St. Michael Parish

The Central Maine Catholic Community Of St. Michael Parish United by Christ's love, Strengthened by Word and Sacraments, Serves God's people in a spirit of hope!

Parish Mission Statement

The Central Maine, "Capital Region" Catholic Community • Est. 2007

January 25, 2015

Sacred Heart
12 Summer St.., Hallowell

St. Augustine
75 Northern Ave., Augusta

St. Denis
298 Grand Army Rd., Whitefield

St. Francis Xavier
130 Route 133, Winthrop

St. Joseph
110 School Street, Gardiner

St. Mary
41 Western Avenue, Augusta

St. Michael School
207-623-3491
www.smsmaine.org

Pastoral Center
24 Washington Street
Augusta, ME 04330
207-623-8823, Fax: 623-7574

St.Michael@portlanddiocese.org
www.stmichaelmaine.org
HOURS:
Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-1pm

Pastoral Council meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center

Diocese of Portland Website
www.portlanddiocese.net
www.catholicscomehome.org

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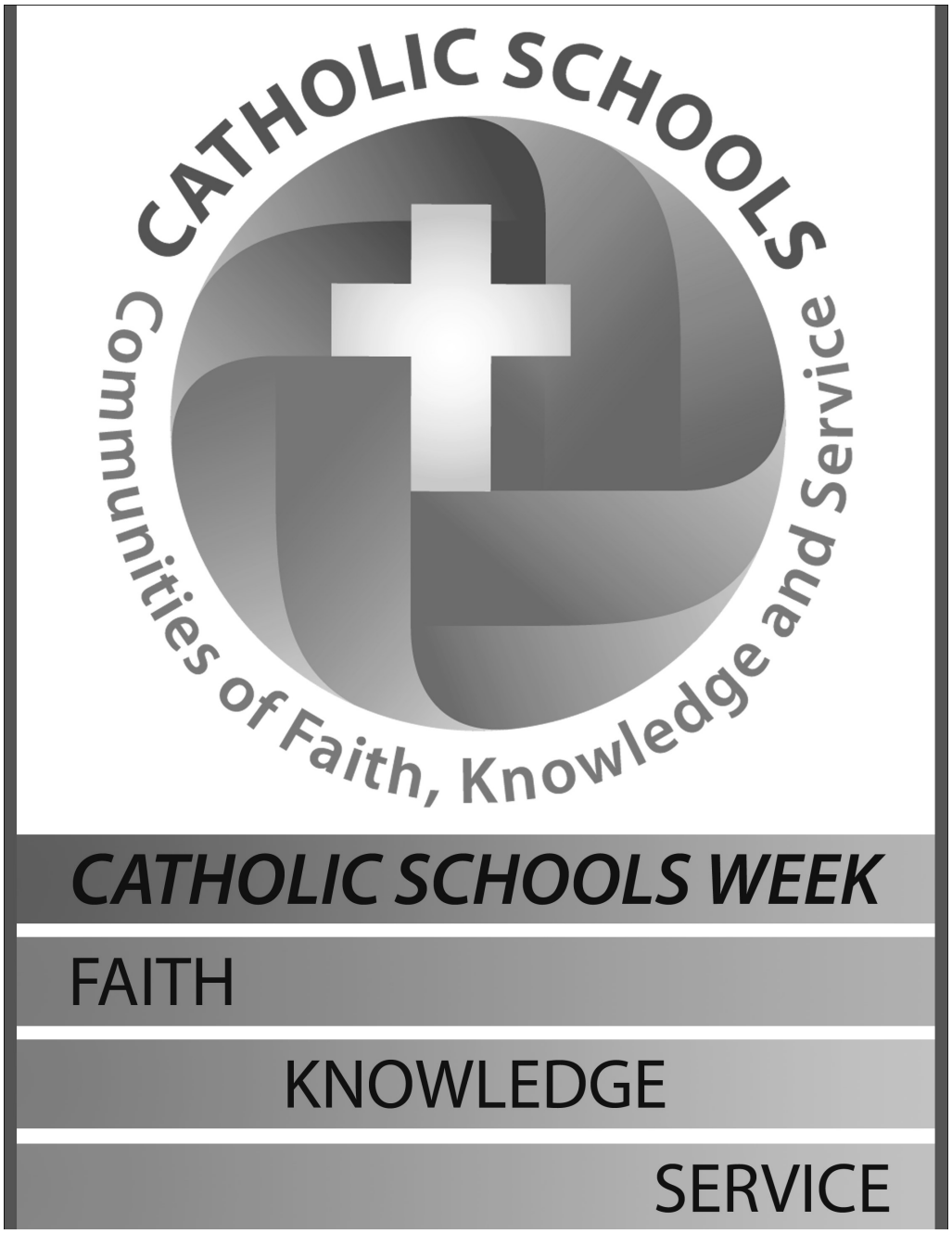
Touching Lives, Changing Hearts.
The Presence RADIO NETWORK
GREATER PORTLAND 106.7FM
GREATER BANGOR 90.3FM
GREATER AUGUSTA 89.5FM
BATH BRUNSWICK 89.7FM



