

OUR LADY OF HOPE and ST. BRIGID SCHOOL

A Jesuit Ministry

March 16 / 17, 2019

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The Transfiguration of Jesus

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Luke 9:35

<u>Pastoral Staff</u>		<u>Finance Council</u>	
Rev. Paul Sullivan, S.J.- Pastor		Bill Green, Charlie Noyes, Barbara Willey,	
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Linda McCormack		Parish Administrative Assistant	
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Andrew Litcher		IT and Maintenance	Couples should contact the Pastoral Office at least six months in advance.
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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 Two

A second diagnosis to "rule out" Is my heart obstinate?

In the Letter to the Hebrews we read, "Exhort each other every day, as long as this today lasts, so that none of you may be obstinate"; Obstinacy is "spiritual stubbornness": an obstinate heart – explains Pope Francis - is "rebellious", is "stubborn", is closed in by its own thought, is not "open to the Holy Spirit". This is the profile of "ideologues", and of the proud and the arrogant:

Ideology is a [kind of] obstinacy. The Word of God, the grace of the Holy Spirit is not ideology: it is life that makes you grow, always, [that makes you] go forward, and also opens your heart to the signs of the Spirit, to the signs of the times. But obstinacy is also pride, it is arrogance. Stubbornness, that stubbornness that does so much harm: closed-hearted, hard – the first word – those are the fainthearted; the stubborn, the obstinate, as the text says the ideologues are. But do I have a stubborn heart? Each one should consider this. Am I able to listen to other people? And if I think differently, do I say, "But I think this..." Am I capable of dialogue? The obstinate don't dialogue, they don't know how, because they always defend themselves with ideas, they are ideologues. And how much harm do ideologues do to the people of God, how much harm! Because they close the way to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Iola Pasquine by Janice Farrin (Fr. Paul with Deacon John)

MONDAY: March 18, 2019

8:00 AM - St. Joseph (School Mass)
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X Christopher Foley by Kevin & Janet Gildart

TUESDAY: March 19, 2019

9:00 AM - St. Pius X Theresa Judkins by Dick & Marie Coyne

WEDNESDAY: March 20, 2019

9:00 AM - St. Pius X Joseph Cremo by his wife Lillian

THURSDAY: March 21, 2019

9:00 AM - St. Pius X Girardini Greaney by Cindy Rotolo

FRIDAY: March 22, 2019

9:00 AM - St. Pius X Girardini Greaney by Judi Hutzuer

SATURDAY: March 23, 2019

8:00 AM - St. Pius X Girardini Greaney by Neil & Anne Haskel
3rd Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM - St. Joseph Joseph Coyne Family by Family (Fr. Jack)
 4:30 PM - St. Pius X Frederick J. McInnis by the Family (Fr. Vince)

SUNDAY: March 24, 2019 - **3rd Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM - St. Pius X Healing for a Member of the Coyne Family (Fr. Paul)
 8:00 AM - St. Joseph Donald Ingalls by Jean & Family (Fr. Jack)
 9:00 AM - St. Pius X For The People of the Parish (Fr. Paul)
 10:00 AM - St. Joseph Mass for All our Benefactors of our Parish (Fr. Vince)
 5:00 PM - St. Joseph Richard Carter, Sr. by Geri & John Merrill (Fr. Paul)

Scripture for the week of March 17, 2019

17 Sunday	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
18 Monday	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
19 Tuesday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
20 Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
21 Thursday	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
22 Friday	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
23 Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
24 Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Observances for the Week of March 17, 2019

17 Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day
18 Monday	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19 Tuesday	St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20 Wednesday	First Day of Spring
21 Thursday	
22 Friday	(Abstinence)
23 Saturday	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
24 Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week at



