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

May 3, 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 6:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center

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

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Touching Lives, Changing Hearts.
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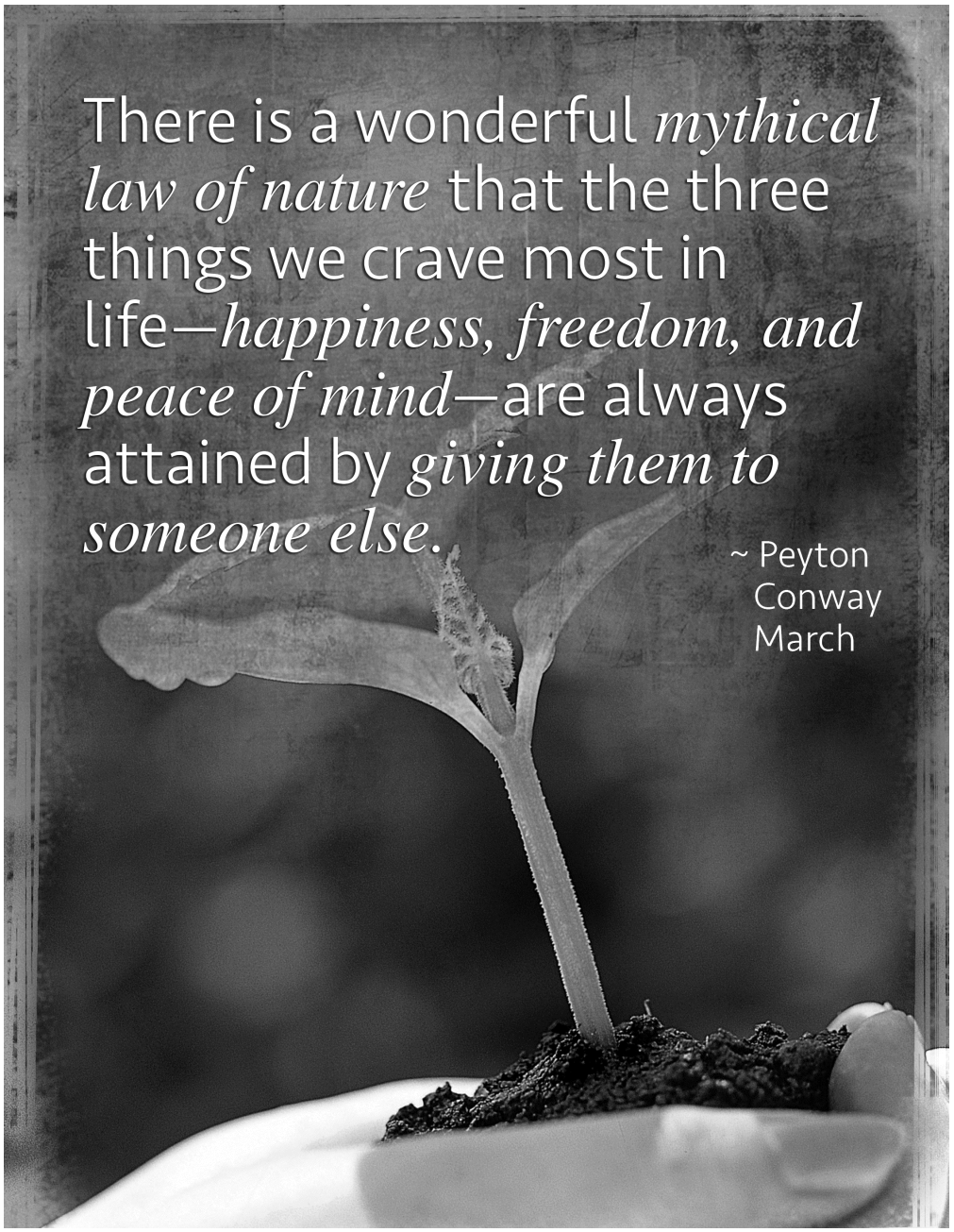

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." — Jn 15:1-2

DIOCESE OF PORTLAND
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

As I enter my second year as your Bishop, I am overwhelmed with your gracious response receiving me into your church. I also want to offer you my sincere gratitude for your generous commitment to the Catholic Appeal each year.

