



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Col 3:12-13a, 14, 17a

December 29, 2019

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75 Northern Ave., Augusta

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130 Route 133, Winthrop

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41 Western Avenue, Augusta

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**HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday**

**8am-4pm**

**Friday 8am-1pm**

Pastoral Council meetings  
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6:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center

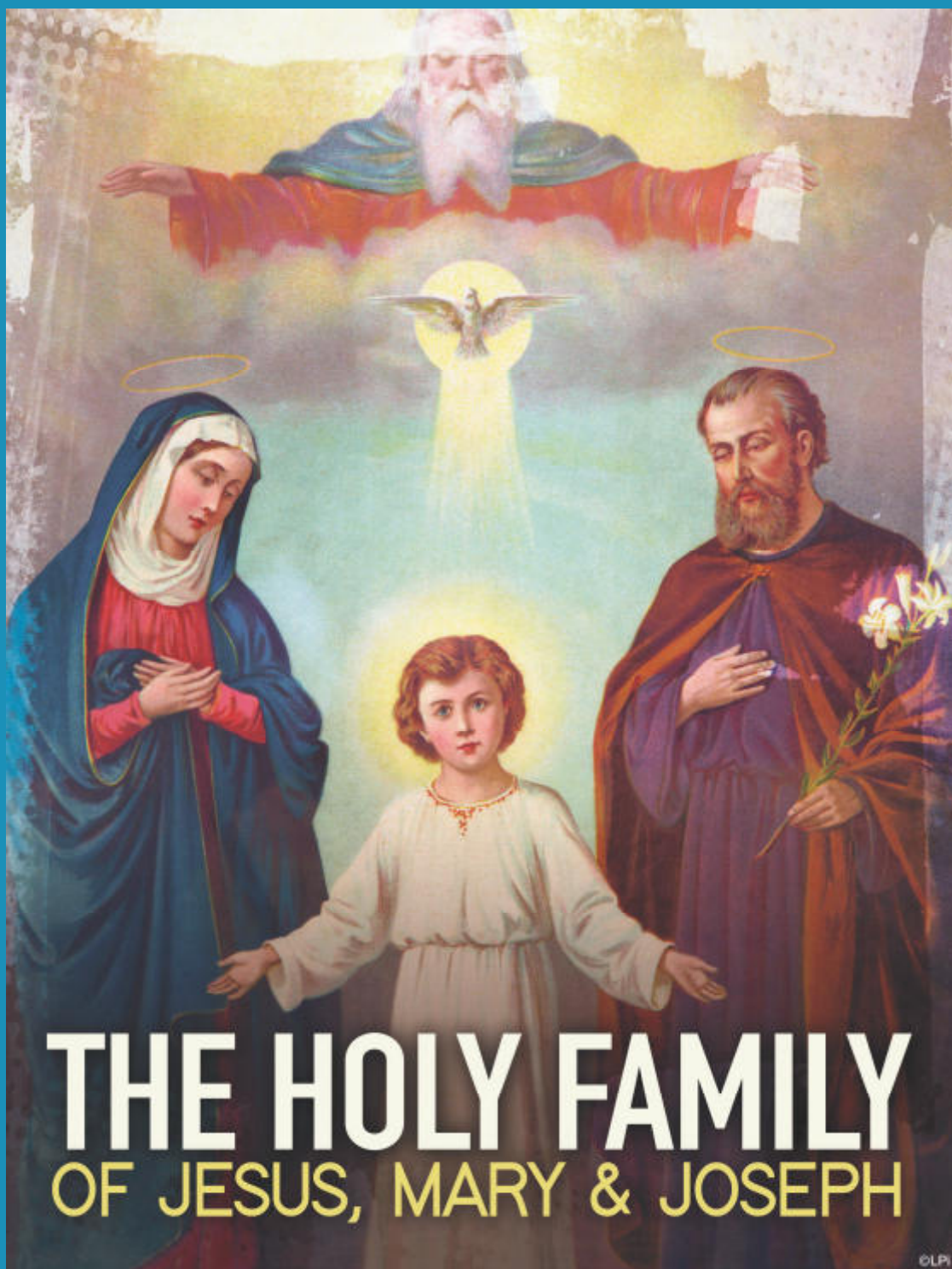
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# SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

## VIGIL

**Tuesday, December 31**

4:00 PM St. Mary

4:00 PM St. Joseph

**Wednesday, January 1**

7:30 AM St. Augustine

8:00 AM St. Francis

9:00 AM Sacred Heart

10:00 AM St. Denis



### Our Full-Time Pastoral Staff

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# 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. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled to the next available day. Thank you.

