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## Separated by the pandemic part 3: Caring for the Caregivers

The following story is the third of several interviews being done by Nathan Tsukroff of PortraitEFX to capture the effects of this pandemic on the people of Maine.

Healthcare workers do everything they can to care for their patients. But who is caring for the caregivers?

Mary Graziano Richard, owner of Grazi To Go, which opened in the basement of an old church in Lisbon in January 2019, brings 70 to 80 meals each week to caregivers at the Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

"We try to do day and evening shifts, so each shift can get some," she said. Meals are delivered either Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Richard said that Jessica Strelitz, a Brunswick native now living in Virginia, reached out to her and asked if she would be willing to collaborate on a project See **Caring**, page 8



Mary Graziano Richard stands in the lobby of her Grazi To Go take-out restaurant in Lisbon. Behind her are two of the original doors and other items from the famous Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant found by her father in 1969. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, PortraitEFX)

## Out & About with Rachel Morin Hot air balloon ride celebrates Sam Campbell's 10th birthday

Story and photo by Rachel Morin

As we all know, The Great Falls Balloon Festival, attracting hundreds of thousands of people and tourists from all over Maine and nearby states, is sadly not happening this August in Lewiston-Auburn, another casualty of the Corona Virus. It would have been the 28th Annual and it is the first time it missed a year.

The Festival organizers met in early May and came to this decision after realizing they could not guarantee social distancing restrictions and the mandate that out of state visitors quarantine for two weeks. They released a statement saying, "In times like these, the Great Falls Balloon Festival, must consider the health and safety of our Festival goers and their families as our top priority."

The Balloon Festival promotes tourism to Central Maine and the Festival's mission is to help raise money for area



"So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye!"

charities. The three-day August Festival attracts 100,000 annually and is one of the top money-raisers. The crowds enjoy visiting the many food booths and craft/trade shopping booths set up throughout the park.

Several fun activities for children and adults in the other booths draw the crowds in as well. Hundreds of

volunteers work these booths and live entertainment is plentiful both days and evenings.

It is a special time for seeing old friends and relatives, catching up on families' news, seeing how much the children have grown since the last time we saw them, and seeing the newest babies that were born the past year is very exciting. See **Balloon**, page 9

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## Restaurants open for indoor dining



Pedro O'Hara's owner Bill Welch and Twin City Times publisher Laurie Steele share a hug and the great news that our restaurants are now open for indoor dining. TCT staffer Lillian Baker joined Steele on Wednesday visiting over twenty local restaurants, met with the owners and shared their status. We are happy to announce that almost everyone we met with planned on opening Thursday regardless of the short notice given by the state. See updates on status of restaurants dining-in availability and more photos including MAC'S Grill, Grid Iron, Sea 40, Marco's, Junction Bowl, Side By Each, Pinky D's, Margaritas, Chickadee, Pedro O'Hara's, Mac's Downeast Seafood, Sam's, Kristi's Café, Hunan House, Roys Hamburgers, Cowbell, Break, Orchid, Bear Bones Beer, BBQ Pit, Dominoes and Fishbones at www.facebook.com/twincitytimes.

# Governor's Address: We want to save both the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Last week my Administration unveiled the "Keep Maine Healthy" plan to protect the health of Maine people while encouraging tourists to visit Maine safely, supporting our small businesses and their workforce during these crucial summer months.

The plan is the result of weeks of discussion and engagement with tourism and hospitality folks, business owners, chambers of commerce, public health experts, lawmakers, town officials, and others.

Here are the basics:

Under the plan, adults – not children – who took and received a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before a visit, may forgo the 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine.

A negative test indicates that, even when they come from areas with a higher

prevalence of the disease than Maine's, such people are unlikely to have COVID-19 with a negative test or to spread it to Maine residents and other visitors and workers.

So, we strongly urge visitors to "Know Before You Go," meaning they should get tested and receive their test results in their home state before coming to Maine.

We are exempting residents of New Hampshire and Vermont from testing and 14-day quarantine altogether, as of Friday June 12th, because the prevalence of active cases of COVID-19 in those states is pretty similar to Maine's based on population.

By contrast, in places like Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey – where nearly half of Maine's tourists come from – the virus is eight to eleven times more prevalent than in Maine. Those individuals will be able to stay in a lodging facility in Maine starting



Governor Janet Mills

June 26th.

We are also stepping up our game on symptom checking to keep everybody safe.

The Department of Health and Human Services has teamed up with Maine community colleges to enlist students in the health professions so they may go out and ask visitors in those high-traffic places in tourist destinations about symptoms and offer advice on staying healthy.

We are also offering financial incentives to the towns to develop their own COVID-19 prevention and protection plans – that's federal money to help the towns develop these plans.

Throughout the coming weeks and months, Maine CDC will monitor epidemiological data, as it has throughout the entire re-opening process – case trends, hospitalization rates, reports of COVID-like symptoms, as well as health care readiness and capacity.

There is no question that the COVID-19 pandemic has loomed large over our tourism industry – an industry that is already severely affected by travel restrictions on Canadian visitors; by a downturn in the economy nationally and by a decrease in consumer spending across the country.

Some people are afraid that tourist traffic will increase the spread of the virus, while many small businesses fear that if visitors don't come, they will have to close their doors permanently.

Well I am also deeply concerned about our economy. But boy I can

think of nothing worse, nothing more devastating than an outbreak or resurgence of this deadly untreatable virus at the height of tourist season. Nothing would be worse for our economy and for the tourism industry in particular. I want visitors and staff and the public all to know that they are protected, by every means possible.

You know I get messages every day from people who are grateful that Maine has remained a safe state to live in and that the hard work of our public health people has kept our numbers low. This new plan aims to keep those numbers low and to keep people safe. And it is working.

Just the other day one person wrote:

"My husband works in healthcare... in Maryland. [Other than] FaceTime, I haven't seen him since early March. We [were planning] ... he would drive from Maryland ... to Maine, [so] we were upset with

Gov. Mills' announcement [and] concerned that he wouldn't be [coming into] the state so he proactively took a COVID-19 test... He learned just two hours ago that he's COVID positive. He is asymptomatic... [but] this was a clear shot across the bow for our family [and] we have an extended "familial bubble" that includes an immuno-compromised family member which may have led to devastating consequences."

This family's story is exactly why we developed this plan. By creating layers of protection to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus we can protect the public health, establish Maine as a safe place to visit, and invite tourists to come here safely and support our economy.

We want to save both the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

## Maine REALTORS® host virtual Hill visits

The coronavirus scuttled the plans of fifty Maine REALTORS® to travel to Washington, D.C. in May to meet with Maine's Congressional delegation to discuss real estate policy matters nationally and in Maine. Instead, Maine's REALTOR® leaders from across Maine connected virtually with Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King, Representative Chellie Pingree, and Representative Jared Golden to

deliver Maine's latest residential and commercial real estate market information, current perspectives on the federal financial relief programs available to Maine businesses and households, and recommendations for future federal real estate policy directives.

"The US Bureau of Economic Analysis estimated that the real estate industry accounted for \$12.2 billion, 18% of Maine's Gross State Product, in 2019," says

Tom Cole, 2020 President of the Maine Association of REALTORSs and Managing Broker of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate The Masiello Group in Brunswick. "The real estate industry is an economic driver nationally and in Maine, and our REALTOR® members are best-positioned to offer critical industry insights to Maine's Congressional delegation."