We have been especially blessed, and I am deeply grateful that, for the first time in several years, we were not only able to meet but to exceed our goal for the 2014 Appeal! This is wonderfully exciting to me! It reminds me every day of your abiding faith and your commitment to continuing the vital work of our church in Maine.

Thank you, and may God bless your generosity.

Now it is with great hope that I seek your support for the 2015 Catholic Appeal. When you make your gift to the Appeal, you allow your spiritual light to shine beyond your parish community to the entire diocesan community. You help to continue, to sustain, and to build great works of charity, justice and evangelization. And, you help to ensure that no one in need is deprived of Christ's compassionate help. Your gift helps to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of countless men, women and children across the great state of Maine by funding 19 ministries and programs, including:

- Catholic schools and college campus outreach,
- Hospital chaplaincy and services for the elderly and infirmed,
- Catholic Charities and its work in our statewide community,
- Hispanic and Native American Ministries and more!

So I look to you for your continued generosity to the 2015 Catholic Appeal.

Growing together in love, we will bring the message of Jesus and His joy to all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert P. Deeley

Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D.
Bishop of Portland

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Our Prayer & Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm **St. Augustine–**Richard Breton requested by Don & Julie Brawn
4:00 pm **St. Francis–**Robert Letourneau requested by Dave & Evon Letourneau
4:00 pm **St. Joseph–**Sam & Anna (Martin) Ware requested by Teresa & Dan Mahns

Sunday, May 3

7:00 am **St. Mary–**Gracia Fortin requested by Jean-Paul & Rita Fortin
9:00 am **St. Francis–**Robert Larsen requested by his wife Donna
9:00 am **St. Joseph–**
9:30 am **St. Mary–**Ida Bouchard requested by her son Richard Parent
11:00 am **St. Augustine–**Parishioners of St. Michael
11:00 am **St. Denis–**Bob & Arolyn Antognoni requested by Al Parker
11:00 am **Sacred Heart–**Philibert & Blanche Allaire requested by Anita & Margueritte

WEEKDAY
Monday, May 4

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Ludger Giroux requested by Louise Whitten
8:00 am **St. Francis–**Nathaniel Paradis requested by Madeleine Poulin & Mary & David Betts
8:30 am **St. Joseph–**Lottie & Rosaire Poulin requested by niece Louise

Tuesday, May 5

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Valeda Quirion requested by daughter Jeanne
8:00 am **St. Francis–**Robert Letourneau requested by Susan Urquart

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Andy Lacasse requested by the Family
8:00 am **St. Francis–**John Ault requested by Liz & Gary King

Thursday, May 7

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Louis Groleau requested by Don Masse
8:00 am **St. Francis–**Olevine Rouleau requested by daughters Therese, Arlene & Jeannette

Friday, May 8

7:30 am **St. Augustine–**Joseph & Evelyn Paridis requested by Lucille & Jean-Luc Veilleux
8:30 am **St. Joseph–**

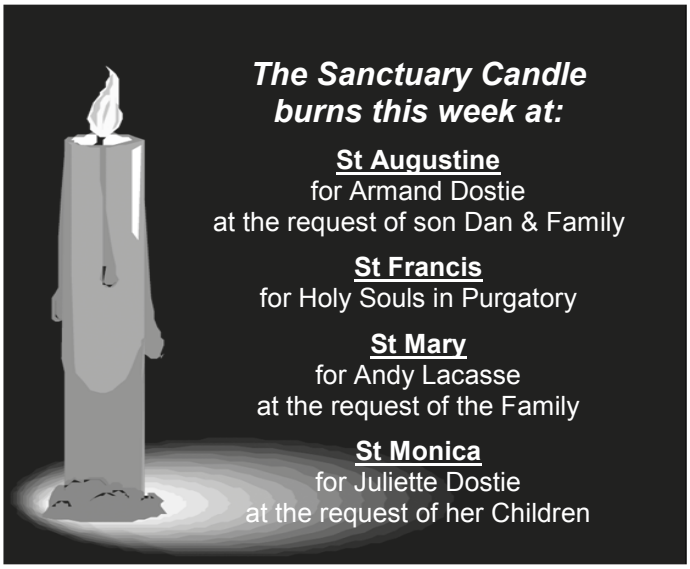
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 9