## The Holy Family

### Saturday, December 28

- 4:00 pm **St. Augustine**—Linda Gagne requested by Dennis Gagne  
 4:00 pm **St. Joseph**—David Gregoire requested by his Sisters  
 5:30 pm **St. Francis**—Raymond Beaulieu requested by his wife Jeannette & Family

### Sunday, December 29

- 7:00 am **St. Mary**—Patricia M. Fox requested by her husband Dan Fox  
 8:30 am **St. Joseph**—Robert Levesque requested by Roland, Paul & Lorraine Gilbert  
 9:00 am **St. Francis**—Roland Audet requested by Jim & Judy O'Mara  
 9:00 am **St. Mary**—George St. Pierre requested by Cheryle Owen  
 10:30 am **St. Augustine**—Lucien Veilleux requested by Bernie & Jeanne  
 10:30 am **St. Denis**—Therese Rodrigue requested by William & Marian Barker  
 11:00 am **Sacred Heart**—for the People of St. Michael Parish

## WEEKDAY

### Monday, December 30

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—B.E. Kingdom requested by Mary Bachman  
 8:00 am **St. Francis**—Pietro Guadalupi requested by his Family

### Tuesday, December 31

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Florence Lahaye requested by her husband Larry Lahaye  
 8:30 am **St. Joseph**—Frank Parquette requested by Cheryle Owen

## The Solemnity of Mary (VIGIL)

### Tuesday, December 31

- 4:00 pm **St. Mary**—Eunice Hancock Gee requested by the Carter Family  
 4:00 pm **St. Joseph**—Lucille Plante requested by Claire Caret

## The Solemnity of Mary

### Wednesday, January 1

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Alphonsine Lachance requested by her daughter Rita  
 8:00 am **St. Francis**—Henry Fleury requested by his Daughters  
 9:00 am **Sacred Heart**—Rose Betit requested by Larry & Sandy Breton  
 10:00 am **St. Denis**—Michael Pirruccello requested by Robin Pirruccello

### Thursday, January 2

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Henry Roy requested by Anthony Beaulieu  
 8:30 am **St. Joseph**—Frank Parquette requested by Cheryle Owen

## Friday, January 3

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Norman Bilodeau requested by Jeannette Beaulieu  
 8:00 am **St. Francis**—Marie Cecile Stone requested by Wally & Kathy Dunn  
 8:30 am **St. Joseph**—Elisabeth "Beth" Borgerhoff-Pomerleau requested by Linda Caron-McKay

## Epiphany of the Lord

### Saturday, January 4

- 4:00 pm **St. Augustine**—Robert Madore requested by Gerard Gregoire  
 4:00 pm **St. Joseph**—Rose Betit requested by the Daughters of Isabella  
 5:30 pm **St. Francis**—Fr. Ralph Boisvert requested by Phil & Jean McSweeney

## Sunday, January 5

- 7:00 am **St. Mary**—Deceased Family Members of Lionette Morin requested by Lionette Morin  
 8:30 am **St. Joseph**—for the People of St. Michael Parish  
 9:00 am **St. Francis**—Marie Cecile Stone requested by Patricia Rheaume  
 9:00 am **St. Mary**—Thomas Birmingham requested by Peter & Kim Pare  
 10:30 am **St. Augustine**—Fr. Ralph Boisvert requested by the Daughters of Isabella  
 10:30 am **St. Denis**—Therese Rodrigue requested by William & Marian Barker  
 11:00 am **Sacred Heart**—Fr. Ralph Boisvert requested by Larry & Sandy Breton

**PLEASE NOTE: MORNING MASS IN AUGUSTA  
 WILL BE HELD AT ST MONICA CHAPEL  
 JANUARY 13-JANUARY 17**

***The Sanctuary Candle burns this week at:***



### St Augustine

for Robert, Helena & Avis Longfellow  
 requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ruel Longfellow

### St Francis

for Pietro Guadalupi  
 requested by his Family

### St Monica

for Linwood & Yvonne White & Family  
 requested by Don & Kitty White

### **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 Ministry 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 623-9038

### **OUR DEVOTIONS**

#### **Adoration**

Sundays	6:00 pm-7:00 pm	St. Monica Chapel
Mondays	8:00 am-11:00am	St. Denis
Wednesdays	8:45 am-10:00 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

#### **Rosary**

Mon & Wed	7:30 a.m.	St. Francis
Mondays	6:00 p.m.	St. Monica Chapel
Mondays	6:30 p.m.	St. Francis

#### **Looking for more prayer in your life?**

#### **CARMELITES ARE PRAYERS**

Join the Lay Carmelite Community at St. Monica the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10am-12pm for the tools to lead a contemplative life. For more info call HELEN 377-2732 or GERALDINE 582-6618.



