

OUR LADY OF HOPE and ST. BRIGID SCHOOL

A Jesuit Ministry

March 9 / 10, 2019

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"It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Luke 4:8

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<u>Faith Formation</u>		<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	
<i>ourlady.religioused@gmail.com</i>		Saturday - St. Joseph Church 2:30 to 3:00 PM	
Sandra Litcher-Director of Religious Education		Saturday - St. Pius X Church 3:30 to 4:00 PM	
		Saturday - St. Peter Church 2:30 to 3:30 PM	
<u>R.C.I.A.</u>		Or By Appointment	
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Coordinator			
		<u>Weekend Masses</u>	
<u>Daily Masses</u>		Saturday - St. Joseph 4:00 PM St. Pius X - 4:30 PM	
Monday - Friday St. Pius X 9:00 AM		Sunday - St. Pius X 7:00 & 9:00 AM	
Saturday - St. Pius X 8:00 AM		Sunday - St. Joseph 8:00 & 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	
Additional Weekly Masses with our Jesuit Community:			
St. Brigid School - 8:00 AM - Monday (School Days)		Cheverus HS -7:15 AM Monday thru Friday (School Days)	

Pastoral Office, 673 Stevens Avenue, Portland, ME 04103-2540 207-797-7026 email: Linda.McCormack@portlanddiocese.org Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
The office is closed on Fridays except by appointment (including phone calls).
Phone messages left at any time are returned as soon as possible on the next regular work day.

Friday Soup and Stations of the Cross

Thanks to a number of generous parishioners, there will be a simple supper of soup and bread and time for conversation each Friday during Lent prior to the Stations of the Cross. Supper will be ready at 6:00 PM in the Hall. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 PM at St. Pius X Church. A small free-will donation is being asked to pay for the cost of the suppers. Note: The last Friday of Lent, April 12th, is the Knights of Columbus Lobster Roll Dinner. This begins at 5:00 PM and you must reserve separately for this event. Details will be in the bulletin.

A Cardiology Exam for Disciples Week One

As is the case with a medical exam, we might first want to “rule out” certain possibilities.

Is your heart “hard” or “closed”?

Take care, brothers, that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart, so as to forsake the living God.”
 A hard heart is a “closed” heart, “that does not want to grow, that defends itself, that is closed in on itself”. In life this can happen because of many factors; as, for example, a “great sorrow”, because, as the Pope explains, “blows harden the skin”. It happened, he said, to the disciples of Emmaus, as well as to St Thomas the Apostle. And whoever remains in this “bad attitude” is “fainthearted”; and a “cowardly heart is perverse”:

We can ask ourselves: Do I have a hard heart, do I have a closed heart? Do I let my heart grow? Am I afraid that it will grow? And we always grow with trials, with difficulties, we grow as we all grow as children: we learn to walk [by] falling. From crawling to walking, how many times we have fallen! But we grow through difficulties. Hardness. And, what amounts to the same thing, being closed. But who remains in this? “Who are they, father?” They are the fainthearted. Faintheartedness is an ugly attitude in a Christian.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY: March 9, 2019
 8:00 AM - St. Pius X Philomena "Honey" Frenzilli by Patricia Kelly Music
1st Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM - St. Joseph For The People of the Parish (Fr. Jack)
 4:30 PM - St. Pius X Jim Curran by Family (Fr. Paul)
SUNDAY: March 10, 2019 - **1st Sunday of Lent**
 7:00 AM - St. Pius X For The People of the Parish (Fr. Bob P)
 8:00 AM - St. Joseph Joseph McDonough by Eleanor & Joseph Delaney (Fr. Jack)
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X Daniel & Elizabeth Commow by Zita & Frank Paul (Fr. Bob P)
 10:00 AM - St. Joseph For all the Benefactors for our Parish (Fr. Paul)
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Berlin Castillo by Joy (Fr. Vince)
MONDAY: March 11, 2019
 8:00 AM - St. Joseph (School Mass)
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X For the Family of Fred & Fern Leblond
TUESDAY: March 12, 2019
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X Christopher Foley by The Carter Family
WEDNESDAY: March 13, 2019
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X Ernest Balladur by his wife Eileen
THURSDAY: March 14, 2019
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X Cora J. Banks by her husband Jim & the Banks Family
FRIDAY: March 15, 2019
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X In Memory of all Deceased Parishioners & their Families
SATURDAY: March 16, 2019
 8:00 AM - St. Pius X Donald Harkins by Barbara Brown
2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM - St. Joseph Jack & Alice Domini by the Family (Fr. Vince)
 4:30 PM - St. Pius X Deceased members of the Sears & Cribby families (Fr. Paul)
SUNDAY: March 17, 2019 - **2nd Sunday of Lent**
 7:00 AM - St. Pius X Armand Smith by The Micucci Family (Fr. Jack)
 8:00 AM - St. Joseph For The People of the Parish (Fr. Paul with Deacon John)
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X Michael Jennings by Mom, Dad & Family (Fr. Vince)
 10:00 AM - St. Joseph Lacey Ramos by Reuben Ramos (Fr. Jack)
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Lola Pasquine by Janice Farrin (Fr. Paul with Deacon John)