Maine REALTOR®  
See Realtors, page 13

## Maine Community Bank reopen lobbies, pledge support

On Monday, June 15, 2020, Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings, divisions of Maine Community Bank, re-opened their bank branches to the public, following a three-month closure of their lobbies as a response to COVID.

"Our response to the pandemic was swift and our major goals were to keep the community and our employees safe while continuing to provide seamless, critical services to our custom-

ers," explained Jeanne Hult, President and CEO of Maine Community Bank. "Our shift put the emphasis on drive-thru. Now we are ready to re-open fully and are confident about the health and safety precautions we have put in place."

The pandemic, however, is not Maine Community Bank's sole concern. Our cities and towns are in turmoil over the legacy of racial injustice in America. The times demand that we do better by all our citizens.

In an effort to be part of the solution, Maine Community Bank will be supporting programs to help heal communities and is pledging \$5,000 each to two non-profits (to be announced in July) that are committed to helping at-risk youth in building healthy lives: physically, socially, emotionally and academically. Maine Community Bank believes these organizations can and will help our next generation achieve a healthier, more harmonious future.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Pandemic emergency loan program for small businesses

This program was created by the Lewiston City Council to provide emergency funding to small for-profit and non-profit businesses in Lewiston that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, that are working to restore normal business operations, and that may not be able to easily qualify for business assistance loans and grants available through the City's Community Development Block Grant program, including those established through federal CARES Act funding.

The total capitalization for this loan program is \$150,000, with the first installment for \$50,000. Applications for this first installment will be due by July 1, 2020.

**Loan Terms**  
Up to \$4,000 per for qualifying business

0% interest  
2 year term, repayment will begin in June

2021  
No collateral required

**Business Eligibility:**

Employ fewer than 50 employees or gross sales of less than \$2 million at time of most recent federal income tax filing.

Must be physically located in Lewiston. If business has other locations outside of the city, Lewiston loan funds must be expended only for Lewiston location.

Must be current on taxes and other charges owed to the city as of January 1, 2020.

Acceptable credit report for all owners with 20% or greater ownership.

Determination that business can successfully re-establish or continue operations post COVID-19.

Preference will be given to restaurants with additional costs/burdens attributable to state lim-

itations on inside dining.  
**Eligible Uses:**

Physical changes to premises or equipment needed to implement social distancing.

Furniture/fixtures/equipment needed to expand into and utilize outdoor spaces, such as seating/table, weather protection, installation of barriers to define space.

Initial cost of goods needed to reopen.

Rent or mortgage payment.

Payroll upon documentation showing that the applicant as pursued but not been able to obtain funding through the federal payroll protection plan or the funding from this source has been exhausted.

Credit card debt incurred within last 60 days for qualified business expenses.

Technical assistance or business advising to help plan for continued business operation and recovery.

## Local land surveyors donate to Good Shepherd



George Bouchles, Arthur Montana, Cassandra Quintal, and Stuart Davis.

Androscoggin Land Surveyors Chapter donates \$3,300 to the Good Shepherd Food Bank, which will provide 13,200 meals to hungry people in Maine. The Chapter rallied donations from local surveyors supporting the great-

er Androscoggin County area.

The donation was part of a COVID19 response initiative by the Maine Society of Land Surveyors. Surveyor Chapters across the State donated \$8,800 to community service organizations in Maine.

"Our profession is tasked with serving the welfare of society, community, and State. Providing hunger-relief for Maine households, especially during this time, fits well with our serve objectives," said Cassandra Quintal, A Geomatic Surveyor for Sebago Technics.

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# What's Going On

## The Boxberry School closes

The Boxberry School in Harrison, Maine will close its doors at the end of the 2019-2020 school year due to enrollment and funding issues exacerbated by the current pandemic. Boxberry was started in 2003 by a group of parents who wanted an alternative educational experi-

ence for their children. Originally in Oxford, The Boxberry School moved five years ago to the campus of Fernwood Cove in Harrison. Adopting an Educating for Sustainability framework, the curriculum focused on place-based education and project-based learning. Integrating the arts throughout an interdisciplinary approach has been one of the long-held values of the school. The staff and board of Boxberry are grateful for all the families who have supported the school during the past 16 years and will dearly miss serving students in the local community.

## Maine DHHS launches "Keep It Maine" campaign

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced last week that it is launching a new statewide campaign to emphasize the continued importance of public health measures that limit the spread of COVID-19, including physical distancing, wearing of cloth face coverings, and hand hygiene.

The "Keep It Maine" campaign encourages Maine people to continue taking actions that have helped to keep the state's COVID-19 infection and hospitalization rates low compared to other states. Adjusted for population size, as of last Monday, Maine ranked 42nd highest in the nation in terms of positive cases; 40th in the nation in terms of deaths; 30th in terms of patients ev-

er-hospitalized out of the 35 states reporting; and 15th in the percentage of people who have recovered out of the 41 states reporting.

"Maine people and businesses have limited the spread of COVID-19 by keeping to the Maine values that tie us together," said DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew. "We stay the course and we work together to do what's right for our loved ones, friends, and neighbors. The campaign's theme is built around this shared achievement. Let's keep it up. Let's keep it Maine."

The campaign includes social media and digital ads that will begin this week, followed in mid-June by television ads and a new website with shareable and printable educational materi-

als for Maine people and businesses. DHHS also plans to provide translated campaign materials to ensure its message reaches as broad an audience as possible.

Maine DHHS will work with partners in the health care, business, and other communities to amplify the campaign's messages.

Maine people can protect their health and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by staying home whenever possible, practicing physical distancing and wearing a face covering when not at home, practicing hand hygiene, and speaking with their health care provider if they experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, such as shortness of breath, fever, and cough.

## Spring and summer programming at The Root Cellar

In step with the Governor's reopening plan for Maine, The Root Cellar in Lewiston set in motion their first stage of programming post pandemic shut-down on June 1. Dubbed Sensational Spring, neighborhood teens and young adults are volunteering in a mentor/tutor capacity with very small groups of children in a two-session, day camp style program. The mentors, some returning from previous summer programming, are trained to work with children, meeting them where they're at and working to cultivate relationships. These teens and young adults will continue to develop their leadership skills throughout the summer as they mentor groups for Sensational Spring and for Super Summer (beginning July 6).

The children and mentors are put into small, S.U.P.E.R. Groups (which stands for Supporting, Uniting, Preserving, Empowering, Relationship Group). Each day is split into two sessions. The morning session, called Brain Food is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. During this session, the groups eat breakfast and work on writing, math, health science, and tutoring. The afternoon session, from 12 to 3 p.m., is extra-curricular activities focusing on sports, games, art and character development.

Although Sensational Spring has been going well for over two weeks, it has not been without some challenges.

The Root Cellar staff carefully prepared a COVID-19 Policy for their Spring/Summer

programming, with over 50 policies following CDC guidelines for day camps and recreation. Among these guidelines are the requirements that the groups are small and all children, mentors and staff are required to wear masks during any interaction.