### **OUR PRAYER LIST**

Abbey, Ken Albert, Velma Albert, Shawn Atkinson, Jack Bachman, Doris Baker, Margo Beaulieu, Peter and Judie Berger, Maurice Berube, Jeffrey & Dominique Bizier, Insuk Bolduc, Ryan Boucher, Diane Brown, Jason Brunelle, Nancy M. Brunelle, Kathy Chase, Carol Coffin, Scott Covey, Will Davis, Carlene and Jerry Day, Louise DeAlva, Marie Anne and Tom Dean, Barbara Degen, Laura Demers, Jalee Dora, Tysun Dostie, Joyce Douin, Jeremiah Dumais, Ann Ellis, Rita Ellis, Gerard Fournier, Mark Garand, Avery Garrison, Joan Gosselin, Shirley Gosselin, Kelley Guerette, Paul Guimond, Steve Hanley, Elizabeth O'Mara Houghton, Keith Ibarguen, Phillippe Jacques, Judy and Steve, Julie Ann, Nancy Grover Jordan, Paul Kearney, Cecile and Juliette Lachance, Joan Lessard, Kevin Lewandowski, Grace M., Wayne Macomber, Kay Masse, Gloria McGuire, Linda McGuire, Terry McManus, Suzanne Michaud, Elizabeth Milliken, Fr. William Modlin, Ronald Moody, Walter Moody, Jodi Mulholland, Matthew Muller, Mike Murphy, Germaine Nadeau, Dave P., Anthony Eugene Pastore, Patience, Tucker Pelletier, Korey Pierce, Matthew Pirruccello, Princess Adelynn, Connie R., Zach Roberts, Horace Rodrigue, Angela Rollins, Dominic Roy, Rusty S., Branden Searles, Alison Seguin, Sherry, Becky Skillings, Jackie Dostie Smith, Linda Smith, Maryln Sue Smith, Norman Smith Jr., Sylvia St. Pierre, Regina Stilphen, Michael Sullivan, Karen Swanson, Francine Talbot, Marcel Talbot, Marsha Taylor, Al Theibotot, Alfred Theibotot, Mark Thiboutot, Grace Therriault, Nicholis Thibodeau, Patricia Truman, Lynda Veilleux, Donald White Sr., Andy and Jessy Whitman, Noah William. **PLEASE CALL THE PASTORAL CENTER at 623-8823 TO LET US KNOW WHEN TO REMOVE A NAME**

### **Sacramental and Pastoral Care**

**Join Us**—Call the Pastoral Center at 623-8823 to request a registration form or visit our website at [stmichaelmaine.org](http://stmichaelmaine.org) under About Us.

**Sacrament of Baptism**—All parents arranging for their child's baptism must contact the Pastoral Center at 623-8823 to make the arrangements. First time parents will have to participate in our Baptism Preparation Program.

**Sacrament of Marriage**—Before choosing your wedding date and making your reception plans please contact the Pastoral Center at 623-8823.

**Reconciliation**—The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at St. Joseph and St. Augustine Churches from 3:00-3:30pm, at St. Francis Church from 4:30-5:00pm and at St. Denis on Sunday at 10:00am. You may also call the Pastoral Center to make an appointment with one of our priests.

**Pastoral ministry to the Sick and Homebound**—Please call the Pastoral Center with the name, condition, address and phone number of the person who needs a home visit.

**Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or returning to the Catholic Faith after a time away?**—Please call Sr. Carol at 623-8823 to arrange an appointment, have your questions answered, and be welcomed home.

**Funeral Arrangements**—Please contact the funeral home and they will work with our office to help you make arrangements.



