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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 16th • 5:00PM

Holy Family Church Hall

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4th Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024
Roman Catholic Church

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OUR CHURCHES

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

OUR CLERGY

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Deadline for bulletin submissions is 10 days before the date of the Bulletin. Please visit www.princeofpeace.me and view the website directory to submit your requests. Thank you!



A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I have had three meetings with the Property Task Force to discuss the need and use of all our properties in the parish. The first meeting was an overview of all the properties we own, the second meeting dealt with all the statistics of the parish and this month we looked at the finances and the state of our buildings. The plan is to now move into processing the information as a task force and begin committing to texts that will be used to come to some decisions. Once this phase is completed, the hope is to present it to the parish and to host a few town meetings to hear the reaction from everyone in the parish. This is a slow process, but I really want to do it right and bring people along with me. Some people have said statements such as, "I already know what Father wants to do." This is not really fair or true. Some decisions that have to be made are obvious, and it is my hope that once all the information is presented, everyone in the parish will say, "this is what should be done," and "this is what I think has to be done." Getting to this point takes time so I am not rushing things. Know that there is more to come.

We are sending out our yearly letter to all parishioners for Easter with all the times for Holy Week services and information on all our programs in the parish. I believe it is important to reach out to everyone in the parish, practicing or not, to invite them to Church, to let them know what is going on in the parish and to connect with those who may be far away from the faith to ask them to consider joining us for Mass. If you do not get a letter from me in the mail before Easter, maybe you are not a registered parishioner here in the parish. Please register online or call the parish office so that we know that you are parishioners here in the parish.

I hope those who join us online for the Catechism classes on Monday nights are finding it meaningful and enriching. It is really getting fun as we discuss elements of faith that are widely unknown or shocking to Catholics. Many times, it is discovering that what we always believed is not Church teaching or actually contradicts it. For many of us, we got our beliefs from images in media or lines from a movie. If you have not joined us yet, turn your computer on, get a cup of cocoa and join us from the comfort of your home. If you are having trouble connecting to our website, Facebook, YouTube or Teams account, please speak to someone in the office who can help you.

Peace – Fr. Daniel

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)

Saturdays

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

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

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 📺

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

Masses - Weekdays

Monday through Friday

7:00 AM Holy Family 📺
8:30 AM Holy Trinity 📺
5:30 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 📺

Saturday

8:30 AM Holy Family 📺

Confessions

Tues., Wed., & Thurs.

4:00 PM Holy Family

Adoration

9:00 AM Holy Trinity on
Wednesday 📺

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



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**

Basilica: Mr. and Mrs. James Nolan by Cathy
Holy Family: Maxime Marcoux by Daughter, Georgette
Holy Cross: Anita Libby by Sam and Mary Ann Michaud
HC Chapel: Louis Bourgoin by Claire and Michael
HC Chapel: Jeannette Therriault by Claire & Arthur Allard
HC Chapel: in Thanksgiving by A Parishioner
HC Chapel: Souls in Purgatory by A Grateful Parishioner
Our Lady: Special Intentions by A Parishioner

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 09 - March 17, 2024

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

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:30 AM HF DG Repose of the souls of the Trepanier Family by A Parishioner
4:00 PM B DG Fernand Fournier by Anita Fournier
4:00 PM HF PF Muriel Ouellette by Donald & Liane Pelletier
4:00 PM HT RT Robert A Soucy by Irene Soucy
6:00 PM HF MS Spanish Mass - Private Intentions

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:00 AM B DG Jane Hamel by Donald and Diane
8:30 AM HC RT Constance Robert by Agathe Poulin
8:30 AM OL PF Roland Beaulieu by Michael and Linda Adkins
10:30 AM B DG Gabrielle Demoras by Anne Tetreault
10:30 AM HT RT Roland & Rita Beaulieu by Their Family
11:00 AM HF PF Thomas Fortin *2nd Anniversary* by Family
5:00 PM HF DG Joanne Berube by Mathilde Ginchereau
5:30 PM BC PF Guy & Irene Gagne by Their Family

