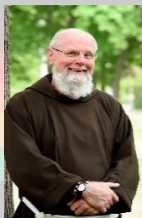


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Healing Service

Friday, July 28, 6:00 pm.
Holy Family Church, **Lewiston**

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday of the month, from 12:00 m to 6:00 pm
Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Chapel, **Portland**

Spanish Masses

Augusta

Every Saturday, 5:30 pm.
St. Monica Chapel - 5 Kendall St.

Brewer

Every Sunday, 1:00 pm.
St. Teresa Church - 425 South Main St.

Cherryfield

1st Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm.
St. Michael Church - 51 Elm St

Lewiston

Every Saturday, 6:00 pm. – (Live- Stream)
Chapel Riviere – Holy Cross Church
1080 Lisbon St.

Pittsfield

1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 12:00 m.
St. Agnes Church - 238 Detroit Street

Portland

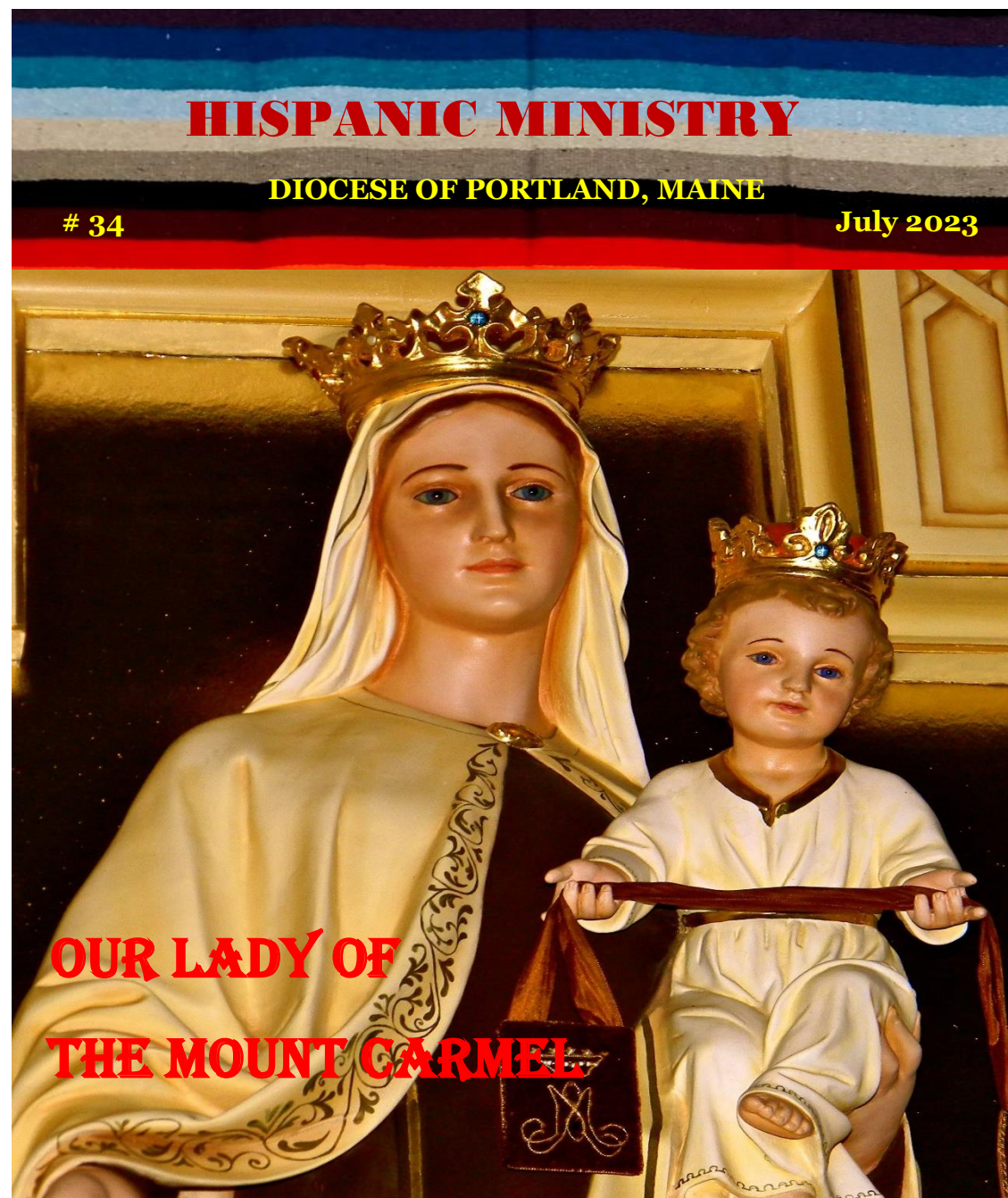
Every Sunday, 1:00 pm.
Sacred Heart Church - 65 Mellen Street

Sanford

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month,
5:00 pm, Holy Family Church - 66
North Ave.

