

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. PAUL<sup>THE</sup> APOSTLE PARISH



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Memorial Mass  
intentions

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Papal Honors  
for Msgr. Frank Murray  
and Msgr. Jean-Paul Labrie

August 29, 2025



Saint Gabriel Church  
Winterport

Saint John Church  
Bangor

Saint Joseph Church  
Brewer

Saint Mary Church  
Bangor

Saint Matthew Church  
Hampden

Saint Teresa Church  
Brewer



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**Boston  
Pops**  
*Holiday Concert*





## Our Parish Churches

### St. Gabriel Church

435 South Main Street  
Winterport, ME 04496

### St. John Church

217 York Street  
Bangor, ME 04401-5442

### St. Joseph Church

531 North Main Street  
Brewer, ME 04412-1219

### St. Mary Church

768 Ohio Street  
Bangor, ME 04401-3165

### St. Matthew Church

70 Western Avenue  
Hampden, ME 04444-0280

### St. Teresa Church

425 South Main Street  
Brewer, ME 04412

## Our Cemetery

### Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery

449 Ohio Street, Bangor, ME 04401

Dave Lindemann, Director/ Ph: 207-947-4322

Office: 768 Ohio Street (at St. Mary Church)

Hours: M/Tu/Th/F 9 am - 2 pm

## Our Parish School

### All Saints Catholic School

Johanna Lake, Principal  
PO Box 1749, Bangor, ME 04402-1749  
ascinfo@allsaintsmaine.org

### St. John Campus (Grades 4-8)

166 State Street, Bangor ME 04401  
207-942-0955

### St. Mary Campus (Pre-K-3)

768 Ohio Street, Bangor ME 04401  
207-947-7063

### The Attic Thrift Shop: Ph (207) 945-5523

54 Cumberland Street, Bangor, ME 04401  
Donations accepted Wed & Sat 10 am - 12 pm  
(unless we fill up sooner)  
Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Our Priests and Deacons

**Pastor:** Msgr. Andrew Dubois

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Nyohnunfon Ndukong Kilian, Rev. Matthew Valles

**Pastoral Life Coordinator:** Deacon Luis Sanclemente

**Hospital Chaplains:** Rev. Michael Adebote, SMA; Rev. Alou Pilizue, SMA

**Deacons:** Deacon Timothy Dougherty, Deacon Michael Whalen

**Retired, living in the parish:** Msgr. Frank Murray, Rev. Roland Nadeau

### St. Paul the Apostle Parish Office

**Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

217 York Street, Bangor ME 04401 • Telephone: 207-217-6740 • Fax: 207-217-6730

**Parish website:** [stpaulbangor.me](http://stpaulbangor.me) • **Email:** [saintpaultheapostleparish@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaultheapostleparish@gmail.com)

**Bulletin Email:** [our.parish.weekly@gmail.com](mailto:our.parish.weekly@gmail.com)

## Mass and Confession Schedule

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday

4:00 pm ..... St. John\*

4:00 pm ..... St. Joseph

#### Sunday

7:00 am ..... St. Mary\*

8:30 am ..... St. Mary\*

8:30 am ..... St. Gabriel

10:30 am ..... St. John\*

10:30 am ..... St. Matthew

1:00 pm (Spanish-3rd Sundays) .. St. Teresa

4:00 pm ..... St. Teresa

\*Live-stream also available: [StpaulBangor.me](http://StpaulBangor.me)  
or [facebook.com/StPaulBangor](https://facebook.com/StPaulBangor)

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday - Friday (daily)

8:30 am ..... St. Mary\*

#### Monday & Friday

5:30 pm ..... St. John\*

#### Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

5:30 pm ..... St. Matthew

#### Wednesday (when school is in session)

8:30 am ..... St. John\*

### Sacrament of Confession

**Saturday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

St. John Church Hall

**Saturday, 3:15 - 3:45 pm**

St. Joseph

**Sunday, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

St. Teresa

**Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

St. Matthew

## Sacramental and Pastoral Care

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office as the birth of your child nears.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office six months to one year in advance of the desired date of your wedding.

### Funeral Arrangements

Please make initial contact with the funeral home, and they will help to coordinate arrangements with the parish.

### Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound

Please call the parish office with the name, condition, address, and phone number of the person in need.

### St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (assisting people in need)

(207) 217-6740;

Email: [saintvindpaul@gmail.com](mailto:saintvindpaul@gmail.com)

### Parish Mass and Prayer Requests

Please contact the parish office.

### Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Please call to make an appointment to speak with a priest or deacon.

### Thinking about a religious vocation?

Please call Father Brad Morin,  
Director of Vocations, at 827-4000.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, September 8

**8:30 am** St. Mary Timothy Whalen by Tim & Kim Achorn

**5:30 pm** St. John Lois Spellman by Sharon & Pam

## Tuesday, September 9

**8:30 am** St. Mary Betty J. Foley by her husband Frank

**5:30 pm** St. Matthew Deceased members of the Shaboski family by their estate

## Wednesday, September 10

**8:30 am** St. Mary Salvatore Garro by Victoria Adams

**8:30 am** St. John In gratitude for the Lay Carmelites by Dcn. Luis & Julie Sanclemente

**5:30 pm** St. Matthew Neil G. (living) by Lucie G.

## Thursday, September 11

**8:30 am** St. Mary Mary Catherine Turner by Mom

**5:30 pm** St. Matthew Young Adult Ministry intentions

## Friday, September 12

**8:30 am** St. Mary Robin Curran by Ken & Julie Morse

**5:30 pm** St. John Mrs. Mary Profita by her estate

## Saturday, September 13

**4:00 pm** St. John Salvatore Garro by Katherine LePari

**4:00 pm** St. Joseph Joseph Bertolaccini by Jack & Loretta Kearns

## Sunday, September 14

**7:00 am** St. Mary Mary Horan by Mark & Mary Lausier & family

**8:30 am** St. Mary Paul Cormier by Germaine & family

**8:30 am** St. Gabriel Carol Jean Frost by Maureen Dillane

**10:30 am** St. John Susan Joy Perrow by Aimee Brooks

**10:30 am** St. Matthew Real Girard by Roger & Bernice Martin

**4:00 pm** St. Teresa Robert Gonyea by Michael & Mary Soucy

## Mass in Spanish • Misa en Español

3rd Sunday monthly, 1:00 pm St. Teresa

Tercer domingo de cada mes a la 1:00

Next Mass: Sunday, Sept. 21/21 de Septiembre

**Cover:** Hundreds gathered at St. John Church on August 29 to honor Msgr. Jean-Paul Labrie and Msgr. Frank Murray, who were both granted the title of Monsignor by Pope Francis, just days before the Pontiff's death. Both have faithfully served the Diocese of Portland for decades. More photos on the parish website: [stpaulbangor.me/photo-albums](http://stpaulbangor.me/photo-albums)

# PARISH HAPPENINGS

## This Week

### Saturday & Sunday, September 6 & 7

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:** Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual **Campaign for People with Special Needs** after all Masses this weekend (September 6-7). Proceeds benefit Penobscot Area Special Olympics, Elizabeth Levinson Center, Camp CaPella, and Pine Tree Camp. Knights will be at church exits after Mass distributing Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. If you prefer, mail a check to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 994, Bangor, Maine 04402-0994, payable to Pine Cone Council 114, Memo: Tootsie Roll Campaign. Donations may also be made using VENMO: @Knights-Columbus-8, Note: Tootsie Roll. Thank you for your support.

### Tuesday, September 9

**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S COUNCIL** will hold its next meeting Tuesday, September 9, 12:00 noon in St. John Church Hall. Guest presenter will be Bonnie Hamm, speaking on her pilgrimage to Rome.

**A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS** will be held Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 pm at St. Mary Church Hall. This class is for anyone planning to volunteer in All Saints Catholic School, with parish children's activities, or Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound.

### Saturday, September 13

**THAT MAN IS YOU!** begins its fall sessions Saturday September 13, 2025, starting with breakfast at 6:30 am in the Hall at St. John. We combine Scripture, solid research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. Welcome, current and new members!

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY** will meet Saturday, September 13 at 9:00 am at St. Mary Church Hall beginning with the Rosary. The group meets monthly on the second Saturday. Lay Carmelites are men and women of faith who share in the mission of the Carmelite Order. For further information about becoming a Lay Carmelite, please call Judy Kimball at 570-5751.

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# PASTORAL CORNER

## Pastor's Perspective: Come to the feast of heaven and earth

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

**T**hank you very much! To everyone who was involved in any way with last Friday's special Mass which conferred papal honors upon Monsignor Frank Murray and Monsignor Jean-Paul Labrie, please know of my heartfelt gratitude. So many people came together to create, under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, a wonderful experience that praised the Lord for the priestly ministry of two former pastors and diocesan priests.