"The kids have adjusted pretty well," says Mentorship Program Directory Allysa Morgosh, but it has definitely been a transition for everyone, especially compared to last Summer's activities at The Root Cellar. This difference in operations due to the pandemic is part of the reason Morgosh started Sensational Spring as a stepping-stone for this summer's Super Summer. It gives the kids time to "adjust to something different than they're used to at the Root Cellar," said Morgosh.

While this year has and will look a lot different than any other year, it has been filled with opportunities to bring God's kingdom to the neighborhood. Many needs have arisen due to the pandemic, a primary one being food security. For many children, school was the primary way they received nutritious meals for breakfast and lunch.

Along with expanded food pantry resources for the neighborhood, The Root Cellar became a primary location for breakfast and lunch distribution, in partnership with the Lewiston Public School System. Through distributing lunches, staff and volunteers at the Root Cellar have been able to connect with a significant number of families and children.

Accompanying the meals distributed everyday were Brain Food worksheets for all levels of grade-school, prepared and distributed every morning by Morgosh, and staff members Emily Bollinge, and Victoria Derosier.

And despite having limited capacity amid the pandemic, the small groups have been a blessing in disguise. The required structure allows for "a phenomenal staff ratio of two to one. Because of keeping the groups small, we've made a tremendous impact in these kid's lives." Morgosh explains. These small SUPER Groups allow for relationship development and opportunity among friends and neighbors to cultivate social, economic and spiritual wholeness.

"We've had to get creative for field trip opportunities because of COVID-19 and social distancing," Morgosh says. However, because of this, the kids have gotten to experience new things. One example Morgosh shared was that two children learned how to ride bikes during the programming so far, when they had never been on a bike before.

The staff and volunteers are working hard to be a part of the neighborhood this summer despite necessary restrictions due to the pandemic and they look forward to a COVID-aware Super Summer beginning soon.

Stay tuned for more information on summer programming for The Root Cellar in Lewiston and The Root Cellar in Portland. You can also visit <https://therootcellar.org> for more information.

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## NRCM appeals DEP permit for CMP corridor

Maine's leading environmental advocacy group, the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM), last week filed an appeal of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) permit for Central Maine Power's (CMP) controversial transmission corridor. NRCM called the permit fundamentally flawed and contrary to the interests of Maine people because the massive transmission line would cause long-lasting, irreparable damage to Maine's environment.

"The CMP corridor would be one of the most destructive projects in Maine history. DEP's permit for this project ignored the basic requirements of our state's environmental laws that protect the health of Maine's forests, waters, and wildlife," said NRCM Staff Scientist Nick Bennett. "What's worse, DEP refused to analyze the most important question concerning the project, the validity of CMP's claims about the corridor's impact on climate change. Without even considering this question, DEP blindly accepted CMP's misleading claims and incorrectly stated they justify the massive damage the project would inflict on Western Maine."

In its legal filing with the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP), NRCM argued that DEP's decision failed to meet the standards of Maine's environmental laws. NRCM also said that DEP had no authority to issue CMP's permit because only the BEP has jurisdiction over permits for projects of statewide significance. (See 38 M.R.S. §§ 341-D(2) and 344(2-A).)

"DEP's permit for this highly controversial project is clearly invalid, and we believe that BEP should reverse DEP's decision once it has reviewed the facts in this case," said NRCM Clean Energy Attorney Sue Ely. "First, the law requires that the BEP, not DEP, issue permits for projects of statewide significance, such as the CMP corridor. Second, it is clear that CMP's transmission line violates the Natural Resources Protection Act and Site Location of Development Act because of its harm-

ful impacts to Maine's environment."

As part of the DEP permitting process, NRCM joined with the Appalachian Mountain Club and Trout Unlimited to present clear and undeniable evidence that the CMP corridor would cause irreparable damage to Maine's environment and economy by:

Permanently fragmenting the largest contiguous temperate forest in North America, a globally significant resource; damaging hundreds of high-quality brook trout streams and ponds due to removal of trees that provide the shade and inputs of large wood that brook trout need to thrive; threatening the tourism and guiding industries, which are critical for the Western Maine economy; severely weakening the ecological webs that connect vernal pools and wetlands to each other through amphibian migration; bisecting the last large deer wintering area in the Forks region; and hampering development of Maine's own renewable energy industry, which would provide far more jobs and environmental benefit than the CMP corridor.

"This project cuts through some of the best and most intact brook trout habitat in Maine. Brook trout are an iconic Maine species, and Maine is the last, best hope for brook trout surviving into the next century in the U.S.," said Bennett. "From the perspective of brook trout conservation, you could not put a worse project in a worse place."

CMP's deeply unpopular proposal is widely opposed by Maine

people. According to a 2019 poll, 65% of Mainers oppose the project. Twenty-five towns have already voted to oppose or rescind their support for the project, as have the Androscoggin and Franklin County Commissioners, two of the state's largest unions, and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine.

"Instead of destroying Maine's North Woods so CMP and Hydro-Quebec can make billions in profit, Maine should be investing in local clean energy projects that will actually reduce pollution and deliver long-lasting, good-paying jobs for Mainers," said Ely.

CMP and Hydro-Quebec have already spent an astounding \$9 million on an extensive political campaign to try and defend their flagging power corridor proposal, and Hydro-Quebec has been forced to pay a record ethics fine for campaign finance violations. With five months until the November election, this spending frenzy is on track to be the most money ever spent to defeat a citizen initiative in Maine.

### What do you think?

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## Collected signatures to repeal rank choice voting



Martin Meaney, Jack Wibby at the Gray Recycling Center

In May 2020, members of the Gray Republican Committee (GRC) started collecting signatures for a People's Veto to L.D. 1083 to Repeal Ranked Choice Voting in Maine's Presidential Elections. The signature drive is a project of the Maine Republican Party.

To bring the repeal question to the November ballot, volunteers must have submitted

63,067 signatures of registered Maine voters by June 15, 2020, presented to the office of the Secretary of State.

The Gray Republican Committee's first effort was staffed by Jack Wibby, Oram Lawry, and Martin Meaney, who set up a table outside the Gray Recycling Center from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

Later in May, Mar-

tin and Suzanne Meaney set up tables outside their residence on two separate occasions.

The members of the Gray Republican Committee collected sixty-five signatures, which have been submitted to the Maine GOP.

More information about the Gray Republican Committee can be found on their website at grayrepublicans.org.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Class of 1974 adds bench to LHS memorial garden



The Lewiston Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 recently placed a granite bench in the LHS Memorial Garden. The bench includes the words "Friends, I will remember you," from the John Denver song "Friends," which was the class graduation song.

It also includes "Comprehensive" in the school name, and states the class was, and is, the one and only from LCHS. The class of 1974 was the first class to

graduate from the new high school on East Avenue. At the time, the school was called Lewiston Comprehensive H.S. as it included regional students in the vocational classes. Diplomas, yearbooks, and class rings all included the word "Comprehensive." The next year, the name was changed back to Lewiston High School, leaving the class of '74 the only class to bear the long name.

During and after its 45-year class reunion

last year, donations were requested to add the bench to the high school garden. With the support of LHS Athletic Director Jason Fuller, Asst. Principal Jay Dufour and Facilities Manager Ray Roy, donations from dozens of classmates, and excellent assistance in the design and style from Collette Monuments, the final product was placed in the garden on June 9.

