



"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." - Mk 13:26-27

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009	
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

**Faith Formation Question of the Week**  
**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**"Ready for the Lord"**

**Key Passage** Jesus said, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33

**Adult** What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?

**Child** What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?

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**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

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

**Sunday, November 8, 2009**

Offertory Collection	\$4,933
Weekly Electronic Giving	<u>825</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,758</b>

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

Year to Date Offertory Collection – Actual	\$112,641
Year to Date Offertory Collection – Budgeted	<u>122,641</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$9,567)</b>

All Souls Collection \$578

**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.



**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 22nd – Christ the King (B)**  
**9 AM Prayer & Reader: Jennifer Haines**  
**Homilist: Sherri Supple**  
**11AM Prayer & Reade: Emily Mitchell**  
**Homilist: Mary Ellen Carignan**



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

4:15-5:30 pm

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

Nov.17<sup>th</sup> 4:14-5:30 pm Session: Joseph



*JrYM (Edge) will meet Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass until 2 pm to discuss Child Lures.*

*YM (Lifeteen) will meet on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass until 2 pm to discuss Child Lures/"On Loan" Steward of Creation.*

**MY SISTER'S KEEPER**

My Sister's Keeper is in need of new bras, underwear and socks. Many thanks to all of those who donated clothing.

**November 22 Collection**

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Please see the enclosed flyer and giving envelope for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

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



**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 Ehler
- Winter Saints: Stories for the Days of Advent and Christmas by Melissa Musick Nussbaum
- Illustrated Book of Saints by Fr. Thomas J. Donaghy

**UPCOMING RETREATS AT THE MARIE JOSEPH SPIRITUAL CENTER.**

For more information and to register, call 207/284-5671  
Weaving a Spirituality of Wholeness and Hope with Sr. Helene Cote, p.m. November 27 - 29, 2009  
Using the metaphor of weaving for describing a process of creating the unique fabric of the Self, during this weekend, we will revisit some of the basic skills and "threads of life" needed to weave a Self and spirituality that is truly wholesome, real and filled with a profound sense of hope.  
Cost \$145.00

One Day ADVENT RETREAT with Sr. Aline Plante, p.m. December 3, 2009 10:00 - 2:30  
In the midst of hectic preparations for Christmas, take time to be quiet, to listen, to wait and to be aware of the many ways He comes into your life.

Cost \$18.00 includes hot meal, or, \$10.00 bring bag lunch.  
Women Come Gather in Faith with Sr. Sylvia Genesse, p.m. December 2, 2009 10:30 - 2:30

For Women who desire time and space to grow in their relationship with God. Following the presentation of a woman in Scripture or the Church, quiet time is offered with directives to ponder God's word in personal prayer.  
Cost \$10.00 Bring bag lunch and your bible.

**Lobster Lunch is Back!**

Everyone's favorite Lobster Lunch will be back during this year's Christmas Fair "The Gift of Christmas." The lunch will be available on Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> with take-out offered for Friday. Organize your office Christmas Luncheon or treat a friend, neighbor, relative or yourself to a great lunch! Delivery will be available for orders of 6 or more on Friday only. Look for order forms in the back of all the churches over the next few weeks and enjoy a taste of summer in December!

Continued from Nov. 8th 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.

**CONFIRMATION:** One of the ensemble of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church, together with Baptism and Eucharist. Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or "confirm" the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church (1285).

**CONSCIENCE:** The interior voice of a human being, within whose heart the inner law of God is inscribed. Moral conscience is a judgment of practical reason about the moral quality of a human action. It moves a person at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil (1777-1778). An *examination of conscience* is recommended as a preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance (1454).

**FOOD CUPBOARD**

We have been so very fortunate to have the following "good" news to tell you about.

First of all, the Good Shepherd Food-Bank in Auburn has allocated turkeys for food pantries. These are \$0.16/ lb and because of this, we are able to offer every family a turkey from us or, if a South Portland resident a \$25 gift certificate. The gift certificates are provided each year from the SP Lions Club and recipients can shop at Legion Square Market for their Thanksgiving dinner or whatever food items they like, (no cigarettes, or alcohol). This past Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, all 70 families that came to us recieved one or the other. Lynne Foshay, (Shaw's Millcreek) made posters for all the SP elementary schools to collect specific items for the Cupboard. To date we have had great donations from Skillins, Dyer, & Small, (Brown is coming). SP High school collects during "Spirit" week and they too fill the van! Thank you all! **Our space is overflowing**, and we know 4 or 5 more huge drives that are scheduled this month.

We need to think of Christmas items, we do Christmas every week in December (as clients can come to the Cupboard only once/month). We need items for teens, they seem to get left out of our Christmas selections. We could also use help in sorting items for Christmas, perhaps some middle school or high school children could volunteer to help after school the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please call Sybil @ 874-0379 or 883-5382.

**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.

Please help cook and serve at the Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen at the corners of Preble and Oxford Streets in Portland on **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Cooks should arrive at 4 pm and servers at 5:30 pm. FMI contact John Koller at 885-5236 or Jim Huebener at 767-1754.



*Mass for the  
Intentions*  *for the  
Week*

**Monday, November 16**

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday, November 17**

8:30 AM †Anny Doby

Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen

**Wednesday, November 18**

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

**Thursday, November 19**

8:30 AM †Ita O'Flynn

Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen

**Friday, November 20**

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

**Sunday, November 22**

9:00 AM †Joan Connors

Requested by John and Marie Aceto

11:00 AM †Joan Connors

Requested by Lee and Edna Chace

**Servers**

**Sunday November 22**

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
<b>Altar Ser</b>	N.Shedd	A.Godfrey
	A.Stewart	C.Kelley
<b>Euch Min</b>	G.Atkins	M.FitzGerald
	D.Conley	B.Pesirla
	E.Dunfey	M.Pesirla
	T.Meyers	K.Ornatek
	M.Meyers	M.Rauth
<b>Lector</b>	R.Shevenell	V.Herrick
<b>Ushers</b>	P.Gagnon	M.Lynch

**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. 15	9 Mass	In Narthex	Salvador family
11 Mass	NO COFFEE-----SENIOR LUNCHEON		
Nov. 22	9 Mass	Reiger family	
	11 Mass	Yantakosol family	

Gail Atkins could use some help in the office this week with the Christmas mailing: affixing stamps, mailing labels and stuffing envelopes. Please call her if you can help—799-5528.



### **“Giving Tree” Christmas 2009**

Next weekend, St. Bartholomew Parish begins its annual Giving Tree program. This program, which provides holiday gifts to those in need, has been very successful in the past, thanks to your generosity. Gift limit is \$20 and tags will be available on the Christmas tree in the Narthex, at all masses the weekend of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, with gifts due by Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you take a tag, record your name and leave it in the basket near the tree (Please do not take the whole tag!) Then return the other half of the tag attached to your gift, on the weekends of November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> or December 13<sup>th</sup>. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. If you have any questions please call Kate Stewart at 799-3903 or Nancy O’Sullivan at 767-5502.

**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.**

### **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 SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS  
WEEK November 15-21  
**For the soul of James E. Murray. Jr.**  
**Requested by Marjorie Murray**

**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.

**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.

### **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.



**Advent Wreath Worskhop on Nov.  
29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 PM and  
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.