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

Our Sacramental Information

***Sacrament of Baptism*:** Baptism is usually celebrated at the last Mass on **any weekend** in each of our Churches except during Lent. First time parents must attend a pre-Baptism class prior to the Baptism, Godparents should be present if possible. Please call Gail Gould at the Pastoral Center **prior to the birth of your baby**.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 at St. Joseph, St. Augustine and St. Francis Xavier and at St. Denis on Sunday at 10:30 am., or by personal request.

***Sacrament of Confirmation*:** If you are a Catholic and have never celebrated Confirmation and would like to call Sr. Carol Martin 623-8823.

***Sacrament of Marriage*:** Call the Pastoral Center and make arrangements **at least** six months in advance of your wedding date. **Couples must attend a preparation program prior to the wedding**.

***Sacrament of the Sick*:** Please call the Pastoral Center during the course of a loved one's illness so that the person may be given this healing consolation. This Sacrament may also be administered at Church before or after any Mass.

***Eucharist to the Sick*:** We ask family or friends to let us know when someone is in a nursing home or home bound so the Eucharist may be offered to them. Please call the Pastoral Center at 623-8823 and we will make the arrangements for a Eucharistic Minister to visit them.

***Initiation Process*:** Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? For more information contact Sr. Carol Martin 623-8823.

Pastoral Center 623-8823

Our Full-Time Pastoral Staff

Rev. Francis P. Morin
Administrator
Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.
Parochial Vicar
Gail Gould
Pastoral Life Coordinator
Noreen Hare
Business Manager
Anthony Cipolle
Seminarian
Peggy Contreras
Administrative Assistant
David Desjardins
Property Manager
Joseph Kus
Sexton

Our Part-Time Pastoral Staff

Joan Callahan
Faith Formation
Anthony Dumont
Sexton
Marla Duperry
Music Ministry Coordinator
Lisa Frost
Bookkeeper
Angela Goulette
Middle and High School Youth Ministry Coordinator
Sarah Handy
Faith Formation
Karen Jones
Faith Formation
Sr. Carol Martin
Faith Formation, Initiation Coordinator
Doreen Mason
Bulletin Editor
Fr. William Modlin
Retired
Rev. Mr. Walter Foster
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Lewis
Deacon

Registering as a Parishioner: Please call 623-8823 or visit the Pastoral Center at 24 Washington Street in Augusta to register as a member of our parish.

Pastor's Corner:

Is it a school with a parish, or is it a parish with a school?

It is a good question, because our parish communities have a mandate from the Gospel to preach the good news. Moreover, that is exactly what a good Catholic school does. It is another one of the ministries of a parish: to educate well-rounded individuals in Gospel values, preparing those young individuals to take their eventual place in the larger secular community. All the educational efforts of the parish school are focused on the life of faith. That faith is formed in knowledge of the teachings of the Church and of the Gospel, and those qualities are demonstrated through a life of service to the community.

A Catholic school is a community of faith, knowledge, and service, as a ministry of the parish community; and Catholic Schools Week provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on whether we have "a school with a parish, or a parish with a school," and make sure our parish school is living its mandate from the Church.