The bench will be a way to remember all class members, both living and passed. It will also add an interesting bit of trivia for all LHS students, alumni, and visitors. With over 500 members, the class of 1974 may have been one of the largest classes to graduate from Lewiston's secondary school. It was definitely the only class to graduate from LCHS.

## Lewiston waives fees and allows expanded outside use

The City of Lewiston is committed to work with local business community as it meets the challenges posed by the current pandemic emergency.

On May 19, 2020, the Lewiston City Council waived certain fees and policies involving the private use of public right of way and municipally owned property to allow Lewiston businesses and organizations to use these areas for social distancing while serving their customers.

The City is also prepared to work with business owners who wish to expand outside into adjacent private parking lots or open spaces while ensuring that such expansions address public safety concerns, including separation from vehicle traffic. All permit fees normally required for such uses have been waived.

Accommodations will include: permitting commercial activities within city parks and open spaces and waiving any park use fees;

waiving sidewalk and street occupancy fees; authorizing a business to occupy sidewalks near, but not adjacent to, their property with permission from the adjacent property owner; granting permission to occupy designated on-street parking spaces for outside dining and sales if approved by designated staff; being granted permission to use outdoor areas controlled by the City; and allowing for expansion onto private parking areas or open spaces that a business or organization controls while ensuring such expansions will ensure public safety. The City will do its best to accommodate all requests while recognizing the public's right to use and travel through these areas.

According to Mayor Mark Cayer, "The current pandemic emergency places incredible burdens on our local businesses, and the restrictions on indoor dining that remain in effect further disadvantage some Lewiston business-

es. The City Council and staff are committed to work closely with our business community to overcome these obstacles and allow them to return to serving our residents."

Additional information is available at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/businessoutside](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/businessoutside).

Businesses interested in using City owned or controlled outdoor spaces such as sidewalks and parks should contact the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124.

Businesses interested in expanding their operations into adjacent privately owned property, such as parking lots and lawns, should contact Code Enforcement at 513-3125.

Permission for such uses will remain in place until ten days after all social distancing restrictions have been eliminated or November 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

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## Penobscot theatre dramatic academy to offer online classes

Penobscot Theatre Dramatic Academy is pleased to announce Summer Zoomin', a virtual summer theatre camp. Students ages 4 to 18 will have the opportunity to participate in a full theatrical experience while maintaining the safety of sheltering in place at home. Ben Layman, Director of Education said, "We are so excited to pair with our own beloved teachers as well as local and regional artists to provide this innovative program. There is something for everyone, and we couldn't be happier to be able to maintain student safety and provide challenging and fun content!" All classes will be offered through the Zoom format and end in a streaming performance experience.

The Tempest by William Shakespeare. Session One: July 13 through 31 (Ages 8 to 18) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will explore Shakespeare's most magical play with instructor Ben Layman, while participating in daily acting warm up and workshops with local and regional performers. The session will culminate in a live streaming performance on July 31. \$300.00

Night Of The Living Dead (Radio play)

Based on the classic film script by George A. Romero. Session Two: August 3 through 21 (Ages 13 to 18) Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 4p.m. Instructors Ben Layman and Neil Graham will coach students in creating this new adaption of the classic spooky tale. Daily acting warm-ups and workshops in voice acting, audio production and sound effect design will be offered. This session will end with a live streaming performance of the radio play as well as a broadcast on local community radio on August 21. \$300.00

Tiny Tales: (Ages 4 to 7) Session 1: July 13 through July 31; Session 2: August 3 through 21, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Tiny Tales is an interactive storytelling workshop for our youngest friends! Students will work with instructor Ben Layman on the basics of performance and expression through movement. A parent or other guardian will be required to accompany students in this class. \$50.00

Tap and Jazz for Musical Theatre: (Ages 8 to 18) Session 1: July 13 through July 31; Session 2: August 3 through 21, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

A Musical Theatre dance intensive! Students will work with special guest instructor Joseph Cullinane of the Joffrey Ballet. No dance experience is necessary! \$180.00

Register at [https://boxoffice.xprinttixusa.com/penobscot/donate?w=education&utm\\_source=DA+ZOOMIN+SUMMER+PR&utm\\_campaign=DA+ZOOMIN+SUMMER+PR&utm\\_medium=email](https://boxoffice.xprinttixusa.com/penobscot/donate?w=education&utm_source=DA+ZOOMIN+SUMMER+PR&utm_campaign=DA+ZOOMIN+SUMMER+PR&utm_medium=email).

All classes have a limited enrollment. Students must be enrolled via our website at [penobscottheatre.org](http://penobscottheatre.org) prior to the first class. Full payment will be required at the time of registration. Any questions can be directed to Ben Layman, Director of Education, at [education@penobscottheatre.org](mailto:education@penobscottheatre.org) or (207) 462 4347.

Penobscot Theatre Company is America's Northeastern-most professional, year round theatre company, owners of the historic Bangor Opera House, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, producing a wide variety of plays and musicals each season. For a complete list of show times, pricing and more information about the season visit [www.penobscottheatre.org](http://www.penobscottheatre.org).

## Maine Music Society cancels 2020-2021 season



Maine Music Society Choral

The Maine Music Society Board of Directors regretfully decided to cancel its entire 2020-21 season including John Corrie's final concert, A Gala Farewell, that had been postponed to September 27. The Directors made this decision after careful review of recent studies done regarding the virus and choral singing, and in response to recommendations by several national choral

organizations. They were advised that it will not be safe to rehearse or perform until the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic can be controlled. The safety of their audience and chorale members must come first.

MMS will endeavor to find other ways to celebrate John Corrie's 14 years of growth, fun and amazing music with MMS. Meanwhile, friends and patrons are

welcome to send a personal note of thanks and best wishes to John via the MMS office. The address is: John Corrie, Maine Music Society, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, ME 04240

On a positive note, members of the MMS Chorale are sharing music that they love through the MMS Facebook page, accessible through the website, [www.mainemusicsociety.org](http://www.mainemusicsociety.org).

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- Sage Roasted Butternut Squash Soup** / Toasted Pepitas - 8
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- Organic Quinoa Bowl** / Broccoli, Carrots, Green Beans, Cranberry, Spinach & Kale, Brussels, Almond / Vegan + g.f - 12/20
- Gnocchi Primavera** / Butter Roasted, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Seasonal Vegetables, Parmesan / Vgt. - 12/22
- Rigatoni Bolognese** / Slow Braised Tomato - Beef & Pork Sausage, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs, Parmesan / 13/24
- Handmade Ravioli** / Four Cheese Filling, Wilted Spinach Pesto Cream, Almonds, Pineland Farm Feta / Vgt. - 12/22
- Gnocchi Mac + Cheese** / Creamy Cheddar Sauce, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs / - 12/22
- Butternut Squash Risotto** / Sage Roasted Fall Squash, Butter, Parmesan, Pepitas, Fried Brussels / Vgt. + g.f - 14/26
- Mushroom Risotto** / Roasted Crimini & Shiitake Mushrooms, Butter Parmesan, Truffle Oil / Vgt. + g.f - 14/26
- Spaghetti with Braised Lamb Ragù** / Pineland Farm Feta, Chopped Mixed Olives - 24
- Orecchiette Pasta with Chicken & Broccoli** / Garlic Butter, Wilted Kale, Parmesan - 22  
(Vegetarian Orecchiette available with Pesto)