Lance Corporal Matthew Andrews, Army Capt. Marc C. Beaudoin, Army Capt. Morghan E. Beaudoin, SCMT Jason Bergeron, LT Joshua Bergeron, Lt. Col Richard Bickel, MD, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Anna C. Bilodeau, Helena Blake, Daniel Bolin, Army Specialist Wade Breton, Capt. Angel R. Brochu, Army Reserve, Lt. Dave Bundy, SSgt. Derrick Crosby, Sgt. Nicholas Daigle, Capt. Sean Daigle, USAF, Lt. Adam d-Ambra, PFC Colby Dufresne, WO2 Joe Emery, Nick Emery WO1, Warrant Officer Benjamin P. Gregoire, Staff Sgt. Eric Hachey, Lance Corporal Christopher Hayden, Brett Hornecker, PFC James Hubert, Sgt. Nicholas Lachapelle, Staff Sargent Jake Larochelle, Michael Layne, Army EOD, LTC Melanie Morin, MD, Cmbr. Stephen Morrissey, Sgt. Daniel Mowatt, Lance Corporal Michael N. Murray, George O'Keefe, Jr., Lt. Christopher Rouleau, Lt. Col. Robert Rouleau, Pvt. 2nd Class Joshua Roy, Lt. Morgan Spiliotis, Sgt. Kevin Townley, Army Specialist Brandon Vashon, Airman Cal Webb, PFC Taylor Webb, Army Specialist Christian Wick, Major Andrew Zikowitz

# 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.*

## End of the Christmas Season

### *Why does the Christmas season end on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord?*

In the early centuries, the birth of Christ didn't have its own feast. It was part of a great feast on January 6th called "Epiphany" which celebrated several

"manifestations" of Christ

— his birth, his recognition by the Magi, his baptism in the Jordan, and his miracle in Cana.

In about the fourth century, Christians in the western world pulled Christmas out of the Epiphany celebration and gave it a feast of its own on December 25. The time between this new feast on December 25, and the feast on January 6 became the Christmas season — the "12 days of Christmas."

But the Christmas season no longer ends on January 6. That's because eventually, some parts of the Church made the feast of Epiphany more solemn by adding an "octave" — an extension of the celebration for a week after the feast.

When this happened, the Christmas season no longer ended on Epiphany but continued through the octave. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord was eventually placed at the end of the octave ... and now that is the feast that brings the Christmas season to a close.



### Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

Sunday:	<b>The Holy Family</b> —Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	<b>St. Sylvester I</b> —1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> —Nm 6:22-27/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	<b>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</b> —1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> —1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> —1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday:	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> —Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

## Holy Hour

with Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction

Sunday January 5

3:00-4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church



**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.

### Diocese of Portland

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## Hands Around the Capitol

The Hands Around the Capitol Rally, marking and mourning the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion, will be held in Augusta on **Saturday, January 18**. The rally and march are being organized by the Maine Right to Life Committee, which was founded to protect and uphold the dignity and worth of every human life from conception to natural death. All are welcome to attend part or all of the event. Here is a schedule for the day:

- 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on 41 Western Avenue (celebrated by Bishop Deeley)
- 11 a.m. Gathering at the St. Michael School gymnasium next to the church
- 11:15 a.m. Rally with Bishop Deeley and pro-life leaders from across Maine
- 12:15 p.m. March to the State House
- 12:30 p.m. Participants join hands while the capitol bell is rung 47 times, once for each year since the *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

For more information about the Hands Around the Capitol Rally or the Maine Right to Life Committee, visit [www.MaineRighttoLife.com](http://www.MaineRighttoLife.com) or call (207) 782-0101.

## High School Ice Fishing Weekend January 31-February 2 in Winthrop

**An ice fishing weekend for high schoolers will be held on January 31-February 2, 2020, at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop.** This is a weekend of community and prayer with fellow high school discerners who are serious about their faith and open to a call to the priesthood. To register or for more information about future events, please visit the Upcoming Events section on the Diocese of Portland's Vocations website: [www.vocationsme.com](http://www.vocationsme.com).

## Men's Ice Fishing Weekend February 7-9, 2020, in China

**An ice fishing weekend for Catholic men will be held on February 7-9, 2020, at the China Lake Campground in China.** This is a weekend of prayer and community with area clergy and fellow discerners who are serious about their Catholic faith. To register or for more information about future events, please visit the Upcoming Events section on the Diocese of Portland's Vocations website: [www.vocationsme.com](http://www.vocationsme.com).

*Merry Christmas from*  
St. Michael Parish

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### Rest in Peace

Please keep in your prayers the following who died recently: **Richard J. Turcotte, Jr. and Michael Pirruccello**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN. May God bless their families and friends with His consolation and peace.

## THANK YOU

### *Thank you to all St. Michael Parishioners*

who contributed to this year's Thanksgiving basket program. We prepared baskets to provide a Thanksgiving meal for over 600 needy men, women and children in our area. Your generosity is inspiring.