Our Prayer & Worship

PLEASE NOTE: If St. Michael School is cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather, morning Mass at all worship sites of St. Michael Parish will be canceled. The Pastoral Center will also follow the same cancellations and delays as St. Michael School. Please watch WCSH6 for these announcements. Thank you.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, January 24

4:00 pm **St. Augustine–**Deceased members of the Castonguay Family requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Toulouse
4:00 pm **St. Francis–**Russell Cotnoir Sr. requested by his wife Sylvia
4:00 pm **St. Joseph–**Irenee Doyon requested by his wife Lorraine Doyon

Sunday, January 25

7:00 am **St. Mary–**Dorothy Ann Murphy Smith requested by Ralph & Marie Ardito
9:00 am **St. Francis–**Daniel Cammack requested by Holson & Pauline McDougald
9:00 am **St. Joseph–**John S. Van Summern requested by Matilda "Til" Van Summern & Family
9:30 am **St. Mary–**Evelyn Kirschner requested by her husband Vincent Kirschner
11:00 am **St. Augustine–**Robert Bennett requested by Don & Priscilla Duplessis
11:00 am **St. Denis–**Parishioners of St. Michael
11:00 am **Sacred Heart–**Richard Z. Bourdon requested by Peter & Ann Swasey

WEEKDAY
Monday, January 26

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Alphonsine Lachance requested by her daughter Rita
8:30 am **St. Joseph–**David Moreshead requested by his mother Janice Moreshead

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Richard Breton requested by Gerard & Yvette Rouleau

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Bruce Carter requested by Terry McManus
8:00 am **St. Francis–**Nathaniel Crosby requested by Lila Sciuk & Family

Thursday, January 29

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Richard Maheux requested by Lorraine

Friday, January 30

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Richard Breton requested by Don, Kitty & Monica White
8:30 am **St. Joseph–**Charles Flynn requested by Mert & Julie Hickey

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER NEEDED

We are in need of a sign language interpreter who would be willing to be at one of the Masses each weekend of our parish to provide sign language. If you can do this for us, please call Gail at the Pastoral Center (623-8823).

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, January 31

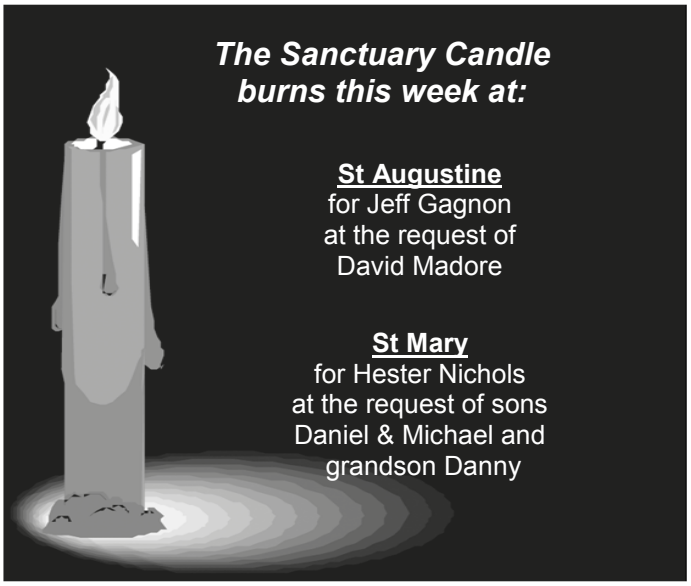
4:00 pm **St. Augustine–**Alphonse Paré requested by Jeannine Paré & Family
4:00 pm **St. Francis–**Jocelyn Bachand requested by Sylvia Cotnoir
4:00 pm **St. Joseph–**Louis & Rita Gregoire requested by son Gerard Gregoire

Sunday, February 1

7:00 am **St. Mary–**Dorothy Ann Murphy Smith requested by Joan Moore
9:00 am **St. Francis–**Gary Chadburn requested by Denise & Brian Ketchen
9:00 am **St. Joseph–**Dorothy McKenna requested by Mary & Grace Thornton
9:30 am **St. Mary–**Parishioners of St. Michael
11:00 am **St. Augustine–**Arthur, Mary & Bryant Bonsant & Roy requested by Roger Jean
11:00 am **St. Denis–**Cesidio & Amelia Paglia requested by their Son
11:00 am **Sacred Heart–**Ron Sawyer requested by The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild

MUSICIAN NEEDED

St. Michael Parish is in need of an organist for St. Joseph Church to play on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the 9:00a.m. Mass. Please call Gail at the Pastoral Center if interested.



