



All Saints Parish Weekly Update February 12, 2021

Offices will be closed Monday February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents' Day.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a period of spiritual renewal which helps us prepare for the celebration of the Paschal mystery of Christ, his passion, death and resurrection. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and a day of abstinence from meat. Fasting applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 and means you should only eat one full meal and two smaller meals if needed. All Catholics age 14 and above should abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

How will ashes be Imposed on Ash Wednesday during the pandemic?

Priests and Deacons primarily impose Ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the event there is a need for another person, an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist may be asked to help. Here is the process... a bit different from non-COVID years.

The celebrant blesses the ashes and sprinkles them with holy water. He says the formula for imposition only once, over the entire group gathered, before beginning to impose ashes. The person receiving ashes bows his head. The minister takes a pinch of ashes between the thumb and forefinger. While rubbing the thumb and forefinger together, the minister sprinkles the ashes over the crown of the head in the shape of a cross. This method avoids speaking repeatedly into the face of persons receiving ashes, and it avoids direct physical contact of any kind. It is consistent with the practice in many European countries and the Scriptural accounts of the penitential use of ashes.

RESERVATIONS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY CLOSE AT 12 PM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Mass Times are as follows:

St. Mary's Church – 8 am

St. John the Baptist Church – 8 am

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church – 12 pm

St. Ambrose Church – 12 pm

St. Charles Borromeo Church – 12 pm – Live stream available

St. John the Baptist Church – 6 pm

St. Patrick Church – 6 pm – Live stream available

Imposition of Ashes only – If you are not ready to join us for Mass, you can come to receive only ashes at the following times/locations. Masks are required, but you do not need to register. Please enter the church and go directly to the center aisle and wait for the deacon. The deacon will state the formula (Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return) to a group (or at a distance to individuals if they arrive singly). Approach the deacon, keeping socially distanced from those in front of you. Bow your head when you get to the deacon and they will do the imposition on the crown of your head. Once you have received your ashes, please leave as directed by the volunteers.

St. Charles Borromeo Church – 7 pm

St. Mary's Church – 7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS –VIRTUAL PRAYER FOR LENT

Stations of the Cross- Will be pre-recorded and done virtually this year. Stations will be recorded at each of our seven churches. Stations from each church will be scheduled for viewing on Facebook and YouTube on Fridays in Lent and will remain available on YouTube and Facebook as videos. Stations of the Cross will also be broadcast on local TV stations all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday: Lincoln County TV – 3 pm, Harpswell TV – 4pm, Bath TV – 5 pm, Brunswick TV – 7 pm.

Thank you to the volunteers who spent their time to put the Stations of the Cross together for us. We appreciate your dedication to this important Lenten tradition!

LENT IS COMING, ARE YOU READY?

Small-Group sessions for Lent this year

The Life You Were Meant For, by Chris Stefanick of Real Life Catholic

The six weekly sessions will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17/18, and end on March 24/25 at St. Charles Borromeo Church. They will be held both on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 10:15 am. We will use the hall with the new “wall screen” to show the weekly episode on Ephesians and have discussion time during and at the end. Chris makes these readings come to life with guests telling their stories of God’s work in their lives. One becomes much more aware of God’s presence through both these stories and the Bible readings. Chris is a dynamic speaker and holds one’s attention.

Please bring your Bible or feel free to use one of ours. Social distancing and masks are required. The sound system is excellent and a hand microphone for sharing comments will be used! There is no fee. This is a wonderful opportunity to feel God’s love, warmth, and His presence. Let Him penetrate your ear and heart in a very special way this Lent.

Call or email Martha/Marcy at St. Charles to register, spaces are limited.

Phone: 725-2624 or email: marcy.brenner@portlanddiocese.org or martha.corkery@portlanddiocese.org

LENTEN WALK ON-LINE

You are invited to an engaging series of talks online – sure to encourage and affirm you in your Lenten walk with Christ! Father Patrick Agbodi will be presenting this series on Friday mornings, from 9:30 – 10:30 am beginning February 19th and ending on March 26th, using the Zoom platform. The first talk is entitled, “The Keys to Living a Holy and Fruitful Lent.” Join us, and see your fellow parishioners, unmasked! Please see the parish website and Facebook page for more information on this dynamic Lenten series! Please call 725-2624 or email Sheila.finamore@portlanddiocese.org to register for the Lenten Walk Online. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and would like assistance, please let Sheila know and someone will be in touch with you.

LENTEN HADDOCK CHOWDER TAKEOUT

Friday, Feb. 19 to March 26. 5:00-6:00 p.m.

