



Weekly Update—January 8, 2021

Welcome to 2021! Our New Year with some leftovers from 2020. We continue to see limited capacities in our churches and the Bishop continues to waive our obligation to attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days so we can continue to consider our safety in planning our own public appearances due to COVID-19 and our pre-existing health conditions.

Our Christmas Masses seemed quite empty with the limited capacity. And, we apologize for the unfortunate technology glitch for those viewing the 4 pm Mass at home on Christmas Eve. When technology improves, so does the complexity of it. We are pleased to say that we learned something about our need to pay attention to the sound frequency that night. The timing was horrible and those of us working on the telecast felt horrible that we were not able to remedy the problem right away, knowing that so many of you depended on that telecast. We did remedy the problem on Christmas Day and seem to have continued successfully broadcasting ever since. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these times. Know that regardless of how poorly things may be coming through to you, on the other end we are always trying to improve how we connect with you and are always doing our very best to keep everyone connected. From time to time, we may not be as successful, but know we are as frustrated with the situation as you are. However, we continue to strive to provide quality telecasts of our Masses.

CHANGES FOR MASS REGISTRATION

Beginning January 11th, we will no longer require Daily Mass sign-up ahead of time. We find that we are nowhere near capacity and we want to take the burden of calling for Daily Mass off of your shoulders. ***We will, however, still continue to take reservations for weekend Masses and for Holy Day Masses until further notice.*** Please remember the cut-off for Mass reservations for the weekend is Thursday at 4:30 unless otherwise announced. The offices are not staffed on the weekend, so messages left on the weekend does not ensure a seat at any Mass.

We do ask that when you arrive to daily Mass, please see the check-in table to get signed in for contact tracing. Masks must still be worn and as always, we ask that you sit 6 ft away from other Mass goers. In the event of inclement weather, we will post our closings in the following manner:

Maine Local News Channels 6, 8 and 13

Facebook - @allsaintsparish.maine

On the home page of our website: www.allsaintsmaine.com

As a reminder you can also tune into Mass the following ways:

Your local tv station provides a Mass every week. Our Masses are available on your local TV stations. Because of the limited staffing at the local stations, we are unable to provide the current weekend Mass. You will be viewing the previous weekend's Mass. Bath TV-8 am, Sunday, Harpswell TV-9 am Sunday, Brunswick TV-9:01, Lincoln County TV- 11 am. If you prefer a current Mass, tune into ***CatholicTV*** or ***EWTN***. See local cable listings for times. Thanks to a generous donor, we now have improved equipment and software, significantly improving the quality of our videos and streaming.

Facebook— We schedule a Live feed Sunday at 11 am, Monday at 8 am, Tuesday at 8 am and Friday at 8 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to access our Facebook page. Make sure you ***like, follow and share*** our page so your friends and family will also be able to connect to us virtually.

Website – We connect our live feed from Facebook to our website. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view this mass. Simply click on the mass image to enlarge it for your screen. Remember to click the volume adjustment if you see an "x" over the sound symbol. The feed is located at www.allsaintsmaine.com toward the bottom of the home page.

YouTube – Did you know that you can now access our 11 am Sunday Mass on YouTube? You can connect to our page [HERE](#) . Scan the videos and look for the word LIVE in red. Click on the picture and you will be streaming the Mass live from All Saints Parish

END OF YEAR GIVING AND TAX LETTERS

In early December, Fr. Murphy wrote to our parish in hopes to help close our financial gap due to the pandemic and the absence of fundraisers that we usually rely on over the course of the year. We are beyond blessed by the overwhelming support of the parish and are happy to report that we have received over \$45,000 in donations. Your generosity speaks volumes and has certainly paved the way to help the parish, especially during the winter months. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to you all!

Tax letters for your annual giving will be mailed later this month. If you have donated \$250 or more, you will receive your letter by mail. If you did not give \$250 but would still would like a letter, please contact Ann Carlton at 207-443-3423

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS COLLECTING WINTER COATS

If you have winter outer wear you are no longer using, **Catholic Charities Maine Refugee Program** is accepting donations of hats, gloves, coats and jackets until Sunday, January 31st. There are collection bins at all of our churches. *Thank you!*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one. Your donations helped to decorate our churches during the Christmas Season. The list of donors can be found in this [weekend's bulletin](#).

FORMED

If you haven't already, look into our wonderful Catholic resource available for free to all parishioners, Formed. [Click here](#). And sign up today for amazing Catholic resources: lives of the saints, Bible Studies, talks, series, and books. All teaching us about our rich Catholic faith. Get ready for Lent with Formed. (Lent begins Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday). Formed offers live lectures

In Christ,

Rev. Thomas Murphy, Rev. Patrick Agbodi SMA and the All Saints Parish Staff

JANUARY MASS SCHEDULE

Live Stream Masses on Facebook, Allsaintsmaine.com & YouTube

Monday - 8 am

Tuesday - 8 am *No Tuesday Mass during school vacations or closures due to weather

Friday - 8 am

Sunday - 11 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

4 pm St. John the Baptist Church - Brunswick
4 pm St. Mary's Church - Bath
4 pm St. Patrick's Church - Newcastle

Sundays

8 am St. Ambrose Church - Richmond
8 am St. Katharine Drexel - Harpswell
9 am Our Lady Queen of Peace – Boothbay Harbor
9:30 am St. Mary's Church - Bath
11:00 am St. Charles Borromeo Church - Brunswick
11:00 am St. Patrick's Church - Newcastle

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays 8 am St. Charles Borromeo Church – Brunswick
Tuesday 12 pm Our Lady Queen of Peace – Boothbay Harbor
Wednesday 12 pm St. Patrick's Church - Newcastle
Thursday 12 pm Our Lady Queen of Peace – Boothbay Harbor
Friday 8 am St. Charles Borromeo Church – Brunswick
Friday 12 pm St. Patrick Church - Newcastle

To make a reservation for weekend Mass call one of our offices Monday – Friday 8-4:30 pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace – 207-633-2680

St. Charles Borromeo Church – 207-725-2624

St. Mary's Church – 207-443-3423

St. Patrick's Church – 207-563-3240