Book Signing

Saturday February 7, 2015 10:00 am until 2:00 pm Book Signing with Susan Conroy: Featuring her two new books, Coming to Christ: Resting in his Love, @ $14.95 & **A Legacy of Love:** Personal reflections upon a Kind and Gentle Mother @ $55. **The Abbey Catholic Book & Gift Shop ,605 US RTE 1, Dunstan Corner, Scarborough, Maine. Prepaid orders prior to February 1st, receive a 5% discount, call to reserve a copy #885-5813.**

Also

Saturday February 14, 2015 10:00 am until 2:00 pm Book Signing with Fred Prince: Featuring his new book, A Journey with the Holy Spirit @ $12.95. **The Abbey Catholic Book & Gift Shop, 605 US RTE 1, Dunstan Corner, Scarborough, Maine. Prepaid orders prior to February 1st, receive a 5% discount, call to reserve a copy #885-5813.**

ST. FRANCIS SERVERS: New schedules (February-March) are in the sacristy for those who have not received an email copy. A list of Lectors, Ministers of Communion and Altar Servers, for use in obtaining replacements, is included on the back. Please pick up one per family. If you are a server and would like to receive a copy of schedules by email, contact Ralph & Dotty Cornette at RalDot@cornette.net

OUR PRAYER LIST

Julie & Abigayle, Lizzy Abney, Ray Albert, Victoria Armengol, Priscilla Arsenault, Richard Bartlett, Sara Bear, Raymond Beaulieu, Jean Bechard, Kenneth Bechard, Pauline Bechard, Tyler Berry, John Bobrowiecki III, Eleanor Boettger, Insuk Bolduc, Leroy Bosworth, Wyatt Boynton, Shirley Brodeur, Arthur Bubier, Julie Bubier, Mary Burns, Tim Burns, Marie Castonguay, Liane Chapman, Katie Chavie, Tom Child, Joseph Clavet, Michael Cody, Elma Courtenay, Rose Couture, Angela Crocker, Albert Cushing, Cambry Cutter, Earl Daniels, Gary Davala, Frank and Louise DeAlba, Sera Delgado, Marie Dostie, Armand J Douin, Paula Douin, Elizabeth Dumoulin, Fernand Dumoulin, Jacho Dumoulin, Bill Dunn, Michele Dunn, Bob Dunn, Larry Eaton, Steve Eiselstein, Ralph Elwell, Peter Evans, Collette Farrell, Zac Fenwick, Bill Fleming, Kaylee Fortier, Paula Fortin, Todd Fowler, Avery Garrison, Germaine M Gilbert, Norman E Gilbert, Si Gilbert, Linda Giles, Viola Gimount, David Giroux, Raymond Gosselin, Shawn Gosselin, Ray Gotreau, Katherine Gray, Tim Greenleaf, Carmelle Gregoire, Paul Guimond, Jason Harris, Luke Hussey Amber Irish, Abby Isakson, Helen Jenner, David Johnson, Nancy Grover Jordan, Denise Ketchen, Barbara Kimball, Gail King Jr, Kathy Kluzak, Cindy Knight, Cecile Lachance, Leo LaChance, Brian Lajoie, Mary Lambert, Bernice LaMontagne, Maxine Lamontange, Lauretta, Jamie Levesque, Samantha Lewis, the Lewis Family, Kelli Loos, Mike Luce, David Macissac, Helena Martin, Gloria McGuire, Timothy McGuire, Judith McKay, Stephanie Merenda, Crystal Merrill, Dylan Messer, Dorothy Michaud, Linda Mills, Peter Moniz, Ronald Moody, Walter Moody, Jason Morin, Anissa Mort, Maxine Morton, Matthew Neuhaus, Diane Paine, Walter Panek Jr, Donald Pare, Jeannie Pare, Joan Peterson, Korey Pierce, Elaine Pooler, Gilbert R Poulin, Madeleine Poulin, Monica Poulin, Roland & Fanny Poulin, Sue Quirion, Sara Gomez Ramirez, Martha Rancourt, Kathy Record, Billie-Joe Reed, Lynn Richmond, Kevin Robinson,Ann Roes, Angela Rollins, Lucille Rousseau, Rorie Jean Roy, Dr Henry Ryan, Kathy Santerre, Audrey Schmidt, Lila Sciuk, Amanda Scott, Jill Scott, Rudy Scott, Alison Sequin, Michelle Shaw, Mary Sheehan, Jean Sinclair, Joyce Sisto, Susan Slavet, Pete St Amand, Scott Stanchfield, Ginny Stark, Elizabeth Sullivan, Anne Marie Thomas, Katherine Thomas, Stacey Thorndike, Sharon Thorso, John Vansummern, Gloria Vellieux, Rita Violette, Florence Vogt, Eleanor "Ellie" Walker, Sherri Watson, Brent Williams, Emma Grace Willis, Shelia White, the Whitman Family, Lisa Whitmore **PLEASE CALL THE PASTORAL CENTER at 623-8823 TO LET US KNOW WHEN TO REMOVE A NAME FROM THE LIST**