Scripture for the week of March 10, 2019

10	Sunday	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
11	Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
12	Tuesday	Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
13	Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
14	Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
15	Friday	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
16	Saturday	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
17	Sunday	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Observances for the Week of March 10, 2019

10	Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent (Daylight Savings Time Begins)
11	Monday	
12	Tuesday	
13	Wednesday	
14	Thursday	
15	Friday	(Abstinence)
16	Saturday	
17	Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week at



St. Joseph Church
 Emilie Bennett



St. Pius X Church
 Cora J. Banks

03/10/19 to 03/16/19



(screenshot of St. Pius X Church "Live Streaming")

St. Pius X Church Masses and Adoration are streamed live to our website

Upcoming Events

March 9/10 - 1st Sunday of Lent
 Daylight Saving Time Begins

St. Patrick's Day Supper ticket sale

March 15 - Stations of the Cross

March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Supper
 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

March 16/17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Women's Sodality Annual Irish Bread Sale

March 20 - First Day of Spring

March 22 - Stations of the Cross

March 23 - "The Mercy of God Brings Us Joy"

Parish Hall 492 Ocean Ave 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

April 3 - "Choosing to follow Christ"

Parish Hall 492 Ocean Ave 7:00 PM

Human trafficking

If you did not have a chance to attend the Human Trafficking presentation on February 9 at St. Pius X Hall a YouTube video is available on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/luM8h95HOpu>



**Daylight Savings
 Time Begins MARCH 10th**

Finance and Administration

Weekly Offertory Report

Your Gifts of Stewardship

February 23 / 24, 2019

**Our Lady of Hope Parish 1st Collection was
\$ 7,658.00**

envelopes were used 230

Weshare: (1st Collection) \$ 2,482.38

Weshare Transactions 139

TOTAL Parish Offertory was \$ 10,140.38

***(In order to meet our budget for this year, our First
collection needs to average \$13,500.00 per week.***

Thank you for your generosity—God Bless

February Parish Poor Box Collection

\$ 138.76

St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen

Poor Box for March - Project Feed

Date:	beginning bal.	payment	principal
01/28/2019	\$69,042.63	\$5000.00	\$5000.00
02/07/2019	\$64,042.63	\$1093.45	\$860.67
		interest	ending bal.
		\$000.00	\$64,042.63
		\$232.78	\$63,900.91

Paving Project

To date we have raised \$74,088.14 toward our total paving loan of \$108,000.00. If you plan to support the parish with a one-time donation or a regular continuing donation towards the paving fund please be sure to mark your envelope or check memo area with "parking lot".

Thank you for your generosity!!!

coming 2nd Collections

03-09/10-2019 — Black and Indian Missions

03-16/17-2019 — Snow Removal and Grounds Care

03-23/24-2019 — Maintenance Fund

03-30/31-2019 — Catholic Relief Services

If you have any questions regarding your

envelopes, please **contact Linda at 207-797-7026**

Thank you for your continued support and generous donations.