St. Joseph Church
 Gratitude to St. Joseph



St. Pius X Church
 Charles Bennett

03/17/19 to 03/23/19

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

Upcoming Events

- March 16/17** - 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Women's Sodality Annual Irish Bread Sale
- March 20** - First Day of Spring
- March 22** - Simple Supper 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- March 23** - "The Mercy of God Brings Us Joy"
 Parish Hall 492 Ocean Ave 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- March 29** - Simple Supper 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- April 3** - "Choosing to follow Christ"
 Parish Hall 492 Ocean Ave 7:00 PM
- April 5** - Simple Supper 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- April 6** - "Aging Friendly Parish Workshops"
 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
- April 8—11** - **Reconciliation**
 "The Light is on for you"
 St. Pius X Church 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- April 12** - **Lobster Roll Dinner**
 Parish Hall 492 Ocean Ave 5:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- April 14—21** - **Holy Week**

Irish Blessing

This weekend many of us celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland and one of the patrons of this Diocese. An Irish blessing:



May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends you,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer to each prayer.



Finance and Administration

Weekly Offertory Report

Your Gifts of Stewardship

February 23 / 24, 2019

Our Lady of Hope Parish 1st Collection was \$ 8,805.11

envelopes were used 243

Weshare: (1st Collection) \$ 2,122.51

Weshare Transactions 68

TOTAL Parish Offertory was \$ 10,927.62

*(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

January Checkbook

Parish Financial Activity for January 2019

Offertory-	\$56,442.74
General Expenses	\$64,196.46
Sub Total	\$(7,753.72)

Buildings and Grounds - Update

Winter has its way with aging heating systems. Recently we have had to replace the mixing valve at St. Joe's Rectory/parish office. This controls the temperature of the water in sinks, etc. One Monday morning recently the staff arrived to find the building temp at about 53 degrees. I was away on retreat so wasn't here to notice the falling temp. A call to Giroux, our service company, got things back in order quickly with a new circulating pump. Both these repairs were unexpected and therefore not in the budget. Come spring we'll have to deal with the exterior wall repair on this same building, mentioned in an earlier building (est. cost \$14,000). We thank you for your weekly/monthly support!

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.

Update on Fr Levens

Fr. Levens is now up and walking, using a walker but soon to move just to a cane. His doctors are very pleased with his progress and expect that he will be able to return home to us by mid-April. He is very appreciative of the prayers and many cards and notes he has received from members of the Cheverus and Our Lady of Hope community.

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

Paving Project

To date we have raised \$74,748.14 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

- 03-16/17-2019 — Snow Removal and Grounds Care
- 03-23/24-2019 — Maintenance Fund
- 03-30/31-2019 — Catholic Relief Services
- 04-06/07-2019 — Clergy Health and Pension Program

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.

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

March 17 th	April 7 th
May 5 th	May 19 th





**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.

Parish Tradition:

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

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.**

Women’s ACTS retreat

Save the date: May 30 – June 2.

ACTS retreats grew out of

“Cursillos in Christianity” retreats

over 30 years ago when Archbishop Patrick Flores wanted a Catholic retreat which was parish-based that would also welcome non-Catholics. The Archbishop wanted non-Catholics invited so if they were married to a Catholic, they could understand what their spouse experienced on their retreat and experience the powerful sense of community. It has grown quickly, now active in over 580 parishes in 6 countries. In Maine, it started in parishes in Frenchville and Caribou, followed by Lewiston/Auburn, and more recently in Falmouth/Yarmouth/Gray/Freeport. Contact Tom Luna (518-9236) or Justin Russell (310-7912) for more



SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, April 6, Our Lady of Hope Parish will host one of several statewide Aging 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 McGaulley at 523-1161.

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

CHOOSING LENT ACTING LENT

The reason that choosing and acting Lent is so important is that we are body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations and we share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.

These ideas represent a variety of choices and acts that have come to our minds as we reflect upon our Lenten journey. There are countless others that will fit our experience as we continue to reflect on the question: What might I do to grow in my appreciation of your love and my desire to share it with others?

Here are a few ways to choose and act Lent. More will be added soon.