**ENTREES**

- Pan Seared Scallops** / Truffle Roasted Crimini + Shiitake Mushroom Risotto, Green Beans, Beurre Monte / g.f - 18/32\*
- Grilled Faroe Island Salmon** / Sage Roasted Butternut Squash Risotto, Fried Brussels, Pomegranate Gastrique / g.f - 27\*
- Chicken Under a Brick** / Bone-in Breast, Whipped Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Lemon Emulsion / g.f - 24
- Slow Braised Boneless Beef Short Rib** / Horseradish Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Mushroom Sauce / g.f - 28
- Grilled Filet Mignon** / Herb Roasted Fingerlings, Pearl Onions, Wilted Greens, Foie Gras Butter, Beef Sauce / g.f - 34\*
- Spice Rubbed Pork Loin** / Smoked Bacon Elbow Macaroni and Cheese, Cheddar, Fried Brussels Sprouts, BBQ Sauce / - 24
- Pulled Pork Sandwich** / Chipotle BBQ Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Grilled Brioche Bun, House Fries - 14
- MK Burger** / Cheddar, Bacon Crumbs, Shredded Romaine, Pickled Onion, House Sauce, Brioche Bun, Herb Fries - 15

**SIDES**

- Fried Brussels Sprouts** / g.f - 9 - **Pan Roasted Vegetables** / g.f - 9

**DESSERTS**

- Warm Chocolate Cake** / Marshmallow Gelato, Sea Salt Toasted Peanuts / g.f - 10
- Chocolate Mousse** / Belgium Chocolate, Whipped Cream, Candied Walnut Crumbs / g.f - 9
- Tiramisu** / Mascarpone Cream, Coffee Ladyfingers, Chocolate Sauce - 9

# Caring

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raising money and feeding the workers at local hospitals. "We are raising money from any local people and even folks from out of state."

Richard is the daughter of Joe Graziano, who created Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant that served Italian fare from its location on Route 196 in Lisbon for 43 years. Graziano opened the restaurant in 1969. He had moved to Maine from Utica, NY, in the mid-1960's to manage a McDonald's restaurant in Lewiston. He died in 2000, and the restaurant was closed in 2012.

The restaurant was known for its boxing theme, with rooms in the restaurant named by round. Graziano was Chairman of the Maine Athletic Commission in the early 1990s.

Richard started working at the restaurant at 10-years-old, "doing dishes and helping clean. And then around 12, I started cooking," Richard said. "I like making the sauce, and for meals, I like doing veal and chicken parm."

In a nod to the family's restaurant, Richard installed two original doors from Graziano's Casa Mia in the Grazi To Go lobby, along with paintings and other wall



Mary Graziano Richard shows off the sign for her restaurant, Grazi To Go, in Lisbon. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, PortraitEFX)



The iconic name on one of the original doors from Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant in Lisbon. The doors are now in the lobby of the new Grazi To Go, which offers meals for take-out and delivery on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, in Lisbon. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, PortraitEFX)



Wall art from the original Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant that was located for 43 years on Route 196 in Lisbon. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, PortraitEFX)



Wall art from the original Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant that was located for 43 years on Route 196 in Lisbon. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, PortraitEFX)

art.

The menu is very similar to the Graziano's Casa Mia menu, Richard said. One of the most popular items is the specially-made Italian dressing that customers call, "Liquid Gold". Joe Graziano came up with

the recipe for the thick dressing, which "makes the best marinated chicken or Portobello mushrooms," Richard said.

Grazi To Go is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and only provides meals for take-out or delivery.



Mary Graziano Richard checks the day's orders of meals for take-out and delivery at Grazi To Go in Lisbon. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, PortraitEFX)



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# Balloon

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citing. It is a happy time and a rewarding time. It is fun to see so many out-of-towners from all over Maine attend, and the growing number of out-of-state tourists add to the gaiety.

My family and I have been to every Balloon Festival since its beginning in 1992 when it was an instant hit. As each grandchild was born, my husband Gerry and I would take each by the hand and show them the wonders of the colorful hot air balloons rising majestically in the air and the breeze taking them over the Androscoggin River. Sometimes the pilots would dip for a splash in the river much to the delight of the spectators on the North Bridge (James B. Longley Bridge) and South Bridge (Bernard Lown Peace Bridge).

I have so many vivid memories of each year's Balloon Festival, but the tenth birthday of Sam Campbell, my first grandson, was stellar. This was the year his paternal Grandmother, Betty Campbell of Auburn, now of Minot, decided they would celebrate his milestone 10th birthday early, (October 6) with a first-time hot air balloon ride together! Grammie and Sam talked of nothing else as the summer progressed to the big August 2001 date at Simard-Payne Memorial Park.

The entire Morin and Campbell Families, including aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and the rest of the balloon riders arrived early that day and waited patiently as they watched many balloons being inflated.

Our balloon, The Jackie Balloon, piloted by Andre Boucher was one of the many balloons being inflated first. Each family had its assignment: each driver of the family cars would follow our balloon as best

he could with the help of his passengers monitoring the sky overhead as the breeze carried the balloon along.

We wanted to be on hand when The Jackie Balloon landed! We had no idea of where the overhead breeze would take it or where it would land. We followed by car, pretty good, I must say, though I was glad I was not the driver!

We even managed to take several photos, of which some are posted here for you to see. We watched The Jackie Balloon fly over Cleveland Field in Auburn, then later over No Name Pond in Lewiston with many sightings in between.

It really was the thrill of a lifetime for Sam and his Grandmother. And even for the rest of us, especially for Sam's younger siblings, Emma and Adam, who were really pumped up and overwhelmed.

After many sightings according to the whims of the breeze, our Jackie Balloon landed in Greene. We were right there, helping to deflate the balloon and moving the basket where the pilot designated.

There is ceremony and tradition for these balloon rides. Pilot Andre Boucher related the history of the balloon landing and how the bottle of champagne is presented to the pilot, who pops the cork, giving the crowd a sense of the history, tradition and ceremony.

As it turned out, my son Gerry Morin caught the cork and so, received the first glass of champagne. I was surprised to be offered the second glass.

And so now in 2020, the Friends and Fans of The Great Falls Balloon Festival look forward hopefully to 2021, when once again they will look to the sky and see the bright, colorful balloons carried by a gentle breeze over the Androscoggin River.



*Waiting for the Pilot. Back, Matt Campbell, Betty Campbell, Cathy Campbell; Front, Adam Campbell, Emma Campbell, Sam Campbell*



*Adam and Emma are overwhelmed!*



*Keeping an eye on the activity are Gerry and Debbie Bolen-Morin, Jo-Anne Campbell and Cathy Campbell.*



*"Upsy Daisy" as Grammie Betty is helped from the basket by her sons Matt and Tom Campbell.*



*After giving a brief history of the tradition and ceremony of the balloon landing and champagne popping of the cork, Pilot Andre Boucher does the honors.*



*"We're ready!" cry out Betty and Sam.*



*The basket is moved as directed by Pilot Andre Boucher.*



*The Family gathers round.*



*We spot The Jackie Balloon over No Name Pond in Lewiston!*



*The Campbells watch their balloon, The Jackie, inflate. L to R Emma, Matt, Sam with Adam in front.*



*After many more sightings, we arrive for the landing in Greene!*



*Grandma Rachel has a sample as well.*



*Gerry Morin caught the cork and enjoys the first glass of champagne.*

# Students awarded The Leon A. Gorman Endowed scholarship

Nine Maine community college students were awarded scholarships in honor of Leon A. Gorman for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year.

