

# ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN



Diocese of Portland  
Maine

Roman Catholic Church  
August 27, 2023  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



## Welcome to Our Churches - Thank You for Attending!

Holy Name: 8 Free Street, Machias, Maine

St. Michael the Archangel: 51 Elm Street, Cherryfield, Maine

Sacred Heart: 14 Hamilton Street, Lubec, Maine

## Connect With Us!

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## Meet Our Clergy

Fr. Johnson Sacreties, HGN

Pastor

Fr. John (Jack) O' Hara

(Retired)

Fr. Michael Seigny

Spanish Ministry

Deacon Jim Gillen

(Retired)



*Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men. - Mt 4:19*

**First Friday and First Saturday Devotions are Coming Soon!**

In an ever changing world the  
Holy Eucharist is a constant  
reminder of the great reality of  
God's changeless love.

MOTHER TERESA

Come Adore  
Jesus Christ

Friday, Sept 1st  
Saint Michael's  
8 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Mass  
9 AM Adoration

Saturday, Sept 2nd  
Holy Name Church  
8 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Mass  
9 AM Adoration

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Contact Fr John at **207-255-3731 and press #2** or email [Johnson.Sacreties@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Johnson.Sacreties@portlanddiocese.org) for: Baptisms, Weddings, Holy Communion to the Homebound, Sacrament of the Sick, Funerals, other Sacramental / Pastoral needs

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**Office Hours: Wednesday 10am to 4pm - by appt only**

**Contact the Parish Office** for the following: Update your contact info for Parish Roster, have a bulletin mailed or emailed, home/hospital visits, sign up for mass cancellation updates via telephone Parish Call List, funeral mass, and newcomer registration

### Mass & Confession Schedule:

| Church                   | Mass Times                           | Confession                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| St Timothy at Lubec      | Sat. 3 PM EST                        | Sat. 2:30 PM-3 PM                   |
| Sacred Heart             | Thurs. 8:30 AM<br>Sat. 4:30 PM       | Sat. 5:30-6 PM                      |
| Holy Name                | Wed. 8:30 AM<br>Sun. 8:30 AM         | Sun. 7:30-8:20 AM                   |
| St. Michael              | Fri. 8:30 AM<br>Sun. 10:30 AM        | Sun. 11:30-12:30 PM                 |
| St. Michael Spanish Mass | 1st Sunday of the month<br>Sun. 1 PM | 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM |

### Want to Learn More About Becoming Catholic?

Are you or is someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is baptized but has never received his/her First Communion? Do you simply want to grow in an understanding of your faith?

**RCIA**, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a place where adults of any or no faith can explore questions of faith and prepare to join the Catholic Church. Contact Father John to learn more: [johnson.sacreties@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:johnson.sacreties@portlanddiocese.org)

### Business Manager's Section

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| 8/19 & 8/20 First Collection | \$ 2,892 |
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Diocese Catholic Appeal Update: We are only **\$394** short of our Parish goal of \$16,564! Fantastic job, parishioners!

#### Upcoming Second Collection:

9/2 & 9/3: Parish Fuel Fund



## Pastor's Corner



### *A Magnet for Blessing*

When you honor God with your life, keeping Him in first place, He puts something on you called a *commanded blessing*. The commanded blessing is like a magnet. It attracts the right people, good breaks, contracts, ideas, resources, and influence. You don't have to go after these things, trying to make something happen in your own strength, your own talent, hoping that life works out. All you must do is keep honoring God and the right people will find you. The right opportunities will come across your path. The favor, the wisdom, and the vindication will track you down. Why? You have become a magnet for God's goodness.

When you keep God in first place, God will send blessings that chase you down, favor that overtakes you. In Deuteronomy 28: "When you walk in God's ways, making pleasing Him your highest priority, all these blessings will chase you down and overtake you." One translation says: "You will become a magnet for blessings." This means because you are honoring God, right now, something is attracted to you.