Many individuals approached me to express their awe and appreciation for the amazingly beautiful worship experience and the thoroughly delightful dinner-reception. Of course, I

acknowledged the generosity and sacrifice of everyone who out of faith and love, in both seen and unseen ways, contributed their time and talents to the "success" of this grace-filled evening. I put "success" in quotes because if we glorified God for his abundant goodness to us (e.g., for our life and salvation, for his gifts of Eucharist and priesthood, for his blessing of communion and community, etc.), then it was a "success." Thanks be to God.

Sadly, so many people do not experience communion and community. They feel alone, isolated and ignored; they are marginalized, oppressed and rejected. Too often, they also know emotional and spiritual pain. But it doesn't have to be that way!

As Catholics, we have the precious grace of holding in our hands and receiving in our hearts, the merciful Fount of all healing, hope, and wholeness – Jesus himself. With our brothers and sisters in Christ, we touch and taste the Creator

and Redeemer of the entire universe in a uniquely intimate manner. The Mass is the source from which all graces flow (because it is the saving sacrifice of Christ made present for us) and the summit to which all people are called to come together and be strengthened and nourished on the feast of God's Word and Sacraments.

That is why, at its heart, the essence of the Eucharist has never been about private worship or individualistic devotions. Yes, of course, our central act of worship does evoke a deeply personal experience of prayer because the Lord always speaks to each one of our hearts, to our specific circumstances, to our

own joys and sorrows. But Christ has chosen to act through, with, and in the context of Christian community (his Body, which is the Church). The Mass brings about unity with God (his glorification) and one another (our sanctification). Through the institution of the



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Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for this unity, "I pray not only for them...so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us" (John 17:20-21).

Extend God's offer of gracious hospitality to your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Invite them to "come to the feast of heaven and earth" at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, where communion and community in the Risen Lord is alive and well.

*Peace and blessings/Msgr. Andrew Dubois*

## This Week's Mass Readings

### Monday, Sept. 8, 2025

Reading 1, Micah 5:1-4  
Psalms 13:6  
Gospel, Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

### Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025

Reading 1, Colossians 2:6-15  
Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11  
Gospel, Luke 6:12-19

### Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025

Reading 1, Colossians 3:1-11  
Psalms 145:2-3, 10-13  
Gospel, Luke 6:20-26

### Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025

Reading 1, Colossians 3:12-17  
Psalms 150:1-6  
Gospel, Luke 6:27-38

### Friday, Sept. 12, 2025

Reading 1, 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14  
Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11  
Gospel, Luke 6:39-42

### Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025:

Reading 1, 1 Timothy 1:15-17  
Psalms 113:1-7  
Gospel, Luke 6:43-49

### Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025

Reading 1, Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalms 78:1-2, 34-38  
Gospel, John 3:13-17  
Reading 2, Philippians 2:6-11





# DID YOU KNOW?

## Happy Birthday to the Virgin Mary. Why aren't we celebrating?

**T**his week, on Monday, September 8, we observe the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday, but don't expect a big party at any local parish. While the birthday is often acknowledged, it is not celebrated. This is because there are other events in the life of the Virgin Mary that the Church considers more important. Chief among those is the assumption of Mary into heaven, which is like a second birthday celebrating a saint's arrival in heaven. The first birthday is ordinary, but the second birthday is truly glorious.

There are other reasons why her birthday is not celebrated. Little is known of her birth. We know she was born to saints Joachim and Anne. We know she was born without sin. Saint Anne may not have suffered the pain of childbirth in bearing Mary. But everything else is speculation. So, should we celebrate Our Lady's birthday? Because there are greater feasts associated with Our Lady, there is little need to celebrate this, the least of her holidays. However, there is no reason why you can't.

How do you celebrate Our Lady's birthday? When giving gifts, it is important to give the recipient something they would like. Our Lady is fond of sincere devotion to her son, Jesus Christ. She loves acts of mercy, compassion and kindness. Perhaps the greatest gift we can give Mary is to love one another as her Son commanded us. Perform an act of charity today and offer it up to Our Lady. Teach your family and friends about Our Lady and her role in Christ's life. More importantly, show people your love for Mary by behaving in a manner pleasing to her. Let others see Our Lady in your many acts of mercy and compassion. A greater gift to Our Lady cannot be imagined.

