SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
January 14, 2018

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.
John 1: 35-37

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Faith Formation Office: 309 St. Thomas St., Suite 103 – Phone: 728-7135
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thirty minutes before each weekend Mass until 10 minutes before Mass, or by appointment
Sacrament of Baptism: Call business office for appointment
Sacrament of Marriage: Please call at least six months before date
Anointing of Sick: Call 728-7531 during office hours, otherwise call emergency numbers listed above
St. Thomas Gift Shop: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm & Friday: 10am-2pm
Thrift Shop: Monday:12pm-4pm; Tuesday: 10am-3pm; Wednesday: 10am-4pm; Thursday:11am-4pm Friday: 12-4pm
Food Pantry Hours: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month: 6:30am-10am

Bulletin Announcements: Must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday.
Please send all announcements to Notre Dame du Mont Carmel – c/o Jan Dufour
309 St. Thomas St., Suite 103 – Email: Janice.Dufour@portlanddiocese.org

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish or have an address or phone number change, please complete this form and drop in the collection basket or mail it to Sharon Ouellette at the above address.
Name______________________ Address _____________________Phone____________________
### MASS INTENTIONS

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### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday at St. Thomas Aquinas Church from 9am – 6:00pm.

**This week’s intention:**

For an end to gun violence in our country, and also for our area businesses and their workforces.

‘In the Eucharist is all the power that created the universe and all the love that redeemed it.’ - Msgr. Franklin Hurd

### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

**Madison Anna Hebert**
Daughter of Dean & Christine Hebert

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES:

- Nathan Beaulieu, Justin Cyr, Josh Cyr, Allain Nadeau, Mathew Charette, Christopher Chiasson, Karey Dufour, Curtis Daigle, Alex Deschaine, Joshua Pelletier, David Clavette, Denis Clavette, Kenneth Cote, Justin Morin, Eric Paul Brideau, David Bosse, Daniel Martin, Eric Skoczenski, Arthur Collins, Jesse Clavette, Shawn Michaud, Troy Cyr, Greg Roy, Stacey Thibeault Bebee, Gary Gendreau, Simon J. Morrow 4th, Timothy Daigle, Kyle Blanchette, Brandon Beaulieu, Travis Pelletier, Matthew Russell, Derek Querze, Travis Madore, Andrew Brown, Dylan Clavette, Nicholas Daigle, Alex Sirois, Cedric Gendreau, Gregory Cyr, Shannon Blanchette, Trevor Brown, Jacob Gagnon, Christopher Bouley and Billy Blanchette.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA PRAYER LINE:

If you are in need of prayers for you or a loved one, the Daughters of Isabella can help through the Prayer Line. This is open to anyone – not only for members. To add a name to the prayer line, contact Lorraine Talbot, 728-6507 or 436-9901.

### AN INTERNATIONAL PARISH SURVEY

All parishes of the St. John Valley will be participating in a 10-15 minute survey. This survey will not only add to the national data, but more importantly will give us feedback on the parish’s efforts to help you grow in your faith. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. You will be able to take the survey on line or receive a hard copy to fill out. You can come to church early and take the survey at church. You can pick up a copy to fill out at home, or you can get some help to fill out the survey by staying after Mass and taking the survey with others. We will have the month of February to get as many responses as possible. You are encouraged to get some of your non-practicing family members or neighbors to fill out the survey. The more participants in the survey the more help it will be for the parishes. PLEASE help us out and take the survey.

Many Thanks! Fr. Jim
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETING: Sunday, January 14th at 6:30pm. FMI call Donna at 728-7914.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH MEETING: Sunday, January 14th at 5:30pm in the youth ministry room. FMI call Donna at 728-7914.

SACRAMENTS

YEAR 2 PARENT MEETING (Confirmation & 1st Eucharist): Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church center.

YEAR 1

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GATHERING

Sunday, January 21st

- Begins with families attending 8:30am Mass
- Followed by Faith Formation in the church center (basement).
- Theme: Who Do You Say That I Am?

PARISH LIFE

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: In honor of our Blessed Mother’s apparitions at Fatima 100 years ago, the Rosary will be recited every 13th of the month at 12:00 noon until May 2018 at the St. Gerard Church in Grand Isle.

THANK YOU! Celine Lausier and her family wish to thank everyone for the help and support received for Real’s funeral, be it kind words, food or donations. A special thank you for the Mercy meal provided by the volunteer parishioners. May God bless you!

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Fr. Jim will be away on retreat at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool from January 22-26. He asks that you pray for him during this time. After his retreat he will take a week of vacation.

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Resignation

It is with great sadness that we announce the resignation of Cliff Cyr from our staff. We thank him for his many years of service and we wish him the very best.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Financial Update

Offertory: July 1, 2017 to January 7, 2018

- Budget: $189,000
- Actual: $214,900
- Over Anticipated: $25,900

Week of January 7, 2018

- Amount given
- Weekly goal

St. David: $3,424, $1,731
St. Gerard: $1,277, $850
St. Thomas Aquinas: $5,382, $4,279

Weekly Totals: $10,083, $6,860

This Year: $7,675, $6,656

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: There are still quite a few boxes of envelopes that have not yet been picked up. If you are unable to find your envelope or do not have one assigned to you, please contact the business office at 728-7531.

2017 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS: If you need your contribution report for tax purposes, please write it on your contribution envelope or call the business office at 728-7531.

