

CHRIST THE DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Cluster Website: www.katahdincatholics.org

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

19 Colby Street, Millinocket, Maine 04462

Mass Schedule

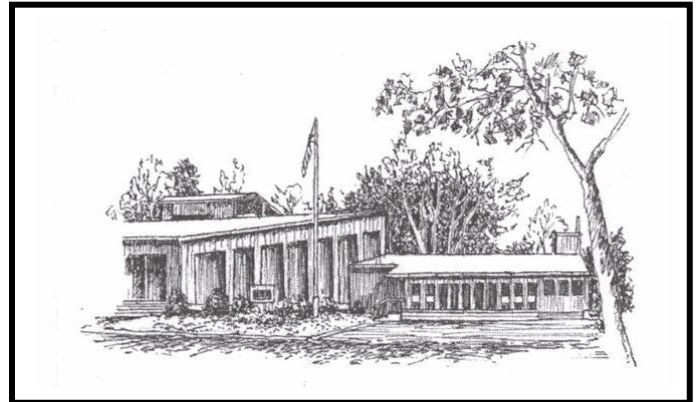
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 8 am
Holy Days 7 pm
Weekdays: See Events list on next page

Radio Ministry - Sun. 8:00 am, WSYX 1240 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 3 pm or by appt.

Phone Numbers & Hours

Parish Office 723-5902
Church & Fax Line 723-6395
Office e-mail: smartinstours1@zwi.net

Hours:
Mon, Tues, & Wed. 9 am - noon & 1 pm - 3 pm
Office is closed on holidays.



Religious Education Office 746-3333
Church Hall 723-6395
Thrift Store 723-4513
Tues. 10 am - 3 pm
Wed. 10am - 3pm
Thurs. 10 am - 3 pm
Gift Shop
Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 11 am

ST. PETER'S

58 Cedar Street, P.O. Box 400, East Millinocket, ME 04430

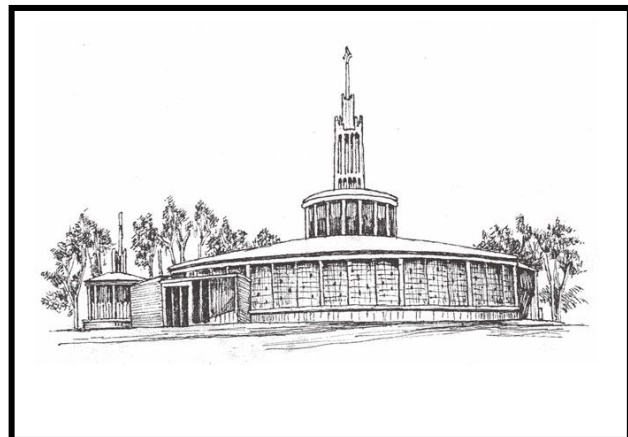
Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am
Holy Days 4:30 pm
Weekdays: See Events list on third page

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Parish Office 746-3333
Fax Line 746-8188
Office e-mail: st.peters1@myfairpoint.net

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Sacrament of Baptism - Arrangements should be made by calling Parish Office.
Sacrament of Marriage - Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Weekday Mass Schedule: Please check the bulletin on a weekly basis
Reverend Joel R. Cyr - Pastor
Reverend Mr. Daniel Watson, Deacon - Cluster Pastoral Life Coordinator
Charleen Rossignol - Cluster Business Coordinator

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

MILLINOCKET, MAINE

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn
For Donald McNamara
By Daughter Sylvia McNamara

Food Pantry

December brings many extra responsibilities to families with children. Many people will be seeking out the food/fuel program each Wednesday 9:00 am to 12 noon in St. Martin's Parish Hall. Recipients are asked to bring a list of monthly expenses and income.

Pantry needs for December

Cold weather, brisk temps and mounds of snow are on its way. Our pantry volunteers are asking for **Cereal, Instant rice, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix and pancake syrup**. November pantry stats: 26 families served in 30 visits, 81 people in those families, giving out 980 lbs. of food. Thanks to AARP for donating food given at their Christmas Dinner: 151 1/2 lbs of food!!! Happy Holidays to all of the givers.

Respect Life Petitions

That all who are pregnant and afraid may welcome the life within them, and draw strength from the angel Gabriel's words to Mary: **Do not fear**, we pray to the Lord.....

THRIFT STORE UPDATE

The Thrift Store is looking for full time/part time volunteers to work in the store. As volunteers come forward we look to open 3 days a week. If interested, call 723-5902 and leave your name and number and we will see that someone calls you back.

