



*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - Jn 14:15-17*

#### Readings for the Week of April 27, 2008

Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	(Easter Weekday) Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Next Sunday:	Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

#### Faith Formation Question of the Week

##### Sixth Sunday of Easter "The Strength of Faith"

**Key Passage** Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." John 14:16

**Adult** What difficulties have you overcome because of your belief in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**Child** Name some times when you need the help of the Holy Spirit.

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#### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

.....Jim Russell, chairman 767-4398



<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,359.20</b>
<b>Parish Tithe 10%</b>	<b>\$635.92</b>

The collection on April 27<sup>th</sup> will include a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. There are many places right here in the U.S. and in its overseas dependencies where the Church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. These parishes would have to close their doors without outside help.

#### McAULEY RESIDENCE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Join supporters of McAuley Residence, a Sister of Mercy transitional housing program for women and children at 91 State St., Portland, to celebrate 20 years of service with a Tea and Open House Thurs., May 1 from 3:30 – 6:30. RSVP 879-3486

#### ASCENSION DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass for this holy day will be observed at St. Bartholomew on April 30 at 7 pm and May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. Masses in the cluster on May 1<sup>st</sup> will be at 8 am and 6 pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe, 7:30am and 9am at Holy Cross and noon at St. John the Evangelist.

#### CHESTER'S KIDS - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is No Liturgy of the Word 4/27.

#### FAITH FRIENDS

**Grades 2, 3 & 4 Tuesdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. April 29**

#### Faith Friends Open House

**Last class! Parents please join us.** Come see what your children have been working on all year and celebrate the Pope's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday!! Birthday cake and milk for all!

#### GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES

**Grades 5&6 Wednesdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. April 30**

#### Good News Disciples Open House

**Last class! Parents please join us.** We will watch a video on Elijah and celebrate the Pope's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday! Outdoor games, birthday cake and milk for all!

#### First Communion Ceremonies

Please note that the Confirmation and First Communion ceremonies will take place at the following dates and times:

**Group A Sunday, May 4 11:00 a.m.**  
(Rehearsal: Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-11:00 am)

**Group B Sunday, May 11 11:00 a.m.**  
(Rehearsal: Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00 am)

If you have any questions please contact Sharon 799-5528 x 103.

#### Jr. YM (gr. 7&8) Mondays 7:00-8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – Soup Kitchen tonight!**



#### Jr. YM and YM

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> grade disciples and their parents are invited to a YM step-up event and 7<sup>th</sup> grade disciples and their parents are invited to plan summer Jr. YM activities including 6<sup>th</sup> grade step-up and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sendoff. YM T-shirts will be available to 8<sup>th</sup> grade disciples for \$7. We will leave from St. Bart's at 6:30 pm for Big 20 on Rte. 1 in Scarborough for pizza, and "Rock 'n Bowl," from 7-10 pm. Pick up time back at St. Bart's will be 10:30 pm. Cost for pizza and bowling is \$10 per youth. Bring a dessert to share and some money for drinks. **All Chaperones Get Free Pizza and Bowling!!!!** Permission slips are due ASAP so we can reserve the lanes and pizza.

#### Vacation Bible School

Our next VBS meeting will be held on Wed., April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at St. Bart's. We have chosen the Rain Forest theme and already have the materials. Learn more about this exciting program, sign up for the area that you are interested in, and take home the appropriate materials. Start thinking RAIN FOREST! The decorating will be very fun! For more info, please contact Debbie Allen (799-6210).

#### GLORY CHOIR DATES:

PRACTICE: 4/29 and May 6

SING at MASS: 5/4 and 5/11 at 11:00 for Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Communion

#### Praise and Honor Choir

5/4 Practice: 10:00 Sing: Mass, 11:00

5/11 Practice: 10:00 Sing: Mass, 11:00

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Women's Group meets at 10 am on Tuesdays.  
New members are welcome



The Knights of Columbus will meet Monday night, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

The Maine Chapter of the Boston College Alumni Association will be hosting a **Mass for Boston College alumni, parents, and friends**. This year the Maine Chapter is honored to welcome **Boston College President William P. Leahy, SJ, as celebrant**. Please rsvp to Jen Breer at Boston College, 617-552-2471 or Breerj@bc.edu. **Sunday, May 4, 2008 11:00 a.m. Cheverus High School Gymnasium 267 Ocean Ave. Portland.**

### Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our next gathering on Monday, April 28 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. Our leader is Kelly McDonald and snack person is Emily Garvin. If you want to join our group, please contact Kathy Williamson or just come to one of our gatherings.

### Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit

Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit to be prayed the nine days before Pentecost, beginning on Friday, May 2, the sixth week of Easter. Prayer cards for the parish are located on the tables near the baptismal font.

### Faith Formation Committee Meeting

There is a faith formation committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Bartholomew's church at 7:00 pm. **PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION.** We will be discussing next year's calendars and budgets for all our faith formation programs for children, youth, and adults. Anyone, especially those already involved in our teaching ministry, such as catechists and Disciples in Mission faith sharing group leaders are encouraged to attend; just contact Trish Morin (767-5798) for an agenda. We are always looking for new members!