In light of current COVID restrictions, the traditional Lenten Fish Suppers at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brunswick will be changed to *Lenten Haddock Chowder Takeout* for the 6 Fridays in Lent. They begin on

Friday, February 19, and run through March 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. Customers will be asked to enter the East parking lot entrance at 132 McKeen Street and then will be directed, by signs, to the pick-up area. Masks are required when making pick-ups. A pint of homemade haddock chowder, a package of oyster crackers, and a wrapped dessert will be offered for \$10. Exact cash or checks (made out to All Saints Parish) will be accepted. 160 portions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. [More details here.](#)
[Visit us on Facebook!](#)

SIGNING UP FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Please remember to call in to reserve a space for Mass. **Be sure to make your reservation before 4:30 pm on Thursdays for the upcoming weekend.** Offices are not staffed on weekends, so messages over the weekend do not ensure a seat at any church or Mass. To check on availability or make a reservation, call any of the following numbers:

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| Our Lady Queen of Peace | 207-633-2680 | St. Mary's | 207-443-3423 |
| St. Charles Borromeo | 207-725-2624 | St. Patrick's | 207-563-3240 |

Please note:

The RCIA Rites are going to take place over a span of time during Lent. All Rites will be done at St. Charles Borromeo and because of that, seating may be limited during the weekends of February 14 and March 7, 14 and 21. We are looking forward to welcoming our RCIA members and hope that you will join us in doing so during the 11 am live stream Masses from St. Charles Borromeo Church. Please remember that we have several options for seating at other locations, including the St. Charles Borromeo Parish hall and St. Katharine Drexel. Thank you for your understating as we begin to welcome our new members.

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, daily reflections, lives of the saints, Bible studies, and even children's offerings. Discover FORMED today. A gift about our faith from the parish to you.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The school is now open for re-enrollment for current students and will open new student enrollment on February 22, 2021. You can begin an inquiry now and you will be placed on one of two scheduled Zoom meetings for Open House on February 28 and March 3. Visit [St. John's Catholic School – Exceptional Education Anchored by Faith \(sjcsbme.org\)](#) for more information!

FINANCE UPDATES



WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED!

In December, Fr. Murphy sent a letter to all registered parishioners explaining the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the parish's finances and asked for help. We were *blessed* with your response and as of January 31, 2021, have received \$59,610 in donations. Recently, a generous donor has reached out and offered a match challenge to their fellow parishioners. They are offering to donate up to

\$10,000 if parishioners can collectively match this donation!

Thank you for helping us match this challenge! [DONATE NOW!](#) [Or visit our website for more details!](#)

FOFBTF FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



We have continued to receive pledge payments throughout the pandemic, and for that we are so very grateful! The campaign committee is planning to revive paver sales for this spring and are looking into options for additional fundraising opportunities.

Below is a table of information on where we are at, to-date, for the campaign.

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| Campaign Goal | \$4,700,000 |
| Total Pledges (includes estate planning and first campaign receipts) | \$4,416,632 |
| Amount to reach goal | \$283,638 |

ONLINE GIVING

[Our online giving is growing in popularity!](#) Using WeShare is an easy way to plan for your monthly donations and also offers additional ways to donate to St. John's Catholic School, Fuel and Maintenance, support to local food pantries and much more. If you would like help setting up an online account, our staff can assist. Please call Ann Carlton at 207-443-3423 so she can set up your account for you. [Click here to get started!](#)

[LINK TO OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN](#)

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Murphy, Fr. Patrick Agbodi and the Staff of All Saints Parish

FEBRUARY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Masses February 17, 2021

St. Mary's Church – 8 am
St. John the Baptist Church – 8 am
Our Lady Queen of Peace – 12 pm
St. Ambrose Church – 12 pm
St. Charles Borromeo Church – 12 pm

St. John the Baptist Church – 6 pm
St. Patrick's Church – 6 pm

Imposition of Ashes only - 7 pm:
St. Mary's Church and St. Charles Borromeo Church

Livestream schedule: 12 pm and 6 pm on our Website, Facebook and YouTube

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

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

Sunday

8 am St. Ambrose Church - Richmond
8 am St. Katharine Drexel Church - 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

Live Stream Masses on

[Facebook,](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsmaine.com)
allsaintsmaine.com &
[YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/)

Monday - 8 am
Tuesday - 8 am *No Tuesday Mass during school vacations or closures due to weather
Friday – 8 am
Sunday -11 am

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday 8 am St. Charles Borromeo Church – Brunswick
St. Mary's Church– Bath – **First Monday Only**
Tuesday 12 pm Our Lady Queen of Peace – Boothbay Harbor
Wednesday 8 am St. Mary's Church– Bath
Wednesday 12 pm St. Patrick's Church – Newcastle **-No daily Mass Ash Wednesday**
Thursday 8 am St. Mary's Church– Bath
Thursday 10 am St. Ambrose Church – Richmond
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 any of our offices Mon – Thurs 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