Skowhegan

Saturdays, 12:00 m
Conference Room
Kyes Motel - 137 W Front



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On June 24, in Lewiston, Maria, Andruw and Leandro (1st. Communion and Confirmation, too) received the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome to God's family!!!!.



Our Pittsfield Community celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a Mass officiated by Father Michael on June 16.

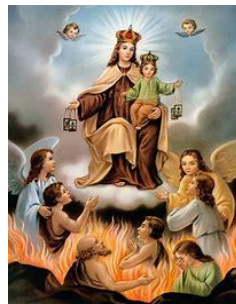


With great joy and gratitude, we celebrate Father Michael Sevigny's 45th Priesthood Anniversary on May 27. Congrats!!!



Our Lady of Chiquinquirá July 9

The Virgin of Chiquinquirá is one of the most important religious figures in Colombia and is named after the municipality of Chiquinquirá, where the first of its miraculous manifestations took place, and where the canvas considered as original rests. His influence has been such that even in Peru and Venezuela he is worshipped.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16

Mount Carmel (located in the Holy Land) was undoubtedly the mountain where numerous prophets worshipped God. The main ones were Elijah and his disciple Elisha, but there were also different people who retreated in the caves of the mountain to follow an eremitic life.

This form of prayer, penance and austerity was continued centuries later, specifically in the III and IV, by Christian men who followed the model of Jesus Christ and who somehow had Elijah himself as a patron, standing in the valley called Wadi-es-Siah. In the mid-twelfth century, a group of devotees of the Holy Land from the West -some believe that they came from Italy-, decided to settle in the same valley as their predecessors and chose as patron saint the Virgin Mary.

There they built the first church dedicated to St. Mary of Mount Carmel. From their monastery they did not want to create a new form of Marian worship, nor did the title of the invocation respond to a special image.

They wanted to live under the Marian aspects that were reflected in the Gospel texts: divine motherhood, virginity, immaculate conception and annunciation. These devotees who decided to live in community under prayer and poverty, were the cradle of the Order of Carmelites, and their devotion to the Virgin allowed a new title to be born: Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Saint Mary Magdalene July 22



Saint Mary Magdalene, who, liberated by the Lord from seven demons and made his disciple, She followed him to Mount Calvary and deserved to be the first to see the risen Lord on Easter morning and to communicate it to the other disciples.

Saint Ann and Saint Joachim July 26

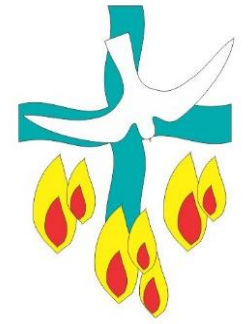
The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Both saints, called patrons of grandparents, were people of deep faith and trust in God, and those charged with educating his daughter Mary on the path of faith, nourishing in her love for the Creator and preparing her for her mission.



St. Ignatius of Loyola July 31

Founder of the Society of Jesus, called "Jesuits," and creator of the Spiritual Exercises. Saint Ignatius was born in 1491 in Loyola Castle, in Guipúzcoa, northern Spain, near the Pyrenees mountains that are on the border with France. His father Bertran de Loyola and his mother Marina Saenz, of very distinguished families, had eleven children, the youngest of them all was Ignatius. He sent his companions as missionaries throughout Europe to create schools, universities and seminaries where future members of the order, as well as European leaders, would study. In 1548, his spiritual exercises were finally printed. The Jesuits played a key role in the success of the Counter-Reformation.

Sacrament of Confirmation



The sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. The same word, confirmation that means to affirm or consolidate, tells us a lot.

In this sacrament the work of Baptism is strengthened and completed. By this sacrament, the baptized person is strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit. A deeper grounding in divine filiation is achieved, it unites more intimately with the Church, strengthening itself to be a witness of Jesus Christ, in word and deed. By Him he is able to defend his faith and transmit it.

From confirmation we become mature Christians and will be able to lead a more perfect, more active Christian life. It is the sacrament of Christian maturity and that makes us capable of being witnesses to Christ.

On the day of Pentecost – when the Church was founded – the apostles and disciples were gathered with Our Lady. They were fearful, they did not understand what had happened – believing that everything had been in vain – they were sad. Suddenly the Holy Spirit descended upon them – they were transformed – and from that moment they understood everything that had happened, they ceased to be afraid, they were launched to preach and to baptize.



Confirmation is "our personal Pentecost." The Holy Spirit is continually acting upon the Church in many different ways. Confirmation – as the Holy Spirit descends upon us – is one of the ways He makes Himself present to God's people.

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