4:00 pm **St. Augustine–**Liette Allen requested by Jerri Whitman & Family
4:00 pm **St. Francis–**Gus Cloutier requested by Greg & Ann Jolda
4:00 pm **St. Joseph–**Pauline Morin requested by Emile & Gisele Morin

Sunday, May 10

7:00 am **St. Mary–**Armand Dostie requested by his wife Diane
9:00 am **St. Francis–**Nate Crosby requested by Phil & Jean McSweeney
9:00 am **St. Joseph–**Parishioners of St. Michael
9:30 am **St. Mary–**Evelyn Kirschner requested by her husband Vincent Kirschner
11:00 am **St. Augustine–**Julienne Rodrigue requested by Harry & Pauline McKenney
11:00 am **St. Denis–**Leonette Richardson requested by Gigi & Don Hutchinson
11:00 am **Sacred Heart–**Deceased Mothers of Sacred Heart requested by Sacred Heart Ladies Guild

MASS INTENTIONS: The offering for Mass Intentions is $10. We strive to accommodate requests for Mass Intensions, however, due to changing Mass schedules, Mass Intentions may have to be moved. We appreciate your patience and understanding. The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for deceased loved ones is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. In our Parish there are many requests for Mass intentions, as a way to allow as many as possible, please be mindful of the limited number of Mass times available.



Evangelization Corner

More from our quotable Pope Francis:

"We should not simply remain in our own secure world, that of the ninety-nine sheep who never strayed from the fold, but we should go out with Christ, in search of the one lost sheep, however far it may have wandered."

"Allow yourselves to be surprised by God. Don't be frightened of surprises. They shake the ground from under your feet, and they make us unsure. But they move us forward in the right direction. Real love leads you to spend yourselves in life. [Even with the risk of finishing with your hands empty].

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

St. Monica Chapel, 5 Kendall St., Augusta, Every 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month. April through December

6:30-7:00 pm Rosary
7:00-8:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Come renew your connection to the Holy Spirit through prayer and fellowship.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Julie & Abigayle, Lizzy Abney, Ray Albert, Victoria Armengol, Donna Armstrong, Priscilla Arsenault, Brayden Austin, Richard Bartlett, Sara Bear, Nicole Beaudoin, Raymond Beaulieu, Jean Bechard, Kenneth Bechard, Pauline Bechard, Lou Bernier, Tyler Berry, John Bobrowiecki III, Eleanor Boettger, Insuk Bolduc, Leroy Bosworth, Wyatt Boynton, Shirley Brodeur, Arthur Bubier, Julie Bubier, Wayne Bumford, Sr., Mary Burns, Tim Burns, Marie Castonguay, Liane Chapman, Katie Chavie, Tom Child, Joseph Clavet, Lucille Cloutier, 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, Patricia Dube, Elizabeth Dumoulin, Fernand 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, Linda Giles, Viola Gimount, David Giroux, Raymond Gosselin, Shawn Gosselin, Ray Gotreau, Katherine Gray, Tim Greenleaf, Carmelle Gregoire, Paul Guimond, Mary Harrington, Jason Harris, Luke Hussey Amber Irish, Abby Isakson, Connie Jacques, Helen Jenner, David Johnson, Josh, Nancy Grover Jordan, Denise Ketchen, Barbara Kimball, Gail King Jr, David Kluzak, Kathy Kluzak, Cindy Knight, Cecile Lachance, Brian Lajoie, Lois Lajoie, Mary Lambert, Bernice LaMontagne, Maxine Lamontange, Lauretta, Diane Leonard, 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, Alberta Messier, Dorothy Michaud, Linda Mills, Peter Moniz, Ronald Moody, Walter Moody, Jason Morin, Anissa Mort, Maxine Morton, Matthew Neuhaus, Suzanne Olmstead, Diane Paine, Walter Panek Jr, Donald Pare, Jeannie Pare, Joan Peterson, Korey Pierce, Elaine Pooler, Gilbert R Poulin, Louisa Poulin, Madeleine Poulin, Monica Poulin, Roland & Fanny Poulin, Sue Quirion, Yvette Quirion, Sara Gomez Ramirez, Lynn Richmond, Kevin Robinson, Ann Roes, Angela Rollins, Madelien Rouillar, 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, Steve Veilleux, Rita Violette, Florence Vogt, Eleanor "Ellie" Walker, Sherri Watson, Mason Dupius Wild, 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**

Questions Catholics ask

TEACHING AND EVANGELIZATION

JESUS' APPEARANCE in the gospel story combines both teaching—"he opened their minds to understand the scriptures"—and mission: repentance and forgiveness through Christ. Teaching, or "catechesis," and mission, or "evangelization," are distinct but related tasks in the church.

