



*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

March 8, 2015

**Sacred Heart**

12 Summer St., Hallowell

**St. Augustine**

75 Northern Ave., Augusta

**St. Denis**

298 Grand Army Rd., Whitefield

**St. Francis Xavier**

130 Route 133, Winthrop

**St. Joseph**

110 School Street, Gardiner

**St. Mary**

41 Western Avenue, Augusta

**St. Michael School**

207-623-3491

www.smsmaine.org

**Pastoral Center**

24 Washington Street

Augusta, ME 04330

207-623-8823, Fax: 623-7574

St.Michael@portlanddiocese.org

www.stmichaelmaine.org

**HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm**

**Friday 8am-1pm**

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

**Diocese of Portland Website**

www.portlanddiocese.net

www.catholicscomehome.org

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GREATER AUGUSTA 89.5 FM  
BATH BOW SWICK 89.7 FM

**Lenten  
Parish Mission**

**"The Compassionate Life"**

The Mission will be preached at St. Augustine Church

**March 9**

**6:30PM – 7:30PM**

Living with God's Compassionate and Unconditional Love

- *The Truth of God's love for us*
- *Removing the Barriers to accepting God's love*
- *Your unique purpose in God's plan*
- *Our grateful response to God's unconditional love in the midst of life's struggles*

**March 10**

**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Living with the challenges and pain of life

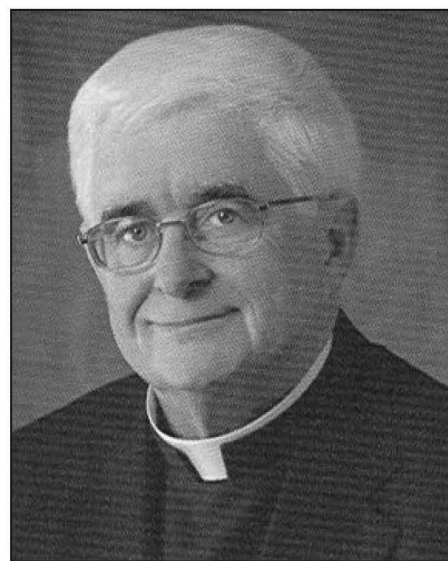
- *Living the Paschal Mystery everyday*
- *The challenges and crosses of life as opportunities to experience God's love*
- *Finding joy through compassion for each other*
- *How God's love makes it possible to forgive*

**March 11**

**6:30PM – 7:30 PM**

Living with the people of God

- *Experiencing God's love through others*
- *Becoming sacraments of God's love*
- *Turning the power of fear into the power of love*
- *Our mission to make the kingdom of God come alive*



Fr. Andy O'Reilly, C.P.P.S.

*M.Div. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Studied at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California. Popular preacher with experience as seminary formation director and nearly 25 years as pastor of parishes throughout the country.*

*Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10*

## Our Sacramental Information

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

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

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

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

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call the Pastoral Center during the course of a loved one's illness

so that the person may be given this healing consolation. This Sacrament may also be administered at Church before or after any Mass.

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

**Initiation Process:** Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone

### Pastoral Center

623-8823

#### Our Full-Time Pastoral Staff

Rev. Francis P. Morin

*Administrator*

Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

*Parochial Vicar*

Gail Gould

*Pastoral Life Coordinator*

Noreen Hare

*Business Manager*

Anthony Cipolle

*Seminarian*

Peggy Contreras

*Administrative Assistant*

David Desjardins

*Property Manager*

Joseph Kus

*Sexton*

#### Our Part-Time Pastoral Staff

Joan Callahan

*Faith Formation*

Anthony Dumont

*Sexton*

Marla Duperry

*Music Ministry Coordinator*

Lisa Frost

*Bookkeeper*

Angela Goulette

*Middle and High School Youth  
Ministry Coordinator*

Sarah Handy

*Faith Formation*

Karen Jones

*Faith Formation*

Sr. Carol Martin

*Faith Formation,  
Initiation Coordinator*

Doreen Mason

*Bulletin Editor*

Fr. William Modlin

*Retired*

Rev. Mr. Walter Foster

*Deacon*

Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Lewis

*Deacon*

### Journey to the Foot of the Cross:

#### Bishop Ricken Offers 10 Things to Remember For Lent

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

1. **Remember the formula.** The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. **It's a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
3. **It's a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
4. **It's a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers."
5. **It's about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
6. **Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.
7. **Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
8. **Be patient with yourself.** When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
9. **Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.
10. **Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.