Thank you also to the parishioners as well as the following SMS 8th graders who volunteered to check and assemble the baskets on the Sunday before distribution: Landon Foster, Aiden Maguire, Natasha Marshall, Shray Mulle, Rocco Napolitano, Alyssa Ouellette; and thank you to the Hannaford supermarket on the Whitten Road in Augusta for its special contribution. Have a blessed holiday season. St. Michael Social Justice and Peace commission."

## Social Justice & Peace Opportunities

**New Year's Eve Skating Party**  
to benefit  
Raffles! Games! FUN!  
Bring the Family!



**Bridging the Gap**  
Join us  
**December 31, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m. to Midnight**  
**Camden National Bank Ice Vault**

Tickets are \$10/person in advance until 12/30/19  
\$12/person at the door  
Children under 5 are free  
*Price includes: admission, skates, snack buffet, party favors and Eider Toast at Midnight*

Tickets are available online at Bridging the Gap Facebook Page or at  
Bridging the Gap  
209 Eastern Avenue, Augusta, Maine  
FMI: (207) 248-1782

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209 Whitten Road  
Hallowell, ME



United Way  
of Kennebec Valley



As part of its ongoing Coffee and Conversation series the St. Michael Social Justice Commission is sponsoring a presentation/discussion on

### **"Fighting Mental Health Stigma"**

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**at 7 p.m.**

**St. Monica Hall.**

Parishioners Emily Dowdell and Andrew Phinney, both professionals in the mental health field, will lead the discussion.

*For more information, speak with a member of the St. Michael Social Justice Commission: Peter Bourque, Elizabeth Keene, Frank Cuff, Barbara Snowadzky, Fern LaRoche, Frank O'Hara, Karen Jones, Andrew and Emilie Phinney, Catherine Durand, Alyne Anderson, Stefany and John Burrell, Emily Dowdell, Gina Czerwinski, or Fr. Michael Seavey.*

Also check the Parish Facebook page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelMaine/>.



### **Need a New Years Resolution?**

**Give back to a senior and volunteer your time! Many seniors find themselves homebound and alone during this long winter season.** You can have a positive impact on a senior's life by investing a few hours a week through a friendly visit, a ride to the grocery store, or a phone call. If you are interested in becoming a **volunteer** or are a senior in need please contact the SEARCH program- Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137/lkidd@ccmaine.org.

### **DISMAS PRISON MINISTRY**

**December 29**

**Connie Roy, Yvonne Gray, Marian Barker**

For more information contact Frank Ober 549-5103.

# Social & Service Groups

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, January 5th**, and meet your fellow St. Francis parishioners for our community breakfast after the 9 AM Mass.

For a free will donation, we will be serving scrambled eggs, home fries, baked goods, fruit and beverages.

We welcome your participation in putting on these community gatherings. To see how you could help, please contact Greg Chamberland - 377-3832 or [chamberlandgreg@hotmail.com](mailto:chamberlandgreg@hotmail.com)

Proceeds will support the Winthrop Food Pantry.



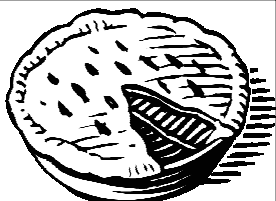
*Hope to see you there*

## Daughters of Isabella

The January meeting of the Daughters of Isabella will take place on Monday, January 6 at St. Monica Hall. The Rosary will be recited at 5:30 p.m. followed by our meeting at 6:00 p.m. Let us live the New Year in Unity, Friendship and Charity

## Chicken Pie Supper

The Gardiner Knights of Columbus will hold a chicken pie supper on January 11 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Council meeting hall located at 109 Spring Street (next to Cumberland Farms and Walgreens). The dinner will consist of all solid white meat chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, desserts and soft drinks. The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12, and free for children 3 and under. Macaroni and cheese will be offered as a substitute to the chicken. Proceeds are being donated to St. Michael Parish.



## COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & donuts are served after Mass at the following

10:00a.m. at St. Michael School Gym  
11:30a.m. at St. Denis (in the church hall)  
12:00p.m. at Sacred Heart (in the church hall)  
Please join us for good food and fellowship!!



## † STEWARDSHIP ✉

If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it.

## ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY OFFERING

*Thank you for your generosity!*

December 15	2018	2019
Offertory	\$17,880	\$16,001

**WeShare**—The Online Giving system our parish has been using to strengthen stewardship and make it easier for members to support our parish.