Bulletin Items for the bulletin are due **10 days** prior to publication. Please submit information to andrew.litcher@portlanddiocese.org. Thank You

Our Lady of Hope Sebastian Rasle, SJ Prayer Circle March 2019 Prayer Intentions

We now start the third year of urging parishioners and friends to pray for our parish and other world needs and for one another through these prayer intentions and the idea of a Parish Prayer Circle. I hope that these intentions and the commitment to pray have been a source of grace and blessing to you and to our parish, school, and world.

1. For the spiritual health, vitality, and financial support of Our Lady of Hope Parish and St. Brigid School.
2. Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: Evangelization – Christian Communities That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.
3. That we may appreciate more deeply the gifts of our family members and our fellow parishioners, that we may show that appreciation in visible ways and that each of us may grow in our willingness to use our gifts for the benefit of others: our parish and school, our families, our community.

Buildings and Grounds - The New Look

You may have noticed the tarp affixed to the bay window at the Parish Office/St. Joseph Rectory on the St. Joseph Street side. We had a significant leak in a recent rainstorm. The diagnosis is that the wall over the windows in that bay section needs to be rebuilt. It is splitting apart due to water and ice damage over the years. This repair needs to be done this spring. Estimated cost is \$14,000. We have been told there is other damage in the longer sections of the wall as well. All this will be included in the facilities assessment we are planning for you to see. That report will be available this spring.

Your Generosity Counts

We have received another Thank You from Project Feed for the food recently delivered to them from you. Thank you for these gifts of food, for the items put in the Catholic Charities bins and for your contributions to "The Poor Box" in each church. You are helping meet basic needs of some of our neighbors, exactly what Jesus asks his disciples to do. Every gift matters. Thanks also to the good folks who are arranging to take the food and clothing items to the places where they can be used.

December Checkbook

Parish Financial Activity for December 2018

Offertory- (including Christmas collection) \$70,723.00

General Expenses \$68,116.28

Sub Total \$2606.72

Plus quarterly assessment to the Diocese \$18,559.10

Grand total (\$15,952.38)

Liturgy of the Word Sundays 10:00 AM Mass St. Joseph Church

March 17th

April 7th

May 5th

May 19th

Our Lady of Hope Parish (EIN: 90-0720240) has been issued a **\$63.87** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2018.



SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, April 6, Our Lady of Hope Parish will host one of several statewide **Ageing Friendly Parish Workshops**. Made possible through a grant to Catholic Charities Maine, this presentation will provide information and resources for anyone concerned with problems and issues surrounding aging. Whether you are a caregiver, a child of aging parents, or aging yourself (and who isn't?), this will be a tremendous opportunity to learn more. The presenter is Don Harden, Director of Aging Services at Catholic Charities. The workshop is from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Parish Hall at 492 Ocean Ave. No sign up is necessary. FMI call Susan McGauley at 523-1161.



**Our Lady of Hope Parish – A Jesuit Ministry
Lenten Calendar 2019**



Lenten Fast & Abstinence

Good Friday – April 19th, 2019, are days of fast and abstinence (from meat) in the universal Church.

Every Friday of Lent – All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (from meat) in the Church in the United States.

The Law of Abstinence (from Meat) – Binds Catholics aged 14 and older.

The Law of Fasting – Binds Catholics aged 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59).

Easter Duty - In the dioceses of the United States, the obligation to receive holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the First Sunday of Lent (March 9th/10th) to Most Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15th/16th).
For a just cause, the Easter duty may be fulfilled at some other time of the year.

Stations of the Cross – every Lenten Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM – St. Pius X Church. A simple meal of soup and bread will be available at 6:00 PM at the Parish Hall, Ocean Ave. on some/all Fridays. See the bulletin for up dates on this. All are welcome. A free-will offering is invited to cover the cost of the meals. Note: on Friday April 12th the Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Lobster Roll Supper at 5:00 PM.

Living Stations of the Cross – Friday April 12th following the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Pius X Church.
Stations presented by the students at St. Brigid School.

