

Christ the Divine Mercy Parish
Pastor -Fr. Sefembiy Justin
February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bookkeeper: Gert Campbell

Administrative Assistant: Judy Ouellette

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesday office hours are 9:00 to 12 noon; office is closed to public on Wed. afternoon.

Office is closed on holidays

In Case of an emergency leave a message at this number 531-0280

(Please call the office to arrange the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage.)

Parish Catechetical Leader – Tina McLeod

Faith Formation Office Hours: St. Martin's Worship Site

Monday 9:30-12:30 – Wednesday 1:30-3:30 – Thursday 9:30- 12:30

O.C.I.A. Program - Contact Sharon Darling – 207 447-8426

St. Martin of Tours

19 Colby Street

Millinocket, ME 04462

Saturday 4:00pm -Sunday 3:00pm in the Church

Weekdays – See Mass page

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45pm or by appointment

Followed by The Rosary said in the Church

Before 4:00pm mass

Contact Information: appointment

Church Hall – (207-723-6395)

Thrift Store – (207-723-4513)

Opened Thursdays

Thu. - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Food Pantry

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Open every **OTHER** Wednesday

Check inside bulletin Pantry News for dates

St. Peters Church

58 Cedar Street

East Millinocket, ME 04430

Winter Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:30AM

Weekdays – See Mass page

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tues. Eve. 5 - 6:00pm after 4:30pm Mass or by Appt.

Mailing Contact Information:

Address: PO Box 400

East Millinocket, ME 04430

Parish Office – (207-746-3333)

Fax Line – (207-746-8188)

Office e-mail:

christthedinemercy@portlanddiocese.org

Faith Formation: tina.mcleod@portlanddiocese.org

Website:

www.christthedinemercyparish.org

VISION: A Parish journeying in prayerful humility,
living the Faith through the sacraments in relationship
with our community

MISSION: Connect, love & serve one
another in Christ Jesus.



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH
19 COLBY STREET
MILLINOCKET, MAINE

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning in
Loving memory of brothers Ben & Nate Terrio**
By Aunt Mary Lou

Food Pantry Hours
The Pantry will be opened every other week
from 9:00am to 11:00am.
The next scheduled day(s) the Pantry will be
opened: February 26th

*The food pantry was opened 3 days in January and we
assisted 67 families. Thank you for your continued
support and God bless you.*

Keep watching our bulletin for updates. Thank you.

Thrift Store Hours
**Our business hours are Thursdays
from 10:00am 3:00pm.**

**Come and visit our store and see
what we have to offer.**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025

That writers, artists, and performers may inspire people to
be compassionate, kind, and respectful of each and every
human life from conception to natural death,
we pray to the Lord...

AARP Free Tax Preparation

AARP tax preparation has begun on
Thursdays, at 9:00AM at St. Peter's Parish
Center in East Millinocket and is held every
Thursday at 9:00AM until April 10th.

AARP Tax Prep in Millinocket

AARP Free Income Tax Preparation will be held
at the Millinocket Nazarene Church Fellowship
Hall on Tuesday's at 10:30 -2:00PM in February
only and on Wednesday's from 9:00AM to
2:00PM during February, March and April until
April 9th.

Religious Gift Store at St. Martin's Worship Site

THE RELIGIOUS GIFT STORE at St. Martin
of Tours Church is open before the 4 pm mass on
Saturday evenings. If you would like to meet at another
time, please call Sandra Willard at 723-5033. Thank
you - Sandy.

Donations to the Funeral Luncheon Ministry
*Thank you for your generous donation to the Funeral Luncheon
Ministry.* These donations make it possible to continue this
very important ministry. Thank you for your generosity and
support.

St. Martin of Tours Winter Eucharistic Adoration
Schedule: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Martin of Tours will
be held in the Chapel from 3:00 PM to 4:00PM on
Wednesdays. All are welcome.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in
Houlton and Lincoln for parishioners who may be there and
would like to take advantage of this beautiful Sacrament.

In Houlton, weekly confessions at St. Mary of the
Visitation is held on Sunday at 7:30AM until 7:45AM and
Sunday at 10:00AM until 10:15AM.

In Lincoln, weekly confession at St. Mary's are on
Saturdays at 3:00PM or by appointment by calling 207-794-
6333.

