



PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH

Lewiston • Lisbon Falls • Sabattus



1st Sunday in Lent
February 18th, 2024
Roman Catholic Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
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Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

122 Ash Street, Lewiston

Holy Cross Church

1080 Lisbon Street, Lewiston

Holy Family Church

607 Sabattus Street, Lewiston

Holy Trinity Church

67 Frost Hill Avenue, Lisbon Falls

Our Lady of the Rosary

131 High Street, Sabattus

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A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that your Lent has started well. My prayer is that it will be a spiritual time of renewal for all of us as we journey through these days with a special attention to the faith. With the extra Mass, which are streamed online each day and with the Night Prayers online, we have opportunities even for those who cannot make it out for Mass. It would be great to have a parish online community to assist us in mutual support in living our Catholic life.

I have been talking to Scott Vaillancourt and Sr. Ann Frances about calling together all the parishioners who played instruments in high school to see if we can get a POP orchestra or Jazz Band together for some fun music. It would be something that we do not take too seriously since I have not played the trumpet for 40 years. However, it would be a great community builder to get together to just create some music and enjoy the experience. If you ever played an instrument in high school and would like to pick it up again in a non-professional way, contact me. I would like to see how much interest there is in this project.

Finally, it is great to have a new bishop. Bishop Deeley will still be around to assist our New Bishop-elect James Ruggieri from Providence, RI. Please join me in welcoming him as our new Shepherd.

—Fr. Daniel



High School Ministry this Sunday after the 5:00PM Mass
Holy Family Hall • Potluck Dinner • The Search

Join us at Prince of Peace Parish for Prayer, Worship and Devotion

Mass - Weekend

Saturday

4:00 PM Basilica 🌿
4:00 PM Holy Family
4:00 PM Holy Trinity
6:00 PM Holy Family
in (Spanish)

Sunday

7:00 AM Basilica 🌿
8:30 AM Holy Cross 🌿
8:30 AM Our Lady-
Rosary
10:30 AM Basilica 🌿
10:30 AM Holy Trinity
11:00 AM Holy Family
5:00 PM Holy Family 🌿

Masses - Weekdays

Monday through Friday

7:00 AM Holy Family 🌿
8:30 AM Holy Trinity 🌿
5:00 PM Holy Family 🌿

Saturday

8:30 AM Holy Family 🌿

Confessions

Tues., Wed., & Thurs.

4:00 PM Holy Family

Saturdays

3:00 PM Basilica
3:00 PM Holy Family
3:00 PM Holy Trinity

🌿 = Live-streamed on our
Parish Website, Youtube, &
Facebook

The Rosary

Monday through Friday

6:25 AM Holy Family 🌿
8:05 AM Holy Trinity 🌿
10:00 AM Adoration
Chapel 🌿

Saturdays

3:25 PM Holy Trinity
3:25 PM Holy Family

Sundays

7:55 AM Holy Cross
9:55 AM Holy Trinity

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday through Friday

3:00 PM Adoration
Chapel

Adoration

9:00 AM Holy Trinity on
Wednesday 🌿

A candle is burning near Our Lord this week for...

Holy Family: Tom Sullivan by Wife
Normande and Family
HC Chapel: Dorothee Therriault by Claire
& Arthur Allard
HC Chapel: Jeff Belanger & Family by
Mom
HC Chapel: Gerald Chouinard by Louise St
Pierre
HC Chapel: Claudette Lamberte by Anita
Holy Trinity: Kevin Williams by
Our Lady: Special Intentions by
Parishioners

Sponsor a Light for a Loved One or Intention

Light a Sanctuary Lamp for an Intention that keeps
burning all week long near the Tabernacle where
the Presence of Our Lord is kept sacred.
This can be done in memory of your loved one,
to honor a special favor obtained by a Saint,
or for your private intentions.

Suggested Donation \$10

Our Priest's will be Praying these Masses for the following intentions this week...