# Our Prayer & Worship

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

## 3rd Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 7

- 4:00 pm **St. Augustine**—Valeda Quirion requested by Leo & Martha Rancourt  
4:00 pm **St. Francis**—Richard Breton requested by Norman A. Bilodeau  
4:00 pm **St. Joseph**—Louis & Rita Gregoire requested by their son Gerard Gregoire

## Sunday, March 8

- 7:00 am **St. Mary**—Lillian Grenier requested by Jean-Paul & Rita Fortin  
9:00 am **St. Francis**—Germaine Fortin requested by Marcel Fortin  
9:00 am **St. Joseph**—Parishioners of St. Michael  
9:30 am **St. Mary**—Ted Harwood requested by Brian & Linda Marson  
11:00 am **St. Augustine**—Rose Eva requested by Rachel & Clair  
11:00 am **St. Denis**—Donato Ferrante requested by Steve and Marylou  
11:00 am **Sacred Heart**—Cesidio & Amelia Paglia requested by their son Frank Paglia

## WEEKDAY

### Monday, March 9

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Valeda Quirion requested by Therese Turgeon  
8:30 am **St. Joseph**—Lottie & Rosaire Poulin requested by niece Louise

### Tuesday, March 10

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Richard Sawyer requested by grandsons Ben & Mathew

### Wednesday, March 11

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Valmond & Julienne Rodrigue requested by George & Louise Patenaude  
8:00 am **St. Francis**—Merilda Bilodeau requested by son Norman A. Bilodeau

### Thursday, March 12

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Lottie Poulin requested by Don & Julie Brawn

### Friday, March 13

- 7:30 am **St. Augustine**—Perley Whitten requested by Louise Whitten  
8:30 am **St. Joseph**—Andrew Girardin requested by the Perry Family

## 4th Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 15

- 4:00 pm **St. Augustine**—Rose Eva Gilbert requested by Pricilla Bolduc & Family  
4:00 pm **St. Francis**—J. Roger Ricard requested by Sylvia Cotnoir  
4:00 pm **St. Joseph**—Emil Pazdziorko requested by his wife Catherine & Family

## Sunday, March 16

- 7:00 am **St. Mary**—Lee McGuire requested by wife Linda & Families  
9:00 am **St. Francis**—Casey Cloutier requested by Greg & Ann Jolda  
9:00 am **St. Joseph**—Parishioners of St. Michael  
9:30 am **St. Mary**—Evelyn Kirschner requested by husband Vincent Kirschner  
11:00 am **St. Augustine**—Raymond Dostie requested by his wife Annette  
11:00 am **St. Denis**—Phillip Robichaud requested by Sr. Carol & Sr. Juanita  
11:00 am **Sacred Heart**—Patrick M. Cookson requested by friends Theresa, Julie & Abbey

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



### St Augustine

for Obeline, Come & Laurent Gosselin  
at the request of  
Joan & Family

### St Francis

for Merilda Bilodeau  
at the request of  
Therese Beaulieu

### St Monica

for Valmond & Julienne Rodrigue  
at the request of  
Harry & Pauline McKenney

## **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.



**WORLD  
MEETING OF  
FAMILIES  
2015 Philadelphia**

The Diocese of Portland is offering a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia on September 22-27. The group will depart from Portland and travel by deluxe motor coach to

Philadelphia on Tuesday, September 22. The pilgrimage is being organized by Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc., and will be hosted by Bishop Robert P. Deeley. Visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/world-meeting-families](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/world-meeting-families) for more information and a pilgrimage flyer. Slots are expected to fill by Easter, so we encourage you to contact Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours as soon as possible at 1-800-653-0017. To register online, visit [www.groupminder.com/internet/resEvt.cfm?cstId=101](http://www.groupminder.com/internet/resEvt.cfm?cstId=101).