Please note: the Thursday Mass schedule at St. Martin of
Tours on Thursday will remain at 5:30PM until further
notice. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Consoling Hearts Grief Ministry Update

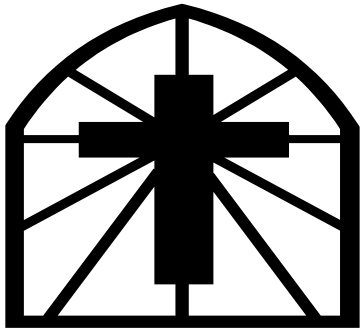
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6 PM at St. Peter's Parish Center. Our theme is St. Joseph,
and our commission has some wonderful things planned.
We hope you will join us as we begin our new series of
Gatherings! Blessings!

***"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted." Matthew 5:4***

A Special Thank You : The Family of David Trainor
would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who
brought food and served at the funeral luncheon. Thank you
for your love, support and prayers.

Pat Trainor and Family

St. Peter's Catholic Church
58 Cedar Street
East Millinocket, Maine



February 23, 2025

The Eucharistic Reservation Light is burning
for an increase in Vocations & Religious Life
by George, Judy & Michelle

February 23, 2025

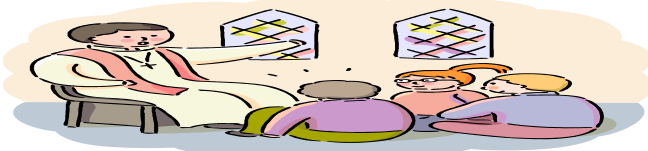
"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you."

Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the
Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or
Via e-mail: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

For those discerning their vocation, that they may embrace Jesus' message of mercy and generosity, finding strength to serve others selflessly as priests, religious brothers and sisters, or through sacramental marriage.

Let us pray to the Lord.



The Lazarus Ministries at St. Peter's and at St. Martin of Tours is looking for persons who are willing to assist families as they prepare for their loved ones' funeral. If interested contact either Francis at 731-4479, Linda 447-1465 and Esther Willette at 746-5210

Emergency Number: Please be aware that should an emergency arise during the weekend, please call 531-0280. This phone number is for emergencies only. Thank you.

Important Notice - Booking of Halls: If you would like to hold an event at either St. Peter's Parish Center or St. Martin of Tours Hall, please contact the office at 746-3333.

The Carmelites meet the 1st Friday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Center from 10 to 12 noon. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact the office at 746-3333.

Homebound Parishioners: If you are homebound or in the hospital and would like a visit from Father, please call the office at 746-3333. He will call you to set up a time for a visit. Thank you and God bless.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) If anyone is interested in learning about our Catholic Faith and would like more info, please call: Sharon Darling at 207 447-8426, Tom Darling at 207 723-8865 or Joshua Darling at 207 731-3532 or call the office at 746-3333 during regular hours.

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Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation

Tuesday at St. Peter's: **Mass 4:30; 5:00PM to 6:00PM** – Rosary, Holy Hour & Confession

Wednesday at St. Martin of Tours' Chapel: 3:00 to 4:00PM - Rosary, Holy Hour

Friday at St. Benedict's: **8-9:00AM Rosary & Adoration** followed by Mass at 9:00AM

The Rosary will be said before all weekday masses and before all weekend Masses

| Location | Time | Mass Schedule |
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Weekly Scripture Readings

Tithing

Week of February 16, 2025

\$1,903.00

898.00

\$ 2,801.00

(Needed for weekly Exp. \$4,200.00)

Collection for 2/23/2025

#1 – Regular

Collection for 3/2/2025

#1 - Regular

Collection for 3/5/2025

Ash Wednesday – Church of Eastern Europe & Solidarity Fund for Africa

Christ the Divine Mercy Parish – Capital Campaign

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| Capital Campaign Goal: | \$400,000.00 |
| Amount raised to date: | 247,576.53 |
| Distributed to date: | 195,644.20 |
| Balance: | \$ 51,932.33 |

Parish Council Members for Christ the Divine Mercy Parish
Don Raymond – Chair Nancy Stanley – Co-chair Sandra Willard - Secretary
Rita Chasse Mike Landry Carol LeVasseur Francis Megno George Ouellette
Edwina Stanley Paryse Thibodeau

Finance Council Members for Christ the Divine Mercy Parish
Kitty St. John – Chair Mike Crowley Eldon Doody
Sharlett Currier Steve Fraser John Doe Sharon Darling Mike Rioux

