



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009	
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23---3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b---8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**Faith Formation Question of the Week**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**"Giving from our Need"**

**Key Passage** Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Mark 12:43-44

**Adult** What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship for you?

**Child** What would you be willing to give up for someone else?

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**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

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

**Sunday, October 25, 2009**

Offertory Collection	\$7,102
Weekly Electronic Giving	825
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,929</b>

**Total Offertory Collection Budgeted \$6,432.00**

Year to Date Offertory Collection – Actual	\$106,883
Year to Date Offertory Collection – Budgeted	115,776
Net	(\$8,893)

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Little Rock Scripture Study: Parables through Holy Cross/St. John beg. Dec. 2. Contact 772-7489.



**Small Blessings**

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our **Thankfulness gathering on Monday, Nov. 16th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Our leader will be Emily Garvin. If you want to join our group, please contact Emily Garvin at [esgarvin@yahoo.com](mailto:esgarvin@yahoo.com) or just come to one of our gatherings!



**Chester's Kids** Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**November 15th – 33rd Sunday in OT (B)**  
**9 AM Prayer & Reader: Nancy O'Sullivan**  
**11AM Prayer & Reade: Emily Mitchell**  
**Homilist: Mary Ellen Carignan**



**Faith Friends** Grades 2, 3, & 4

There is No Faith Formation Classes Tuesday Nov. 10 for the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Christmas Pageant Practice will start for grade 2-4 on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. All children grades 2-4 will be participating. We are looking for a few parent helpers!! The play is *Christmas Hide and Seek*. If you are available during class time Nov. 17-Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> please contact Sharon 799-5528 x 103 or e mail [Sharon.pilk@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Sharon.pilk@portlanddiocese.org). Parents that are not here every week but have some free time can help us too. We need costume, set help, and xeroxing.



**GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES** Grade 5 & 6

There is No Faith Formation Classes Tuesday Nov. 10 for the Veteran's Day Holiday.



JrYM (Edge) will meet Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass until 2 pm.

YM (Lifeteen) will meet on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass until 2 pm to discuss "Home Front" Promoting a Culture orf Life at Home



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS**  
**WEEK November 8-14**  
**For the soul of Ellie M. Levesque**  
**Requested by the Rosolinos**

The sanctuary candle will burn for one week as a continuous prayer before God. If anyone would like to schedule the Sanctuary Lamp for an upcoming week, please call the parish office at 799-5528. Donation is \$10.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

The St. Bartholomew Children's Library is **MISSING** the following books. Please check your children's rooms. When returning books, please just place them on the table for check in. **Do Not** file them in the bookcases.

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch  
A Prayer Book for Catholic Families  
Picture Book of Saints: Illustrated Lives of the Saints for Young and Old by Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D.  
Small Acts of Kindness by James Vollbracht  
Someday Heaven by Larry Libby  
The Story of Saint Patrick by James Janda  
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert  
Winter Saints: Stories for the Days of Advent and Christmas by Melissa Musick Nussbaum  
Illustrated Book of Saints by Fr. Thomas J. Donaghy

**Are there clouds of sadness surrounding your upcoming Christmas Season?** "Embracing Christmas" is a program for divorced, widowed and single persons that provides helpful ways to journey through the holidays. "Embracing Christmas" will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Martyrs Church in Falmouth from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is free and open to all. Please RSVP by Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 871-7464, ext. 2672 (outside the Portland area 1-800-CARE-002) or [psm@ccmaine.org](mailto:psm@ccmaine.org). "Embracing Christmas" is co-sponsored by Connected Catholics of Maine and Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry.

**Feast of Christ the King Communion Breakfast sponsored by Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men will be Sunday, Nov. 22 with 8:30 am Mass at the Cathedral followed by breakfast at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland at 10 am. For tickets contact Leroy Chace 799-6583 or George Montpelier 799-0229.**

**ADORATION**

Please join us at St. Max for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday morning immediately following mass (from 8:30-9:30). The first ten minutes consists of a led vocal prayer for vocations and the remainder of the hour is for quiet prayer and reflection. We invite you to join us as we adore our Lord.

**Holy Cross Church in South Portland, Maine is in need of an Organist.** This position is part time with two Masses per weekend (one Saturday and one Sunday) and choir practice. Must be available for the more important holy days (e.g., Christmas, Holy Week). Additional remuneration for funerals and/or weddings available but not required. Must be an accomplished organ and piano player. Experience in a Catholic Church setting is desired. Must be reliable and dependable. Reports to Pastor and Music Director.