## Come and See!

Please join us for our Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathering on Sunday, March 8, from 1-3pm at the Faith Formation Center at St. John the Baptist Church located on 155 Garand Street, Winslow. This month's topic is "Lepers in Our Lives". We invite you as a "Friend of Francis" or come to explore your own calling to follow the way of St Francis: Bringing the Gospel to Life and Life to the Gospel. If you would like more information, please call Dan Spofford, OFS at 872-6919.



### OUR PRAYER LIST

Julie & Abigail, Lizzy Abney, Ray Albert, Victoria Armengol, Priscilla Arsenault, Richard Bartlett, Sara Bear, Nicole Beaudoin, Raymond Beaulieu, Jean Bechard, Kenneth Bechard, Pauline Bechard, Phil Begin, Tyler Berry, John Bobrowiecki III, Eleanor Boettger, Insuk Bolduc, Leroy Bosworth, Wyatt Boynton, Shirley Brodeur, Arthur Bubier, Julie Bubier, Mary Burns, Tim Burns, Marie Castonguay, Liane Chapman, Katie Chavie, Tom Child, Joseph Clavet, Michael Cody, Elma Courtenay, Rose Couture, Angela Crocker, Albert Cushing, Cambry Cutter, Earl Daniels, Gary Davala, Frank and Louise DeAlba, Sera Delgado, Marie Dostie, Armand J Douin, Paula Douin, Elizabeth Dumoulin, Fernand Dumoulin, Jacho Dumoulin, Bill Dunn, Michele Dunn, Bob Dunn, Larry Eaton, Steve Eiselstein, Ralph Elwell, Peter Evans, Collette Farrell, Zac Fenwick, Bill Fleming, Kaylee Fortier, Paula Fortin, Todd Fowler, Avery Garrison, Germaine M Gilbert, Norman E Gilbert, Si Gilbert, Linda Giles, Viola Gimount, David Giroux, Raymond Gosselin, Shawn Gosselin, Ray Gotreau, Katherine Gray, Tim Greenleaf, Carmelle Gregoire, Paul Guimond, Mary Harrington, Jason Harris, Luke Hussey Amber Irish, Abby Isakson, Connie Jacques, Helen Jenner, David Johnson, Nancy Grover Jordan, Denise Ketchen, Barbara Kimball, Gail King Jr, Kathy Kluzak, Cindy Knight, Cecile Lachance, Leo LaChance, Brian Lajoie, Mary Lambert, Bernice LaMontagne, Maxine Lamontange, Lauretta, Jamie Levesque, Samantha Lewis, the Lewis Family, Kelli Loos, Mike Luce, David Macissac, Helena Martin, Gloria McGuire, Timothy McGuire, Judith McKay, Stephanie Merenda, Crystal Merrill, Dylan Messer, Alberta Messier, Dorothy Michaud, Linda Mills, Peter Moniz, Ronald Moody, Walter Moody, Jason Morin, Anissa Mort, Maxine Morton, Matthew Neuhaus, Diane Paine, Walter Panek Jr, Donald Pare, Jeannie Pare, Joan Peterson, Corey Pierce, Elaine Pooler, Gilbert R Poulin, Madeleine Poulin, Monica Poulin, Roland & Fanny Poulin, Sue Quirion, Sara Gomez Ramirez, Martha Rancourt, 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

### WHAT IS "SALVATION HISTORY"?

THE SCRIPTURE readings for each Sunday of Lent present a key moment in the biblical history of salvation. But what exactly is "salvation history"? Salvation is the one big idea in the Bible. *Salvation history* traces the pattern of events in human history that reveal God's saving plan. The *Reader's Digest* version would be something like this: God's covenant with Abraham; Israel's deliverance from Egypt; the giving of the Law to Moses; Israel's entry into the Promised Land; the monarchy of King David; and the Incarnation, life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Salvation history culminates in the New Creation awaiting us at the end of time.

What we mean by *salvation* is another matter. The Hebrew term for it denotes "to make wide or sufficient." Sin constricts human possibilities and God makes them wide and free again. Liberation is possible only through divine intervention.