First Sunday in Lent

February 17 - February 25, 2024

*****Priest assignments subject to change*****

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:30 AM HF DG Mr. Raymond Vitiello by His Family
4:00 PM B DG Gerald R Bilodeau by Gary and Denise Soucy
4:00 PM HF PF Muriel Oullette by Conrad & Mitch Robitaille
4:00 PM HT RT Bertrand Beauchesne *8th Anniversary* by Paul and Debbie
Beauchesne
6:00 PM HF MS Spanish Mass - Private Intentions

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:00 AM B DG Prince of Peace Parishioners
8:30 AM HC RT Armand Bussiere *3rd Anniversary* by Wife Brenda and Family
8:30 AM OL PF Claire Morin by The Morin Family
10:30 AM B DG Romance Gagne *4th Anniversary* by Maurice Gagne &
daughter Lisa & family
10:30 AM HT RT Richard Gould by His Wife and Family
11:00 AM HF PF Repose of the souls of the Belanger Family by Linda Cassidy
5:00 PM HF DG Robert Harvey by Lee & Linda Gamache

Monday, February 19, 2024

7:00 AM HF RT Anita Libby by Daniel Bourgoin Jr and Family
8:30 AM HT DG Joseph Sherbak by George & Vicki Janosco & Family
5:30 PM HF DG Doreen Papa by Her Family

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:00 AM HF DG Gerald Langelier by Monique Cloutier
8:30 AM HT PF Bertrand Gagnon by His Family
5:30 PM HF RT Ozime Hebert by Family

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:00 AM HF DG Eileen O'Sullivan *5th Anniversary* by Sheila Priola
8:30 AM HT RT Irene Breton by Keith Evans
5:30 PM HF DG Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis by Their Family

Thursday, February 22, 2024

7:00 AM HF RT Blessing Ohadiro by Prince of Peace RCIA Team
8:30 AM HT DG Mr and Mrs Henry Platek Sr. by Their Family
5:30 PM HF PF Frank Kozloski by His Family

Friday, February 23, 2024

7:00 AM HF DG Paul Dumont by His Wife, Claudette and Family
8:30 AM HT RT Joe Rancourt by His Family
5:30 PM HF PF F Paul Cloutier by His Family

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:30 AM HF PF Karen Bouchard by Mary Hahn
4:00 PM B DG Lucien Godbout *30th Anniversary* by His Daughters
4:00 PM HF PF Edward Turgeon *10th Anniversary* by Wife Barbara and Family
4:00 PM HT RT Elwyn (Hutch) Hutchins *10th Anniversary* by Family
6:00 PM HF MS Spanish Mass - Private Intentions

Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:00 AM B DG Prince of Peace Parishioners
8:30 AM HC RT Memorial Fund Mass Intentions
8:30 AM OL PF Memorial Fund Mass Intentions
10:30 AM B DG Memorial Fund Mass Intentions
10:30 AM HT RT Memorial Fund Mass Intentions
11:00 AM HF PF Memorial Fund Mass Intentions
5:00 PM HF DG Fontaine & Landry Families by Landry Family
5:30 PM BC PF The Souls in Purgatory by Patrick Chasse



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 18

7:15am	Lenten Holy Hour & Confessions - OLR
9:00am	Sacramental Prep/Faith Formation - HT
9:30am	Social coffee hour - BAS
9:30am	PoP Children's Choir practice - BAS
12:00pm	Chorale Notre Dame de la paix - BAS
12:15pm	Confession & Mass ~ African Community - BAS
6:00pm	Teen Youth Ministry - The Search "What do You Seek?" - HF

Monday, February 19

6:00pm	Men's ACTS Retreat Team Meetings - HF
6:00pm	Holy Cross Choir Practice - HC
6:30pm	Fr. Daniel's "Year of the Catechism" - HF

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am	Haven LA - HF
3:00pm	Cross the Street Ministry - HF
5:00pm	K of C #10019 Business Mtg. - HF
6:00pm	Rivier Retreat Book Club - HC ctr.
6:30pm	Bell Choir rehearsal - BAS
6:30pm	Den Meetings - HT

Wednesday, February 21

6:00pm	Surviving Divorce Program - HF
6:30pm	Property Task Force - HF
6:30pm	Full of Grace Women's Group - HC ctr.
7:00pm	Holy Family Choir rehearsal - HF

Thursday, February 22

11:00am	Cross the Street Ministry - HF
4:30pm	Low impact aerobic & toning class - HT
6:00pm	Biblical Study on The Passion of Christ - HF
6:00pm	Cross the Street Ministry - HF
6:30pm	POP Parish Council Mtg. - HF
6:30pm	Priory committee - BAS
6:30pm	Basilica Choir rehearsal - BAS
6:30pm	Lectio Divina Meditation Sessions - OLR

