preparing letters for parishioners summarizing their donations in 2021.

We are required by IRS laws to send letter to anyone who donated more than \$250 in a single donation, but we don't send out letters to everyone.

If you wish to receive a record of your donations to the church, please let us know after the first of the year (207-364-4556).

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a raising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly ad religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



COVID-19 Update

Parish of the Holy Savior and the Diocese of Portland recommends that you wear a mask. At this time, the State of

Maine does not have a mask mandate but the Bishop is encouraging mask wearing. Please be mindful that the Bishop is not mandating mask wearing for lay people or ordained ministers, they are able to wear masks at their discretion. Please respect fellow parishioners of their decision and for safety reasons, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer.

Since masks are not mandated and at the discretion of each individual, we will no longer be supplying masks at the door. If you wish to wear a mask, please bring your own.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

COLLECTIONS from Jan 4th—Jan 10th, 2022

Offertory, including WeShare	\$5,943.11
Holy Days	\$30.00
Fuel Collection	\$352.00
Renovation Collection	\$122.00
Diocesan collection	\$85.00
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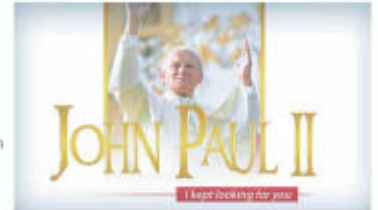
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



WATCH



FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

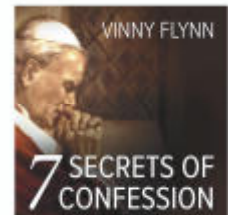
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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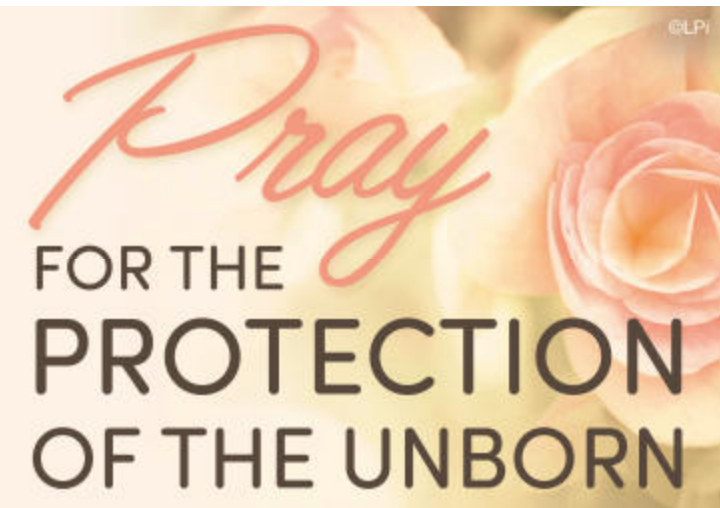


**Our Lady of the Snows
Extraordinary Ministers**

If anyone is interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in Bethel on Saturdays at 6:00 pm in 2022, please contact the office.

I know there are limited opportunities to serve at St. Athanasius & St. John Church, so if you are an existing Extraordinary Minister and would like to attend mass in Bethel and serve during communion, please let the office know.

If you have never been an extraordinary minister of holy communion but would like to consider that ministry, let us know. There is training required and approval by the Bishop, but we'd be happy to work with you to get you qualified.



Thanks

To all who served, baked, cooked, set up, cleaned up, donated money, and gave of your time to make this year's community dinner such a success—we thank you!!! This dinner is not just a group of people, it's a family of love woven through the birth of Jesus Christ. Again we thank you!!



Deb Murphy, Thelma Giberson, Kelly Beauchesne, and Deb Laurinaitis.

2021-2022 Winter Parking

Do you or anyone you know need overnight off-street parking this winter in our overflow parking area?? If so, please contact the parish office at 364-4556 to obtain a parking permit. The cost for the 2021-2022 season is \$35.00 per vehicle.



WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND



NO MASS CANCELLATIONS

DUE TO SNOW STORMS

If we have a snow storm, Father Aaron is still planning on doing the scheduled Mass. He will not cancel due to weather. However, please use your discretion in attending, placing your safety first!

God Bless!



Please contact the Parish Office at 364-4556 if you are interested in

- Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage
- Parish Mass and Prayer Requests
- Pastoral Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We will put you in touch with the right person. If you wish to register, see form below.

BULLETIN/CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

If you have items for the Bulletin, please send them to cheryl.cox@portlanddiocese.org no later than Monday morning.

To have items posted on the St. A & J bulletin board, please contact the office at 207-364-4556 or email holsaviorparish@portlanddiocese.org.

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