Early saving events in scripture are above all physical. In time, biblical salvation takes on a spiritual aspect as well. Salvation comes to imply the rescue of the whole person, body and spirit. Ultimately, what we need is to be ransomed from death—so God extends divine rescue all the way to the tomb.

—Alice L. Camille  
[PrepareTheWord.com](http://PrepareTheWord.com)

### Prayer Petitions –

**Sacred Heart** – Contact Tom or Laura Bourque at 242-6245 or 242-6244 or email them at [coachbourque@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:

Please note new hours:

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>6:00 pm-7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Monica Chapel</b>
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*



## LENT 2015

The Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the weeks of Lent bring us face to face with our temptations, some glimpses of God, our failings, the choices we face, personal sacrifices, and the sacrifice of Jesus himself for

our salvation.

Let us spend this Lent welcoming Jesus into our lives, growing in our faith, and experiencing God's love more fully.

"Jesus came not just to forgive our sins; he came to give us new life."

The following resources are available at all our churches:

### The Word Among Us

This publication is a great way to grow closer to the Lord and to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. They have the daily/weekend readings to read and reflect on.

### Our Sacred Journey by Gwen Costello

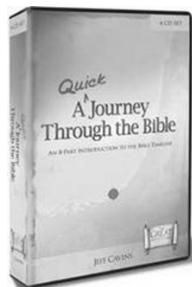
This book includes daily Lenten reflections, practices, and prayers.

### The Little Black Book

Six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke.

### Operation Rice Bowl

One of our traditional practices during the Lenten Season is almsgiving. This year, once again, we would encourage you to participate in the Operation Rice Bowl project. This is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.



Our Lenten/Easter Bible Study has begun. We have 130 parishioners participating in this great Bible Study program. During our Lenten and Easter season we pray for all our parishioners to grow ever stronger in their knowledge of the Bible and their faith.

## Readings for the Week of March 8, 2015


Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	<b>St. Frances of Rome</b> —2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

For the month of March, HSYM will meet at Sacred Heart Church Hall on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm.

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> Dress Rehearsal  
for Shadow Stations  
March 29<sup>th</sup> (Trip to Bangor for "The Way of the Cross" 11:30am-6:30pm.) All High School Youth Ministry and 8th graders are welcome to attend.  
FMI email [Angela.Goulette@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Angela.Goulette@portlanddiocese.org)  
or call 623-8823

**SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER NEEDED**—We are in need of a sign language interpreter who would be willing to be at one of the Masses each weekend of our parish to provide sign language. If you can do this, please call Gail at the Pastoral Center 623-8823



## STATIONS of the CROSS

### During Lent

**Fridays 3:00 pm at St. Monica**  
**Fridays 6:30 pm at St. Joseph**  
**Fridays 7:00 pm at St. Denis**

St. Michael School will be presenting the **Living Stations of the Cross** on March 24 at 1:15 pm & 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church

High School Youth Ministry will present the **Shadow Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church in Hallowell.

**A Lenten Retreat: The Spiritual Journey with Thomas Merton—March 20 - 22 at Transfiguration Hermitage.** Space available for both commuters and live-in. This weekend Lenten retreat will introduce us to Merton's teaching on the spiritual journey and help ignite the flame of God's love in our hearts and in our lives. Presentations will alternate with times for quiet, reflection, walking, and prayer. **Presented Sr. Elizabeth Wagner**, by a retreat leader, spiritual director, and writer. Her book of spiritual essays, *A Garden Enclosed*, is forthcoming from Ave Maria Press. **FMI or to register, please call the Hermitage at 445-8031**



**Annual  
Corned Beef  
& Cabbage  
Benefit Dinner**

*St. Denis KofC Council #1423 will be holding their Famous Irish Holiday Dinner*

On Saturday March 21st  
Serving beginning at 5 pm  
At the St. Denis Hall

Menu – Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Biscuits, Plus Drinks and Desserts

**Good Will Donations Only  
Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities  
Contact: Peter Taylor 542-0820**

**Evangelization Corner**

“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit (is) that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as (also) your Father is merciful.” – Luke 6:27-38

The St. Michael Novena for Evangelization continues:  
Sunday 3/8 @ St. Mary; Monday 3/16 @ St. Denis; Monday 3/23 @ St. Augustine. Bring a rosary.