Monday, March 11, 2024

7:00 AM HF RT For the Health of Diane LaBerge by A Parishioner
8:30 AM HT DG Roland Beaulieu by Their Family
8:30 AM SD PF Irene Breton by Her Sister Helen Marsh and family
5:30 PM HF DG Philippe & Rose Algert by Roger & Elaine

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

7:00 AM HF DG Normand Fournier by Monique Cloutier
8:30 AM HT PF Bertrand Beauchesne by Paul and Debba Beauchesne
5:30 PM HF RT Souls in Purgatory by Gaetan Gouraige

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7:00 AM HF DG Karen Bouchard by Pauline Delorme
8:30 AM HT RT Rita Chretien by Her Family
5:30 PM HF DG The Soul of Edith K Hernon by Frances Raymond

Thursday, March 14, 2024

7:00 AM HF RT Lavoie and Pelletier Family by Their Family
8:30 AM HT DG Mark Gemme by His Wife, Joan
5:30 PM HF PF St. Anthony by A Parishioner

Friday, March 15, 2024

7:00 AM HF DG Rosaire & Fleurette Pelletier by Norm, Barbara, and Matt Lamare
8:30 AM HT RT Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Roy by Their Family
5:30 PM HF PF Hazel Martin by Her Family

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 AM HF DG Family by Richard
4:00 PM B DG Doris Ham by Arthur, Irene, and Linda Chamberlain
4:00 PM HF PF Amy Ashton *4th Anniversary* by The Begert Family
4:00 PM HT RT Robert Leclair *10th Anniversary* by His Wife, Lucille
6:00 PM HF MS Spanish Mass - Private Intentions

Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:00 AM B DG Prince of Peace Parishioners
8:30 AM HC RT Paul Lauziere by Helene Lauziere
8:30 AM OL PF Laurier Pelletier *1st Anniversary* by His Wife, Jeannette Pelletier
10:30 AM B DG Laurette Chamberlain by Mitch Robitaille
10:30 AM HT RT Tilley & Loretta Robitaille by Arlette & Bob
11:00 AM HF PF Eugene Carpentier *1st Anniversary* by Rena Carpentier
5:00 PM HF DG Madeline Vachon *10th Anniversary* by Her Daughters
5:30 PM BC PF Pierre & Lucille Rivard by Their Family

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 11

- 8:30am St. Dom's Elem. Mass - HC
- 1:30pm St. Anne Sodality Officer's Mtg. - HF
- 5:30pm Daily Lenten Mass - HF
- 6:00pm Men's ACTS Retreat Team Meetings - BAS
- 6:00pm Holy Cross Choir Practice - HC
- 6:30pm Fr. Daniel's "Year of the Catechism" - HF

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00am Haven LA - HF
- 11:00am Funeral Mass: Raymond Guay - HC
- 3:00pm Cross the Street Ministry - HF
- 5:00pm K of C #10019 Business Mtg. - HF
- 5:30pm Social Ministry Meeting - HC ctr.
- 5:30pm Daily Lenten Mass - HF
- 6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal - BAS
- 6:30pm Den Meetings - HT

Wednesday, March 13

- 5:30pm Daily Lenten Mass - HF
- 6:00pm Men's ACTS Leadership Meetings - HF
- 6:00pm Surviving Divorce Program - HF
- 6:00pm K of C #12652 Council Meeting - HC
- 6:30pm Property Task Force Meeting - HF
- 7:00pm Holy Family Choir rehearsal - HF

Thursday, March 14

- 11:00am Cross the Street Ministry - HF
- 4:30pm Low impact aerobic & toning class - HT
- 5:30pm Daily Lenten Mass - HF
- 6:00pm Biblical Study on The Passion of Christ - HF
- 6:00pm Widow's Group Sr. Marie May - HC ctr.
- 6:00pm Cross the Street Ministry - HF
- 6:00pm K of C #106 Officer's Meeting - BAS
- 6:30pm ACTS Core Team Mtg. - HF
- 6:30pm LLC of Holy Cross - HC
- 6:30pm Basilica Choir rehearsal - BAS
- 6:30pm Lectio Divina Meditation Sessions - OLR
- 7:00pm K of C #106 Business Meeting - BAS

