

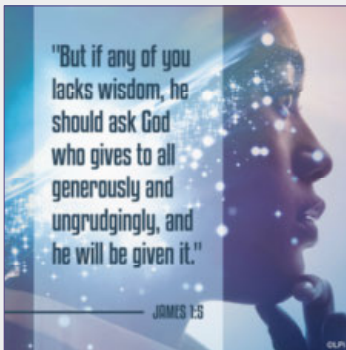


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2022



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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4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

family is forever

The Pastor's Corner

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Luke 4:24

It's always easier to share our faith with strangers than it is to share with members of our family. Conversely listening to other family members "preach" to us is harder to take than hearing the witness of friends and strangers.

That's because of something called familiarity. The familiarity we have with family members can lead to lack of confidence in their convictions and Christian witness. We know their sins and shortcomings all too well and they know ours. It's easy to allow our personal history with somebody to become an obstacle to hearing God speaking to us through them. We might hold on to negative experiences with family members and the emotions that are attached to them, and we allow these things to color our experience of this family member.

Jesus's statement that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place," is a challenge to us to make sure that we don't fall into that trap. We should do whatever we can to accept the Gospel witness of our family members. The best way to do this is by

regularly working to let go of any baggage we carry in our family relationships. Often, we carry hurt, anger, and resentment without even realizing it. It's very easy to focus on focus on our family members' shortcomings and faults because we are so close to them.

Today, reflect upon your family and whether you look beyond their weaknesses and sins to see God's goodness in them. There may be something that God is trying to say to you through them. Don't close the door on the possibility that they may be God's messenger to you.

Peace!

Fr. Aaron

Family
RECIPE



**3 cups of forgiveness
1 gallon of friendship
a pinch of hope
a spoonful of laughter
endless LOVE**





UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, January 29th

- 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 30th

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

Monday, January 31st

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

Tuesday, February 1st

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

Wednesday, February 2nd

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

Thursday, February 3rd

- 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
- 4:30pm Finance Council meeting at the Rectory

Friday, February 4th

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

Saturday, February 5th

- 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, February 6th

- 8:30am Confessions at St. A & J
- 9:30am Weekend Mass at St. A & J
- 10:30am Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast in the Church Hall
- 11:00am Faith Formation in the Ministry Room



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 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

All are welcome to attend!

FYI: The bible class is cancelled 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




Year of Luke
Gautreaux, scs.

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’.



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

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 30th, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 31st—St. A & J

8:15am—Mary Jane Thorne (Happy Birthday) by Mom

TUESDAY, February 1st—St. A & J

8:15am— John Ronan by the Zinck family

WEDNESDAY, February 2nd—NO MASS

THURSDAY, February 3rd—St. A & J

8:15am—Roger McKeone by Doris Bourret

FRIDAY, February 4th—St. A & J

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

SATURDAY, February 5th—St. A & J

4:00pm—St. A & J —All Parishioners

6:00pm—OLS—Terrance Perry by Donna Lynch

SUNDAY, February 6th—St. A & J

9:30am—Sally Campbell by Warren & kids



Old School Food Pantry

115 Maine Avenue

Wednesdays: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Every other Saturday: 9:00am-11:00am

Donations welcome. 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. This is open to all, there are no income guidelines, so please feel free to come.

We are overwhelmed with the generosity we have received in the form of donations from our community. At this point we would like to alter our donation list and work on filling in other areas of need in the pantry. Our needs are listed below:

Ketchup	Instant Potatoes
Mustard	Ramon
Mayonnaise	Diced Tomatoes
Pancake mix	Macaroni & Cheese
Pancake Syrup	Coffee




St. Timothy's Circle #504, Daughters of Isabella, will meet Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00pm at Holy Savior Parish Hall. Chairpersons for the meeting are Cecilia Arsenault and Kim Kelcourse. Luncheon committee members are Viola Worcester and Janette Blouin.

The following will be congratulated on their 25 years plus membership with the Daughters of Isabella: Katherine Lawler, 31 years and Pierrette Gagnon, 45 years.

Membership dues are due for 2022. All dues should be paid in full by March 31, 2022 for all existing members. Daughters may pay at our monthly meeting or mail your \$15.00 check to Kelly Beauchesne, Financial Secretary, 16 Cedar Lane Rumford, Maine 04276

Respectfully yours,

Catherine 

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).

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.



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 18th—Jan 24th, 2022

Offertory, including WeShare	\$8,390
Fuel Collection	\$110
Renovation Collection	\$200
Diocesan Collection	\$705
Flowers	\$10
Total	\$9,415

Thank you for your continued support!

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.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 30, 2022

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

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MARTYR



LECTIO: MARY: EPISODE 1 THE NEW EVE

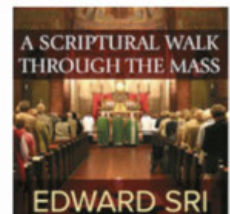
This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

LEARN

LISTEN

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.



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**ICE FISHING
MEET & GREET
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- Meet Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, as well as fellow men discerning the priesthood or religious life!
- 10AM Mass at Holy Family Church, Old Town
- Bring your own fishing gear, chair, fishing license, lunch and/or snacks (fishing gear and license required for those fishing)
- Limited traps and bait will be provided for attendees
- You don't have to be a fisherman in order to register!
- Pizza provided for 5pm dinner

If interested in attending, please email Jennifer Bernier at jennifer.bernier@portlanddiocese.org for a registration form!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



Starting the month of February the Knights of Columbus, Fr. AJ Barry Council #2091, will be resuming the sale of 50/50 tickets before and after the Mass, Saturdays at 4:00pm and Sundays at 9:30am at St. Athanasius & St. John Church.

The profits from the 50/50 raffle will be used to furnish needs of the parish.

With the money that was raised during our last 50/50, the Knights were able to purchase the new collection baskets for both churches in Rumford and Bethel.

Thank you for all your support!

The Knights of Columbus



UPDATED:

MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO SNOW STORMS

If the local school district cancels school, we will also be cancelling Mass. Please check our Face Book page for any updated cancellation notices. Stay safe and warm.

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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