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

# Our Parish Social & Service Groups



**Annual Irish  
Corned Beef &  
Cabbage Dinner**

**Saturday, March 14th at  
5:00 p.m.  
St. Augustine Church Hall**

*Hosted by Hands for Humanity*  
**Free will donations only**

**Ladies of St. Anne Meeting**  
Sunday, March 8th 1:30  
Agenda followed by pies & cakes  
St. Augustine Hall

**Whist Party**

Ladies of St. Anne  
**Whist Party, March 29**  
Sunday afternoon  
Doors open at 12:30  
\$25 door prize donated by Henry Breton in memory of his wife, Elizabeth.



Whist Party of February 22  
Congratulations to Cecile Lachance this month's winner of the \$25 door prize.

**Rosary Makers of Mary Immaculate**

The regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 7 p.m. in St. Monica Hall. For more information call Roger Jean at 623-8500. A sincere thank you for your support of this ministry.

## St. Michael Men's Club at Augusta

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

**A great big Thank You** to all the people who called with donations and came to the breakfast for Nelson and Sherry Lavigne held at St. Francis Hall. They lost their home and everything in it just before Christmas. It was a big success raising \$2,218. Nelson and Sherry were very thankful. Joe and Liz want to thank the cooks, the people who brought food and casseroles, all the ones who served and helped in any way. We also thank: Hanaford, Shaws, Moark Eggs in Turner, Caprarra's the Community Advertiser and Church Bulletin. Thank you and God bless.  
Liz King and Joe Cook

**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, Staff Sgt. Eric Hachey, Master Sargent Stephen Hanley, Brett Hornecker, PFC James Hubert, Lt. Rachel Hudson, Army Spc. Nicholas Lachapelle, Michael Layne, Army EOD, Sgt. Daniel Mowatt, George O'Keefe, Jr., Gregory Perkins, Lt. Col. Richard R. Rouleau, Lt. Col. Robert Rouleau, Pvt. 2nd Class Joshua Roy, Lt. Morgan Spiliotis, PFC Walter Sims, Sgt. Kevin Townley, Sgt. Scott Turgeon, Army Specialist Brandon Vashon, Lance Corp. Daniel Welch, USMC, Capt. Andrew Zikowitz

## Our Social Justice & Peace Opportunities

### ST. MICHAEL PARISH DISMAS PRISON MINISTRY

March 8—Connie Roy, Marian Barker, Perry Good-speed  
For more information contact Frank Ober 549-5103.

### Augusta Food Bank Update

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

### Chrysalis Place — Gardiner Food Center

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

### Hallowell Food Bank

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

### Winthrop Food Pantry

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

### St. Denis/Whitefield Food Pantry

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

### Donation Center

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

### Angel Food Suppers

**Free Saturday Suppers in Augusta— 5 p.m.**

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

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

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

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



### RETIRED?

**Don't let that slow you down!**

Help a homebound senior 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 FMI please contact the SEARCH program- Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137/lkidd@ccmaine.org.

***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 discover how we have found help and healing, you can call or email:

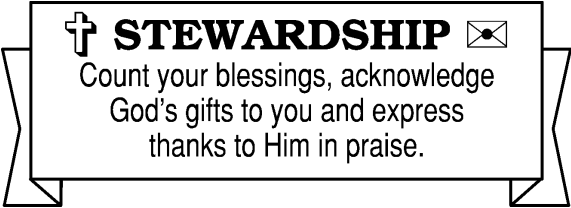
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**Please check out our website at  
[www.stmichaelmaine.org](http://www.stmichaelmaine.org)  
and like us on Facebook!!**