If interested please send cover letter and resume to: Rev. Msgr. Michael Henchal, Pastor, Holy Cross Church Parish Office, 29 Aspen Avenue, South Portland, Me. 04106. No phone calls please. Email submission of a cover letter and resume is permitted. Send to [tom.sheehan@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:tom.sheehan@portlanddiocese.org).

Continued from Nov. 1st bulletin: Our ongoing adult education focus presents a glossary of Catholic Words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church which has been composed with reference to the language of the Catechism itself: the numbers in parentheses refer to the number(s) in the Catechism where the term or concept is explained.

**CONCUPISCENCE:** Human appetites or desires which remain disordered due to the temporal consequences of original sin, which remain even after Baptism, and which produce an inclination to sin (1264, 1426, 2515).

**CONFESSION:** An essential element of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, which consists in telling one's sins to the priestly minister. By extension, the word confession is used to refer to the Sacrament of Penance itself (1455).

**Holy Cross School Mass—Please Join us!**

The next school mass will be **Friday November 13 at 9:15.** The mass will feature our Holy Cross School Choir, grades 3-6, and will be presented by Grade 5. As members of our cluster family, we invite you to join us.

**Thank you Monsignors!**

Recently Mrs. Hasson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, during religion, came up with some questions for Monsignor Henchal and Monsignor Paul. They divided up the questions, and Monsignor Paul came in last week to answer his share. Monsignor Henchal will be in soon. They discussed such insightful questions as: How did God "just be there?", Were Adam and Eve ever children?, If you kill in war, is that a mortal sin?, Why didn't Mary die?, and If God kills the devil, will he sin? Great job with the questions, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and thanks so much to Monsignors Henchal and Paul for helping us to understand the mysteries of our faith.

**Community Service**

Recently 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in **Coastal Cleanup.** The two classes walked over to the Greenbelt just down the street from school. They divided into groups of two 4<sup>th</sup> graders and two 8<sup>th</sup> graders, put on heavy gloves, and started picking up. They collected **over 20 bags of trash in under 2 hours!**

**Every week, four 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders, on a rotating basis, serve at St. John's Food Cupboard.** The students are there for the morning and they help the clients pick out their groceries and load them into their cars. It is a morning that the children really enjoy and look forward to.

In the classroom hall at St. Bart's is a box made by **Annesley Black** to collect **Box Tops for Education for Holy Cross School.** Please help support Holy Cross School.

**Early Christmas Shopping?**

Purchase a 400 Club Membership (to help support Holy Cross School) for yourself or sell one (or buy it as a gift) for a relative or friend who supports the mission of Catholic Education. Yearly memberships are \$55 and every month six prizes are awarded, ranging from \$25 to \$200. **Members have 72 chances to win cash prizes.** Membership forms are on the table in the back of church or check with Gail Atkins.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

INSERT MORNING CONNECTION

**Monday, November 9**

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday, November 10**

8:30 AM †John D. Cross, Sr.

Requested by John and Marie Aceto

**Wednesday, November 11**

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

**Thursday, November 12**

8:30 AM †Dr. Andrew Walsh

Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen

**Friday, November 13**

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

**Sunday, November 15**

9:00 AM †Marty Mullen

Requested by the Meehan family

11:00 AM †Annie Pesce

Requested by George and Denise Davis

**Servers**

**Sunday November 15**

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
<b>Altar Ser</b>	E.Dineen	L.Grassini-Drake
	H.Dineen	C.Kelly
<b>Euch Min</b>	M.Gilchrest	D.Canarie
	D.Maddaleni	B.Pesirla
	T.Meschinelli	M.Pesirla
	J.Meschinelli	C.Reid
	G.Prince	P.Yantakosol
<b>Lector</b>	P.Russell	L.Grassin-Drake
<b>Ushers</b>	L.Chace	M.Pinette

**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** Please contact Gail Atkins with any dates that you will be unable to serve for January thru March. **DEADLINE:** November 30.