[Symbols in Our Home](#) **

[Our Service for and with the Poor](#) **

[Spring Cleaning for Freedom](#) **

[Family Conversion - Relationship Conversion](#) **

[Realigning our Priorities](#) **

[Family Prayer](#) **

[Returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation](#) **

(**These are working links online)

Session for Parents/Guardians & Youth



Helping Hurting Teens

Presenter: Roy Petitfils

WHAT
Evening for Adults & Teens (must be 15 or older & attend with an adult)

WHEN
March 15, 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm

WHERE?
St. Dominic Academy
High School Campus
121 Eisenhower Road
Auburn, Maine
*Closed and gathering in
Campus, Maurine and Margorie's
jamboree the video conference.
All your local parish for details.

REGISTRATION FEE
\$5 per person

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! [Click for details](#)
Registration Deadline: March 13

Anxiety, depression, self-injury, sexual orientation, suicidal ideation. These are just a few challenges today's teens face and need the help of others to deal with in authentic, faith-filled ways.

It can be daunting to help teens who are dealing with these issues. Many people think "I'm not a psychologist...How can I help these teens?" While there are limits to what non-mental health professionals can do, there is MUCH more you can do than you probably think.

Parents, guardians and youth will leave this session with a better understanding of these issues and with a clearer sense for how to bring hope and healing while you walk with today's hurting teens.

Roy Petitfils, MS LPC is a Catholic psychotherapist in private practice where he specializes in counseling adolescents. Prior to becoming a counselor and national speaker, Roy studied military and spirituality for five years both in the US and in Rome, Italy.



Roy has worked with young people for the last 25 years as a youth minister, campus minister, teacher, school administrator, school counselor and now as a psychotherapist in private practice.

He wrote an award-winning syndicated column for adults about teens and has published four books including his latest: *Why Teens Want You to Know (But Don't Tell You)*. Roy has keynoteed many national and international conferences including a 2016 TEDx talk helping adults understand and reach teens. Roy lives with his wife Mindi and their two sons: Max and Ben in Youngsville, Louisiana.

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Are you looking to work for a few hours a month and help people in need? Catholic Charities Maine is looking for an On-Call Receptionist at their Central Office located at the Cathedral in Portland. The hours are flexible including morning, afternoon and all day shifts based upon the need for any given day. Available dates are made known months in advance for easy planning and are always during business days and business hours. For more information and to apply please go to www.ccmaine.org/employment.



We look upon the transfiguration above all as the celebration of that presence of Christ which takes charge of everything in us and transfigures even that which disturbs us about ourselves. God penetrates those hardened, incredulous, even disquieting regions within us, about which we really do not know what to do. God penetrates them with the life of the Spirit and acts upon those regions and gives them God's own face.

-Kathryn Spink

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

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Come Join Us!

If you believe in the importance of investing time in friendship, growing your faith in the Church, and helping others, the Knights of Columbus is for you! The Knights of Columbus is an organization of catholic men and their families that derive a great sense of satisfaction from being able to develop lasting friendships with each other while helping the less fortunate the Knights of Our Lady of Hope Parish Councils 101 and Council 11257 will be holding a membership drive the **weekend of March 23 & 24** at St. Joseph and St. Pius X churches. The Knights will be available after all the masses to answer questions and discuss the opportunities of membership. All it takes is just 24 hours of your time a year! We will have a table in the vestibule, please stop by and see us.

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



The Magnificat Ministry Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Fireside Inn & Suites, located on 81 Riverside Street, April 27th, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event, hosted by the Scarborough chapter of Magnificat, sold out each of the last two years.

Magnificat is an international ministry with over 90 chapters worldwide that aims to help Catholic women become more committed to Jesus by fostering a desire to grow in holiness. The Scarborough chapter, the first in Maine, became an official chapter in November of 2016. “The breakfast invites women to come together and pray, to ask for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for those graces, so they can leave with a sense of renewal, and purpose, and stronger in their faith than when they walked through the door,” said Catherine Koenig, treasurer of the Scarborough chapter.