You may be facing an illness, but instead of thinking, "I am never going to get well, I will never get out of debt, I will never accomplish my dreams," your attitude should be "healing is looking for me, abundance is looking for me, the right person is looking for me, Divine connections are tracking me down and they are already in my future!" Like a magnet, I am drawing them in.

Lastly, special thanks to members of the St Rose of Lima Garden Club. Happy Feast Day! And congratulations to Summer Keys in Lubec for a successful summer of teaching students music at Sacred Heart's Parish Hall!

Sincerely,

Father John

## Mass Times & Intentions

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. - August 26, 2023</b>   |                                   |
| 4:30 PM - Sacred Heart          | Walter Mackevic                   |
| <b>Sun. - August 27, 2023</b>   |                                   |
| 8:30 AM - Holy Name             | Anna Black                        |
| 10:30 AM - St. Michael          | James Kovacs                      |
| <b>Mon. - August 28, 2023</b>   | Deceased Diocesan Clergy of Maine |
| <b>Tues. - August 29, 2023</b>  | Deceased Diocesan Clergy of Maine |
| <b>Wed. - August 30, 2023</b>   |                                   |
| 8:30 AM - Holy Name             | Bernice Lithgow                   |
| <b>Thurs. - August 31, 2023</b> |                                   |
| 8:30 AM - Sacred Heart          | Robert Driscoll                   |
| <b>Fri. - Sept 1, 2023</b>      |                                   |
| 8:30 AM - St. Michael           | Robert Driscoll                   |
| <b>Sat. - Sept 2, 2023</b>      |                                   |
| 3 PM - St. Timothy (EST)        | Pro Populo (People of SPTFP)      |
| 4:30 PM - Sacred Heart          | Robert Driscoll                   |
| <b>Sun. - Sept 3, 2023</b>      |                                   |
| 8:30 AM - Holy Name             | Harvey Bergeron                   |
| 10:30 AM - St. Michael          | Christopher Frazier               |
| 1:00 PM - St. Michael           | Hermila Vargas                    |

**Mass Intentions:** Please consider submitting a mass intention for thanksgiving, Mother's/Father's Day, birthdays, Memorial Day, or repose of souls. Envelopes are available in the back of each church.

### A STUDENT'S PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord Jesus, I ask you for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teacher and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT SACRED HEART

Following the Saturday, Sept 16th 4:30 PM mass at Sacred Heart, there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Eucharistic Procession, and ending with Benediction. The procession has a special meaning for our worship, as we are disciples of Jesus Christ united in faith and adoration. Come and join with us!

### 25TH / 50TH / 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the Parish Office if you have been **married 25 years or more!** We are excited to honor you at our annual wedding anniversary jubilee masses held at all St Peter the Fisherman Parish Churches the weekend of Sept 23 / 24th.



### Faith Formation for Kids: Registration is TODAY after Mass

TODAY after all masses there will be sign-ups for a new "at home" Faith Formation program for **Pre-K through GRADE 12**, as well as sacramental preparation enrollment. *We are very excited to offer this program in English and Spanish!*

Jeanine Wright, our Faith Formation Director, is available to assist with registration forms. To contact Jeanine for more information call 207-483-4142 or email [jeaninewright0802@yahoo.com](mailto:jeaninewright0802@yahoo.com)



Sacramental Preparation classes for the 2023-2024 year cycle will begin in November, once the current group of **17 children** are confirmed October 15, 2023 at St Michael's!