*Marshall Connolly/Catholic Online*

## A New Generation of Saints: Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati Canonized September 7



In a world longing for authentic witnesses of holiness, two young lives are set to light the way for a new generation of Catholics. Pope Leo XIV has confirmed that Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized together on September 7, 2025, during the Church's Holy Year—a moment that will mark the first time a millennial becomes a saint.

Carlo Acutis (shown on left), born in London in 1991 and raised in Milan, embraced a deep love for the Eucharist from an early age. "To always be united to Jesus: This is my life plan," he once told his mother after receiving his First Communion, according to Catholic News Agency (CNA). Carlo was not only devoted to daily Mass and acts of

kindness—he was also a tech-savvy teenager who used his digital skills to evangelize. His Eucharistic Miracles website, which catalogued over 100 documented cases of Eucharistic phenomena, has since traveled to thousands of parishes worldwide. His beatification in 2020 made him the first millennial to be declared "Blessed." Now, just 19 years after his death from leukemia at age 15, he will be canonized—a process that historically took centuries.

Joining Carlo in sainthood is another beloved figure among the faithful—Pier Giorgio Frassati (shown on right). Born in 1901 in Turin, Italy, and beatified in 1990 by Pope John Paul II, Frassati was a mountaineer, student, and tireless servant of the poor. His motto, *Verso l'Alto*—"to the heights"—reflects both his love of mountain climbing and his spiritual aspiration toward heaven. Frassati contracted polio at the age of 24, likely from his charitable work among the sick. He died on July 4, 1925, and his legacy has endured among Catholic youth movements and service organizations around the world. "Entirely immersed in the mystery of God and totally dedicated to the constant service of his neighbor," Pope John Paul II once said of him.

The decision to canonize both men on the same day, and during the Church's Jubilee of Youth, highlights the Vatican's desire to place young, relatable models of holiness before today's faithful. The ceremony will take place in St. Peter's Square and is expected to draw pilgrims from across the globe.

*Abigail James/Catholic Online*

**Pope Leo XIV will preside over the Canonization Mass from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Sunday, September 7. EWTN will begin their live coverage at 3:00 am EST ([ewtn.com/tv](http://ewtn.com/tv)), and will show the recording at 6:00 pm the same day.**

# DEEPENING OUR FAITH

## Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

(207) 217-6727

**Dawn MacKay, Faith Formation Coordinator**

Pre-K - Grade 5

dawn.mackay@portlanddiocese.org

**Julie Sanclemente, Faith Formation**

**Coordinator** - Pre-K - Grade 5

julie.sanclemente@portlanddiocese.org

**Rev. Matthew Valles, Youth Ministry**

**Coordinator** - Grade 6-12

matthew.valles@portlanddiocese.org

**Faith Formation Class Schedule:** Sundays at 9:00-10:15 am • St. Mary ASCS 10:00-11:15 am • Wednesdays at St. Joseph 3:45-5:00 pm

**THE LITTLE WAY** is geared towards children up to age 5, but all ages are welcome. Together we explore the Catholic faith and traditions, with basic preschool skills, through books, music, crafts and movement. Each meeting includes time for fellowship, free play and food! We typically meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in St. John Church Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 16. FMI: [thelittlewaystpaul@gmail.com](mailto:thelittlewaystpaul@gmail.com).

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!** We are excited to welcome our faith formation families to the first class next Sunday, September 14 at St. Matthew Church Hall (9:00 -10:15 am) and St. Mary Campus lower level of All Saints Catholic School (10:00 - 11:15 am). On Wednesday, September 17, we will welcome families to the first class at St. Joseph Church (office entrance) from 3:45-5 pm. It's not too late to register! For more information or to register, please visit [stpaulbangor.me](http://stpaulbangor.me) or call Julie or Dawn at 217-6740, ext 1300.

**CATECHIST RETREAT:** All volunteer catechists, substitutes, and retreat volunteers are welcome to join us for special evening of fellowship and prayer on Thursday, September 11. Mass begins at St. Matthew Church at 5:30 pm followed by a meal in the Hall downstairs.



Fr. Joel Cyr will lead our retreat with prayer and group discussions on the catechetical theme of "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). For more information or to register, please scan the QR code.