BLOCK ROSARY - COME PRAY WITH US

Home of Jackie McAdam 10 Field Street
December 27, 2011 @ 1pm
(Note Tuesday Date for this week)



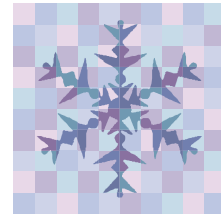
The Rosary is said in the Church Hall
Saturday's at 3:30 pm (before the 4pm mass)

RCIA – Beginning on January 8th RCIA will be holding weekly meetings after the 8am Sunday Mass.

Donation to the food pantry **in memory of Paul J. Michaud**
By Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rush, Jr.

Donation to the Food Pantry in Memory of
Jeannette Caruso by Bill & Donna Rush and
Lillian Caruso

Religious Gift Store New Sunday Missals are in and ready for purchase (\$3.50)



December Events

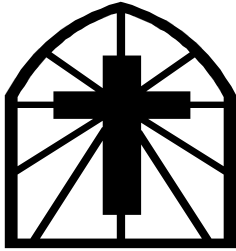
- Sun25th** **No Children's Liturgy**
The Nativity of the Lord's Day
Merry Christmas!
- Mon26th** **Men's Marian Rosary** 6pm
held in the chapel
- Tues27th** **Parish Office Closed** - Holiday
Scripture Sharing 2:30pm
held in the conference room
- Wed28th** **Eucharistic Adoration** 6-7 pm
held in the chapel
- Thurs29th** **Disciples of the Holy Spirit**
Charismatic Group 2-3:30pm
held in the chapel

January Events

- Mon2nd** **Men's Marian Rosary** 6pm
In the chapel
Daughters of Isabella Meet 6pm
(rosary at 5:30pm) held in the Parish hall
- Tues3rd** **Local Finance** 5:30pm
Held in the conference room
All parishioners welcome!
- Wed4th** **Eucharistic Adoration** 6-7pm
Held in the chapel
- Thurs5th** **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
7pm in the K of C Hall
- Fri6th** **First Friday Devotion** 2-3pm
Held in the chapel
- Sun8th** **Sacramental Prep Class** 9am
In the conference room
Church Life Meeting 6pm
Held in the conference room

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

EAST MILLINOCKET, ME



Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

December 25, 2011

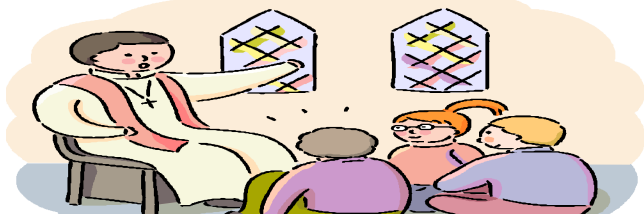
The Eucharistic Reservation Light is now
burning **In Memory of Clarence Roy**
By Geneva

Vocation Thoughts

“The Word became flesh and lived among us.” Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, call Fr. Bob Vallancourt@207-773-6471/robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org

Or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471
ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

Our prayer, That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord....



A Point of Consideration

We are asking our parishioners to watch the amount of perfume or aftershave that they apply prior to going to church. Our members, who are sensitive to such smells, are having a hard time during services. Thank you in advance for your co-operation!



December Events

Sun25th **The Nativity of the Lords' Day Merry Christmas!**
Mon26th **Marian Movement of Priests' Prayer Group** 4pm in church
Parish Office Closed – Holiday

January Events

Mon2nd **Marian Movement of Priests' Prayer Group** 4pm
Held in the church
Fri6th **First Friday Devotion** 3-4pm
Held in the church

Dear Parishioners: There has been some interest among adult parishioners to have an adult religious education class. Instead of starting up a new class, why not take advantage of a program that already exists but is lacking members. The adult RCIA program is not only for adults wishing to become Catholic, but is also great for people seeking more information about their Catholic faith. Sandra Willard, the instructor for the RCIA class, would love to have more members join her group. Starting on January 8th 2012, the group will meet every Sunday after the 8am Mass in St. Martin's conference room. For more information, or to join this class please call Tina McLeod at 723-5902 or 723-8223.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD -CHRISTMAS

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 25, 2011



Monday

St. Martin's 4:30PM Margaret E. McGillicuddy by The Family

Tuesday

St. Peter's 8:30AM Melvina McAdam by Frank Civiello

Wednesday

St. Benedict's 9:00AM Word & Communion – Morning Prayer

Thursday

St. Peter's 4:30PM Dennis LeClerc by Albertine Gagne

Friday

St. Benedict's 9:00AM Eugene White by Mary, Jeannie, Chris & Angie

Saturday

St. Martin's 4:00PM Geneva Deloge (77th Birthday Remembrance) from Daughter, Sandra & Family

