

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, and South Portland, Maine

Dear Parishioners,

This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118:24). We are amid the Octave of Easter which extends the Easter celebration as a single eight-day event, from Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord and ends on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Gospel readings during the week remind us of the importance of Jesus' resurrection, his encounters with his friends and disciples, and the power of his ministry on earth.

We will continue to videotape the Sunday celebrations and post them by 5:00 PM on Saturdays until Governor Mills and Bishop Deeley give us permission to resume gathered Masses. Remember, we are providing worship aids for each celebration to assist you in participating in the celebration. These worship aids are posted several hours before the videotaped Mass to allow you time to print them. It is the first file under the video on the website.

Thank you to all who have already submitted recommendations for a new parish name. We are accepting recommendations until Friday, April 17. The criteria are that it must be a Saint name, a title for Mary, or a significant event/name of something in our Church tradition, (for example, Holy Eucharist, Ascension of Lord, etc.). We will not be able to include a name that is currently being used in the diocese. Please email Msgr. Stefanko (paul.stefanko@portlanddiocese.org) or call Kris Benson at the office (883-0334 x227).

All new parish names submitted will be put into SurveyMonkey (an online survey tool). You will be able to select three preferences on SurveyMonkey anytime between Monday, April 20 and Thursday, April 30. SurveyMonkey will tabulate all selections and the top names will be presented to Bishop Deeley in May.

For the time being, our primary ways to communicate with everyone are via our website or Facebook:

www.cluster22.org

<https://www.facebook.com/C22Cparishes>

Currently, both are being updated several times a week. Please check them out.

Be safe, keep one another in your prayers, and enjoy the blessings of the Easter Season! May they dispel our fears and renew our hope.

Sincerely,



Msgr. Paul F. Stefanko