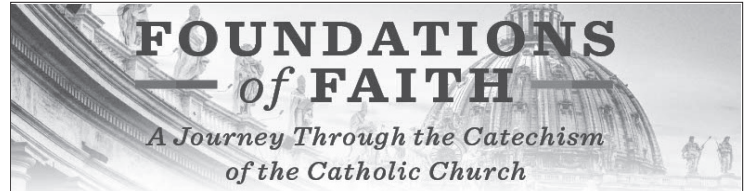
**Protecting God's Children Training for volunteers who work with minors or bring Communion to nursing homes & homebound adults.**

**Tuesday, September 9, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**St. Mary Church Hall**

Register on your Virtus account home page or by calling Julie Sanclemente, 217-6740



**NEWLY BAPTIZED:**  
**Cadric Burris Burke,**  
child of Christopher  
and Shayna Burke.



### Adult Faith Formation Coming This Fall

Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:45 am  
(starting September 18)

or

Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:45 pm  
(starting September 23)

Classes will take place in St. John Church Hall. Call the parish office to register. The cost is \$40, and covers 10 sessions in the fall and 10 sessions in the spring.

### Youth Ministry Starting 9/14!

Inviting all middle school and high school  
aged youth, and parents, to join us  
for a Youth Ministry kickoff night!

**Where: St. Joseph's Church, Brewer**

**When: 5:15 - 7:00 pm (dinner provided)**

**What: Faith, food, friends, and fun!**

**REGISTER AT [STPAULBANGOR.ME/YOUTH-MINISTRY](http://STPAULBANGOR.ME/YOUTH-MINISTRY)**

**Information meeting will be Sept. 4 @ 6:30 pm**  
**in St. John Church Hall.**

**"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)**



Sunday, September 21 marks the official commissioning of our teachers, catechists and parents who teach their children at home. Please look for more information in next week's bulletin about which Masses will offer a special blessing for our catechists. A sincere thank you to all those who serve in the ministry of catechesis!



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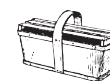
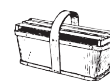
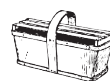
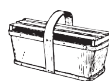
Catechetical Sunday  
September 21, 2025



# SUPPORTING OUR PARISH SCHOOL


## Summer fun at All Saints

Last week, we held our annual Back to School Picnic to give our families a chance to reconnect and meet new friends and staff. Mrs. Lake and all the staff would like to extend a special thank-you to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in setting up, cooking the delicious food, and staying to clean up. Their hard work and support helped make the evening such a success, and we are truly blessed by your service to our school family.



 [allsaintsmaine.org](http://allsaintsmaine.org)

 [ascinfo@allsaintsmaine.org](mailto:ascinfo@allsaintsmaine.org)

 207-942-0955 (St. John Campus)

*The most recent intentions inscribed in our Memorial Mass Book are listed here. Newly received intentions will be published and available to parishioners on a monthly basis.*

Chester Applebee by Lucie Graves  
Janet & Joe Barberio by Nancy & Chris Hayden  
Ermelinda & Vito Barberio by Nancy & Chris Hayden  
Jason Cameron by cousins Donald & Susan Harris  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cobb by Richard & Judy Fernald  
Marie Claire Dube by her family  
Thomas & Sophie Dubois  
John Faz by Robert & Denise Greeley  
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Fernald by Richard & Judy Fernald  
Rosemary Ford by Dale & Kyle Robinson  
Rosemary Shaw Ford by Mary Julia Richard  
Gertrude Gallant by Mary Julia Richard  
Neil & Phyllis Graves by Lucie Graves  
Charity & Bill Gray by Jason & Christine Lyons  
Rachel & Isadore Houde by Jason & Christine Lyons  
Sister Edward Mary Kelleher, RSM by Mary Julia Richard  
Joseph & Tofila Kudzma by Annette Gordon

Don & Lillian LaRue by Annette Gordon  
Eva & Pierre LeBlanc by Lucie Graves  
Rev. Rudolph Leveille by Mary Julia Richard  
Honey & Rod Lyons by Jason & Christine Lyons  
Lester & Ruth MacKay by Tim & Dawn MacKay  
Thomas & Margaret McEleney by Tim & Dawn MacKay  
James A. Mooney, Sr. by Mary Julia Richard  
Patrick J. & Mary Agnes Mooney by Mary Julia Richard  
Alcime & Irene Nadeau  
Maylen & Nettie Newcomb by Lucie Graves  
Alma & Joseph Ouellette by Lucie Graves  
Leonard & Barbara Rademacher by Nancy & Chris Hayden  
Mary Agnes Mooney Richard  
George & Marie Richard by Mary Julia Richard  
Carmen Rioux by Msgr. Andrew Dubois  
Edilberto Rivas (living) by Robert & Denise Greeley  
Marion & Jeanne Rudnicki by Emily Pedersen  
Carol Cefalo Shiloh by Mary Julia Richard  
Ruth & Victor Willette by Jason & Christine Lyons