Community Health and Counseling Services - *Home Health, Hospice and Mental Health Services*

How would you like to make a difference in the lives of others? How would you like to give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name? Matthew 10:42 says "and whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

If you have ever had a loved one on Hospice, you know that it is a stressful time for the family. CHCS hospice is looking for anyone who has an hour a week or 3 hours a month (or any amount of time really, you name your hours) to become a hospice volunteer. We need people willing to perhaps run errands for the family, or bring them groceries, or prepare /buy them a meal, or sit with someone on hospice so the family can take a nap. Sometimes you might walk a dog, or play cards, or look at photos with the client. If you prefer to be "behind the scenes" we could use people in the Lincoln office to file papers etc.

No experience is needed and you get to name what you are willing to do! If you are able to spare a few hours to help a family in need, please see Judy about an application. Any other questions, ***please call Chaplain Cher at 207-356-5469. Please leave a voicemail if you do not reach her.***

Sponsors Needed for OCIA Candidates :The OCIA Team is looking for a person who is willing to sponsor one of our candidates for initiation into the Catholic Church. A sponsor prays for, guides, and encourages a candidate throughout the OCIA process. To fulfill this important role, a sponsor must be a fully initiated Catholic in good standing, who also practices the faith and lives the teachings of the Church. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Sharon, Tom or Joshua Darling, phone 447-8426 or email shardarl@hotmail.com

Special Collection - for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next weekend, March 1st and 2nd, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
FOR VOCATIONS
WITH BISHOP RUGGIERI**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, AT 6PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, OLD TOWN, ME**

Bible Study

The next adult Bible Study will begin on Monday, March 10th at 3:00PM at St. Martin's worship site. The title of the study is "*The Eucharist in Scripture.*"

It is a 6 – week study that will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice and sacrament as understood in the bible from Genesis through Revelation.

If interested in joining in this study, please contact Tina McLeod or Judy at the office as soon as possible so books can be ordered.

Thank you – Tina McLeod - Faith Formation Director



Lay Continuing Education and Formation Endowment Fund

The application process is now open for Lay Continuing Education and Formation Endowment Fund grants. The deadline to submit applications is March 31, 2025.

Established in 2008 and administered by the Catholic Foundation of Maine, the purpose of this fund is to provide grants to current employees and volunteers of parishes, Maine Catholic schools, and diocesan offices to further the education and training related to professional service within the Church. The grants are intended to assist laypeople serving in roles such as pastoral life coordinators, business coordinators, music ministers, catechetical leaders, Catholic school teachers and youth ministers, catechists, etc.

This fund also provides parishes, Maine Catholic schools, diocesan offices, and affiliated organizations of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland with grants to support education, training, and the start-up of new initiatives related to adult faith formation and professional service to the Church. The fund is not intended for the annual budgets of ongoing or recurring programs.

To learn more about the fund, as well as the process for applying, visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/ministries/lay-continuing-education-formation-endowment-fund>



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Initiative

This Lent, your parish community is invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl as Catholic Relief Services celebrates 50 years of the program. CRS Rice Bowl started in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by parishioners to help families facing famine in The Sahel region of Africa. Shortly after, it was adopted by the United States bishops and made an official program of CRS.

At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger for every community around the world—but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation to us to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, your parishioners will learn about families in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are building resilience in the face of adversity and helping their community live healthy lives. CRS Rice Bowl offers a variety of stories, videos and lesson plans so you can help your community discover how our faith calls us to serve our global family. Additionally, 25% of every donation collected stays in our diocese to fight hunger and poverty at home.

Nearly 13,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. are committed to practicing the traditional Lenten pillars of spirituality to help our global family with CRS Rice Bowl. Please consider committing to supporting our sisters and brothers around the world while forming families and faith communities to be missionary disciples.

Here are some easy ways to get started:

- Visit crsricebowl.org/parishes for resources to help integrate CRS Rice Bowl into your faith community, including:
- Plan a time to distribute rice bowls to each member of your parish community. Your pastor can lead the Prayer to Begin Lent—found at crsricebowl.org/parishes—to help your community begin their journey.

If you have any questions about CRS Rice Bowl, please contact Sally Page Barrasso at sally.page@portlanddiocese.org