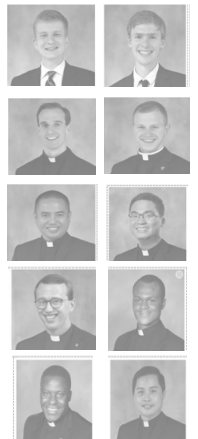
### 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 27, 2023

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations & Seminarians, at (207) 773-6471 or email:

[greg.dube@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:greg.dube@portlanddiocese.org) **Please Pray for Our Seminarians:** Andrew Bailey, Ezekiel Banla, Yongyee Bongwunyuy, Erin Donlon, Vinh Nguyen, Hoa Nguyen, Than Pham, Joseph Beale, Matthew Valles, Lam Vo, Nick Hershbine

### Apostolate of Prayer for Priests of the Portland Diocese

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| Aug 27 | Rev. James S. Plourde<br>Rev. Kevin M. Upham                   |
| Aug 28 | Msgr. Marc B. Caron<br>Rev. Kent R. Ouellette                  |
| Aug 29 | V. Rev. Claude R. Gendreau<br>Rev. Patrick E. Agbodi, SMA      |
| Aug 30 | Rev. Aaron L. Damboise<br>Rev. Peter Uhde                      |
| Aug 31 | V. Rev. Richard C. Malo<br>Rev. John C. Bacevicius, OFM        |
| Sept 1 | Rev. Elaiyareja Thaniyel, HGN<br>Rev. Dac J. Philip J. Clement |
| Sept 2 | Rev. Francis P. Morin<br>Rev. Emile H. Dube                    |



Our Seminarians

### Diocesan Prayer for Eucharistic Revival



Jesus, Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, You gave us the gracious gift of the Eucharist. We give thanks and adore you fully present in the consecrated bread and wine. Draw us closer to you and one another as we gather in person for Mass. Open us to receive the transforming gift of your great love. Make us new during this time of revival so that our lives will naturally reflect the faith, hope, and love that begin and end in you. Amen.