## Northeast region Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends – Fall-Winter

Sept. 19-21, Huntington, NY • Nov. 14-16, Huntington, NY • Jan. 23-25, No. Easton, MA

Info: [wwmema.org](http://wwmema.org)

# IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

Parish news and events, from page 3

## Monday, September 15

**DIVORCE MINISTRY: The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** is a 6-week program on Monday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm beginning Monday, September 15 at St. Joseph Church. Cost is \$20 per person (fee waived for those who cannot afford it). Featured: weekly thirty-minute video presentations and discussions on a number of topics. Register (required) by calling Linda Thayer, 947-0614.

## Thursday, September 18

**CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING:** We will be meeting on Thursday September 18 at 6:30 pm in the hall at St. Joseph Church to plan our Parish Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday, November 22. If you are interested in helping please join us. Call Cheryl for more details at 989-6057.

## Catholic Marriage Preparation Program

**When:** September 20 and 27, 2025

**Where:** St. Joseph Church

531 N. Main Street, Brewer, ME 04412

**Cost:** \$100 per couple (includes workbooks and meals)

Register asap at

<https://stpaulbangor.me/marriage-prep-program>.

## JAIL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a strong faith that you wish to share? God may be calling you to assist with our Jail Ministry. For more information, please contact our Jail Ministry Coordinators Jim Moore (207-478-9759 and [mooremail90@gmail.com](mailto:mooremail90@gmail.com)); or Jean Barry (207-570-6855).

**Rehearsals for St. Mary's Choir** will resume on Sunday, September 7, following the 8:30 Mass. We sing the first and third Sunday each month and rehearse every Sunday for one hour.

Music, binders, recordings, even pencils are all provided.

See Director Mike Arell after Mass, or email:

[michael.arell@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:michael.arell@portlanddiocese.org)

## My New Shoes will be starting soon!

We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Susan Shaw at 356-1802, or David or Maureen Teixeira at 356-9118.

## Help feed the hungry in Gaza

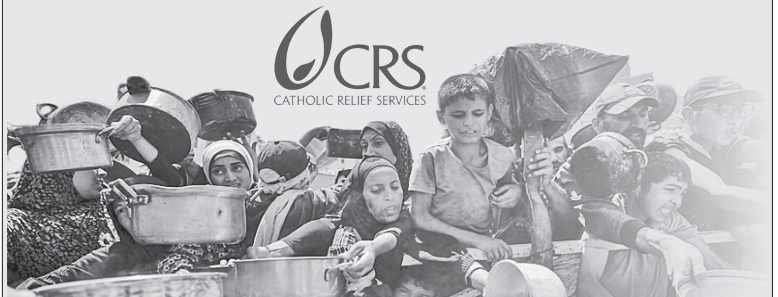
Children and families in Gaza and across the Middle East receive humanitarian relief through **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** and the **Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)**. Since 2023, CRS and partners have reached 1.7 million people in Gaza, delivering lifesaving aid, such as food, clean water and shelter. Please be generous.

Ways to Help Immediately:

Online: [www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](http://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict)

Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Mail: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land Response  
P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517



## Parish Adoration Chapel St. Mary Church

We have several hours at our Adoration Chapel that would benefit from an additional adorer. No special skills are needed, just a desire to better know and love Jesus.

Our adorers spend an hour at a time  
from 6 am to 9 pm Monday through Friday  
and from 8 am to noon on Saturday.

To see the list and sign up for a weekly hour:  
<https://bit.ly/3id8F1Q>  
For more information, call Chapel Coordinator  
Spike Brimmer at 207-478-9620

We are especially looking for someone to  
spend an hour with Jesus on  
Wednesdays from Noon to 1 pm.

The Adoration Chapel is open to all visitors on  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
from 9 am to 2 pm. We invite you to stop by.



# STEWARDSHIP & PARISH NOTES

Cathy Taft, Director of Business Administration – 217-6740

## Parish Offertory - August 31, 2025

Offertory: .....\$17,005  
Online giving - WeShare: ..... 1,498  
Online giving - eCatholic:..... 6,793  
Offertory total:..... \$25,296  
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (8/24) ..... \$7,579

Second collection next week (9/14): Catholic University of America & Special Education Needs.