### Continuing Education for Ministry

The diocese has a partnership with the University of Dayton that allows any parishioner in the diocese to take continuing education courses at a discounted price. We would like to gather a group of us to participate in the 5-week on-line course "Introduction to Scripture" that runs from May 18<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is only \$40 per course. The parish is willing to pay half this cost for those who are actively involved in catechetical or preaching ministries. Registration begins on April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>; however, I would like to register the study group for Scripture: Introduction by the end of April in order to get a discount on texts. If you are interested in taking any of the offered courses, please contact Kathy Williamson for more information or visit their web-site [www.vlc.udayton.edu](http://www.vlc.udayton.edu). Brochures with registration card are on the back tables.

**My Sister's Keeper** is requesting assistance with clothing, new or gently used, for a **young boy**, size 6-7 pants and shorts, size 6 shirts, size 12 sneakers (children), size 6 underwear and socks. Please contact Kelly Dell' Aquila at 799-1315 or kcoggs@aol.com



### Can You Hear Me Now?

There is a real need for a Communications Committee in our parish. If you have experience with communications, such as writing articles for the local newspapers, photography, e-mail groups, creating and maintaining web-site information, or marketing, such as taking and interpreting surveys, and advertising, please consider forming this committee. Contact Kathy Williamson if you are interested.

The Community of St. Bartholomew calls the men of our parish to be part of "Brethren In Song". The Brethren is a three part men's choir: Melody, for those who are most comfortable singing the leading line, Tenor & Baritone for the men who have experience in sectional choirs or an ear for harmony. There is a place for anyone who wants to sing praise with his brothers in faith. **Celebrate Pentecost! Celebrate the birthday of the Church! PRACTICE: 4/28 & 5/4-7- 8:30; MASS: 5/11-9:00**

### Creating Households of Faith

There is a tremendous need to welcome our newest members and support households of faith. Please consider forming a Family Life Committee that would be concerned with welcoming new members, and supporting households through life-changing events, such as, new birth and baptism, engagement and marriage, empty-nest and retirement, and long-term illness and death. Ministries offered by this committee could be baptismal preparation, parental support for young families, marriage preparation and enrichment, ministering to the divorced, new life after children, senior living, and support for grandparents, prayer shawl ministry, respite care, and bereavement ministry. Please consider forming this committee, which will work closely with our pastoral team and the Family Life Institute of Catholic Charities Maine. If you are already a parish neighborhood contact, a prayer shawl ministry, respite care, or bereavement ministry member, then you are already considered to be active on this Family Life Committee. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Williamson. Ministry training and spiritual formation will be provided.

### Fundraising Events

In order to supplement our weekly giving, we find it necessary to run some fundraising events for the parish in addition to our annual Italian Dinner. If you have experience with fundraising or cooking for large groups of people, please contact Kathy Williamson to initiate some church fundraising suppers or other fundraising events.



It is St. Bartholomew's weekend to serve at the soup kitchen on **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Signup sheets are in the narthex. It may be the end of school vacation week, but hunger never goes on vacation for some.

APRIL 27, 2008

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Monday, April 28**

9:00 AM Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday, April 29**

9:00 AM †**Robert P. Delaney**  
Requested by Carl Maddaleni

**Wednesday, April 30**

7:00 PM Parish family

**Thursday, May 1 ASCENSION HOLY DAY**

9:00 AM †**Diana Dexter Lesieur**  
Requested by Frances and Rad Mitchell

**Friday, May 2**

9:00 AM Eucharistic Service

**Sunday, May 4**

9:00 AM †**Jack Gleason**  
Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen  
11:00 AM †**Catherine "Cathy" Groark**  
Requested by Gregory M. Grassi

*Servers*

**Sunday May 4**

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	G.Montpelier	W..Pinette
<b>Euch Min</b>	M.Gilchrest	L.Brennan
	J.Boyington	M.FitzGerald
	P.Dumont	R.Stacki
	D.Miley	K.Williamson
	B.Miley	P.Yantakosol
<b>Lector</b>	C.Taintor	G.Pavloff
<b>Altar Ser</b>	J.Ayers	E.Canerie
	E.Best	C.Kelley



**COFFEE AND DONUTS  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

Coffee and donuts are served each week after Sunday Mass during the school year. Please stay, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones.

*Coffee Servers*

<b>April 27</b>	<b>9 mass</b>	<b>Martin/Kathy Sheehan</b>
	<b>11 mass</b>	<b>Brigham family</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>9 mass</b>	<b>Godfrey family</b>
	<b>11 mass</b>	<b>McDonald family</b>

**OPEN HOUSE:** We invite one and all to come visit **Holy Cross School** at our upcoming Open House, **April 30** (new date) from 6-8PM. Tour the school, talk with students and teachers and discover just how special our Holy Cross School is. See if your child or children could benefit from the Holy Cross School experience. We are located at 436 Broadway, So Portland. FMI contact Deacon Steve, 799-6661 or hcss@maine.rr.com