Hello, my name is Aaron St. Pierre and I was accepted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) to embark on a missions trip to Alaska! I am incredibly excited to go on this trip for many reasons. Firstly, that I'll be serving Christ by going to a part of the country where there is a serious lack of faith. This trip focuses on trying to ignite the people's faith there through catechesis with kids and adults while sharing our own encounters of God working in our own lives. Secondly, I will be living with and amongst the residents of Yakutat, a small village on the Southwest side of Alaska only reachable by plane. I will be going from May 16-31 and each day will hold 17 hours of sunlight. The residents there are not only poor in spirit but lack necessities as well. I will be living like them and amongst them for this trip to be able to connect to them more easily. I think it is definitely an experience worth struggling through with brothers and sisters of Christ. I could go on with many more reasons why I would like to go on this trip but I would like to get to the point of why I wrote this note. I need your help and your support. The grand total that I need to raise for this trip is \$2,350. I have so far reached my second goal of \$500 and need your help to reach my next deadlines. I will be visiting St. Francis on March 7th and 8th as well as St. Augustine; and St. Mary's on the 22nd of March. I would greatly appreciate any donation to my cause whether it be a donation of money or prayers. I can't thank you enough for your support and know that I will be praying for you!

Thank you,  
Aaron St. Pierre



**ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY OFFERING**  
***Thank you for your generosity!***

Week of March 1	2014	2015
Total Offertory	\$21,593	\$25,265
Building Fund		\$4,134

**Second Collection**  
**There is no second collection this weekend**

**The Presence Radio Network**  
***SPRING PLEDGE DRIVE***  
**March 18, 19, 20, 7am – 7pm**  
**March 21, 8am – 3pm**

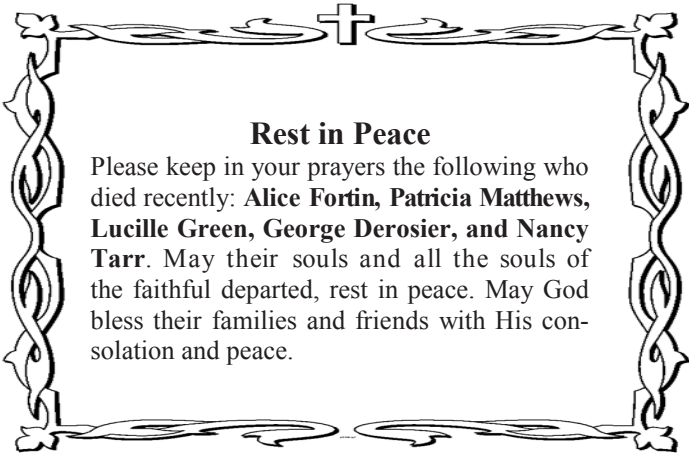
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Please donate on-line at [thepresence.fm](http://thepresence.fm)  
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# Our school

*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.*

## Saints vs. The Law

St. Michael School hosted the second annual Saints vs. The Law basketball fundraiser Friday, February 27 at the school. Proceeds from this year's event were donated to Police Chief Robert Gregoire for his continued recovery and to say thank you for protecting the students of St. Michael School and all students in the Augusta community. Gregoire, who continues to suffer limited mobility after injuring his spinal cord during a motorcycle crash in September, returned to work in January. He continues to improve but requires therapy and equipment beyond what is covered by his insurance.

Bishop Robert Deeley visited the school on Wednesday, March 4, and presented Gregoire with a check for \$2058 at a school wide assembly. The basketball game featured St. Michael School teachers, alumni and friends who took on representatives from local law enforcement, including Augusta Police. Thank you to all who participated, volunteered and donated. We couldn't have done this without you all.



## St. Michael School Scholarships

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

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

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

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

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

A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ This is an anonymous donation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Alumni of:

St. Augustine School     St. Mary School  
Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: St. Michael School.



56 Sewall Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

## A Gift to the Annual Fund was received In Memory of Ingeborg Lapointe

Please remember that gifts to St. Michael School are tax-deductible as allowable by law.

## SMS vs. Mt. Merici

Girls and boys from both St. Michael School and Mt. Merici played their annual basketball game in Waterville on Friday, February 27. Both teams played a great game while displaying true camaraderie and sportsmanship. Thank you Mr. Hickey for spearheading this event!



## Yearbook Advertising

Production of the St. Michael School 2014-15 yearbook is currently underway. Advertising in the yearbook is not only a great way to get your business name out but is also a great way to show your support for St. Michael School. If you would like to advertise in the yearbook, please call Denise at the school office at 623-3491.

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.