Lenten Scripture Study/Faith-sharing

Join with other parishioners to look at and discuss the Lent Sunday Scripture readings. Groups will meet as follows:

Mr. Bill Burke – Monday evenings 6:00 -7:00 PM meeting at St. Brigid School

Christine Young – Tuesday afternoons 1:00 - 2:00 PM at the Parish Hall (Classroom section) at 492 Ocean Ave.

Barbara DeCoste - Tuesday afternoons 3:00 - 4:00 PM at Park Danforth 777 Stevens Ave.

Paul LeBlond – Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM at his home 55 Stevens Ave.

Father Paul – Wednesdays 9:45 – 10:45 AM at the Parish Hall (Classroom section) at 492 Ocean Ave.

Please register with the Parish Office if you wish to join any of these groups.

Two Parish Traditions:

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner – Saturday March 16th - 6:00 PM Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave.

Knights of Columbus Lobster Roll Dinner – Friday April 12th- 5:00 PM Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave.

Lenten Retreat Opportunities - Saturday March 23rd *“The Mercy of God Brings Us Joy.”*

Prayer and group discussion led by Fr. Vince, exploring the loving forgiveness of God as illustrated in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son. 9:00 AM – Noon in the Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave. Wednesday April 3rd 7:00 PM Evening Prayer and conversation about *“Choosing to follow Christ.”* Parish Hall classroom 492 Ocean Ave. Fr. Paul, facilitator

Reconciliation/“The Light is on for you” –

In addition to our regular Saturday times for Reconciliation (or by appointment), we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mon-Tues-Wed-Thursday April 8th-11th at St. Pius X Church 6:30-7:30 PM and following the 9:00 AM Mass there (9:30-10:00 AM) on Monday - Thursday.
Regular Confession times: Saturday 2:00 – 2:30 PM St. Joseph Church
3:30 – 4:00 PM St. Pius X Church

The Novena of Grace March 4th - 12th.

The Novena of Grace has been a tradition in Jesuit-connected parishes and schools for many years and source of great blessing. We will observe the Novena at all regularly scheduled parish Masses. Novena prayers will be made available for those who wish to pray the Novena at home.

Holy Week April 14th - 21th



Palm Sunday April 14th -

regular weekend schedule of Saturday/Sunday Masses



Holy Thursday April 18th -

6:00 PM Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave. – Gathering and simple supper
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper – St. Pius X Church



Good Friday, April 19th -

St. Joseph Church will be open for quiet prayer from Noon with Stations of the Cross at 3 PM. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is at 7:00 PM at St. Pius X Church



Holy Saturday, April 20th -

The Great Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM at St. Joseph Church

Easter Sunday, April 21th -

Masses: 7:00 AM St. Pius X 8:00 AM St. Joseph 9:00 AM St. Pius X
10:00 AM St. Joseph **No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Day**



*******Watch the bulletin and parish website for any updates/ additions to this calendar*******

Online Resources for Lent

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>

Resources from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops

www.bread.org/lent from Bread for the World

Various Jesuit-connected resources

www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/lent - a wealth of resources from the site run by campus ministry at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska

www.ignatianspirituality.com good source of prayer material/reflections etc.

www.sacredspace.ie daily reflections, run by the Jesuits of Ireland

www.Jesuits.org/news from the US Jesuit Provinces

www.scu.edu/jst/resources - from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California

www.bc.edu/church21/lent1.html from Boston College

www.holycross.edu/faith-and-service... From The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA



Living Lent Daily Explore themes of mercy through daily reflections delivered to your e-mail inbox.

Arts & Faith: Lent Enjoy a visual prayer experience this Lent. Each week includes a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures and an accompanying Ignatian reflection.

The Ignatian Workout for Lent Listen to Tim Muldoon's audio reflections, which accompany suggestions for prayer and action, leading from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Books for Lent If you're looking for some off-line inspiration, select a book to accompany you through the season.

For even more Lenten ideas, [see our page of Lenten resources](#).