Saturday, February 24

7:00am	Men's Group - HF
7:30am	Pack 109 Pinewood Derby - HT

Sunday, February 25

7:15am	Lenten Holy Hour & Confessions - OLR
9:00am	Sacramental Prep/Faith Formation - HT
9:30am	PoP Children's Choir practice - BAS
12:00pm	Baptism: Henry Jillette - HF
12:00pm	Chorale Notre Dame de la paix - BAS
2:00pm	Ukraine Benefit Concert - BAS

Lent 2024 at Prince of Peace

What are you going to do for Lent?

Increase prayer in your life by attending daily Mass and tuning into Night Prayer. Consider coming with your family and increase prayer together for Lent!

The priests of Prince of Peace have added an evening Mass for 5:30 PM at Holy Family Church along with the nightly broadcast of Night Prayer from the Rectory Kitchen.

Daily Mass Monday - Friday

Monday through Friday

7:00 AM - Holy Family

8:30 AM - Holy Trinity

Saturdays 8:30 AM - Holy Family

Lenten Evening Mass

M-F 5:30 PM - Holy Family

Stations of The Cross Every Friday

- **4:00 PM Holy Cross** followed by a simple meal
- **4:45 PM Holy Family** followed by the daily Mass and a simple meal
- **5:30 PM Holy Trinity** followed by a simple meal
- **5:30 PM Our Lady of the Rosary** followed by a simple meal.

Each Friday, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the area Churches followed by a simple meal. Consider joining us each Friday as you answer the call for increased prayer during Lent by attending the Stations of the Cross and remember in prayer the last hours of Jesus' life.

Confession Times During Lent

Lent is the perfect time to go to the Sacrament of Confession. The parish has expanded its times for Confession hoping that it is easier for you to take part in the Sacrament. Please consider going early to avoid the last minute rush to go before Easter. If you have not been in a long time, let us know and we can help walk you through the Sacrament. Do not let fear keep you from God's mercy.

- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at Holy Family Church (*note the change in time due to the daily evening Mass*)
- Following the 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays at Holy Trinity Church

Our Lady of the Rosary will host a Lenten Holy Hour with

Confessions on each of the first five Sundays of Lent, starting at 7:15 AM: February 18 & 25; March 3, 10, & 17. Fr. Patrick will expose the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer starting at 7:15 AM, and he will be available downstairs in the chapel for Confessions from approx. 7:25-8:05 AM. The customary pre-Mass Rosary will begin a few minutes early, around 7:50 AM. We will conclude the Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:10 AM. Mass will begin at 8:30 AM as usual.

Night Prayer is Back!

Pray with Fr. Daniel and his fellow priests live from the rectory kitchen every evening from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday on our live-streaming platforms.

9:00 PM during Lent.

Prayers for Ukraine

**Benefit Concert
Sunday 2/25
2:00PM Basilica**



Why do Catholics ____? Your Lenten questions answered

Why don't Catholics eat meat on Fridays during lent?

Abstaining from meat on Fridays is a common practice of penance and remembrance of our Lord's death on Good Friday. This penitential practice is rooted in the Church's tradition of fasting and abstinence during the Lenten season. By giving up meat—often considered a symbol of luxury—Catholics engage in self-discipline and reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Why don't Catholics Sing the Alleluia during Lent?

When Roman Catholics observe Lent, Catholics omit using the word "alleluia" until the Lenten fast ends and the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. "Alleluia" is a joyful expression of praise and thanksgiving. Its absence during the weeks of Lent underscores the season's somber mood, allowing for a more intentional focus on repentance, self-discipline, and spiritual contemplation. The word is reintroduced with great festivity during the Easter Vigil, celebrating the triumphant victory of Christ over sin and death.

Why do Catholics practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

This period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving fosters spiritual growth by holistically deepening our relationship with God. Through prayer, Catholics draw closer to God. By fasting, Catholics detach from worldly comforts and redirect our focus toward the Lord. Refraining from certain foods or activities as an act of penance is often associated with Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness. Almsgiving involves acts of charity, kindness, and generosity—particularly toward those in need—as a concrete expression of compassion. By giving to the less fortunate, Catholics participate in the mission of social justice and demonstrate a commitment to serving others, mirroring the teachings of Jesus to care for the marginalized and vulnerable.