Friday, March 15

- 9:00am St. Patrick's Dinner decorations - HF
- 4:00pm Stations of the Cross - HC
- 4:45pm Stations of the Cross - HF
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross - HT
- 5:30pm Stations of the Cross - OLR
- 5:30pm Daily Lenten Mass - HF

Saturday, March 16

- 7:00am Men's Group - HF
- 9:30am Widows Group - HC ctr.
- 9:30am ACTS Monthly Fellowship - HT
- 5:00pm St. Patrick's Dinner - HF

Sunday, March 17

- 7:15am Lenten Holy Hour & Confessions - OLR
- 8:00am RCIA - BAS
- 9:00am Sacramental Prep/Faith Formation - HT
- 9:00am Middle School Confirmation Classes - BAS
- 9:30am Social coffee hour - BAS
- 9:30am PoP Children's Choir practice - BAS
- 10:30am ACTS Commissioning Mass - HT
- 11:30am Basilica Brunch - BAS
- 12:00pm Chorale Notre Dame de la paix - BAS
- 6:00pm Adult Confirmation Classes - HF



Stations of the Cross for Families
March 22nd ♦ 5:30PM ♦ Holy Trinity
Followed by a Simple Meal



MAINE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

March 16, 2024 9:15am-5pm
 (Doors open at 8:30am)
 Holiday Inn by the Bay
 88 Spring St., Portland, ME 04101



Theme
Loved as I AM
 with dynamic speaker,
 author, and podcaster
DANIELLE BEAN



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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**
- **4:45 PM Holy Family**
- **5:30 PM Holy Trinity**
- **5:30 PM Our Lady of the Rosary**
- 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 starting at 7:15 AM on March 10, & 17. Fr. Patrick will expose the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer 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.

The Light is On For You

Come and Experience God's Mercy
in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
March 18th-21st 6:00PM-7:00PM
Holy Family Church • Lewiston

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

Becoming Catholic - RCIA 2024

The following persons are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion this Easter Vigil:

James Lampp

Patricia Williams

The following persons are seeking a new life in Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism, Confirmation, & First Communion
this Easter Vigil at Prince of Peace Parish:

Isabelle Adams

Katherine Lysak

Joshua Berberich

Delaney Morris

Lucas Burgess

Maggie Parise

Brayden Gaudette

Ethan Pelletier

Jonathan Gordon

Zachary Rousseau

Eli Harris

Jonathan Rousseau

Jasmine Knight

Layla Savage

Preston Lampp

Harper Tassinari

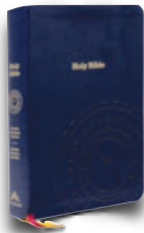
Keegan Lampp

Fiona Whitmore

Are you or anyone you know interested in Becoming Catholic?

We believe that everyone's path to faith is unique, and the RCIA process is designed to accommodate various backgrounds and experiences. Whether you are new to Christianity, returning to your faith, or exploring Catholicism for the first time, we invite you to join us on this profound and rewarding journey.

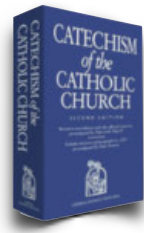
If you would like to learn more or know someone interested please contact our Evangelization Office by calling (207) 777-1200 and ask for Tyler



Rooted In Scripture

The Catholic Faith Explained

Sacred Scripture & The Catechism



(John 3:14-21 RSV) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

CCC 219 God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

CCC 457 The Word became flesh for us *in order to save us by reconciling us with God*, who "loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins": "the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world", and "he was revealed to take away sins":

Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?

What's the big deal about love?

John 3:16 is probably the most cited scripture of all time. We see it plastered on t-shirts and bumper stickers, all over Facebook and the home decor aisle of Hobby Lobby.