This is the fifth year the Leon A. Gorman Scholarship has been given. For the past three years the scholarship has been awarded to one student from each of the seven community colleges. This year the scholarship was expanded to support three students at Southern Maine Community College, the largest college within the Maine Community College System. Each of the nine Leon A. Gorman Scholars will receive an award equal to a full year of tuition at a Maine community college.

The Leon A. Gorman Endowed Scholarship was established in 2014 by the children of Leon and Lisa Gorman in honor of Mr. Gorman's 80th birthday. The scholarship supports Maine community college students who demonstrate strong academic achievement, financial need, and a commitment

to community service, a hallmark of the scholarship's namesake.

"This scholarship was so meaningful to my father who understood the importance of the community colleges and their hardworking students. He would have been proud to be associated with these smart, motivated and dedicated recipients who devote so much of their time and energy to their education, families and communities," said Jennifer Wilson on behalf of her family.

The 2020 Leon A. Gorman Scholars are: Kacie Simpson (Lewiston, ME), Nursing, Central Maine Community College; Kateryna Bagrii (Levant, ME), Nursing, Eastern Maine Community College; Gregory LeCorps (Dixmont, ME), Sustainable Construction, Kennebec Valley Community College; Ethan Chadwick (Abbot, ME), Precision Machining Technology, Northern Maine Community College; Fazel Qaney (Westbrook, ME), Information Technology, Southern Maine Com-

munity College; Patrick Remedis (Bridgton, ME) Business Administration, Southern Maine Community College; Marcus Taylor (Wells, ME) Communications & New Media and Liberal Studies, Southern Maine Community College; Joshua Flaherty (Gorham, ME), Mechanical Technology, Washington County Community College; and Natalie Nguyen (Biddeford, ME), Health Studies, York County Community College.

Leon Gorman was passionate about the state of Maine. His investments in Maine's community colleges exemplified that passion. He understood that Maine's community colleges not only positively impact the lives of many aspiring individuals and their families, but also have a positive economic impact. Quite simply, he believed that well-educated community college graduates forge a bright future for the State of Maine.

"I want to offer a hearty congratulations to this year's Gorman Award, page 13

# Parishioners return, Bishop Deeley discusses meaning of Trinity

"How nice to see you this morning!" said Bishop Robert Deeley. "We are grateful to God that we are able once again to celebrate and receive Eucharist together."

Last Sunday Masses capped the first week of public Masses in Maine since mid-March, when large gatherings were restricted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With an attendance limit of 50 people and a list of other protocols and safeguards in place, the first week was a successful one as many parishioners returned to pews while many others continued to participate in Masses via the extensive live-streamed Mass schedule in place throughout the Diocese of Portland.

During his homily at a Sunday morning Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Deeley spoke about many of the visible safeguards in place, like social distancing and masks, as well as the efforts that parishes are making behind the scenes.

"Following each of the Masses, we are cleaning and sanitizing those spaces which have been used. That involves special supplies and materials and a lot



of work!" the bishop told the limited gathering in the pews and the large gathering watching online. "I am grateful for the great effort our parish staffs have done to get ready for this return. They have worked with their pastors diligently to follow the guidance we have received to do this as safely as possible. The cleaning materials are needed by everyone, but the supply is limited. It is also costly.

Thus, I am grateful for your continued use of the online giving for your parishes; more than ever, our parishes need support."

June 7 marked Trinity Sunday, which originated in the fourth cen-

tury and is celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost. The Council of Nicaea in 325 affirmed the biblical view of Jesus as both fully God and fully human, as well as the belief in the Triune God.

"We acknowledge what we believe, God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit," said Bishop Deeley. "The liturgy focuses our attention on what the Scripture teaches us about God. God is love, a love which is expressed in the mystery of the Trinity. The Father, Son, and Spirit are one because God is love. The three live in love, the Father giving to the Son, the Son responding See Bishop, page 13

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# Lewiston administrative offices re-opening

City of Lewiston administrative offices have re-opened to the public as of Monday, June 15. However, should individuals feel ill, they are asked to remain home and instead conduct municipal business online, by email, FAX, or postal mail.

Upon arrival: When entering a municipal building, residents will be asked to wear a face covering unless an underlying medical condition prohibits doing so. Hand sanitizing stations will be available, and visitors can be assured that staff will undertake cleaning between customers. Those entering municipal buildings are also asked to practice social distancing by keeping 6 feet between themselves and others. For City Hall only, customers are asked to enter through the Park Street side of the building and exit through the Pine Street exit, unless, of course, handicapped accessibility is needed, which is located at the Pine Street side of the building.

Feeling ill and doing business from a distance: Should individuals feel ill and need to do city business from a distance, online business can be conducted via [www.lewistonmaine.gov/cityonline](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/cityonline). Calls can be directed to 513-3000, and the City's FAX number is 784-2959. A staff email directory can be found at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/citystaff](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/citystaff). Residents may use an electronic check online that has no service fee attached. Use of debit and credit cards for municipal business are also welcome but do include a 2 1/2 % service fee. A drop-box for items such as water bill and tax payments is also located on the Park Street side of Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street.

One exception: The one re-opening exception at City Hall is Social Services. As such, General Assistance (GA) requests should be made by telephone (513-3000, X3263), and GA applications will continue to be conducted via telephone. Requests for additional verifiable information to determine eligibility can be sent via email, fax, or postal mail to the Social Services Department. The mailing address is 27 Pine Street, Lewis-

ton, ME 04240, and the GA FAX number is 376-3229.

Possible wait times: Due to high call volumes for service during the City's recent service by appointment only response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a large in-person presence is anticipated at municipal offices starting June 15th. Municipal staff will be monitoring how many individuals are in each building at one time and wait times can be expected. Should an exterior line occur at Lewiston City Hall, people should form a line on Park Street—standing 6 feet

apart—and extend the line towards the Police Department at 171 Park Street. To reduce wait time, re-registrations can easily be done online and are encouraged — [www.lewistonmaine.gov/cityonline](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/cityonline).

Absentee voting/voter registration update: Residents who need to register to vote, enroll in a political party, or update their address can do so one at a time at the self-serve table in the Park Street lobby at City Hall, 27 Pine Street. Voter registration cards and instructions will be available at the table, which will have

bins for both clean and used pens. Residents unable to come to City Hall may call the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124, and a voter registration card will be mailed to their home.

In addition, starting on June 22, in-person absentee voting will be available in the City Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall. This will occur Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. The voting area will adhere to social distancing practices and monitoring the number of individuals in the voting area at one time will occur. Voters

are encouraged to visit the City's website in advance at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections) to become familiar with the ballot questions before voting to allow for a faster turnaround time in the on-site voting booths. Voters may also order an absentee ballot online at the same website, and one will be mailed to them.

Public works department update: The City of Lewiston will be re-opening two of its recreation facilities on June 15, based on Governor Janet Mills Plan to Restart Maine's Economy found at <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-presents-safe-gradual-plan-restart-maines-economy-2020-04-28>. The two facilities to re-open are: The Franklin Pasture Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts and the Kennedy Park Skateboard Park. The City recommends that tennis/pickle ball matches be singles only and that good social distancing practices be maintained in the skate park. Gatherings at both facilities shall be limited to less than 50 people.