Volunteer Corner

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

How can we practice this Beatitude in our parish? The Bereavement Ministry, for the past year and a half, has been offering a Spiritual Bouquet to families of the deceased whose funeral Mass is at St. Joseph's or St. Pius X. Though the Bereavement Ministry is small in numbers one of us attends the wake and /or the Mass. We would like to expand this ministry, and welcome new volunteers. For more information please e-mail Paulette at pstidd101@gmail.com or call the parish office.



Candles The Sanctuary candle at St. Pius X and St. Joseph churches which burn for a whole week, may be sponsored in memory of loved ones or in honor of those living. The requested donation is \$20. To arrange for this, either contact the Parish Office or place your gift and a note in an envelope and put it in the collection basket. We also have vigil candles at St. Joseph Church which can be lit.

Winter Weather Cancellations

Weekday Mass Cancellations - when the Portland schools are cancelled or have a delayed opening beyond 9:00 AM, weekday Mass will be cancelled. This is to ensure everyone's safety on the roads and also to allow our grounds people time to plow parking lots and clear walks and steps around the churches. The Parish Offices will follow this same policy. St. Brigid's School will make its own school cancellation/delay notices. Weekend Masses are almost never cancelled, but each person should use good judgement about whether it is safe to travel.



Rosary Devotion

*Monday through Thursday following 9:00 AM Mass
St. Pius X Church*



Adorations

*Tuesday Evenings 7:00 to 8:00 PM St. Joseph Church
Fridays 9:30 AM to 12 Noon St. Pius X Church*

Wording of the "our Father"

What about the wording of the "Our Father"? Back in December 2017 *America* magazine reported as follows: "Pope Francis thinks the church should tweak the translation of the "Our Father" to clear up the confusion around the phrase 'lead us not into temptation.' "That is not a good translation," the pope said in an interview with Italian television. A possible alternative is the phrase "do not let us fall into temptation," which is currently used by the French church. In his interview, Pope Francis suggested that phrase could be adopted more widely. The TV episode focused on the line, "Lead us not into temptation."

The line is found in both the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Matthew. Thomas Stegman, S.J., a Biblical scholar at Boston College, says the original Greek is the same in both cases. "One consideration is: how to understand (the original Greek word used) Father Stegman said by email. "It can refer to testing (in the sense of determining one's character) or to tempting (in the sense of enticing one to sin)." Father Stegman pointed out that Biblical scholar Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. "proposes the petition refers to 'the final, eschatological testing through which all must pass.' He refers to the notion of God as one who tests or tries as found in passages such as Pss 11:5 and 26:2.

"The pope's recommendation, in my opinion, is not only theologically sound but also exegetically defensible." "However, if one understands the Greek word as enticement to sin, then the pope's recommendation, in my opinion, is not only theologically sound but also exegetically defensible," Father Stegman said.

He points out that James 1:13 "makes clear that God does not tempt. God cannot be tempted with evil, nor does God tempt anyone. Enticement to sin comes from own's own desires."

Meanwhile, in 1 Corinthians (10:13), Paul "insists that God does not allow one to be tempted beyond one's strength, and also provides the way to escape," Father Stegman said. "That text might seem to imply that God tempts, but what lies behind is the conviction that God controls everything," he added. "The logic of the Pauline text is that God helps in time of temptation, but certainly does not lead to sin."

French-speaking Catholics in Benin and Belgium began using a new translation of the line at Pentecost last June. The common Spanish translation already is "no nos dejes caer en la tentacion" or "do not let us fall into temptation." The Italian bishops' conference in 2008 adopted a new translation of the Bible; for the Lord's Prayer both in Matthew 6 and Luke 11, they chose "do not abandon us in temptation," although they did not order the change in liturgical use.

"The one who leads us into temptation is Satan," the pope said. "That's Satan's job." Pope Francis said, "I'm the one who falls. But it's not (God) who pushes me into temptation to see how I fall. No, a father does not do this. A father helps us up immediately." Matthew's version of the Our Father is longer than the one found in Luke. The version in Matthew includes the line "deliver us from evil," or *tou ponerou* in Greek. Father Stegman says this latter phrase is ambiguous: "It can mean 'evil' or, giving the definite article emphasis, 'the Evil One.' "If the latter, that would, to my mind, bolster Francis's point," he said. "That is: praying that we be delivered from Satan and his wiles would be the explanatory petition following 'lead us not into temptation.' Or, as Francis is suggesting: 'Let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.'" *America* magazine

There has been no change in the wording of the "Our Father" in the English used at Mass.