In addition to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, there are several other ways to prioritize spiritual growth during Lent:

1. **Stations of the Cross:** Participating in the Stations of the Cross is a traditional Lenten devotion that involves meditating on Jesus' Passion. This practice allows us to reflect deeply on the suffering of Christ.
2. **Bible Study:** Engaging in regular Bible study during Lent provides an opportunity to delve into Scripture, gaining insights into God's Word and his plan for salvation. Reading and meditating on passages related



Thursday Night Lenten Study after Evening Mass in the Holy Family Hall

6:00PM Potluck Dinner After Evening Mass

6:30-8:00 Study of the Passion Narratives

2/22 Session 2 - Are You the Christ?:

2/29 Session 3 - The Trial Before Pilot:

3/7 Session 4 - The Death of the Messiah:

3/14 Session 5 - The Seven Last Words:

3/21 Session 6 - Watch *The Passion of Christ*

to the Passion and Resurrection can contribute significantly to spiritual growth.

3. **Remembering Jesus:** Take a few intentional moments each day for silence to reflect in gratitude on Christ's life, remembering Jesus, the significance of his sacrifice, and the redemption offered through his Resurrection.

Our Parish-wide Lenten Project to Benefit Our New Ministry Cross the Street Outreach to the Homeless



Each Church will be collecting the following items to help those in our community. In the narthex of each Church will be a large simple wooden cross that will serve as the drop off location for the items purchased. Please consider helping this new ministry by grabbing these items while out and about.

- Gallon zip lock bags (This is what we pack the items in)
- Gloves- individually purchased or bought on Amazon in bulk.
- Hats- individually purchased or bought on Amazon in bulk.
- Hand warmers
- Socks- black athletic, men and women's , we can never have too many socks.
- Snacks- individually wrapped and non perishable
- Granola bars (not NutriGrain, they crumble too easily)
- Squeeze pouch apple sauce
- Crackers- any kind, peanut butter, cheese, BJ's has a nice big pack.
- Fruit gummies
- Kool aid pouches or juice boxes
- Rice Krispy treats
- Small individual purse size tissues
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart and or BJ's. We do a lot of bulk shopping there.
- Amazon gift cards- this is where we get Mylar blankets, tissues, hand warmers, bulk gloves and hats.
- 30 gallon trash bags- these help to keep the homeless community's things dry. They appreciate them.

If you are interested in joining us in this effort to go out on the street or to help us pack the grab bags you can email Rit Leslie at crossthestreetministry@gmail.com

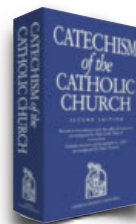
Be sure to check out our website to stay up to date on all things Lent at the Parish



Rooted In Scripture

The Catholic Faith Explained

Sacred Scripture & The Catechism



[Mark 1:12-15 RSV] The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."



CCC 540: Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of *Lent* the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

All the Comforts of Home

Our society over the centuries has adapted and overcome many obstacles in our efforts to conquer the wilderness. We build homes with the ability to cook inside and deliver water without going out to the well. We carry devices that can communicate that there has been an accident or that we are lost. Even most cell phones now include the ability to use the camera flash as a light when you drop your car keys under the vehicle. When you stop to think about it we now have a dedicated industry to making the outdoors as comfortable as being indoors. We call it camping. From the day we left the garden we have been designed to seek comfort and shelter. After all, the more rested man is able to provide and live another day. My family and I are guilty of what we call "glamping" or fancy camping. We have our camper to keep us out of the elements and we drive it out into the woods on a weekend to set up camp. We bring our gas fireplace, microwave, tv, and most importantly indoor plumbing. The thought of us spending 40 days in the wilderness, doesn't seem like much of a challenge in today's context.