Sunday

St. Martin's	8:00AM	Parishioners & Visitors
St. Peter's	9:30AM	Martin Gagne (3 rd Anniv.) by Albertine & Family
St. Benedict's	11:00AM	Anna McAvoy by Joe & Denise Crowe

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Monday	Acts 6:8-10/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 /Lk2:22-40
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



Pray for Rita Paradis of Montreal, Canada, Aunt of Rejeanne Bolduc, who passed away last week and Jeannette Caruso. May they rest in peace



Christ the Divine Mercy Parish (St. Martin's & St. Peter's)
Weekly Tithing Budget = \$5,294

Last Weeks' Tithing	
Envelope Amount.....	\$4,422.00
Loose amount.....	433.65
Youth amount.....	3.25
Total.....	\$4,858.90

Financial Standing at End of September 2011

Amount in Christ the Divine Mercy Checking Account...	\$3,559.29
Outstanding Bills.....	\$9,957.48
Amount Needed to Pay Outstanding Bills.....	\$6,398.19



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Because of the heightened interest in the weekly following of the **Development of the Unborn Child** the Knights of Columbus have asked to run the 40 weeks again



Week #: 34 When I move my foot or my hand, Mom can feel it, and sometimes Dad can even see a bump move across Mom's tummy. That's my foot making that bump!

Summary of Weekend Collections

Because of some confusion about second collections we have been asked to post a summary of weekly collections in the bulletin. Those who choose to use envelopes know of some of the 2nd collections but there are diocesan collection requests that come to us and we are often unprepared when that offering is collected.

January 1, 2012
1. Regular

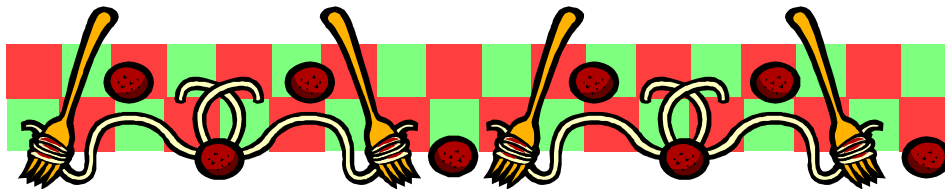


January 8, 2012
1. Regular
2. Heat & Electric

ST. MARTIN'S PUBLIC SUPPER TO BE HELD AFTER CHRISTMAS
"ITALIAN NITE SUPPER"
DECEMBER 28, 2011 from 4-6pm
DONATION: \$7.00

Take-outs and deliveries available: Call 723-9981 before 3pm
Call 723-6395 after 3pm

Put on by Gene Nice and Crew



The Katahdin Area Support Group is in desperate need of volunteers to bring cancer patients to Bangor or Brewer for cancer treatments. Gas will be paid by the patient. Call Jackie McAdam at 723-9253 and leave your name and telephone number. They thank you,



in advance, for your generosity!

Father Daniel Greenleaf will be with us at Christ the Divine Mercy Parish for three weeks beginning this weekend. We welcome him to our parishes!!

Father Daniel Greenleaf '95, M.A., S.T.B.

Father Daniel Greenleaf, an alumnus of Theological College, Class of 1995, is a priest of the Diocese of Portland (ME). He joined the formation faculty at Theological College in 2009 and serves as a formation advisor and spiritual director. He also directs the Liturgy Program at TC. Father Greenleaf served with the diocese for 12 years before returning to Rome to complete his studies in sacred theology in 2007. He holds a licentiate in sacred theology in spirituality from Angelicum: Pontificia Universita S.Tommaso d'Aquino, Rome, Italy.

Father Greenleaf served as pastor of Holy Cross Parish and as administrator of Holy Family Parish and the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Lewiston, Maine from 2004 to 2008. He also served as administrator of St. Joseph's Church in Lewiston from 2002-03, and was parochial vicar of St. John's Church in Bangor from 1995 to 1997. He has a wealth of experience in youth ministry, having served as a diocesan chaplain for youth ministry, and as a teacher and chaplain at a local diocesan high school while being assigned as diocesan Vocation Director.

Volunteers Needed – Thrift Store

We are putting out a plea for volunteers who might come forward to give the Thrift Store some hours of their time. Your help would be greatly appreciated. You can give your name and number to the offices at St. Peter's or St. Martin's and the secretaries will see that you get a call back.