Catechesis is basically religious education. Rooted in the Greek word for "echo," it involves learning the "faith facts" that enable us to speak meaningfully about what we believe. But catechesis is not only about transferring information from one generation of the church to the next. We need to echo the faith of our mothers and fathers in a spirit that is awakened, nourished, and developed. Catechesis is a life long process that seeks to deepen the echo of faith so that it reverberates through every corridor of our lives, relationships, and decision-making.

Catechesis, though, can't go anywhere without the work of evangelization. This word also has Greek origins and means "proclaiming good news." We can think of evangelization as creating the spark that ignites the fire and catechesis as the work of tending the flame once it's established. When they work hand in hand, evangelization and catechesis can make saints out of us, bringing us to faith and then to holiness.

—Alice L. Camille
PrepareTheWord.com

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 DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Sundays	6:00 pm-7:00 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

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

VBS 2015

This year we will have our Vacation Bible School **June 22-26**. **This will take place in Winthrop at St. Francis Hall 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be offering a 7:15 a.m. drop-off time for the convenience of working parents. We are using St. Francis Hall this year due to repairs/renovations that will be taking place at our school. The space at St. Francis is perfect for our needs. There is the spacious hall, many rooms and a beautiful outdoor grassy area for our Fun and Games.** Please join us for a fun-filled week of sharing Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts, experiments, and songs; and, for sharing God's love with each other and learning how to live in His love. Please register early as supplies need to be ordered early. We look forward to another great, rewarding, fun week of VBS here at St. Michael Parish. There is a registration fee of **$40.00** that includes a T-shirt, snacks, and other goodies. Registration forms and letters are at the entrances of our churches and will also be sent home with our St. Michael School children and our Sunday Morning Faith Formation children. If you have any questions, please call Gail at the Pastoral Center at 623-8823.

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	**National Day of Prayer**—Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

Christian Initiation

Welcome!

On April 19,
Amanda Bartlett
made her Profession of Faith, received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and become a member of St. Michael Parish Catholic Community.
Also her son Eben Page was baptized.
Let us continue to support them with our thoughts and prayers.

St. Michael Parish is in the planning stage of offering **Bereavement Support** to our parishioners. We would like to have a Bereavement Committee at each of our churches to offer support, guidance, funeral receptions, and much more. If you are interested in this ministry, please call Peter Bourque at 623-5333. Thank you for considering this most important ministry.

Give Us This Day Daily, Prayer for Today's Catholic books are available at the entrances of each of our Churches.

THE VIRTUOUS LIFE
Discernment Retreat

May 15-17, 2015
Christian Life Center, Frenchville, ME

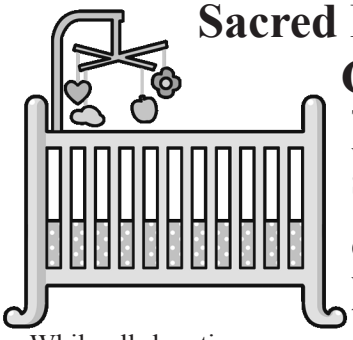
Come join other men who are discerning God's will in their lives for a weekend to pray together and reflect on the virtues that help us grow in holiness! The retreat will be held at the Christian Life Center in Frenchville, ME on the weekend of May 15-17. All Catholic men over 18 years of age who are open to a vocation to the priesthood are most welcome.

Congratulations to **Talitha Gorneau** of St. Michael Parish as she was awarded the **Saint Timothy Award** at the Youth Convention in Rockland the weekend of April 19. The Saint Timothy Award is given by the Diocese of Portland to teens who live as disciples of Christ. Talitha is very involved in High School Youth Ministry at St. Michael Parish and on the Diocesan level, as well as being involved in community outreach. She is a wonderful example of what it means to live as a disciple and follow Jesus.