February Retreats at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center:

Hope that Endures – Hope that Sustains ~ Feb. 6-8, 2015, w/ Marguerite Stapleton.

Does the story that I am telling with my life include hope? Do I believe that hope lies in the memory of God's previous generosity? Where do we find hope today? How do we retrieve hope if we lose it? This retreat will explore these questions while celebrating hope's power to transform our world and our lives. Cost: $180.00

Growing Strong in Broken Places ~ Feb. 13-15, 2015, w/ Beverley Fournier, MA.MTS,M.Div.

Broken relationships such as those that come from divorce, separation, family breakdowns, loss of friendships and losses through illness or death can leave us weak and vulnerable. Through the poser of Scripture, prayer and reflective sharing, we will seek to embrace the transforming love of God in the midst of our brokenness and allow Him to make us strong once again. Cost: $180.00

FMI and to register, call 284-5671 or visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org

Cook Needed-

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool, ME is looking for an experienced cook to work in our kitchen. Flexibility is important. Please e-mail your resume to presmaryhrresumes@yahoo.com or contact Claire Breton, Human Resources Manager at (978) 682-5135 if you interested in hearing more about this position.

OUR DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Temporary change of time—January 11-February 15

Sundays	**4:15 pm-5:15 pm**	**St. Monica Chapel**
Wednesdays	8:30 am-9:30 am	St. Francis
Fridays	12:00 pm-1:00 pm	St. Monica Chapel
First Friday	10:00 am-5:00 pm	St. Monica Chapel
	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	St. Denis
Communion Services		
Tuesdays	6:00 p.m.	St. Joseph
Rosary		
Mon & Wed	7:30 a.m.	St. Francis
Mondays	6:00 p.m.	St. Monica Chapel
Mondays	6:30 p.m.	St. Francis

Prayer Petitions –

Sacred Heart – Contact Tom or Laura Bourque at 242-6245 or 242-6244 or email them at coachbourque@hotmail.com.

St. Augustine and St. Mary – Petition baskets are located at both entrances of the church. These petitions are placed in the monthly bulletin for our Minister of Praise.

St. Francis Xavier – Please call at 623-8823 to have someone added to the prayer list.

St. Joseph – Basket on the offertory table near water font.

St. Denis – Please call Jim Dailey at 549-5518 or email him at jbdcarp@aol.com

Prayer Chain – Do you know someone who needs the power of prayer in their life? You can have them put on the prayer chain by calling 626-0133

Our Faith Formation

Nothing produces a healthy and holy family with more ease than giving God a place in your family life. Sunday Mass is a gift you give your children and a pattern that is imprinted on their hearts. American Catholic/Faith Formation Update

MSYE Winter Event
January 31st
9:00am-6:00pm

GET AIR

St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Cost: $30.00
RSVP before January 26
FMI, contact Angela Goulette 623-8823
angela.goulette@portlanddiocese.org
Open to all Middle School Youth

Evangelization Corner

"As we reflect on our brief and precious lives, let us also remember that they are but a transition to a long and blissful eternity. Teresa of Avila encourages us, 'Remember you only have one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one glory, which is eternal. If you do this, there will be a great many things about which you care nothing'."

– Matthew Kelly, ***Rediscover Catholicism***

"Pope Francis and the New Evangelization" – Fr. Robert Barron
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh6LiYbIZ3I

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2015

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	**Sts. Timothy and Titus**—2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	**St. Angela Merici—**Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	**St. Thomas Aquinas**—Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	**St. John Bosco**—Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

You Can Understand the Bible!

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for ***A Quick Journey Through the Bible,*** beginning the week of February 22. By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow closer to Christ.

The study will include a series of eight, half-hour videos, presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. Everyone who participates will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline Chart*, as well as a Bible study workbook.

