

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

September 2 : 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." – Luke 5:4

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Holy Name—Machias



St. Timothy—Campobello Isle, NB



St. Michael—Cherryfield



Sacred Heart—Lubec

Dear Parishioners,

In today's first reading, the Lord tells us through the prophet Isaiah, "Fear Not!" To the frightened, He promises deliverance; to those bound by sin, freedom. The worries, cares, and concerns of the world today can often be overwhelming and paralyze us in fear. This fear usually results in a deafening to the voice of God in our lives. It's only when we come to the quietness of the heart, perhaps in a moment of reflection and prayer, that we regain our focus and once again bring ourselves under the compassionate care of Jesus. Reorienting ourselves to His power, His might, His compassion, and His mercy enables the Spirit within us to moan those marvelous words, "Ephphetha, Be Opened!" This "opening" must begin in the heart and move into all aspects of our lives by surrendering our lives to Him. It builds trust in Him and reliance upon Him as we begin to decrease and He begins to increase. If you find yourself bound by fear or sin, bring yourself to Jesus in the quiet of your heart, and remember the words of Isaiah, "With divine recompense He comes to save you," (Is.35:5) for "The Lord sets captives free." (Ps.146:7) Be free!

With prayers for your holiness and God's abundant blessings,

Fr. Philip Clement

Mass Intentions for the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sat	Sep. 08, 2018	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	23RD SUNDAY — Bill Bushman
Sat	Sep. 08, 2018	4:30 pm (EDT)	SH	23RD SUNDAY — People of SPTF Parish
Sun	Sep. 09, 2018	8:30 am	HN	23RD SUNDAY — Amy Torak
Sun	Sep. 09, 2018	10:30 am	SM	23RD SUNDAY — Msgr. Robert Lavoie
Tues	Sep. 11, 2018	9:00 am	HN	23RD WEEKDAY — Antonio Caron
Wed	Sep. 12, 2018	9:00 am	SM	MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY — Clement Gilbert
Thur	Sep. 13, 2018	9:00 am	SH	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM — Clement Gilbert
Thur	Sep. 13, 2018	4:30 pm	HN	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM — Gerry Baker
Fri	Sep. 14, 2018	9:00 am	SM	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS — David LeBlond



St. Michael is again collecting warm clothes for the annual give away program at Mano e Mano. **THE CLOTHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.** Jeans, socks, jackets, sweaters, boots, coats, etc. Warm blankets and sheets are also needed. Call Joan Height (266-6928) if you wish to donate.

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Baptisms, Weddings, Holy Communion to the homebound, Sacrament of the Sick, Funerals, or any other sacramental or pastoral needs.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00 ATL @ St. Timothy; Sat. 5:30-6:00 @ Sacred Heart; Sun. 7:30-8:20 @ Holy Name; Sun. 11:30-12:30 @ St. Michael's

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Catholic Trivia

We celebrate Jesus' birthday on December 25th.
When does the Church celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother?
a. December 24 **b. March 25** **c. September 8**

FILL IN THE BLANK: One who is to receive Holy Communion is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of _____ before Holy Communion.



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Calling All Catholic Men...

All Catholic men ages 16 and older are invited to the seventh annual Maine Catholic Men's Conference, which will be held Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. The conference will feature a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert P. Deeley and presentations by Father Nathan March, pastor of Holy Savior Parish in Rumford; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a dynamic Catholic evangelist, radio host, and bestselling author; and Dr. William Martel, a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Saco, who was a Protestant theologian before becoming a member of the Catholic Church.



October is near, and our Harvest Festival needs to be planned and organized. We are without a chairperson at this time. If you are interested in leading the Harvest Festival this year, please contact Fr. Philip directly.



FAITH FORMATION

It's about that time again to plan for the faith formation of the youngest members of our community. As you are probably aware, in the Diocese of Portland, Bishop Deeley administers the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the same time to the children who are old enough to make their First Holy Communion. That should not be the end of their formation in the faith, however. Please start thinking about signing your children up for classes, whether they need to receive their sacraments or need to continue learning their faith. More info coming soon. If you are interested in teaching faith formation, please contact Fr. Clement directly. As you know, we cannot properly form our children without volunteers. Please consider helping in some way. It's up to us to build their foundation.

Coffee & Catechesis



Fr. Philip is considering offering Saturday morning Coffee & Catechesis in St. Francis Room. This will be an opportunity to come and learn more about our Catholic faith in a very relaxed and non-threatening atmosphere. It will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by coffee and discussion about aspects of our Faith. If this is something you might be interested in, please let Father know. Please also think about what you would like to learn more about regarding our Faith. More info to follow soon.

OFFICE HOURS

Trivia Answer: c. One Hour



Fr. Philip's day off is Monday. Office hours are Tuesday — Friday from 10am — 4pm by appointment only. If you need to see Fr. Philip for any reason, please call the office, or email Fr. Philip directly to make an appointment. Appointments are held at Holy Name Church in Machias.