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Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and your families. Its hard to believe we are going into March already. Our Officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 PM. I am still looking for volunteers to be part of a planning committee for our monthly suppers. We need to start planning our next event.

On Monday, February 24th, Brothers Bob Dumond and Brian Wilson assisted me in delivering two truck loads of Baby shower supplies totaling around \$850.00 to \$900.00 to Hope House in Lewiston. We still have to get the checks delivered to them sometime in the month of March. We have two checks totaling \$500.00 for the RSVP program and we collected over \$600.00 in cash (not sure of the actual total).

Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday March 11th at 7:00 PM. We will be voting on two delegates and two alternates for the Convention which will be held in Auburn again this year.

The Monthly Rosary will be on Wednesday, March 12th, at 6 PM at Holy Cross Church.

On March 15th, we are hosting the St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Holy Family Hall. (see pg 3) They are still looking for volunteers to assist them with this event. Also we need to plan a time to set up the Hall prior to this event.

Vivat Jesus

Bruce Labrecque GK



All funds received from our bottle account now are dedicated to be used as prize money for the KofC Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for our Catholic youth.

Roopers, on Sabattus Street, has an account set up for Holy Family KC and any bottle returns can go into that account. Just tell the attendant you would like the refunds put into the "Holy Family KC" account. Thank you for your participation! God Bless!



"I love the poor, the homeless, and the children of God."

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For a better look at all the seminarians in the Portland Diocese, click here: <https://portlanddiocese.org/seminarians>

Welcome to our SEMINARIAN Page!

These men have given up their lives for God.

Let Us Support Them!

Prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, you sent your Son so that all might come to know the truth and be saved. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you continue his work through the Church. Your Son reminded his disciples that the harvest was indeed plentiful but the laborers few. Following his instructions, we beg you to call many to ordained ministry and religious life. Grant them the grace to hear you and to respond wholeheartedly. May Mary Immaculate the mother of your Son, and the patroness of our diocese, intercede for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SEMINARIAN CARE PACKAGES

Brothers,

Our Council is doing a new program to help out our seminarians. We will be placing Care Packages in the Narthax. We and parishioners can put stuff like Birthday Cards, Notes of Encouragement, Gift Cards, Pictures or anything that will fit in the box and help lift the spirits of the seminarian.

We ran into a glitch with not getting this in our Parish Bulletin in time and that is why we are a couple weeks late. The first two Care Packages will be belated but the second two will be just on time.

This program will be advertised in the Parish Bulletin and will invite our parishioners to “stuff the box”. Each care package will have the name and picture of the individual seminarian. Feel free to add to one or both, your choice!

We will begin with Care Packages for the following Seminarians:

Ezekiel Yisi and Erin Donlon during the weekends of March 1st and 8th.

Nicholas Hershbine and Vinh Nguyen the weekends of March 15th and 22nd.

The council will then mail the Care Packages to each seminarian.

Bob Dumond

Deputy Grand Knight

Holy Family Council 10019

Faith Director

Maine State Council

Knights of Columbus



Annual Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday ~ March 15 ~ Holy Family Hall

5pm to 7pm

Adults \$7 ~ Kids \$5 ~ Families \$35 Max

(Adult and Children)

Buy your tickets on line at <https://www.princeofpeace.me/saint-patrick-meal>

Or by visiting the Parish Office



Seminarian Birthdays			Member Birthdays	
Seminarian	Birthday	Formation Year	Member	Birthday
Ezekiel Yisi	January 17, 1995	(Ordin: 2026)	Joseph L. Cyr	March 01
Erin Donlon	February 17, 1994	(Ordin: 2025)	Gerard Henault	March 06
Nicholas Hershbine	March 29, 2000		Stephen Daigle	March 16
Vinh Nguyen	April 4, 1990	(Ordin: 2026)	Rev. Aaron L. Damboise	March 16
Evans Yongee	May 25, 1996	(Ordin: 2026)	Maurice D.	March 17
Hoa Nguyen	June 19, 1987	(Ordin: 2025)	Raymond S. Laplume	March 18
Thanh Pham	November 5, 1987	(Ordin: 2025)	Joseph H.	March 29
Joseph Beale	December 19, 1998			



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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025

LENT BEGINS

Members of Holy Family Knights of Columbus should be proud of the good deeds being done in the **Cross The Street** ministry. Members help the unhoused 2 days a week and their wives make sandwiches two days a week. Our Brother Knights Bob Roberge, Dave Gervais, Joe Levasseur, Norm Gagne, Phil Rioux and myself, Bob Dumond and Father Divine, deliver from the "Popemobile", sandwiches, snack packs, gloves, stockings, hats, hand warmers, tissues, feminine products, trash bags, ponchos and anything else that parishioners have donated.



Cross the Street Ministry Wins the Mathew 25 Award for its work serving the Unhoused.

By Portland Diocese

The Cross the Street Ministry of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston and Mildred's Food Pantry, a ministry of Saint Mary of the Visitation Parish in Houlton, are the 2025 winners of the Matthew 25 Awards. The awards, given out by Catholic Charities' Maine Parish Social Ministry (PSM), are intended for parishes meeting the needs of their community. The Cross the Street Ministry, which serves the unhoused, received the \$6,000 grant while the Mildred's food pantry received \$4,000. Bishop James Ruggieri and Deacon Frank Daggett, Director of PSM, presented the first-place award to Prince of Peace Parish during a mass celebrated at the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul in Lewiston on Sunday, February 23.