The keynote speaker at the breakfast will be Shirley Estabrooks, a South Portland resident and member of St. John & Holy Cross Parish, who will offer a presentation entitled “From Darkness into Light.” Estabrooks is a convert to the Catholic faith who grew up with nineteen brothers and sisters and neglectful parents. Following many years of trauma and hopelessness, she found a loving home in the Catholic Church. Estabrooks will candidly reveal her dramatic and gripping conversion story for the first time at the Magnificat breakfast, sharing spiritual lessons that inspire and bring hope. Retired from her career as a medical research technician, Shirley is now an affiliate of the Good Shepherd Sisters.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$22 per person. For reservations, call (617) 864-3908 or visit www.magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-l-m/me-scarborough. Registrations for priests, deacons, and religious are complimentary, but must be reserved at (617) 864-3908.



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Dear Parishioners,

On Ash Wednesday Fr. Sullivan gave the students, staff, and all those in attendance some sound advice about how to be aware of God's love for us. He suggested that we do three things during Lent: Take time to be quiet and talk to God; unclutter our lives of the things that get in the way of our relationship with God; and make an effort to be kind and caring to others.

Fr. Sullivan suggested that in order to talk to God we should practice by talking with each other and forming relationships with the people we see every day. We can find God in our neighbors and friends. To unclutter our lives, we may want to consider not giving something up for Lent but giving something away. What things could you live without? To love God, we need to practice by loving and caring for one another. When we love each other, we can know how to love God.

The message we heard on Ash Wednesday will carry us all the way to Easter and beyond.

Sincerely, Bill Burke Principal



The work of the parish (part 2)

I have recently requested that the various ministries of our parish send on a brief update of what is happening in their ministry so that I might share that with all of us here in the bulletin. Last week I shared the work of the Homebound Ministry. Elsewhere in the bulletin our Bereavement Ministry has a notice of their work. I am awaiting reports from our other parish ministries. Fr. Paul SJ

Parish Social Justice and Peace Ministry

This Ministry is in the process of being re-born here at OLH. We can expect to hear more shortly. For now, let me share some information provided by Bill Slavick, Co-Chair of our Social Justice/Peace Ministry:

Bishops on US-Mexico border say real emergency is how to care for migrants

Bishops along the US.-Mexico border are jointly calling for solidarity with migrants as a Catholic response to the national emergency declared by President Donald Trump. They also questioned the emergency, primarily to free up funds for building a border wall, was as urgent as attending to migrants seeking asylum in the United States.

"Our nation, the United States, has expressed that it is in a national emergency. ... We went to the border yesterday. The emergency is not here," Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio said Feb. 27 at the closing of a border bishops' meeting on immigration issues, Catholic News Service reported. "The emergency is what people are going through to try to come here to have peace...The emergency is how we are going to take care of those who are discriminated and those who are disadvantaged," Archbishop Garcia-Siller said.

Bishops, whose diocese lay on the border used their Feb. 25-27 meeting to consult with Catholics working on migration issues and about how to respond to migrants fleeing poverty and violence in Central America. "It is leaders like us and others," Archbishop Garcia-Siller said, who need "to unmask the situation to be able to present the truth in the way we see it."

Dioceses along the border are increasingly attending to migrants. The Diocese of El Paso is operating 13-15 temporary shelters for asylum-seekers. Attention may shift to Mexico as the U.S. government rolls out a plan to keep asylum-seekers outside the United States -- in Mexican border cities -- while their claims are heard in U.S. courts. The plan is already operational in Tijuana, Mexico, and Catholic migrant advocates expect it to be put into effect in other Mexican border cities. "To say 'no' to people coming for asylum just aggravates the situation in Mexico," Archbishop Garcia-Siller said. "The Return to Mexico policy, if it were implemented in our border community, it would be a disaster," said Dylan Corbett, director of the diocesan HOPE Border Institute in El Paso. "Right now there are 1,500 to 2,000 migrants on the other side of the border waiting their turn for asylum to be granted," he said. "If that were implemented here (in El Paso), we would have refugee camps on the Mexican side of the border."

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