### National Eucharistic Revival Q & A


**Q.** Why is the Eucharist called Holy Mass?

**A:** Because the Liturgy ends by sending forth the faithful to live out God's will in the world.

**This Week's Question:** (Answer revealed next week)

**Q.** Where does the word "Eucharist" come from?



| Readings for the Week of August 27, 2023   |   | <br><br>Scan to read, listen or watch the daily readings  | <p>“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.”</p> <p>“There is no Saint without a past, no sinner without a future.”</p> <p>- Saint Augustine</p> |
|--|---|---|--|
| Sun  | Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-20   |   |  |
| Mon  | 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 10:27; Mt 23:13-22 |   |  |
| Tues   | 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 5:10; Mk 6:17-29;                       |   |  |
| Wed  | 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; 1 Jn 2:5; Mt 23:27-32           |   |  |
| Thurs  | 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42a, 44; Mt 24:42-51   |   |  |
| Fri  | 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Lk 21:36; Mt 25:1-13        |   |  |
| Sat  | 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 13:34; Mt 25:14-30                     |   |  |
| Saint of the Week  |   |   |  |
| <p><b>Saint Augustine (354-430 AD) Patron of converts &amp; theologians.</b> A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But to get to really know the man is a rewarding experience. There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine’s love of life to a life of love. Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism. In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. “I say to myself, I will not mention him/I will speak in his name no more/But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart/imprisoned in my bones/I grow weary holding it in/I cannot endure it” (Jeremiah 20:9). <b>Reflection:</b> Augustine is still acclaimed and condemned in our day. He is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity.</p> |   |   |  |
| St. Peter the Fisherman Parish   |   | Diocese Events  |  |
| <p><b><u>Mary’s Birthday Brunch Potluck Sign-Up Sheets!</u></b></p> <p>Sign-up sheets for Mary’s Birthday Brunch Potluck are located at the back of each church. Please list your name and the type of dish you will be bringing, so we can ensure a well balanced spread :) Note: The customary 2nd Sunday of the month coffee social held at Holy Name’s St Francis room is being replaced by this brunch. Event Details: Sunday, Sept 10 at 9:30 AM at Holy Name’s Parish Hall. Please drop off your dish to pass before mass between 7:30-8:25 AM at the Parish Hall. A guild member will be there to take your contribution. Alternatively, bring the item with you after mass. If you are unable to bring a dish to pass, PLEASE COME ANYWAY! For any questions, please contact the event chair person, Barb Plaskon at cell # 732-713-4919.</p>   |   | <p><b><u>“What Only YOU Can Do at Mass: An Evening for Maine Catholics” on September 8</u></b></p> <p>The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation is hosting an evening of learning and reflection for older teens and adults focused on each person’s vital service in the worship of Mass. The free event, will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church on 132 McKeen Street in Brunswick, on Friday, September 8, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening will be facilitated by Vicki Klima, a highly regarded liturgist and educator and will highlight where Jesus is present in the Mass to explore ways of being intentional about participation in liturgy. Pre-registration is available at <a href="http://www.portlanddiocese.org/event/what-only-you">www.portlanddiocese.org/event/what-only-you</a></p>   |  |
| <p><b><u>“THANK YOU” FROM BABY JACKSON’S MOTHER</u></b></p> <p>Thanks to the parishioners who donated diapers, wipes, clothes, gift cards, and money to Baby Jackson of East Machias!</p>  |   | <p><b><u>“Participation of the Heart: Fostering Deeper Engagement in the Mass” Saturday, September 9 in Bangor (10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)</u></b></p> <p>Pastors, administrators, sacristan, greeter, musician, reader, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, etc.) and others leading efforts for the parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. The presenter will be Vicki Klima, a highly regarded liturgist, educator, and author. The purpose is to reflect upon your personal participation at Mass, deepen your understanding of why we gather for worship, and become more mindful of how serving in a liturgical role invites others to living encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist. Cost is free, includes food and a copy of Klima’s recently published book, Participation of the Heart: Fostering Deeper Engagement in the Mass. To register contact the St Peter the Fisherman Parish Office.</p> |  |
| <p><b><u>UPCOMING YARD SALE AT SACRED HEART</u></b></p> <p>We had a fantastic group of volunteers last year who raised over \$2900 for the Parish! Hard to believe, but it’s that time again! The yard sale will be held for four days, with two shifts per day (9-12 PM; 12-3 PM). Yard Sale Dates: Sept 15-16; Sept 29-30. Clean Up Date: Mon, Oct 2 from 8:30-10:30 AM. We will also sell baked goods &amp; soup. To volunteer baked items/food, sign up for a specific shift, or to learn more, contact Lydia Bragg at 803-983-2642.</p> <p><b><u>YARD SALE DONATION DROP-OFFS</u></b></p> <p>Sacred Heart’s Parish Hall will be open for donation drop offs from 8 AM-9:30 AM on these Thursdays: 8/31, 9/7, 9/14. Donations may also be dropped off on these Saturdays from 3 PM to 6 PM: 9/2, 9/9. Consider combining your donation drop off with attending mass for added convenience. Lastly, <b>please no broken items!</b> Gently used and antique items sell best. Your donations make a big difference and we thank you! <b>Event Person:</b> <a href="mailto:Lydia.bragg@gmail.com">Lydia.bragg@gmail.com</a> (803) 983-2642</p>   |   | <p><b><u>2023 Blue Mass in Bangor on Sept 17th at 10:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Hundreds of active and retired local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel will be recognized for their faithful commitment and self-sacrifice at the Blue Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Deeley at St. John Church, located on 207 York Street in Bangor. People of all faiths are welcome to attend and show their gratitude to these dedicated heroes. All active and retired members of the public safety community are encouraged to come with their families and in uniform.</p>   |  |
| <p><b><u>A Note About Emailed Bulletins:</u></b></p> <p>This week and last week’s bulletins were not emailed out because we are in between email subscription providers. Constant Contact unexpectedly increased rates by over 30%, so the Diocese is working with us to utilize an existing software program, eCatholic, that includes an email feature. Your patience is appreciated as we quickly try and learn the new technology over the coming weeks</p>  |   |   |  |

# August 2023

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## Save the Date! Portland Diocese' 15th Annual Harvest Ball!