**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**

Nov. 8	9 Mass	Brenda Sands family
		Al and Jane Sands
	11 Mass	Mike and Teri Feely
Nov. 15	9 Mass	In Narthex Salvador family
11 Mass	<b>NO COFFEE-----SENIOR LUNCHEON</b>	

Thank you to the Perkins family last Sunday morning for providing those extra treats at the 9:00 am coffee and donuts.



St. Bartholomew's Christmas  
Prelude  
December 4th-6<sup>th</sup>

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Polar Express Adventure 6-9 pm  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Fair 9-3 pm  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast with Saint  
Nicholas

**Christmas Prelude Planning**

Anyone willing to help out with the Christmas Fair planned for Dec. 4-6<sup>th</sup> should contact Gail Atkins at 799-5528 or [Gail.Atkins@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Gail.Atkins@portlanddiocese.org). Some activities in the planning are: "Polar Express" movie adventure, craft tables, snack bar, pancake breakfast with Santa, Silent Night raffle and bake sale. If you, your business, or someone you know would be interested in donating an item or a service to our raffle, please contact Gail.

**Didn't Sell Everything at your Garage Sale?**

The Christmas Fair Committee is looking for new or gently used jewelry, CDs, DVDs, books (adult or youth), or other good quality items that are still useful for our Wisemen's Treasure Chest. Please bring in items between Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to Room 2.

**Liturgical Minister Training**

Training for people who would like to get involved with the following liturgical ministries is as follows:

**Altar Server** – please contact Gail Atkins if you would like to be trained as an altar server. You must be at least in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and have experience attending Sunday Mass. Thom Meschinelli will provide the training on Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> between Masses (10:00-11:00 am).

**Lector** – please contact Kathy Williamson. Training is on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass (12:00-12:45 pm). You must be at least in high school and have experience attending Sunday Mass, as well as a comfort leaving with reading and speaking in front of a large group.

**Usher/Greeter** – please contact Kathy Williamson. Training is on Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass (12:00-12:45 pm). You must be at least in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, have experience attending Sunday Mass, and have a welcoming disposition.

**Eucharistic Minister** – please contact Kathy Williamson. Training is on Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass (12:00 pm-12:45 pm). You must be at least 16 years old and be approved by the Bishop before you can practice this ministry. You must have experience attending Sunday Mass and a devotion to the Eucharist.

**Cantor** – please contact Irene Kecskemethy. Training is done on an individual basis and consists of being paired with a veteran cantor until the new cantor feels comfortable leading the congregation in song. You must have experience attending Sunday Mass, and love to pray through song.

The **Women's Group** meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 am**. All women of the parish are invited to show up and have a good time.

**SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AND BINGO  
St. Bart's Wants You!**

St. Bartholomew Church will be hosting its annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, **November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-2 pm** to honor senior citizens in our parish community. Please come and enjoy baked ham, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and assorted pies and Bingo! Seniors are welcome to bring a friend, but please sign up in the Narthex to let us know you are coming. This event is hosted by the Parish Life Commission.

**The Good, the Bad, and the Merciful  
Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
and Forgiveness**

Come join Kathy Williamson on **Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm** at St. Bartholomew's Church for a candid look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession, or Penance) for adults. If you haven't received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the last 10 years or the last 5 years and want to update yourself on the changes of this sacrament, please join us. We will explore the historical roots of the sacrament; discuss common questions surrounding the sacrament; and address the difficulties of forgiveness. What is a sin? Why do I need to confess my sins to a priest? How can I forgive someone who doesn't want to be forgiven? Can I forgive someone if I continue to remember the hurt? Please call Gail Atkins to sign up and register for this mini-retreat or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, so there will be enough handouts. There is no fee.

**MY SISTER'S KEEPER**

With the change in weather My Sister's Keeper will begin collecting clothes again and is in need of heavy winter jackets, hats and gloves, pants and slacks sizes 12-18 and sweaters in all sizes. As you go through your winter wardrobe please keep this worthwhile cause in mind.

**FOOD CUPBOARD**

The November food drives have started. We thank the following: Kathy's 3rd grade faith formation group @ St. Max, Skillen School, and Memorial Middle School for their 2,000 + cans and packages. Memorial does this yearly for Spirit week, they fill the van. Thank you all!

We are entering our busiest month. We shared food with over 500 men, women and children in October, so we are expecting to be very busy. We are seeing a lot of new people.

**We can use: Turkey gravy, turkey stuffing, olives, pickles.** Thank you!