Registration will begin soon. For more information, call Gail at the Pastoral Center (623-8823).

What IS Evangelization, anyway?

St. Michael Parish symposium on the New Evangelization with Don Smith:

Six free sessions, come to as many as you like. No registration necessary, just come by and see what it's about. See you there!

Sundays, January 11 – February 15 2:00 – 3:30 pm

At St. Joseph Church, Gardiner:
January 11, What is a Disciple
January 18, What is the New Evangelization
January 25, What is my role in the New Evangelization

At St. Michael School gym, Augusta:
February 1, How can I share my faith journey effectively
February 8, How can I "make disciples" as Jesus commanded?
February 15, What does an evangelizing parish look like?

Parish Lenten Mission Retreat
Save the dates!!

Our Parish Lenten Mission Retreat will be March 9, 10, 11, 2015. We are asking ***ALL*** parish groups not to hold **any** meetings during that week. We would like all parishioners to be free to attend if they choose. More information to come.

Gospel Faith Sharing

Come join us for Faith Sharing as we discuss and share the Word of God for the following weekend. How is this Word of God helping me to live a better Christian life? We meet at 3 PM Wednesdays at the Pastoral Center. For more information contact Sr. Carol- 623-8823 or carol.martin@portlanddiocese.org

Our Parish Social & Service Groups

Augusta Ultreya
Wine & Cheese Party

Our next Ultreya will be on January 27, the fourth Tuesday of the month, at St. Monica Hall at 7:00 p.m. We will be having a wine and cheese party and all Cursillistas and guests are welcome. Please join us for this special evening.

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Join us Sunday, January 25
for an afternoon of fun.
Games of Whist at
St. Augustine Hall
Lunch opens at 12:30; Games l:
Proceeds are part of Ladies of S
Anne donations to the parish.

Benefit Breakfast

Sunday, February 15 8 a.m.
St. Francis Church Hall

to benefit Nelson and Sherry Lavigne who lost their home and all their furnishings in a fire a few days before Christmas. Many of you know Nelson who is very helpful at his job at the Winthrop Transfer Station. Breakfast is $15 for families or $7 for adults and $3 for children under 12. If you have any questions or you would like to make a donation please call Liz King 377-8874 or Joe Cook 446-7433. God Bless.

St. Michael Men's Club at Augusta

The St. Michael Men's Club at Augusta meets on the third Thursday of the month (February 19) at 5:30 p.m. in St. Monica Hall.

Looking for more prayer in your life?

CARMELITES ARE PRAYers

Join the Lay Carmelite Community at St. Monica the second Thursday of every month from 6-8 pm and we will give you the tools to lead a contemplative life. For more info call Winthrop, HELEN 377-2732; Augusta, RACHEL 621-1791; Gardiner, GERALDINE 582-6618.

Rivier Gathering

Thursday, February 12th, 1:00 p.m. at the residence of Julie and Don Brawn. Theme: The Eucharist

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Denis Church Hall
Council 1423, Gov. Kavanagh Council monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

St. Michael Pastoral Center
Fr. John Anderson Council #11543 meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center Lower Level Meeting Room.

Gardiner K of C Hall
Canabas Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The council hall is located on Spring St., Gardiner.
Canabas Assembly # 348 of the 4th Degree meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The council hall is located on Spring St., Gardiner.

St. Monica Chapel / Hall
Abnaki Council#334 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica Hall.
Abnaki Assembly of the 4th Degree meets on the 2nd Tuesday September through June at 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica Hall.

Our Social Justice & Peace Opportunities

Augusta Food Bank Update

In 2014 on average we have had 382 requests per month feeding 911 people. One week's worth of groceries is given to help make ends meet. We have given over 1000 Kids Packs when kids are out of school. We serve Augusta and Manchester residents. We have one employee and more than 80 volunteers. Thank you for your continued support. Much needed items: tuna fish, soups, and canned fruit.

Chrysalis Place — Gardiner Food Center

Please help us with your donations to continue this ministry. We are looking mostly for canned goods- peanut butter, tuna and vegetables. There is a basket in the back of St. Joseph Church for these collections. Thank you and God bless

Hallowell Food Bank

Needed Items: Soups, pasta & sauce, canned fruits & veggies, peanut better, canned tuna, ham and chicken, paper products, detergents & fabric softeners and personal care items. Items may be dropped off in the basket at Sacred Heart Church. Call Jack Walsh at 333-0947 for more information.

