

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent

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

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Holy Name—Machias
Dear Parishioners,



St. Timothy—Campobello Isle, NB



St. Michael—Cherryfield



Sacred Heart—Lubec

Although we'd never know it from storefronts and radio stations, the Christmas season has not yet begun. This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year with a new season of Advent. During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, being born and laid in a manger in a stable. During Advent we focus on His second coming, living and the dead. This world as we know it an everlasting kingdom in Heaven. Today we represents the gift of hope. Jesus promised us would return one day to deliver the righteous gives us hope that the darkness that exists in the Advent wreath reminds us of this hope so to Jesus, the Light of the World, to raise us from our fallen state. How thankful we should be for the gift of hope in Jesus. May our lives and our choices reflect this gratitude, and may Our Lord take pleasure in us as we take pleasure in Him.



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

Fr. Philip Clement

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Mass Intentions for the 1st Sunday of Advent

Sat	Dec. 1, 2018	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	1ST SUN. ADVENT — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Dec. 1, 2018	4:30 pm (EDT)	SH	1ST SUN. ADVENT — Rev. Clement Thibodeau
Sun	Dec. 2, 2018	8:30 am	HN	1ST SUN. ADVENT — Eric McDonald
Sun	Dec. 2, 2018	10:30 am	SM	1ST SUN. ADVENT — Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Dec. 5, 2018	8:30 am	HN	ADVENT WEEK 1 — Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Dec. 5, 2018	9:00 am	SM	ADVENT WEEK 1 — Catholic Exchange Donors
Thur	Dec. 6, 2018	8:30 am	SH	ADVENT WEEK 1 — Catholic Exchange Donors
Fri	Dec. 7, 2018	8:30 am	SM	ADVENT WEEK 1 — Fr. Philip Clement
Fri	Dec. 7, 2018	6:00 pm	SH	Immaculate Conception Vigil — People SPF Parish
Sat	Dec. 8, 2018	9:00 am	SM	Immaculate Conception — Sandra Brown
Sat	Dec. 8, 2018	9:00 am	HN	Immaculate Conception — Jiries J.

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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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Did You Know ...

The origin of the Christmas tree comes from a story from the life of St. Boniface when he set about converting the German people in the 8th century. One evening as the pagans gathered around their sacred Oak, preparing to sacrifice to their gods, St. Boniface chopped down the mighty Oak. It split into four pieces only to reveal behind it a young fir tree. "Here," he said, "is your sacred tree tonight. Note the ever green leaves, a sign of endless life. Let this be called the tree of the Christ child. Gather around it in your home to remind you of the gift of life the Christ child comes to bring you." As we gather around our Christmas trees this year, may we give thanks for the gift of our faith, hold the story of Our Savior's birth in our hearts, and listen for the songs of the angels.

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Patroness of the United States

December 8, 2018

Mass Times

- December 7 Vigil — Sacred Heart (6:00pm)
- December 8 — St. Michael (9:00am)
- December 8 — Holy Name (9:00am)

Bambinello Sunday

"Baminello" is the Italian word for baby, and in this context it refers to the baby Jesus. For more than 30 years popes have been blessing the baby Jesus from home Nativity scenes in Rome on the third Sunday of Advent. This year you are invited to bring your creche to church for the blessing after Mass. This is a wonderful way for families to joyfully anticipate the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus. We hope to make this an annual parish tradition.



& Catechesis

The next session of Coffee & Catechesis will be Saturday, December 15th from 9:30 am — 11 am at the Parish Hall in Machias. (42 Broadway). The crowd is growing...join us for a morning of learning.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th 4:00 pm (ATL) - St. Timothy

December 24th 4:30 pm (EST) — Sacred Heart

December 25th MIDNIGHT MASS — Holy Name

December 25th 8:30 am — Holy Name

December 25th 10:30 am — St. Michael



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OFFICE HOURS



Fr. Philip's day off is Monday. Office hours are Wednesdays 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.