Second collection in two weeks (9/21):  
All Saints Catholic School

## 2025 Catholic Appeal Update (Week 15)



Total to date: .....\$243,843  
Parish goal:.....\$272,336  
Percentage of goal.....90%  
Total gifts.....592

## Choir Rehearsals

### St. John Adult Choir

1st rehearsal - Thursday, September 25  
Begins with pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall

### St. John Youth Choir and Schola

1st rehearsal - Wednesday, October 29, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Permission slips available in the Parish Office

Contact: Dr. Kevin Birch, Director of Music

kevin.birch@portlanddiocese.org

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery is seeking an Administrative Assistant to join our team. This will be a part-time, paid position (18 hours per week). Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, coordinating day-to-day office operations, assisting with inquiries, and maintaining cemetery records. Your empathy and organizational skills will help us to continue serving families in their time of need. Qualifications include strong communication and interpersonal skills, proficiency in office software and administrative tasks, and the ability to handle sensitive situations with compassion and confidentiality. If you are passionate about helping others and would like to make a difference in our parish community, we encourage you to apply. For more information, please contact Dave Lindemann at 207-947-4322 or send your resume to: dave.lindemann@portlanddiocese.com. Join us in honoring the memories of those we serve at Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery.

Please submit updates and notices for the bulletin no later than Monday at noon, for the following weekend's edition. Contact the parish office at 217-6740 or email: [our.parish.weekly@gmail.com](mailto:our.parish.weekly@gmail.com)

## Please remember in your prayers

For those who have died: Pauline Coleman

For those with particular needs: Andrea Adams, Geneva Ainaire, Laurie Arrigoni, Bill Baker, Larry & Ginny Bartlett, Louise Beaulieu, Jim Berry, Michael A. Caruso, Xiomara Caruso, Noreen Connolly, Marianne Cook, Steve Cummings, Peter Curran, Ellen Damron, Ryan Davies, Paul Deschaine, Jocelyn Dusablon, Debora Elliott Ward, Dr. Don Factor, Frank Fearon, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Jane Fitzgerald, Sandra Godfrey, LeeAnn Goody, the Greenier family, Theresa Grondin, Megan Grover, Cozy Hannan, Jeanne Harvey, Charlotte Henderson, Gregory Henderson, Jaci Hicks, James Hogan, Jimmy Landers, Linda Landers, the Langan family, Luis Licon, Bob & Beth Louvatt, Lisa Lynch, Bernice Martin, Jim Mattison, Harold & Linda McCarthy, Susan McDonald, Carolyn & George McHale, Fran & Frank and Sarah Menkin, Paula Mroz, John Newcomb, Tommy Pinette, Lauren Potter, Tim R., Vincent Ricci, Allison Richards, Sharon Ridley, Jennifer Ross, David Rouleau, Cathy S.W., Brad Spratt, David Tarr, Kaitlyn W., Tim Ward, Jay Webb, Charlie Weston, Anna & family, Cary, Christopher, Dan, Deacon Fred, Joan, Judy, Kelly, Kelly, Marcia, Mary, Pam, Patty, Ralph, Rita, Sarah, and Sullivan. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks. Call the parish office to add a name to the list.

## Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces

Michaela Boppe	Avion Cobb	Ryan Moore
Jonathan Bouchard	Sarah Hollis	Ryan J. Moore
Thomas J. Carmack	Jake Maltz	Aaron Taft
Molly Carmack MD	Cameron Metcalf	Colt Van Aken
David B. Carmack, Jr.	Conall J. Molloy	Joshua Watson
Aaron Celli	Jacob Moore	

Those serving in the Armed Forces will be listed in the bulletin for six months and can be re-listed by calling the parish office or email [our.parish.weekly@gmail.com](mailto:our.parish.weekly@gmail.com).



## SANCTUARY LAMP - September 7, 2025

**St. John:** In memory of Natalie Grindle by Jan Cox

**St. Joseph:** Marie Claire Dube by her family

**St. Mary:** Michael Arell (living) by his parents

Requests available for:

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**LIGHTING CANDLES FOR LOVED ONES:** The sanctuary lamp burns continuously to remind visitors that Jesus is present in the Tabernacle. You may request that the Sanctuary Lamp commemorate the memory of a family member, friend, or a special intention (suggested donation: \$20).



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