Winthrop Food Pantry

Please Remember: Winthrop Food Pantry Donation Basket in entrance of St. Francis Xavier Church. We can always use peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, pasta and pasta sauces, in addition to personal care products. Ministerial representative: Jeanne Codere 685-3527. Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

St. Denis/Whitefield Food Pantry

The St. Denis/Whitefield Food Pantry is located at St. Denis Hall and is open the first Friday of every month from 1-3 pm. We rely heavily on food donations by individuals and businesses in the community. Every dollar raised enables us to purchase $8 worth of food. Call us at 582-2684 to inquire about volunteer opportunities and to arrange drop-off times for food donations.

Donation Center

The Donation Center is in need of large pieces of furniture such as tables, chairs, sofas, bed frames, bureaus, etc. We also need sheet sets, dishes, and blankets. For more information or to donate, please call Shirley Rocque at 622-5172.

Angel Food Suppers

Free Saturday Suppers in Augusta— 5 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Pleasant St.—1st Saturday of the month

South Parish Congregational Church, State and Church Sts.—2nd Saturday of the month

Green St. Methodist Church—3rd Saturday of the month

Penny Memorial Baptist Church, Water St.—4th Saturday of the month

ST. MICHAEL PARISH DISMAS PRISON MINISTRY

January 25th—Frank Ober, Marian Barker, Connie Pomerleau

For more information contact Frank Ober 549-5103.

Something Sweet for Valentine's Day from CRS: Fair Trade Chocolate & Coffee

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. By purchasing CRS Fair Trade Products, we promote the dignity of work through fair wages to native producers so they can maintain their livelihood.

On the weekend of **FEBUARY 7 & 8, Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee** will be available for sale after Masses at St. Francis Church and after the 9 AM Mass at St. Joseph and the 9:30 AM Mass at St Mary. Please plan to try Heavenly Fair Trade Coffee and Divine Chocolate. Your purchase helps the poor and vulnerable in all parts of the world.

Army Lt. Col. Heidi Baird, MT1/SS Jason Bergeron, Ens. Joshua Bergeron, Lt. Col Richard Bickel, MD, Helena Blake, Lt. John Bobrowiecki III, Daniel Bolin, Army Specialist Wade Breton, Lt. Dave Bundy, SSgt. Derrick Crosby, Lt. Adam d-Ambra, PFC Colby Dufresne, WO2 Joe Emery, Nick Emery WO1, Staff Sgt. Eric Hachey, Master Sargent Stephen Hanley, Brett Hornecker, PFC James Hubert, Lt. Rachel Hudson, Army Spc. Nicholas Lachapelle, Michael Layne, Army EOD, Sgt. Daniel Mowatt, George O'Keefe, Jr., Gregory Perkins, Lt. Col. Richard R. Rouleau, Lt. Col. Robert Rouleau, Pvt. 2nd Class Joshua Roy, Lt. Morgan Spiliotis, PFC Walter Sims, Sgt. Kevin Townley, Sgt. Scott Turgeon, Army Specialist Brandon Vashon, Lance Corp. Daniel Welch, USMC, Capt. Andrew Zikowitz

S.E.A.R.C.H.

(Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope)
A program of Catholic Charities

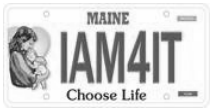
SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The opportunity is knocking at YOUR door!

You can make a difference by investing a few hours a week to an isolated senior through a friendly visit, a ride to the grocery store, or a phone call. If you are interested in becoming a ***volunteer*** or FMI please contact the SEARCH program- Lynn Kidd (207)551-6997/ lkidd@ccmaine.org.

Open Arms Pregnancy Center

Pat Bonney from the Open Arms Pregnancy Support Center in Augusta will be here on Sunday, February 8th directly after the 9:30 am Mass to share information about the center and what they do. If you have never been or don't know what they do, it will be the perfect opportunity to find out! She will also answer your questions - we invite you to stay for an extra 10 minutes. We would love to have your support!



A pro-life license plate on Maine's roads has the potential to be the most effective pro-life message in the state. Choose Life Maine, Inc. wants to qualify a pro-life license plate in Maine, following in the footsteps of 29 other states. A Choose Life Maine specialty license plate will also provide a source of annual financial support to Maine's Pregnancy Support Centers. To qualify a specialty license plate for Maine's roads we need to pre-sell 2,000 license plates. You can help by placing an order with Choose Life Maine. For more information, please call us at 622-0953 or visit us on the web at www.MeChoose-Life.org.