### Dust off Your Dancing Shoes!

- ◆ The 15th Harvest Ball will be held October 20, 2023, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street in Portland.
- ◆ The ball will be hosted by the bishop and will feature a social hour with hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dinner, the music of The Carmine Band, and great company. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. Music and dancing conclude at 11 p.m.
- ◆ Proceeds benefit *Harvest* magazine.

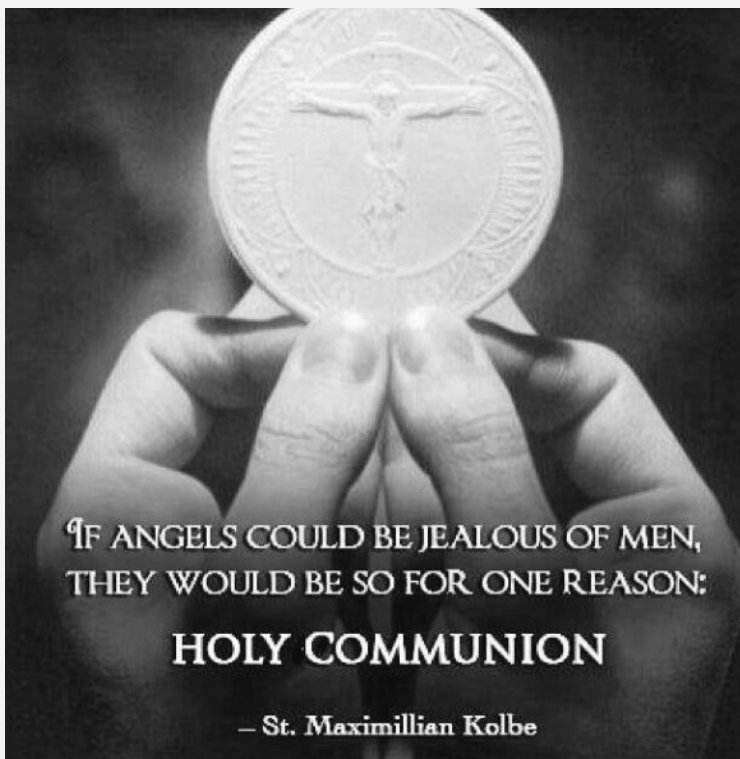
**Menu:** Our menu will include maple glazed salmon with rice and brussels sprouts or maple-glazed pork loin with roasted potatoes and asparagus or butternut squash ravioli. It will be topped off with coffee and dessert. Please make your menu selection while ordering.

**Special Room Rate:** For those who wish to stay overnight at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, a reduced room rate is available for ball attendees. When calling, let them know it is for the Harvest Ball. When registering online, use the code HAR.

**Parking:** The Holiday Inn By the Bay has a garage next to the hotel. The fee is a flat rate of \$5 paid upon entry. There is also limited, on-street parking available.



## Reflecting on the Parish Year of National Eucharistic Revival



"The New Covenant" as Revealed in Luke from *The Great Adventure Bible*, Revised Standard Edition, p. 1373.

**Jesus** established the New Covenant through his Passion, in which he **became** both **our sacrifice** and **our high priest**.

The Old Testament Passover sacrifice was not considered complete until the Israelites had eaten the lamb (see Ex 12:4, 8). The same is true of the New Testament Passover: We are called to partake of the New Covenant sacrifice in the Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26-28); Jn 6:53-54).

The result is a communion with God that would have been unimaginable under the earlier covenants (see Jn 6:56; 1 Cor 10:16; Eph 5:31-32). The liturgy allows us to enter into the Paschal mystery—Jesus' death and Resurrection—making this past saving act perpetually present for us.

(see CCC 1084-1085; Rom 6:3-4)