But what happens when we go out a little further? Beyond the nearest KOA or Yogi Bear, what do we encounter? When we go out beyond what is comfortable and into uncharted woods, we enter into what can be a very challenging time if not properly equipped. So how do we best prepare for a challenge like this? We pack for the worst and hope for the best. But in life we know that we cannot and do not always have what we need at the ready. What is it they say about the best laid plans? Life has a way of getting us off track. Maybe it is a cancer diagnosis, or an expensive home repair, a bad relationship, or anything in between. Life happens and we think that we are all alone. That no one has faced what we are facing. In these moments Satan appears to us and is veiled in what seems like an easy solution to a difficult problem. A predatory loan, or a bargain product for a quick healing, and we are tempted most when we are isolated. We cry out to into the desert God begging for help, desperately wanting this trial to end and hoping that He hears us.

If God was really there he would heal my Mother. If God really cared he would give me a winning lottery ticket. If God really loved me this life wouldn't be so hard. This is the enemy talking. This is the way in which Satan approached Jesus. Our Catechism tells us that "This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning."" Jesus has been where you are! And no matter how bleak the situation gets, just when you think it couldn't possibly get any worse—Jesus offered it all to his Father and died— so that you might live. In my own life I lose track of this. The phrase, "you can't see the forest through the trees" comes to mind.

As we enter Lent, let us clear our hearts and minds. Let us head away from what is comfortable and known. Let this be the Lent we face the wilderness and say NO to the calls of this world. We know that what is awaiting us in the next has so much more to offer us than what satisfaction we can find here. Lent is a wonderful period of practice. A time of flexing and growing our spiritual muscles, and while there are things in this world that do make life more tolerable, are we equipped to survive when we must do without? We call it practicing the faith because it is not a one time commitment but rather a discipline that must be renewed and engaged every day. Are we ready to face our temptations in the desert with courage? Do we have the faith to know that Jesus has cleared the way before us? Remember after the trial was over and he said no to sin, the angels came and refreshed him. God never leaves us alone.

Your Brother in Christ, Tyler Nadeau
- Director of Evangelization & Catechesis



Check out our parish youtube
for a new video series called:
Rooted in Scripture
The Catechism and The Bible

Celebrating a Sacramental Life

Please pray for those who have recently passed away

May the Angels lead you into Paradise... Please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithfully departed.

Yvonne Bisson ~ Karen Bouchard
William Chase ~ Jean Marc Cloutier
Robert Gilbert

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

Invite Jesus to be King and Ruler of your Home, Heart, and Family

Home Enthronement is a spiritual surrender where we allow Jesus to touch us in a way that is life-changing. The simple act of placing the Heart of Jesus as the King of Love in your home brings new graces and deepens your relationship with the Lord. This is much more than a house blessing. By Welcoming "the presence of the Heart of Christ, entrusting your home to Him...Seek to draw from this open heart the saving and healing love that is so necessary for families today...in order to build a civilization of love" Pope St. John Paul II. For more information on Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, here at Prince of Peace Parish, please call 207-705-5730.

Preparing for Confirmation -Adults and Teens

The Adult Confirmation process is a brief and interactive opportunity for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. This 3 week process emphasizes the basics of Catholic teaching respecting the adult audience's time, questions and responsibilities of a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Some of the topics include the Trinity, sacraments, prayer, and morality. The last session is a retreat-like evening of prayer, reflecting on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please call the parish office to sign up.

Our Sessions will meet on the following dates in the hall at Holy Family Church following the 5:00PM Sunday Mass:

- March 10th
- March 17th
- March 24th
- April 12th Adult & Teen Confirmation Mass with Bishop Robert Deeley

Evangelization & Catechesis

Rescheduled Penance Service Set For March 9th 9:30-10:30 At Holy Family Church For Flame Students

Rescheduled Confirmation Retreat Saturday April 6 9-12 At Holy Family Church For All Year 2 Flame Students

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Deeley is set for April 21st 2:00PM at The Basilica Practice for Students and Sponsors April 20th 2:00PM



Prince of Peace High School Ministry Meets this Sunday Feb 18 — Following the 5pm Mass at Holy Family Church, Lewiston, 6-8pm. All high school students are welcome and this program is designed to build friendships rooted in the Catholic faith. Once monthly gatherings will include a pot-luck dinner (please bring a dish to share), minute to win it games, and a short video & discussion, concluding in prayer. In addition, Called will support parish community service events and hopes to attend a LifeTeen Catholic retreat this summer for only high school teenagers in Massachusetts, called Steubenville East. This summer's retreat hosted over 1300 high school students from all over New England! Please reach out to the parish office with any questions. **Meeting dates at Holy Family Hall are: 2/18, 3/17, 4/28, 5/19** Every teen who joins will be gifted a new Catholic "The Search" Bible and journal.