Lost and Found

Each church has a lost and found box. If you have lost something or find a lost item at church please ask the Sacristan where the box is.

Welcome to our Parish Family!

The following child was baptized recently in St. Michael Parish: **Alex Mathew.** May God's love and blessings be with you and your family!

✝ STEWARDSHIP ✉

God never asks more of us than we have.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY OFFERING

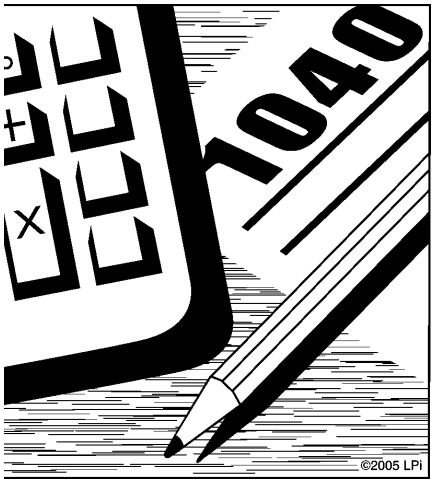
Thank you for your generosity!

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday collection totals will be posted in the next bulletin.

Second Collection

To learn more, visit *www.usccb.org* (search "Church in Latin America")

This weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.



If you need a copy of your contributions to St. Michael Parish please call Peggy at 623-8823.

Our School

In the Spirit of the Catholic tradition, united by Christ's love, St. Michael School's mission is to educate, nourish, develop and inspire the body, mind and spirit of its students and staff.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, Jan 25th - Saturday, Jan 31st

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the Unites States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2015 is January 25 – 31. Schools typically observe National Catholic Schools Week with Masses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value of Catholic education provides our young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. St. Michael School will celebrate with the following activities:

- Students and staff will kick off their celebration at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Mary Church
- Chili Cook-Off and Pot Luck Lunch
- Bowling for grades 1 - 8
- Bingo for grades Pre-K - 8
- Bishop Deeley will visit students in their classrooms
- All students will enjoy fun winter crafts and activities
- DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Time for all students
- Junior High Spelling Bee
- Outdoor Person Dress Down Day for all students
- Presentation by Mike Lecompte (former Auburn fire fighter) for grades 4-8 – Mr. Lecompte recounts experiences of his five month hike on the Appalachian
- Children's Discovery Museum for grades Pre-K - K
- National Appreciation Day for Catholic School Teachers Faculty Breakfast hosted by the Parent Association
- Mismatch Dress Down Day for all students
- Author and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Barbara Walsh, visits with all students
- Pep rally for the basketball teams with a school-wide cheer competition
- Donations for the Augusta Food Bank will be collected throughout the week and will be tallied on Friday at a school-wide assembly then presented to an Augusta Food Bank Representative.

The Augusta Food Bank was established in 1981 to provide a supplemental source of food to individuals and families in need. They now serve an average of 350 households each month for residents of Augusta and Manchester.

St. Michael School is grateful to all our parents, grandparents, families and friends for all that is done to help make our school an outstanding Catholic School in Central Maine.

We truly have much to celebrate!

We have established a **St. Michael School Endowment Fund** through the Catholic Foundation of Maine. For information on how to support this Fund, please call Elizabeth Badger at the Bishop's office in Portland at (207) 773-6471.

St. Michael School Scholarships

Supporting the school in memory of someone who was dedicated to the mission of Catholic Schools is a meaningful way to keep their memory alive while contributing to the education of a child.

The ***St. Michael School Annual Fund*** allows us to strengthen our existing programs, fund future initiatives, and provide scholarships for families in need.

_____ **Yes, I want to support the *St. Michael School Annual Fund***

The ***Chrisanne Burns Scholarship Fund*** was established in 1993 and has benefited many students. St. Michael School is grateful to the Burns family for making these funds available to aid with tuition for families in need.

_____ **Yes, I want to support the *Chrisanne Burns Scholarship Fund.***

A check for $_____ is enclosed.

___ In Honor of _____

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Name: _____

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I am an Alumni of:

❑ St. Augustine School ❑ St. Mary School

Class of _____

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