"For God so loved the world he gave his only son..."

The thing is, when I read this passage the meaning seems to shift. Depending on where I am in my life love takes on a different meaning. Some days my definition of love feels as broad as the horizons. Other days I am not sure I could muster a smile for the stranger walking down the street. I don't know about you all, but it seems to me that this world is crazy— left, right, and center. Our priorities have shifted, family dynamics are often complicated, and everyone seems to have their own "truth". To quote a man who wanted to wash his hands and slip away into the background of history, "what is truth?"

Truth in it's most essential state is a word. Words convey a message that are often spoken, but written down when time and distance make speaking difficult. Our scripture tells us in the opening lines of John that,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

If the Word is God, then truth must be measured against God. So truth, the real truth comes from God. So if God speaks he speaks with the truth. When God tells us that he loves the world so much that he gave us his only son. We know that God's love for the world is the truth. That's wonderful, but there are some days I do not feel a part of this world, and I feel distanced from God's love. Our Catechism tells us that God's love for us is stronger than that of a mother over her children, or a husband for his bride, that his love will conquer our short comings and that he does this freely! Only there is a catch.

The Catechism goes on to say that "The Word became flesh to reconcile us with God..." Well it takes two to tango as they say. This love which is everything, means nothing, if we are not ourselves open to receiving it. The Father has given us absolute free will to reject him and his son. Why? Because he loves us. Even in the darkest corners, God still wants to shine his light in, but only if we want him.

I cannot say that. Cut me off in traffic, forget to say thank you, or fail to even smile at me and I am off into judgment land. When things don't seem to go according to my plan and people let me down, I sometimes fail to love them as God has asked me to do.

"Our love is imperfect, We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?" CCC 457

God does not only love the world, he loves you and me, and all that he has created. God came here to earth to show humanity how to love as he does. As the Father loves the Son, so the Son loves the Father and all his works. I pray that this be the Lent that we let God shine his light in us, into the cracks and crevices, to purge out the dark and let love shine in. Let this be the Lent we love one another simply because God loves them and us. There is a reason we see John 3:16 everywhere, it is because it is the truth and we need to be reminded of that truth everyday, until all is revealed and we get to see God face to face.

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

Celebrating a Sacramental Life

Please pray for those who have recently passed away

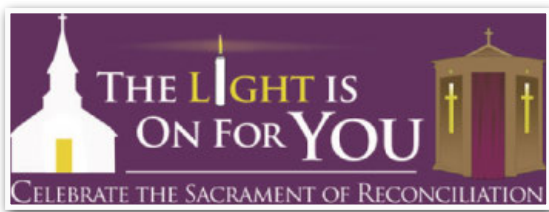
May the Angels lead you into Paradise... Please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithfully departed.

Vital Omer Bourque ~ Stella Duplissis

Rosario Gendron ~ Raymond Guay

Jeanne D'arc Laroche-Labbe

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



Confessions will be heard from 6:00PM-7:00PM the week of March 18th-21st for "The Light is On" at Holy Family Church following the Evening Mass The Sacrament of Penance, often referred to as "going to confession," frees baptized Catholics from our sins and also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. Through celebrating this sacrament, we are liberated to be forgivers.

"Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. 'In him we live and move and have our being'(Acts 17:28)." ~**from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults**

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 at 4:00PM before the evening Sunday Mass:**

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

Evangelization & Catechesis

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



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

This week on formed.org we are watching:



Forgiven: The Rite Explained

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Full of Grace Women's Group

We will be meeting on March 20, fellowship begins at 6:15pm and prayer/discussion begins at 6:30p in the Holy Cross Center. This month we are reading Full of Grace: Chapter 6 Eucharist: Heart of the Abundant Life. **All women of the parish are welcome!**

Upcoming Retreats for Men & Women:

Jesus, Show us the Father

A Free Retreat for Catholic Women

Saturday April 27th 8:00-2:30 at Holy Trinity

Mass • Confessions • Talks & Discussion

Keynote Presenters are:

Sister Christianna & Sister Francesca

Who is the Father?

