

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

January 19, 2020: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Holy Name—Machias



St. Timothy—Campobello Isle, NB



St. Michael—Cherryfield



Sacred Heart—Lubec

Dear Parishioners,

As things begin to settle after the excitement of Christmas and the beginning of a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to all of you as my St. Peter the Fisherman Parish family. Your thoughtfulness and generosity over the holidays was kindly welcomed, and I am very grateful. As the beginning of summer will usher in the end of my second year in this assignment, I am also grateful to Bishop Deeley for assigning me to St. Peter the Fisherman Parish. I am looking forward to another exciting and fun filled calendar year. As we wade through the remainder of this winter season, let us keep our minds and hearts focused on Jesus. In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah says that for the Lord it is too little for us to be his servants. He wants to make us a light to the nations that his salvation may reach the ends of the earth. While we may not be able to reach the ends of the earth ourselves, let us continue striving to be the warm and welcoming Catholic community we have grown to be over the years. May our seasonal visitors be edified and inspired by your strong and enduring faith.

With prayers for your holiness and God's abundant blessings,
Fr. Philip Clement, Pastor



COLLECTION

January 1 & 5, 2020

\$2,760.39

January 12, 2020

\$2,381.00

Thank You
For Your Generosity

Mass Intentions for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Jan 18, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	Week 2 Ordinary Time—Ed Seeley
Sat	Jan 18, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	Week 2 Ordinary Time—People of SPF Parish
Sun	Jan 19, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Week 2 Ordinary Time—Eric McDonald
Sun	Jan 19, 2020	10:30 am	SM	Week 2 Ordinary Time—Cappy Sargent
Wed	Jan 22, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Week 2 — NO MASS
Wed	Jan 22, 2020	10:30 am	SM	Week 2 — Catholic Exchange
Thurs	Jan 23, 2020	8:30 am	SH	Week 2 — NO MASS
Fri	Jan 24, 2020	8:30 am	SM	Week 2 — NO MASS
Sat	Jan 25, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	Week 3 Ordinary Time — Albenie Dubey
Sat	Jan 25, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	Week 3 Ordinary Time — People of SPF Parish
Sun	Jan 26, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Week 3 Ordinary Time — Eric McDonald
Sun	Jan 26, 2020	10:30 am	SM	Week 3 Ordinary Time — Lucille Meade

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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 ...

What is required when one prays?

A. Quiet B. Darkness C. Focus D. Belief

What is a quality or attitude that is helpful when praying?

A. Humility B. Happiness C. Openness D. Calm



SPF Capital Improvement Campaign

The Capital Improvement Campaign Committee is happy to report that to date we have received pledges totaling \$209,918. This means that we have already received enough pledges to meet our "Maintenance Goal" of \$153,350 and are in need of only \$20,082 in pledges to meet our "Sustainability Goal" of \$230,025. We are so very grateful to everyone who has made a pledge.

Weather Notifications



Parishioners can be notified by phone of cancellations of Masses and other parish functions due to weather. If you want to be on the call list, please contact Fr. Philip and give him your phone number.

Offertory Envelopes

The deadline for submitting additions or removals of names to the offertory envelope list is January 22nd. If you want envelopes or don't want envelopes, please let us know by January 22nd.



2ND COLLECTION

Next Week

No Second Collection



January 22nd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."



& Catechesis

The next session of Coffee and Catechesis will be on Saturday, January 25th from 10 to 11:30 at the parish hall in Machias (42 Broadway). We hope to see you there!

OFFICE HOURS

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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.

INTERCESSION



PRAYERS

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECTION

During this Christmas season (which extends through January 12 this year), we continue to celebrate the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ and the great joy and hope that His birth brings to us all.

While each child brings untold joy into the world, a mother facing an unexpected pregnancy may find it difficult to receive the great gift God has given her. Concerns about a lack of material and financial resources, as well as minimal or non-existent physical and emotional support systems, can crowd minds and hearts. Fear and anxiety may push women to believe that abortion is their only option. But abortion is never the answer. Women deserve so much better.

During challenging periods in our lives, we *all* need the care and support of others to help us place our trust in God. For a woman who is pregnant amid difficult circumstances, the real, tangible support of others can help her see a way forward. Knowing she is not alone may help her to open her heart to God's plan and choose life for her child. Remembering the Christ Child in the manger, let us ask ourselves what our role is in helping moms in need.

ACTS OF REPARATION *(choose one)*

- Commit to participating in *9 Days for Life* (respectlife.org/9-days-for-life). This annual, nationwide novena for the protection of human life takes place **January 21-29, 2020**.
- Attend a parish or diocesan observance of the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* or another local or regional pro-life event. If you don't know of anything nearby, ask your parish or diocese about local observances of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, or visit marchforlife.org/state-marches-near-you/.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Help spread the word about *9 Days for Life* by inviting friends, family members, colleagues, and fellow parishioners to join you in praying for the protection of human life. You can sign up at 9daysforlife.com, and then invite them to do the same.

Consider posting on social media using the hashtag [#9daysforlife](https://twitter.com/9daysforlife) and tagging friends to "challenge" them to pray along with you for 9 days. (*Shareable graphics are available!*)

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Catholic Church in the United States, January 22nd is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" (respectlife.org/january-22). As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