Recreation division  
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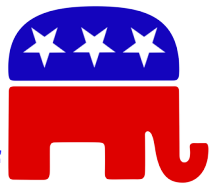


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# “Delighted to Be Back”: Maine churches reopen

The parking lot had several cars waiting for me to open the doors,” said Fr. James Nadeau, pastor of Christ the King Parish in Skowhegan. “They were eager to get back to Mass.”

It was an experience felt by many Maine priests on Monday, June 1, as Catholics happily walked into churches across the state for the first time since public Masses were suspended on March 18 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We were nervous back there because we knew there would be people here today,” joked Fr. Frank Murray, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Bangor, to the faithful in attendance on June 1 at St. Mary Church. “I can see your smiling faces, even behind the masks. It’s an exciting day for us.”

“It was great making eye contact with people rather than staring into camera lenses,” said Fr. Louis Phillips, pastor of parishes in Windham, Westbrook, and Gorham. “There was a lot of excitement among the members of our daily Mass crowd. From my perspective, it was great hearing the people’s responses for a change.”

Participants at the Masses described feeling a range of emotions: happiness for being back,

joy for seeing fellow parishioners, surprise as they observed some of the protocols being followed to ensure the safety and protection of all involved, and gratitude for the chance to receive the Eucharist.

“I know it’s important to make my homily nice and brief as the masks are pretty uncomfortable,” joked Fr. Daniel Greenleaf, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, during a Mass at the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul. “You didn’t come here to hear me anyway as you could have done that at home online. You’ve come to receive the greatest gift: Christ in the Eucharist. It’s so meaningful to watch that as a priest.”

“I was edified to see how much the people were hungering for the Eucharist. They were very gracious and grateful to have the opportunity. I made it a point to greet them as they arrived, from a socially acceptable distance, of course,” said Fr. Phil Tracy, pastor of the Parish of the Holy Eucharist in Falmouth. “I loved having a congregation and hearing the people’s part instead of listening to it in my head.”

“The folks that were here were delighted to be back,” said Fr. Bill Labbe, pastor of St.

Thérèse of Lisieux Parish in Sanford and St. Matthew Parish in Limerick. “They participated well and accepted all the protocols with humility and generosity.”

Attendance was capped at 50 people, masks were worn by all attending Mass, and pew seating arrangements were unique to each church. Social distancing guidelines were maintained, including during the distribution of Holy Communion.

“All went well,” said Fr. Gregory Dube, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and pastor of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes. “People took the ushers’ guidance well and Holy Communion went very smoothly. People were very happy to be at Mass.”

“I thought it went really smoothly, and it felt pretty much like a normal Mass, other than the little bit of instruction we got,” said Charlie Fitts, a parishioner. “I thought it was great.”

“We’ve worked pretty hard at having a system in place, both a physical system and a social system, and it seems like it’s working really well,” said Carolyn Mitchell, a pastoral associate at the Cathedral, who served as one of the ushers on Monday



afternoon. “It’s been really nice to see people, and I’m seeing people from multiple parishes, so it’s not just cathedral parishioners attending this Mass.”

After each Mass, the seats and pews were sanitized and knobs, door handles, and other touched surfaces were cleaned.

Understandably, for many, it is not yet time to return to Mass in person. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be in place, and the extensive list of live-streamed Masses being offered at churches around Maine (www.

portlanddiocese.org/live-streamed-Masses) will continue as parishioners won’t be able to attend in person due to the capacity restrictions or if they are at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

“There weren’t

many familiar faces from the older daily Mass crowd on Monday,” said Fr. Tom Murphy, pastor of All Saints Parish in Brunswick. “It may sug- See Churches, next page



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**Thursday, June 18**

Grand Central Wine Bar reopens for outdoor seating. Visit <https://www.grandcentralwinebar.com/> for more information.

**Friday, June 19**

Baby Yoga: Baxter Memorial Library Youth Services Librarian (and certified children’s yoga teacher) Heidi Whelan will lead this supportive community yoga class for babies and their caregivers from 9:30 to 10 a.m. This class will focus on nurturing the baby/caregiver bond through gentle massage, stretching, and singing. Restorative poses will be included for the caregiver. Recommended for babies 6 weeks old to new walkers. A

# Calendar

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registration form for the Zoom link to this session will be posted on the website at least a week before the event.

**Monday, June 22**

Stuffed Animal Portraits: Bring your favorite stuffy to the art table! Join Ms.Dani on Facebook to learn how to paint your favorite stuffy’s portrait using paint and lots of love! Suggested supplies to gather before the program are paints, brushes and/or cotton swabs, water and paper. If you do not have paint, use markers or pudding. No paper? No worries. Grab a paper bag or wrapping paper. This is a great family activity for all ages. Parents you can paint too.

**Tuesday, June 23**

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**Wednesday, June 24**

Vegetarian Sushi with Ms. Heidi, for all ages: Watch Vegan Shark Librarian Ms. Heidi on Facebook as she prepares colorful fresh vegetable sushi. Fun for anyone who wants to learn more about sharks and tasty food!

**Thursday, June 25**

UMaine Extension offers webinar on ticks from 1 to 2:30 p.m. led by Griffin Dill and Dr. Beatrice Szantyr. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Donna Coffin at (207) 262-7726 or donna.coffin@maine.edu.

**Thursday, June 25**

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**Friday, June 26**

Toddler Yoga, Class appropriate for confident walkers to age 3: Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to join our Toddler Yoga class on Zoom. Ms. Heidi Baxter Memorial Library Children’s Librarian and certified children’s yoga teacher will be leading a Toddler Yoga class. In this supportive community class toddlers will be introduced to games, songs, and movements that will help toddlers with their co-ordination, motor-skills, and confidence in moving their bodies. A registration form for the Zoom link will be posted at least a week before the event.

**Sunday, June 28**

Annual Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass at 10 a.m., live-streamed from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on [www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/) and [www.facebook.com/Portland-Cathedral](http://www.facebook.com/Portland-Cathedral).

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**Monday, June 29**

Unicorn on Roll, all ages: Join Miss Becky on Facebook as she teaches you how to create your own paper roll unicorn. For this craft you will need the following items: 1 empty toilet paper or paper towel roll, paints, paintbrush, scissors, glue, glitter, ruler, yarn, black and pink

markers, and scrap paper for ears and horn. Get creative with your supplies. If you don’t have paint, use markers or crayons. Don’t have yarn? Use string, rubber bands or strips of paper.

**Tuesday, June 30**

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TORS® discussed the U.S. Small Business Administration’s PPP and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) programs; asked for co-sponsorship of the federal Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic Notarization (SECURE) Act of 2020; and urged federal support of all efforts to improve Maine’s telecommunications infrastructure for tele-working, telehealth, and educational opportunities.

“A robust communications infrastructure, including cellular technology and broadband, is imperative for Maine’s economic growth and to expand opportunities for the sale of real property, both residential and commercial. Households and businesses moving to Maine demand high-speed connectivity,” says Cole. “Our meetings with each of Maine’s Congressional delegation affirmed their commitment to this shared goal.”