"We the church serve the poor because we first recognize God's love for us through Christ. Christ served us first by dying and rising first for us. Christ was not seeking to make political change, nor was he an ideologue parroting back some Pagen Roman self-centered platform. He was, and is, the Incarnate word, God in the flesh, love divine in our midst. His charitable work of salvation was done purely out of love. We matter. We matter to the Father because of who we are, created in His image and likeness. Salvation is not part of some social platform. The work from salvation is the work of love, Divine love", the Bishop said.

"It's an exceptional ministry. It's only been going for a short time, but it has really taken off," said Deacon Daggett. "They are showing the love of God to
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the people who are out on the street. That is the work of evangelization. It's a work of showing that we spread our love to those who may not be aware of the love that God has for them".

The Cross the Street Ministry was founded in August 2023, in recognition of the challenges facing downtown Lewiston and with a desire to play a role in addressing some of those struggles (we figured that the Basilica is right in the center and the whole parish is in the center of it all), that we should be part of some solution, addressing the issues. So that's when we started the discussion, well, what can we do? How do we live our faith in Christ here in the midst of this community that has these problems?" explained Fr. Daniel Greenleaf.

The ministry started out with a small group handing out food to people they encountered in Kennedy Park, but it continued to expand and is now a five-day-a-week ministry, with an eye towards adding a sixth day. On each of those days, volunteers (Cross the Street) interact with the homeless community to hand out snack packs, sandwiches, and other items, such as mylar thermal blankets, socks, or tissues. (We do give out things, but our main goal is really to interact with people, talking with them, we're getting to know them.) "They know us", said Denise Begin, one of the organizers. We've had cases where people say, "You know, you're the first person I was able to talk to today." And that was at 1:00 pm.

"It can be hard to see but when you engage with these folks and you ask them their name, maybe it's the first time that they have had anybody call them by their name in weeks. And you can see their eyes light up. There's something about that," said Rit Leslie, one of the volunteers. There are now about 80 volunteers. There is a packing crew that puts together snack packs, a sandwich making crew, and a street crew that delivers them. And of course, there are the many parishioners who donate money or items. "It really does draw us together", said Leslie.

The volunteers said the people they meet truly seem to appreciate the outreach, but they are quick to point out that they have greatly benefitted, too.

"We're serving people, but we're blessed because of the interactions that we have. We see Christ in these people, and that is very humbling," said Paul Gastonguay, a volunteer.

"Their doing good, and it's in their faith I think that makes just all the difference in the world for them, because they sort of feel like, you know, I hear the Gospel and we're doing it. And it just feels like it's the right thing," said Fr. Greenleaf.

As the ministry continued to expand, the parish added a used food truck, which increased visibility and the ability to deliver more items with images of Pope John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta prominently displayed on the trucks sides, people affectionally refer to it as the "Popemobile".

The parish plans to use money from the Matthew 25 Award to add a heating element and a small refrigerator to the food truck, so they will have the option of delivering hot meals in the winter and chilled water and beverages in the summer.



Matthew 25 Award



Bishop James Ruggieri with Bob Roberge



Catholic Citizenship Essay State Champions

Saint Dominic Academy students win State Championship.

Eight grader Arianna Wasnea-Floyd and tenth grader Ian Cyr won the 2025 contest with their essays and now will be competing with students all over the country. Wish them luck!

Pictured are L to R: Theology teacher Andrew Bailey, 10th grade Ian Cyr, 8th grade Arianna Wasnea-Floyd, and Bob Dumond - State Faith Director.



KNIGHTS of Columbus

Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516

Worthy Sir Knights,

On Saturday, February 22, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, over 700 BrotherKnights were present to become Sir Knights at the 125th Anniversary of the Patriotic (4th) Degree of our order. This is the roll out of a new exemplification in which family members will be able to attend in the same fashion as the Formation degree. I will have more details for you in future postings.

On Saturday, March 1 in Sanford, a special exemplification will be held for a military member, while home on leave, to become a 4th degree member.

Please remember to pay your dues.

It is that time of year again nominations for next year start on March 11, all offices are open, consider becoming an officer.

Upcoming honor guard request, the first is Easter Sunday Fr. Divine is asking us to escort him in this most likely is the 11 am mass, then in May there will be an ordination of 3 Seminarians at the Basilica, then the Memorial mass at St Peters and Pauls cemetery the celebrant will be the Bishop.more info to follow.

If you are a member of Assembly 2516 and would like to join our honor guard but need assistance in purchasing the new uniform contact us, we can help. We also have accessories to outfit you as an honor guard member including swords.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Please pray for our military around the world.

God Bless America

Al Viens - FN

Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516



Al Viens

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Why do people wear shamrocks on Saint Patrick's Day?
Because regular rocks are too heavy!

What did the leprechaun put in the wishing well?
A lepre-coin.

What do you call a leprechaun's vacation home?
A lepre-condo.



"In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."

— Pope Francis



Brothers and Friends,

The District 10 Knights of Columbus (Lewiston, Lisbon and Sabattus) pray a monthly rosary Usually on every first Wednesday of each month at 6pm at a different church location. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Bring the whole family!

This month is on Wednesday. March 12, 6pm, we will be saying the Rosary at **Holy Cross Church**, Lisbon St. Lewiston.

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