Our Parish Social & Service Groups

Last Chicken Pie Supper Until Fall

The Gardiner Knights of Columbus will hold their last Chicken Pie Supper until fall season on May 9 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus hall located at 109 Spring Street. Proceeds are to benefit a young man to undergo a liver transplant. The dinner will consist of its usual all white meat chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, dessert and drink. Macaroni and cheese will also be offered as an alternative. The cost is Adults $7.50; children under 12 $3.50; and under 3 free. Takeout is also available. FMI call 582-1497.



Sacred Heart Ladies Guild News

The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will have a baby crib set up at Sacred Heart Church until May 10 to collect items for the Open Arms Pregnancy Center, which aids young mothers in the Greater Augusta area. While all donations are greatly appreciated, there is a special need for disposable diapers and baby wipes.

The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild's next meeting will be Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Hall, where a baby shower for Open Arms will be held. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. In recognition of May as the Month of Mary, the rosary will be recited at the beginning of the meeting.

Bake Sale

The Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage are holding a bake sale at St. Francis before and after all the masses during the weekend of May 9 & 10. All the usual goodies, plus something new!

Help yourself to some good treats, pick up something for Mom as well, and help support the sisters' life of prayer for all people.

Scholarship

The **Ladies of Ste. Anne** are accepting applications for scholarships for students attending their 1st year of college in September. You can contact Julie Brawn at 622-5675 for an application. The deadline for an application is May 31st.

Ladies of St. Anne Society

Sunday, May 3 - 1:30
St. Augustine Church Hall

Honoring one of its member as this year's Mother of the Year. Help us celebrate this year's honoree by attending this special function. Former honorees especially invited. Price for the luncheon is $10. Please call Treasurer Jeanne Fortin at 623-8748 by May 1st to reserve your ticket. Guests are always welcome.

WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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, Warrant Officer Benjamin P. Gregoire, 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, Army Specialist Brandon Vashon, Lance Corp. Daniel Welch, USMC, Capt. Andrew Zikowitz

Rivier Gathering

Thursday, May 14, 1:00 p.m. at the residence of Julie and Don Brawn. Theme: The Eucharist

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella will have their regular meeting at St. Monica Hall at 6:00 p.m. May 4th with a Rosary at 5:30 p.m. A Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center, bring unwrapped items for newborns. Please remember to bring items for the food bank.

Men's Club Ladies Night

On Thursday, May 21 the St. Michael Men's Club at St. Francis is having their famous annual Ladies Night, this being the last meeting of the year. All men are invited along with their wives or significant others. Please call before May 18 to either Joe Presti at 377-3488 or Dick Drapeau at 377-2418.

Our Social Justice & Peace Opportunities

ST. MICHAEL PARISH DISMAS PRISON MINISTRY

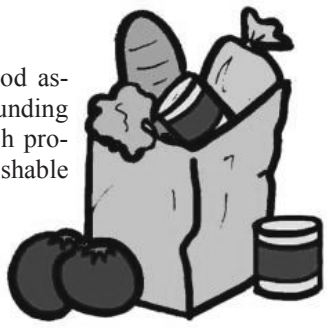
May 10—Rebecca Grant, Rachel Dyer, Joe Lepak
For more information contact Frank Ober 549-5103.

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.

Food Mobile

For those in need of emergency food assistance in Augusta and the surrounding areas there will be a variety of fresh produce, breads, meats and non-perishable items available.



Friday, May 8—10am-12pm
(while supplies last)
7 Willow Street-parking lot across from Augusta City Hall

Please bring your own bags or boxes

Brought to you by Good Shepherd Food-Bank and Augusta Food Bank. Generously sponsored by the Helen and George Ladd Charitable Corporation.

Augusta Food Bank Update

Items most needed: Canned fruit, rice & rice mixes, granola bars, canned tuna, canned soups, clean, recycled plastic bags.
We are also in need of some more volunteers!

- Volunteers to help check in clients when we are open
- Volunteers to stock shelves and assist with retail store pickups
- Volunteers to distribute food to clients when we are open.

If you have any interest in finding out more of offering an hour or two per week please email or call 622-5225.

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.