Thrift Store Update:

- ❖ **The Thrift Store will be opened on Wednesday and Thursday 10AM to 3 PM (1/2 price on everything through Christmas)**
- ❖ **The donation shed is open for your donations**
- ❖ **As volunteers come forward and a schedule is made up the Thrift Store will be able to open more days as we go.**

Bob Healey

Looking ahead to January 1st....

What better way to celebrate New Year's Day morning than going to Mass and then joining your fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends in enjoying steaming, aromatic cups of coffee and plates heaping with breakfast goodies, plus engaging, happy conversations.

You can do that on Sunday, Jan. 1 by stopping in at the lower hall for the light breakfast sponsored by St. Martin's Church Life Commission members. The light breakfast is free but free will offerings are accepted to help offset the cost.

A light breakfast of muffins, fruit, doughnuts and English muffins is served by the commission the first Sunday of every month. Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy the monthly treat.



The Samantha's Purse Shoe Box project, recently conducted under the direction of the Church Life Commission at St. Martin's Church, proved to be a successful effort with 41 boxes collected thanks to the efforts of many people from Millinocket, Medway and East Millinocket.

The participation by St. Martin parishioners and by residents of the tri-town area and beyond helped to swell the total number of boxes collected to an amazing 500.

The boxes, filled with small presents for underprivileged children, are distributed to third world countries around the world. Often the shoe box gifts these children receive are the first gifts ever received by them.

This project, which started as a relatively small campaign to aid children in Romania, has grown rapidly in the more than two decades of operation. In 2008 7.9 million boxes were delivered to needy children in 95 countries. Last year, in the U.S. alone, individuals, churches and families in the Northeast packed 250,512 boxes.

THE POWER OF PRAYER....

MILLINOCKET - One might liken what occurred to the Biblical scriptural saying, "Bread cast upon the waters...[Ecclesiastes 11:1-6]."

For months, prior to the start of each Saturday and Sunday Mass at the Christ the Divine Mercy worship sites, parishioners have been reciting The Memorare to ask for help with the paper mills' situation. (The Memorare is a Marian prayer that invites people to ask the Blessed Virgin for her assistance.)

On learning this, officials of Cate Street Capital, new owners of the Great Northern Mills in East Millinocket and Millinocket, recently contacted the parish office saying Cate wished to donate food to the food pantry.

On Dec. 13 Cate's representative Alex Ritchie, director of government and community affairs, and Dammon Frecker, Thermogen Industries project manager, delivered 638 pounds of food to the parish food pantry at St. Martin's Church. The donation included canned vegetables, meat, pasta, sauce, Jello, syrup, Hamburger Helper, soap, shampoo and toilet paper, all of which were purchased by Cate Street.

This donation underscored for many area people the belief that "Bread cast upon the waters..." does, indeed, return in fruitful ways

The donation proved to be a big help. "The demand has been up and we were getting low on supplies," Pantry Coordinator David Oliver explained. In November the pantry served 36 families on 43 visits, helping to feed 116 people with 1,400 pounds of food.

Cate Street Capital of Portsmouth, N.H., purchased the two mills from Brookfield Power in late September 2010, putting 215 papermakers back to work at the East Millinocket mill. Production of virgin newsprint began in mid-October.

Brookfield Power closed the East Millinocket mill in April 2011 and that helped create an area 22 percent unemployment rate. The Millinocket mill closed in 2008 and its opening depends on market conditions, according to Cate Street officials.

The pre-Mass recitation of the Memorare was not the only time parishioners prayed for the paper mills' situation.

In late May 2011, when the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe toured churches in Maine, the image made two special stops. On May 25, the traveling image was set up at two separate sites near the two shuttered mills in East Millinocket and Millinocket. Those attending a ceremony held in each location asked Our Lady of Guadalupe to intercede with Jesus, asking his help in restarting the mills. Nearly 50 people from the parish worship sites and St. Benedict's Church, Benedicta, attended the ceremony.

SHAW HOUSE RESPONSE....

We would like to thank those of you who donated to the Shaw House Christmas stocking event! We filled and delivered 18 stockings to Shaw House in Bangor on Sunday, as well as several bags of "extras"! We had a great experience working on this project and are grateful to those who supported us! Katahdin Region High School Youth Ministry

A huge thank you to Dan and Sue Mossman for cooking and doing kitchen duty for the Middle School Youth Ministry Christmas Event on Sunday! We could not manage the cooking and clean up without the support of our volunteers!! Thanks for answering our pleas!

A SHORT VIDEO ON THE CONSECRATION TO MARY WILL BE SHOWN IN ST. MARTIN'S PARISH HALL FOLLOWING THE BRUNCH AFTER THE SUNDAY MORNING MASS ON JANUARY 8TH.

Merry
Christmas