## Churches

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gest that people are seriously cautious as they should be.”

“There are some parishioners who were eager to return to Mass right away, while others are hesitant to return in person due to health concerns,” said Fr. Kevin Upham, parochial vicar of Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes.

But even for those still participating from home, the sight of the faithful back again meant a great deal.

“We received a comment from someone who live-streamed the Mass remarking how wonderful it was to see people actually receiving the Eucharist,” said Fr. Labbe.

“As a golfer, I never thought that people would need to make ‘tee times’ to attend Mass, but it went rather smoothly,” said Fr. Tracy. “It was great to have more interaction with parishioners. I hope that the people watching on livestream had a better sense of participation in the Mass with having others present.”

For more informa-

tion about Maine parishes’ reopening plans, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/ReopeningChurches](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/ReopeningChurches). Any changes to the current schedules of live-streamed Masses, parking lot Masses, drive-thru confessions, parking lot and live-streamed adoration, and other special events will be updated on the Diocese of Portland’s Coronavirus Response page ([www.portlanddiocese.org/response-coronavirus](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/response-coronavirus)).

## Award

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man Scholars, who have demonstrated hard work, service to others and achievement, especially during such a challenging time. We are very proud of these students, and grateful that the enduring legacy of Mr. Gorman honors these impressive students who have worked so hard,” said Maine Community College System President David Daigler.

Mr. Gorman was the longtime president and CEO of L.L.Bean. He was deeply committed to the people and places of Maine and recognized

the power and potential of Maine’s community colleges to transform people’s lives. He and his wife Lisa worked quietly behind the scenes supporting the colleges and the couple was central to the 2009 establishment and success of The Foundation for Maine’s Community Colleges for which Mrs. Gorman continues to serve as vice chair.

## Bishop

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in complete trust to the Father’s love, coming to save us, and the love of Father and Son becomes the Holy Spirit continually renewing love in the world, and guiding the work of the Church.”

The feast of the Trinity is not to be seen as a theological problem but, rather, as a joyous statement about God.

“That revelation of God’s kindly gaze on us, his children, offers us a very positive prospective,” said the bishop. “God is not conceived as a solitary monolith but as a union of three persons in love. This one God, in three persons, is described as Love, and is

seen as full of love for all he has created and particularly, you and I, the men and women he has created. The invitation of the feast is, for us, those who benefit from this love of God, to live in that love.”

The bishop said that what we learn about the Trinity last weekend can teach us more about the recent tragic death of George Floyd, the massive outpouring of anger and grief that has followed, and what is next.

“I was out for my walk one day during the week,” the bishop told the assembly. “This day, I came upon some children playing. They were all black and happily enjoying their games. But on the sidewalk was the product of their afternoon artwork. They had drawn a colorful representation of the slogan of the demonstrations: Black Lives Matter. I thought to myself, why, ever, would these beautiful children ever think that their lives do not matter? Yet, when we talk to black people, they share with us that they do not believe our society values them. Systemic racism begins in

the attitudes of the individuals in a society. And, therefore, overcoming racism will begin with each person reflecting and acting personally, to change their view. Society will change when we change.”

The response of Catholics must be to affirm their commitment to foster respect and justice for all people.

“The Trinity tells us of God’s love for each of us. Let us resolve in our prayer today to do what we can to help those children I encountered know of that love and know that their lives matter, Black Lives Matter. God, Trinity, Love, who is with us in Jesus our Savior, and who guides us in the Holy Spirit, shows us the way.”

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be in place. In light of that as well as capacity restrictions at this time, consider attending a daily Mass instead of a weekend Mass if you are able. Updates to the public Mass schedules at Maine parishes will be made at [www.portlanddiocese.org/ReopeningChurches](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/ReopeningChurches).

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## Basilica in Lewiston struck by lightning



The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, located on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston, suffered damage to concrete and shingles following a lightning strike. Nobody was injured in the incident.

A new router has been installed and public Masses and the live-streamed Mass schedule will continue as planned at the Basilica. A full assessment and inspection of the damage is scheduled for this week.

The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul is Maine's largest church and the

second largest in all of New England, with seating for approximately 2,200 people in the main church building. The upper church was completed on July 18, 1936, and the church was dedicated on October 23, 1938. The church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 and was raised to the status of a basilica by the Vatican in 2004. It has stood as an architectural wonder and a testament to the faith and sacrifice of the French-Canadian immigrants who ensured its completion.

## Local resident raises money and donates PPE

Like most people, Chris Robley has a loved one working on the frontline during the coronavirus pandemic. Robley's brother-in-law is a nurse at Central Maine Medical Center's emergency department, and when the pandemic spread to the United States, Robley's brother told him about the rationing of PPE in the healthcare industry.

Robley and his wife, who reside in Lewiston, started researching the availability of PPE and discovered the many unknown variables in securing such supplies from overseas. Around the same time, a company called Disc Makers in New Jersey decided to convert their facility from making compact discs and vinyl records to producing face shields for healthcare workers.

"I know the folks at Disc Makers because they're partnered with the company I work for, CD Baby, and I knew they'd be reliable and trustworthy with PPE orders. I asked my brother-in-law if those items would be helpful for



frontline medical workers and he said absolutely," Robley explained. So, he ordered several cases of face shields knowing they would be manufactured in the US and delivered in a reasonable time.

To raise money, Robley performed an eight-hour livestream marathon concert on Facebook called "Solopalooza", which can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/ChrisRobleyMusic/videos/224161818862568/>.

Robley went past the eight-hour threshold for Facebook's livestreaming and the final 15 minutes can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/ChrisRobleyMusic/videos/222517619181556/>.

With the help of a matching donation from Robley's employer CD Baby, he was able to raise more than \$9,000,

which they used to purchase the personal protective equipment for first responders in the community.

Robley stated that shields have been supplied to many places including "...CMMC's distribution center for their network of clinics and hospitals, St. Mary's Emergency Department, the Lewiston Police Department, and United Ambulance."

Lewiston's United Ambulance Service was given a generous donation of four (4) cases of face shields, totaling 576.

Robley also shipped a box to a facility in Illinois at the request of Peter Mulvey, a singer-songwriter who helped him promote the livestream, and who's annual 12-hour fundraiser concert was the inspiration for "Solopolooza".

To learn more about Robley and his music and poetry, please visit [chrisrobley.com](http://chrisrobley.com).

For more information on United Ambulance Service, visit [unitedambulance.com](http://unitedambulance.com).

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update: As of June 17, Lewiston Rec enthusiasts can enjoy the division's first "Wednesday OUT OF the Parks" live streamed show featuring Jason Tardy. The show will include innovative choreographed juggling to music and various creative entertainment stunts. Following the streamed show, Jason will chat with viewers to answer questions and may even do more impromptu juggling!

Library update: In addition, the Lewiston Public Library, at 200 Lisbon Street, is now offering pick-up service for checking out library materials, LPL To Go. Although the building is not open to the public yet, Library cardholders can place requests for up to 10 items using the Library's online catalog, emailing [LPL@lewis-tonmaine.gov](mailto:LPL@lewis-tonmaine.gov), or calling the Lending Services Desk at 513-3134. In turn, library staff will call the customer to schedule a pickup appointment. Additional information is available at <http://lplonline.org/lpltogo/>.

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