Great news for Steubenville East! We were successful at blocking a group of hotel rooms at the Sheraton, Springfield, right next door to the Mass Mutual Center. The total cost will be \$90/teen (TOTAL: this includes 2 nights, 4 teens per double queen room). Depending how many register with our group, there may

be an option to pay double (\$170 to have a queen bed to yourself). Please reach out with any questions. Early bird registration is currently open for a total of \$210/teen. Steve and I need to register our group as a whole before March 15 and this requires a \$50 deposit per teen. The remaining balance (of \$160) will be due prior to June 28 (one month before the event). Fundraising will begin soon!

Total cost including registration, room, transportation, food: \$300/teen

Full of Grace Women's Group

We will be meeting on February 21. Fellowship begins at 6:15pm and prayer/discussion begins at 6:30p in the Holy Cross Center. We are reading Full of Grace: Chapter 5 Wisdom: Vision for the Abundant Life. Remember to bring your rosary as we will begin the evening with prayer.

This week on formed.org we are watching:

Return with Fr. John Burns



Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using Return. Fr. John will guide you through the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?

Watch with us this Lent on formed.org

**Daily Bread: A Daily Letter Reflection
& Drawing Closer to God**

This Lent, journey with us as we honor Christ's ultimate sacrifice with two unique series from the Augustine Institute. By signing up, you'll receive an email each day with a **Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture** video. Throughout Lent and Easter, you'll also receive 10 new episodes of **Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids**.

Sign up by going to <https://daily.formed.org/lent>

**Thursday Night Study & Potluck Continues
6 Sessions 2/15-3/21 6:30-8:00
after Evening Mass in the Holy Family Hall**

In No Greater Love, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

- **6:00PM Potluck Dinner After Evening Mass**
- **6:30-8:00 Study of the Passion Narratives**

The Eucharist in the Scriptures

For over 2,000 years the Catholic Church has been celebrating the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian Faith, and yet very few believers understand this deep and profound belief. Starting in Genesis and continuing through the New Testament, we will look at the Eucharist in the significant stories of the scriptures to learn more and appreciate more the blessedness of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Presented by Don Smith Sundays during Lent at 2:00 PM, St. Philip Church in Auburn

The Passover Lamb 2/25

Manna and John 6 3/3

The Showbread 3/10

The Road to Emmaus 3/17

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

Feb. 17 Rev. Peter Kaseta OFM Cap, Rev. David M Affleck

Feb. 18 Rev. Michael E Seigny, OFM Cap, Rev. Joseph Lukong

Feb. 19 Rev. Albert B Colpitts, Rev. Kyle L Doustou

Feb. 20 Rev. Elaiyareja Thaniyel, HGN, Rev. Prahu T.P. Antony Raj, HGN

Feb. 21 All Deceased Priests

Feb. 22 Rev. Augustine Foka Kifon, Rev. Dominic Tumusilime AJ

Feb. 23 Rev. Paul R Marquis, Msgr. J Joseph Ford

Feb. 24 Rev. Amandus B Sway AJ, Rev. John F O'Hara

Feb. 25 Rev. Normand P Richard, V. Rev. Richard C Malo

Scripture Readings of the Week

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Our Pastoral Ministries

Pro Life — February 18, 2024

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Parish Groups & Activities

Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

Join your fellow parishioners after Sunday morning mass to share coffee, delicious donuts, etc. and good conversation! Hope to see you there after Mass.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

Is Mary calling you to Lourdes?

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Lourdes – October 6-13, 2024

- Join Father Patrick Finn, Prince of Peace parishioners, and many others from around the USA for a transformative pilgrimage to the Shrine of Lourdes in France, from October 6-13, 2024.
- The pilgrimage will be sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, an association based in Syracuse that has brought over 6700 pilgrims on 240+ pilgrimages to the Grotto of Lourdes in southwest France.
- Whether you're a pilgrim with medical needs, a volunteer (adult or young adult), a medical volunteer like an RN, a physical or occupational therapist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or doctor—if Mary wants

you to come to the Grotto, the North American Volunteers can get you there!