Knights of Columbus Council 101 – meets the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7:00 PM in the Msgr.P.J. Flanagan Parish Center at St. Pius X. Grand Knight - **William Green**

Knights of Columbus Council 11257 – meets the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 7:00 PM in the Parish Business Office at St. Joseph's in the Basement Meeting Room. Grand Knight - **Justin Russell**

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly – meets the **2nd Monday** of the month 7:00 PM in the Msgr. P.J. Flanagan Parish Center at St. Pius X. Faithful Navigator - **John Land**

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus



**Annual St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus Council 101 will be selling tickets after all masses at both churches this weekend for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with all the fixings. The dinner will be held in the Parish Hall 482 Ocean Ave. on **Saturday, March 16 at 6:00 PM.** Donation is \$15 for adults. **Dinner sells out fast!** Hurry and get your tickets! If you have any questions, please call Paul Leblond at 207-253-9856 or Bill Green at 207-773 8619.

PS: **Attention Peelers:** we will be peeling veggies on Friday, March 15 starting at 9:00 AM. Please Bring Your Own Peeler!



40 Cans for Lent



The Knights of Columbus will be conducting its **"40 Cans For Lent"** Food Drive throughout the Lenten Season. Parishioners are asked to please bring a Non-perishable food item each time they attend Mass during Lent. All food collected will be donated to local food pantries. Items can be deposited in marked totes at the rear of the church. Thank you for your help.



St. Patrick's Day Charity Raffle

The Knights of Columbus Council 101 is once again selling \$100 raffle tickets to benefit local charities. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$1,500 and third prize is \$1,000. **Only 200 tickets are sold.** In the past 14 years we have given away \$86,250. 100 percent is given to charity. Some of the recipients are Mercy Hospital, Salvation Army, St. Brigid's School, Boys and Girls Club of Portland, Preble Street Resources, Maine Vitae, St. Vincent de Paul, Camp Sunshine, Maine Right to Life, Special Olympics and Presence Radio. If you can, please help us support these local charities. **If you need tickets, please call Paul Leblond at 253-9856.**



Women's ACTS retreat – SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of Hope parish is collaborating with the Parish of the Holy Eucharist in presenting a women's ACTS retreat from Thursday evening May 30 to Sunday morning June 2 at the Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alfred. Transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided.

An ACTS Retreat is a 3-day 3-night parish-based retreat that offers parishioners the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ in a deep, profound way. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for fellow parishioners which serves to build Christian community within the parish. Contact Tom Luna (518-9236) or Justin Russell (310-7912) for more information.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Do you want to find fulfillment in life by doing something truly worthwhile?
Are you compassionate, caring, reliable and flexible?



Consider becoming a Hospice of Southern Maine Volunteer! Volunteers needed for our upcoming class.

April 12, 13, 19, 20 & 26

Companionship and emotional support Caregiver relief and running errands Grief support Veteran support

For additional information or to register, please call: Lynn 207.289.3689



Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland is proud to present the 8th annual **Maine Catholic Women's Conference** Saturday, April 6, 2019

Featuring Keynote Speaker/Singer:

Kitty Cleveland
God will provide!



Kitty Cleveland emphasizes the message of Divine Mercy and how it has played a significant role in her life. She shares her raw and real story of God's providence through her father's unjust incarceration and the start of her career as a singer/songwriter

Holy Mass • Vendors • Music • Adoration

Portland Marriott Sable Oaks, South Portland, Maine

Registration begins February 1 and closes April 1

Cost: \$65.00 (includes coffee break and lunch)

Early Bird Discount: \$59 by March 18



*Our Lady of Hope Women's Sodality
Annual Irish Bread Sale*



Saturday, March 16th and Sunday, March 17th

Pick up at St. Pius X Church on Saturday at the 4:30 PM Mass, **OR**

Joseph's Church on Sunday at the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, or 5:00 PM Masses (if breads last).