November 2018	November 2019
92 Users	124 Users
\$15,275	\$19,254

[stmichaelmaine.weshareonline.org/](http://stmichaelmaine.weshareonline.org/)

## Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend  
Upcoming collections: 1/12—Building Fund



## CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019 AWAKENING THE FUTURE OF OUR FAITH

To date, the Development Office reports:

2019 Total Pledged	Gift Count	2019 Goal	% of Goal
\$170,572	536	\$241,528	71%

To make your gift to the Appeal go to <https://give.portlanddiocese.org> or envelopes for the Appeal are located in the pews at each Church. Thank you for being a co-worker with Christ. May God bless you and your loved ones. *Thank you for your generosity!*



**The Pastoral Center will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Years**





# 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.*

## Principal's Message

The Christmas Season is here, and the children are filled with joy and excitement. My wish for all of you is to have a healthy, restful, and blessed Christmas. When the Bishop visited on Dec. 13th, he reminded the children that Christmas is a time of celebration, with the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. It was wonderful to hear the students say how it was more important to give than to receive, just like God gave us his son, Jesus. At the end of the Bishop's visit, our choir gave a sampling of the songs they've been singing recently at retirement communities. Then the Bishop presented a check to the Harold Alfond Center. This was an amazing gift and shows the generosity of our students and our families. This kind of thing gives me pause and reminds me how important the work we do here is for the children and our community. This is part of our mission, modeling strong faith through community outreach.

We continue to remind students to remember and demonstrate F.D.R. (Faith, Dignity, and Respect), and to always "Be Kind" during the school year and as they move on in life. Our entire staff loves and respects each of our students and their families as a gift and blessing from God. Our faith is enhanced by the way the children treat one another. Your sacrifice to put your children in a Catholic School shows the depth of your love, and helps them grow in their faith lives. Each of you is a Saint on earth and that is what God calls us to be, Saints on earth. I continue to feel blessed and thankful that your children are here at St. Michael School, and that you entrust them to us. It cannot go without saying how lucky and thankful we are to have families and parishioners who are supportive of what we are doing. I ask for God's blessings for all of us.

*Kevin Cullen*

## School Choir Goes Caroling



The St. Michael School choir has been busy this Christmas season caroling at the Woodlands, and Granite Hill both in Hallowell, then at Glenridge in Augusta. Students put smiles on so many faces. It was truly heart-warming. We are very proud of our school choir!

Thank you to Mrs. Michaud,

our Music teacher, and to our two accompanists, Mrs. Olmsted and Mr. Paradis. We truly appreciate all that you have done!

## "Penny War" for Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care

The school held a "Penny War" during the first week of December to raise money for the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, with many silver coins and dollar bills joining the pennies among the donations. "When it was decided that the school would be raising money for the Center in my name, my goal was \$2,000," said Mr. Cullen principal of the school. During Bishop Deeley's visit to the school on December 13th, Mr. Cullen and the Bishop presented the check to Paul Stein, the chief operating officer for Maine General of which the Alfond Center is a part. The grand total raised was \$4,853.45, which drew a round of thunderous applause. "This is part of our mission where we need to model strong faith through community outreach," Mr. Cullen said to the students. "This is a wonderful way to share yourself during the Christmas season," added the Bishop. Amazing work Saints!



In the new year, may you be blessed with all the good things God has to give.

## Mark Your Calendars

The St. Michael School **Annual Dinner and Auction** is March 28! Tickets will be available soon! We would sincerely appreciate any donations of money, items or experiences. (ie, a voucher for a professional service, tickets for sporting events or a vacation home rental, etc.). Mail donations to St. Michael School, Attn.: Auction Committee, 56 Sewall St., Augusta, ME 04330. **Thank You!**

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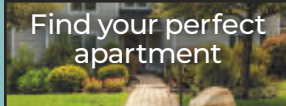


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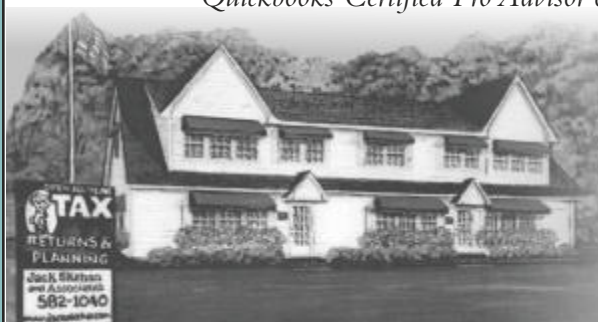
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