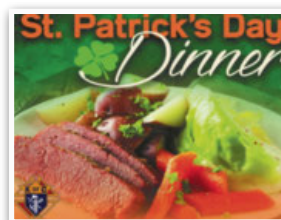
- Please speak with Fr. Patrick or visit [PrinceofPeace.me/Lourdes](https://PrinceofPeace.me/) (where you can submit a message to him) for more information.

Prince of Peace Children's Choir

Children ages 6 and older are invited to join the Prince of Peace Children's Choir

The choir sings at Christmas Eve, First Communion, And a few other special celebrations.

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 9:30 am at the Basilica.



Join us for our third annual St. Patrick's Dinner.

This year, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16th at 5 PM at Holy Family church hall, we will

be having a St. Patrick's Dinner complete with the traditional fare for St. Patrick's day – corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beverage and dessert. Tickets will be available at the Parish Office and after masses – see the Knights of Columbus in your church. The ticket prices will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. If you attended last year, you know that we had an amazing turnout. In order to best plan and serve everyone, we are going to limit ticket sales to 200, so be sure to purchase yours in advance. This event is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but we would like to encourage participation by all parishioners. We are looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of tasks. If you would like to join in the fun of hosting this event, please see the "Sign-Up Genius" form on our District Web Page Here: <http://sabattuskofc.org/st-patricks-dinner> and pick a task and time slot you would like to volunteer for. If you cannot access the form for any reason, or If you have questions, you may call Robert Michaud – District Deputy – Knights of Columbus – (207) 740-6585.

Parish Business & Finance Corner

Second Collections:

2/17 - Native American and Black Missions

3/04 - Fuel and Snow Removal

If you are looking for a Contribution Report of your donations for tax purposes, please go to the parish website, click "connect with the office" and fill out the

form "Request a Tax Statement". If you do not use a computer, please call the parish office and request that one be sent to you. I ask that you give me at least a week or two to respond, and please no individual emails.

We are going to start the process of switching our online donation platform from We Share to eCatholic. If you wish to start giving online, please call me at the office and I will assist you. Those who are already enrolled for online donations via We Share will be receiving an email soon to be given instructions on how to complete the process. I assure you it is simple and very safe.

We have instituted a new key/fob policy, to have more of a control as to who has access to our buildings for security reasons. If you should need a key or fob to get in for a meeting or event you are organizing, we are requesting a \$20.00 deposit which will be returned to you when the key is returned to the office.

As always if you have any questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

Peace, Joline

02/11/24	Year to Date	
Weekly Average Budget:	\$23,146	\$763,446
Actual Amount Collected:	\$22,107	\$794,862
Difference:	\$(1,039)	\$ 31,416

Around Our Community

Maine Catholic Men's Conference

Men from across the Diocese of Portland are invited to attend the Maine Catholic Men's conference, which will be held March 2, 2024, in Waterville. The men's conference is an opportunity to gather as Catholic men to pray, to listen to keynotes and witnesses, and to be nourished by the sacraments to go out and love and serve God and his children. The day will also include eucharistic adoration, time for fellowship, and a concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Deeley. The cost is \$70 per person with a special price of \$85 for a father and high school-aged son who register together.

Maine Catholic Women's Conference

The 11th Maine Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dynamic speaker, author, and podcast host Danielle Bean will explore the theme "Loved as I AM," touching on

God's gracious love that meets us where we are. The day will include keynotes by Bean, a witness talk, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation, a chance to shop our exhibit hall, Mass with Bishop Robert Deeley, and more. The cost is \$85/person.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Women and men impacted by an abortion experience often feel pain, grief, and regret. Project Rachel offers hope and healing by offering God's love, forgiveness, and compassion in a safe nonjudgmental environment during our Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The retreat provides an opportunity for anyone affected by abortion to release their pain and embark on a journey of healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Maine will be held April 5-7 in Midcoast Maine starting on Friday at 3 p.m. and concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The registration deadline for the retreat is Wednesday, March 27. To talk about attending a retreat, please leave a confidential message at (207) 321-7897; email projectrachel@portlanddiocese.org; or submit a confidential online form at <https://portlanddiocese.org/form/contact-project-rachel>

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