

MASS INTENTIONS

All mass intentions are for the deceased
unless designated otherwise

SAT., Dec 19, 2020

4:00 PM {St Mary's}

For All Parishioners

6:00 PM (St Leo's) Fr Andy Houle

by Ellis & Sue Bailey

SUN., Dec 20, 2020

8:00 AM {St Leo's} Jackie Pelkey

by St. Leo's Choir

10:00 AM {St Mary's} Vaughn, Rolande, &

Shannon by Karen

MON., Dec 21, 2020

8:00 AM {St Mary's} Donat & Marie Louise

by Bertha

TUE., Dec 22, 2020

8:00 AM {St Leo's} For the deceased members

of the Plourde Family

WED., Dec 23, 2020

NO MASS

THURS., Dec 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM {St Mary's} Tom & Charlotte Krapf

by the family

4:00 PM {St Leo's} Mathilda LaCombe

by the family

6:00 PM {St Mary's} Eldon & Barbara LaCombe

by the family

6:00 PM {St Leo's} Fr. Roger Cyr

by Wayne & Gert

FRI., Dec 25, 2020 Christmas Day

9:00 AM {St Mary's} For the deceased members

of Brenda Smith

9:00 AM {St Leo's} Ian Henderson

by Mom & Dad

SAT., Dec 26, 2020

4:00 PM {St Mary's} Charlotte Krapf

by Tom & Jane

6:00 PM (St Leo's) James Campbell {Living}

by Dad & Mom

PARISH OFFERINGS

12/6 Offertory \$1497.00

Fuel Fund (2nd Coll) \$267.00

12/13 Offertory \$2718.82

Ret Religious (2nd Coll) \$554.13

SUN., Dec 27, 2020

8:00 AM {St Leo's}

For All Parishioners

10:00 AM {St Mary's} Clifford Towle Sr

by Eileen Strebel

MON., Dec 28, 2020

NO MASS

TUE., Dec 29, 2020

NO MASS

WED., Dec 30, 2020

NO MASS

THURS., Dec 31, 2020 New Year's Vigil

6:00 PM {St Leo's}

For All Parishioners

FRI., Jan 01, 2021 New Year's Day

9:00 AM {St Mary's} Josephine & Cony Hyde

by Bertha

SAT., Jan 02, 2021

4:00 PM {St Mary's}

For All Parishioners

6:00 PM {St Leo's}

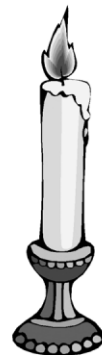
SUN., Jan 03, 2021

8:00 AM {St Leo's} Fr Andy Houle

by K of C 3rd Degree Knights

10:00 AM {St Mary's} Vaughn, Rolande, &

Shannon by Karen



SANCTUARY LAMP

Peter Gabarro

Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish

December 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bulletin items are due by 8:00 am Tuesday.

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Pastor: Rev. Richard Malo

ST. MARY'S: LINCOLN

Saturday: 4:00 pm, Sunday: 10:00 am

Reconciliation: **Sat@3:30pm**

PO Box 310, Lincoln, Maine 04457

Office: **794-6333** Hours: **M-Th 9:00 – 3:00**

ST. LEO'S: HOWLAND

Sat: 6:00 pm – Sunday: 8:00 am

Reconciliation: **Sat@7:00pm** or By Appointment

PO Box 22, Howland, Maine 04448

Rectory: **732-3495**

Missions

Sacred Heart – Winn

No Mass

St. Anne's – Danforth

(Memorial Day - Labor Day)

Mass – 1st Sunday at 1:00 pm

SCAP – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday at 9:00 am

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In just a few days we will be celebrating Christmas. Normally a time for family to gather and share gifts. This year will be different for many. And well it should be. Be safe. This year's special gift could be how you interact with one another.

I am thankful (at the writing of these few words) that we are still able to celebrate masses on Christmas. Fr. John Mazzei's assistance has enabled us to have two extra masses in order to accommodate the 50 or less gathering protocol. If you are attending, please follow the other ones that are in place (wearing of mask; 6 foot social distancing, sanitizing hands when coming into church; entering & exiting with limited conversation with one another; feeling ill, stay home). These guidelines will make for celebrations unlike any past ones. But we are able to gather as a community to remember an event like no other in the history of the world and humankind. God coming to be with us!

Our Christmas season goes until January 10th. This coming Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph. On January 1, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On January 3rd, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. And on January 10th, we remember the Baptism of the Lord. I share these with you to highlight the season we are entering unlike the world around us. If nothing else, just take a moment to reflect on each of these Sundays revealing the ways and means by which God became man and was revealed to us. These are events that call for celebrating. Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday is on February 17th and Easter is April 4th.

We in the parish wish all a Merry Christmas and may it be a Holy and Blessed Christmas season. We thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation during these times. God Bless. Fr. Dick

*Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38*

Pause, ponder, pray

Think of a time when you received news too far beyond your understanding or belief. Good news or bad, it doesn't matter. Was disbelief part of your response? *No way! Couldn't be! Seriously?* If so, you are in good company. This was Mary's response. Today's gospel says that she was "greatly troubled," and she pondered. She offers us a great example of how we can welcome our own bewilderment. Pause, ponder, question.

Imagine what might have been swirling around in her heart and in her head. Fear? Shame? Judgment? I wonder how long it took to go from perplexed to yes. If (as we say we believe) the word of God is living and active in our midst, what can Mary's response to God's invitation offer us in our moments of pondering and questioning? Responding in faith to life's challenges and invitations calls us to be countercultural. In times of potential division and challenge, I pray for the wisdom to be like Mary – to take time to ponder, pause, and pray my way to an answer. Susan Kidd, C.N.D. Source: December 2020 edition, Living with Christ magazine, pg 139

Christmas Mass Cancellations due to weather, etc...

For any cancellations of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day masses, please check the website OurLadyOfTheEucharist.org or our Facebook page. You can also call the rectory at 732-3495 or the office at 794-6333.

Christmas Reconciliation\Confession

During this Christmas Season if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Fr. Malo at 732-3495 or 794-6333.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Thu, Dec 31	Vigil Mass	6:00 PM	St Leo's Catholic Church in Howland
Fri, Jan 01	Mass	9:00 AM	St Mary's Catholic Church in Lincoln

Call the office @794-6333 to sign up for a particular mass if you wish to attend. Remember that the obligation to attend has been lifted and the dispensation has been put into effect by Bishop Deeley.

Upcoming 2nd Collections

Jan 02-03	Fuel Fund	Jan 23-24	Latin American Missions
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The Good News

"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:41-42)

Here, in the last waiting, hopeful days of Advent, we do well to give thanks for the words of Elizabeth, familiar as they are. In the prayer we call the "Hail Mary," Elizabeth's words follow those of an older translation of the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary.

This most common of Catholic prayers is Scriptural to its core, and we have Luke's gospel to thank for the words of Elizabeth that we repeat so often, both as a building block of the much-beloved devotional prayer, the Rosary, and as a part of the simple prayer said every day countless times the world over. Endless numbers of Catholics share the joy of Elizabeth and perpetuate her love for Mary, the mother of the Lord. Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of your mother, Mary, and the gift of Elizabeth. Mitch Finley

Source: December 2020 edition, Living with Christ magazine, pg 148

*Worry is a conversation
you have with yourself
about things you cannot change.*

*Prayer is a conversation
you have with God
about things He can change.*