& How do we respond?

This retreat is designed to be a sacred and enriching experience as we explore the profound connection between God the Father and His only begotten Son, Jesus. Through various sessions of reflection, prayer, and discussions, we aim to deepen our understanding of the Father's love revealed to us through the life, teachings, and sacrifice of Jesus.

Calling All Catholic Men to a Free Retreat

Getting Your House in Order

Knowing your Identity and Mission

May 4th from 6:00-3:00 at Holy Trinity

A four-part retreat for Catholic Men by

Catholic author and speaker Devin Schadt

Your identity leads to and determines your destiny. Who you are, or who you believe you are, will determine who

you are becoming and will become. The heroic man's life, his marriage, his fatherhood, his family, his performance, and success at work, his ability to weather the storms of life, and arrive at the shores of eternal glory are founded upon one thing: whether he becomes a trusting son of God.

For more information and to register for either retreat go to princeofpeace.me/upcoming-retreats

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 Showbread 3/10

The Road to Emmaus 3/17

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

Mar. 09 Rev. Johnson S Panneer Slevam, HGN, Rev. James R Roy MM

Mar. 10 Bishop Robert P Deeley, JCD

Mar. 11 Rev. Roger P Chabot, All Deceased Priests

Mar. 12 Rev. Nathan D March,, Rev. Robert C Vaillancourt

Mar. 13 Rev. Emile H Dube,, Rev. Joseph O Osunde, OP

Mar. 14 Rev. Thanh Van Nguyen, Rev. Apolinary Kavishe AJ

Mar. 15 Rev. Thomas Lequin, Rev. Simon Assogba, SMA

Mar. 16 Rev. Roland P Nadeau, Rev. Thomas Andrews J, Xavier, SAC

Mar. 17 Rev. Frank J Murray, Rev. Antonio A Amato

Scripture Readings of the Week

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 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 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/Jn 4:43-54

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

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

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

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/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 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Our Pastoral Ministries

Pro Life — March 10, 2024

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life (The Gospel of Life 28).

Widowed Support Group - A Time To Heal

"A Time to Heal" support group for widows will meet for six Tuesdays starting April 2nd to May 7 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Meetings to be held at the Senior Center across from the side entrance to Holy Cross Church on the St. Croix Street side. Those interested must call the Parish Center at 777-1200 to register. The group is limited to ten participants at no cost. Meetings will be led by an experienced grief facilitator.

Home Blessings

During our Easter Season, starting April 1st, Fr. Raja will once again bless homes. Anyone in the five churches may sign up online on our Parish website, or by calling the Parish Office at 207-777-1200. Sign ups began Friday, March 1st. Once registered, as time gets closer, you will receive a phone call to confirm your date and time.

Parish Groups & Activities

Cross the Street Ministry

Jim, David, Mary, Liz, Crystal are common names that we are familiar with in our own day-to-day living. Yet these are also names of some of our homeless people here in Lewiston/Auburn area. Our Street Crew members have been going out for about two months now and have started to know them and their stories. They are no

longer faceless people but actual people with names who have wants and needs just like us. They are our brothers and sisters. "The very fact that God has placed a certain soul in our way is a sign that God want us to do something for him or her. It is not chance; it has been planned by God." Mother Teresa. If you are interested in joining us in this effort to go out to meet them as part of the Street Crew, for an hour, you can email Rit Leslie at crossthestreetministry@gmail.com.

"I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Stations of the Cross and Soup/Bread

Please sign up for the Friday(s) that you can provide a hot soup and/or bread. Enter your intended bread flavor / soup flavor into the "comment" field when you sign up. Having trouble with signing up? Call John Poulin at 576-5241 and leave a message. He will call you back that evening. Remember soups must be meatless! Bread does not have to be home made. Bakery or store bought is just as good.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAF2AA0F49-47537324-lent>

Be sure to check with each Church for their sign up sheet to bring a soup and/or bread for the simple meal at Holy Cross, Holy Trinity and Our Lady of the Rosary. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 777-1200.