Dear Parishioners,

The second trimester of the academic year ended on March 8. As we inevitably move towards the last 60 or so days of the academic year it seems like a great time to share some highlights of what goes on at the school. There is so much to share but space is limited so I will leave you with the following snippets.

- The PreK students along with their teachers and parent chaperones delivered cookies and hot chocolate to our neighbors on St. Joseph, Tremaine, and Elmwood Street.
- The Kindergarten students continue to learn patriotic songs in preparation for their Memorial Day concert. Their voices are angelic and full of hope and inspiration.
- The grade 1 students in Miss Rodriguez's class created their own book and presented it to family and friends at a special book launch in late February.
- The fourth grade students, as part of a biography project, participated in a Living Wax Museum, and shared what they learned about their chosen person by dressing in costume while staying in character. The students learned research and public speaking skills and were fully engaged in the project.
- Bishop Deeley spent the day with our students on February 27. He visited with the members of the Kindness Club, played Geology Jeopardy with the fourth grade, engaged in dramatic play with the PreK students, listened to our third grade students sing songs in Spanish, played the headband game with the seventh grade religion class, and conducted an exit interview the eighth grade students.
- We welcomed five new students to the school during the second trimester and look forward to welcoming more students in the coming weeks as admissions inquiries for next year begin to heat up.

Thanks for keeping our school in your prayers.

Sincerely, Bill Burke

The work of the Parish

As a parish and as individuals our baptism calls us to share in the mission of Christ in the world today. In the Eucharist we join our sacrifices to that of Jesus and receive his Body and Blood that we might become the visible body and blood of the Risen Christ in our world. A great deal of the work of Christ, of the work of our parish, occurs outside of Mass. This happens in our individual lives and in the ministries of our parish.

Most recently our Pastoral Council encouraged and endorsed the rebirth of the Ministry of Social Justice or Peace and Justice. Elizabeth Tarasevich and Bill Slavick have generously agreed to be the Co-Chairs of this newly reborn ministry. Years ago this had been an active ministry of our parish. Its rebirth is very much in harmony with the direction our parish has taken in its planning process. Stay tuned for developments!

I've recently asked the other parish ministries to give us a short report on what each has been doing so that we might all know what is happening, often without much notice, in our community. Several ministries have responded. If yours has not yet sent me a short report, I look forward to receiving it and sharing it. The Pastoral Council is planning for a gathering of at least some representatives from each active parish ministry on May 5th. The purpose of that gathering is to share what is happening and to look to the future based on our parish planning. This week I'll share with you a report from the Homebound Ministry, prepared by Nelson Megna

The Homebound Ministry Program's Mission is . . .

- **To bring the sacrament of the Eucharist to those who are unable to come to the table of the Lord**
- **To reach out to individuals at a time in their lives when they feel a need to draw closer to the Lord**
- **To re-establish a link with the parish community**
- **To provide yet another opportunity to respond to the Gospel imperative to serve one another**

A team of six Eucharistic Ministers accomplish these objectives through weekly visits to parishioners' homes and monthly Communion Services (room visits for residents not able to attend) held at assisted living and nursing home facilities located within the parish boundaries. While the number of parishioners served varies, at the time this report was prepared team members are making twenty-four weekly home visits and four monthly residential facilities visits.

Other parish organizations that support the work of the Homebound Ministry Team include the Knights of Columbus (both Councils), the Prayer Shawl Ministry and St. Brigid's School.

Further reports will come. If you feel inclined to join a ministry or wish to find out more, please contact the Parish Office. Fr. Paul SJ

THANK YOU

Mr. Ray Helper of the Preble Street Center recently wrote: "Thank you for your January gift of 275+ mittens, hats, and scarves. On a recent night when the number of people seeking emergency shelter was at its highest point in the past five years, you helped provide a safe, warm space and hot meals for more than 300 people, including families with children. Thank you for being a vital part of the solution to hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Your support truly makes a difference.