Walk with Me: The Journey

A faith-based network of women in the Augusta area assisting women released from jail to transition safely and successfully back into the community. Walk with Me: The Journey is a new mentoring program for women coming out of the Kennebec County Jail. It is modeled after the successful mentoring program, My Sister's Keeper, in the Portland area. Too often there is no one to support women in making a successful transition back into the community. They often find themselves repeating the lifestyles that placed them in jail, and may end up back there. Women are invited to learn about the Walk with Me program while still incarcerated, and , if interested , a process begins to match them with a mentor.

To learn more about this program, you are invited to an introductory meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m.at St. Matthew's Episcopal Parish Hall in Hallowell. Parking is off Academy Street.

Come Walk or Run With Us

And help end hunger in our community

Join us for the Maine State Credit Union's Walk and 5K Road Race To benefit Ending Hunger

Saturday, May 9th

8 am—5K 10 am—Walk

Kennebec River Rail Trail
City of Augusta Capitol Park

To join St. Michael Parish Team call Jackie at 622-3474

The Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage would like to thank the wonderful parishioners of St. Michael Parish for their incredible generosity during our recent appeal for our Oratory. We raised over $5,000 dollars! Thank you so much! What a great witness to your faith and your loving generosity. We are so grateful, and we hold all of you in our prayers each and every day.

Is there an ache in your heart?
Not sure why it won't go away?

Could it be that you are suffering from the distress and regret of having had an abortion? If so you are not alone!! There are women in St. Michael Parish who understand the hurt and isolation following an abortion.
To find help and healing, please call or email:

Mary Petrini	Deb Singer
207-446-7567	207-930-0603
mpetrini37@gmail.com	debsinger1@gmail.com

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God will give back to us. The lad who gave his loaves and fishes did not have to go without his dinner.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY OFFERING

2015 Weekly Budgeted Amount — $21,788

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of April 19	**2014**	**2015**
Total Offertory	$18,049	$18,152
Week of April 26	**2014**	**2015**
Total Offertory	$16,593	$17,775
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	$4,020	$3,020

Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend.

The second collection for the weekend of May 10th is for the Building Fund.

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

to a Catholic exchange student from Spain and Germany for the coming 2015-2016 school year

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. It is not too early to apply. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

Howell House on Sewall Street in Augusta is now taking applications for Senior resident apartments. Each private unit includes full kitchen, living/dining room, bedroom and full bath. Also included is a daily, main meal in the community dining room, weekly housekeeping, laundry service for each unit and 24 hour Lifeline emergency response system for safety and well being.
COME AND VISIT FOR A TOUR OF THE FACILITY AND RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION. The address is 44 Sewall Street, Augusta, telephone number is 626-5403 and information is available online: www.thehowellhouse.com
First month is rent-free (offer expires on June 30, 2015).

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.

STEM Club Has Amazing Year

For the first time, St. Michael School had a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) club this year. The STEM Club is a gathering of students that meet weekly in an informal environment to work on inquiry-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Math related activities. They use their knowledge to prepare for the Maine State Science Olympiad competition (see article below) and had a very successful year. Mrs. Dionne was the STEM Club Coach with Ms. Beaudion as Assistant. Thank you both for all of your time & effort!

Maine Science Olympiad

For the past 30 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now a premiere science competition in the nation providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 7,000 teams in 50 states. This was the first year they have high school and middle school competing together and it was St. Michael School's first year ever. Many of our junior high students competed in the Maine Science Olympiad at the University of Southern Maine on Saturday, March 21st. There were 6 middle school teams (St. Michael School, Waynflete, Medomak, Glenburn and Falmouth) and 11 high school teams. Having been our first year, our students didn't know what to expect. Our students rocked the competition! We took home three 1st Place awards, three 2nd Place awards, and one 3rd Place award. Way to go Saints!

Science Fair

Our junior high students participated in the annual Science Fair. Our volunteer judges came to school the morning of Wednesday, March 11th, to listen to the students present their projects. Numbers were tallied and winners were announced that evening during parent viewing. All students did a terrific job with their Science Fair projects. Congratulations to the winners!

Update from ExCEL:

We have kicked off our 2nd annual "It Takes a Parish" pledge campaign. Our goal is $100,000, we are currently at $72,695. All pledge amounts are welcome. Monies raised assist families of St. Michael School who may not be able to attend without your help. Please forward your pledges to the School, attention EXCEL. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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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.

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