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. 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.

800-year Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi receiving the stigmata

Please join the Secular Franciscans and Father P. Finn commemorating the 800-year anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi receiving the stigmata. This will be on Sunday, March 10, 1PM - 2PM at the Rivier adoration chapel followed with refreshments at the Senior Center. The fraternity will have a meeting at 3PM and all are welcome to attend.

St. Anne Sodality

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Prince of Peace Parish, Holy Family, are planning a General meeting on Wednesday March 20th at the Parish Hall at 6PM, doors open at 5:30. Election of Officers will be held after the Prayer Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Please save a date for the Annual Card party on Wednesday April 10, 2024

As I previously have mentioned, we are converting to a new online giving platform. Those of you have been giving online will need to switch by the end of June. It is easy, go to our website princeofpeace.me click on Donations/Payments, scroll down until you see the icons for offertory, fuel collection etc. click on the icon and follow the steps. You will have to reenter all your information and start a new account. Once you have completed that switch, please call me at the office to stop your current WeShare donation. For those of you who are not comfortable using computers, please call the office and I will assist you.

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

Peace, Joline

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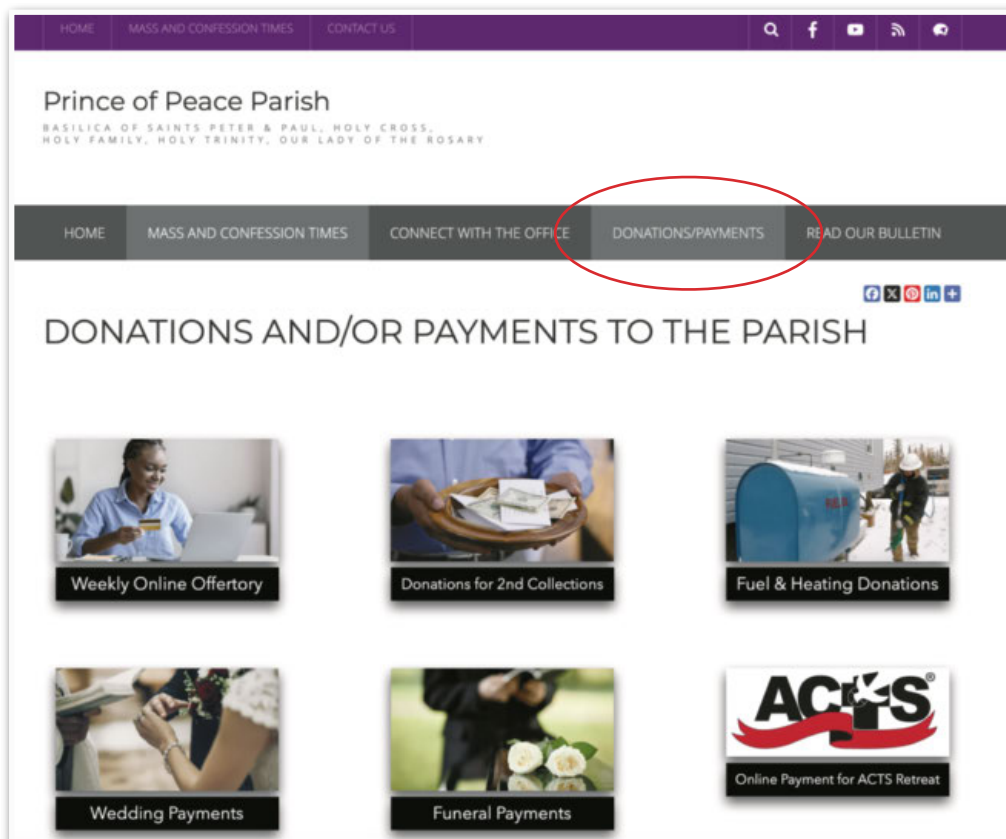
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