MEMORIAL MASS - Sunday, January 21st - 8:30am Mass

To Honor Jesus by Constance Cote
To Honor Our Virgin Mary by Constance Cote
Raymond Lizotte by Elsie Raymond
Parents Defunt by Norman & Anita Nadeau
Roger Rouleau by Rouleau Family
Parents Defunt by M/M Berthier Bourgoin
Deceased Classmates by Class of 1967
Rev. Clement Thibodeau by Connie
All Souls by Parishioners
Daniel Pelletier by Morin Family
All Soul’s Intention by Parishioners
Deceased Family Members by Fern Cyr
Fernand Bosse by Dora & Family
Gerald Clavette by Adrien & Lucille
Wendy Bellefeur by Adrien & Lucille
Parents Defunts by Adrien & Lucille
Fortunat & Phoebe Laviole by Adrien & Lucille
In Honor of St. Anthony by Louise Gendreau
Irma Russell by Real & Family
Norman P. Bouchard by Eldon & Jenny
Sister Margaret Ann Paul by Connie Cote
Roger N. J. Pelletier by 4th Degree #0366
Enoil St. Ong by 4th Degree #0366
All Souls in Purgatory by Aldeo & Rina Belanger
Elmo Nadeau by Friends

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**CLUSTER/DIOCESAN CORNER**

**BAPTISMAL PREP SESSION:** Saturday, January 20th, 9:30am at the NEW St. Thomas Center. FMI contact the business office at 728-7135.

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**ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Basement

**Hours:** Mon. to Thurs. - 9 to 3p.m., Fri. 10 to 2 p.m.

**Living Faith:** Reg. Print - $1.25  Kid's Copy - $1.45  Large Print - $2.50

**NEW:** Silver-tone Rhinestone Cross Stretch Bracelets - with Blue, Green or Red Crosses $29

**STATUE:** 8-1/2" St. Philomena - Patron Saint of infants, babies & youth, called The Wonder Worker! $14.98

**BOOKS:** "HERO - Being the strong father your children need"

By: Meg Meeker, M.D.  Whether You Know It or Not, If You’re a Dad, You’re a Hero! That’s the message of best-selling author and pediatrician Dr. Meg Meeker. Even if you’re struggling with all the demands of fatherhood, let Dr. Meeker reassure you: every man has it within him to be the hero-father his children need. With simple step-by-step instructions and drawing on long experience including her work with the NFL’s Fatherhood Initiative - Dr. Meeker shows you how to be the father you want to be and your children need you to be. Among other points covered: Why your children want you to be their hero - even if their relationship with you has been strained or distant. A wonderful gift for the man in your life!! $22.99

**FOR CHILDREN:** "Hildegard's Gifts" - The Story of a girl who God wanted to Sing! Everywhere Hildegard went she saw colors and swirls, pictures, and designs. Music filled her soul and she was flooded with ideas - so many that she thought her mind might explode. Then one day it all stopped. This beautiful book will take you along with Hildegard on her journey as she seeks to find her voice and dedicates her life with devotion to God, service to others, and artistic expression.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** sjvcatholics.org - click on Parish Life & Events, then St. Thomas Gift Shop - Available Items

Also, **Gift Certificates are always available!!**

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**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**

**Marriage Prep**

March 9-11, 2018

FMI or to register, call 728-7531

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**Cluster/Diocesan Corner**

We welcome Mike Lagasse as the Cluster Bookkeeper. Mike is originally from Van Buren and has been the bookkeeper and parish manager in Cluster Three, Caribou.

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**Excerpt from Amoris Laetitia**

*In marriage, the joy of love needs to be cultivated. (n.126)*

Another great challenge of marriage preparation is to help couples realize that marriage is not something that happens once for all. Their union is real and irrevocable, confirmed and consecrated by the sacrament of matrimony. Yet, in joining their lives, the spouses assume an active and creative role in a lifelong project. Their gaze now has to be directed to the future that, with the help of God’s grace, they are daily called to build. This process takes time. Love needs time and space; every else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one another and gaze in each other’s eyes, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship. Sometimes the frenetic pace of our society and the pressures of the workplace create problems. At other times, the problem is the lack of quality time together, sharing the same room without one even noticing the other. Pastoral workers and groups of married people should think of ways to help your or vulnerable couples to make the most of those moments, to be present to one another, even by sharing moments of meaningful silence. (n. 224)

**Weekly suggestion for the faithful to consider:**

**Week of January 14:** Is there a friend or relative you haven’t visited or called lately? Take the time to reconnect.
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: The Grand Isle Knights of Columbus will host a community breakfast on Sunday, January 14 from 7 to 11 am at the Grand Isle Community Center. Entertainment by the Sunshine Boys. Advance sales: $7 or $8 at the door. For tickets, call Gary 316-6060; George 227-1177; Gerald 895-6949. Take outs available.

KITCHEN PARTY: Sunday, January 14th from 1-3 pm at the Grand Isle Community Center. Everyone is invited. Free snacks and refreshments. Join us for some good clean fun with local entertainers. FMI call Gerald at 895-6949.

SPAGHETTI BENEFIT for Scott Morin on Sat., January 20th from 4-7pm at the Madawaska Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are $8 and can be purchased at Bob’s Service Center or any family member. There will be raffles and a 50/50.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Spiritual retreat at KRK Island, Croatia with Fr. Zlatko Sudac, the renowned stigmatist from April 25th - May 6th, 2018. FMI contact: Marie Desjardins at 207-868-5027, email: mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com