



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009	
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Faith Formation Question of the Week

**Christ the King
"Given the Kingdom"**

Key Passage To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:5b-6

Adult In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Child How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly Goal	\$6,432
Offertory Collection Nov. 15, 2009	\$4,181
Weekly Electronic Giving	<u>825</u>
Total	\$5,006

November 22 Collection

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you.

HELP

Does a parishioner have a binding machine that YM could borrow to create a recipe book for the Christmas Prelude? Please call

Heidi at 799-5528 ext 104.



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our **St. Nick/Advent gathering on Monday, Nov. 30th 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 or just come to one of our gatherings!



Chester's Kids Children's Liturgy of the Word

November 29th – 1st Sunday of Advent (C)
9 AM Prayer & Reader: Mollie Coburn

Homilist: Nancy O'Sullivan

11AM Prayer & Reade: Anyo Staszko

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. 17th. 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. 20th please contact Sharon 799-5528 x 103 or e mail 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.

RECONCILIATION MINI-RETREAT

Tuesday Dec. 1st 7-8 pm

Parents and their child(ren) will share some games, and activities to help them better understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Completed workbooks and Shalom Boxes will be collected on this day. A parent must attend with their child(ren). Fourth grade classes (4:15-5:30 pm) will be cancelled on this day to allow you to attend the retreat.**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

7 PM Thursday, Dec. 3rd

Copies of several different Acts of contrition will be available for you and your child to use. Your child's workbook and Shalom Box will be returned on this day.



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6

Nov.24th 4:14-5:30 pm NO SESSION—Happy Thanksgiving



JrYM (Edge) and YM (Lifeteen) will meet Nov. 22nd for their Service Project: Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen 5:30-7:30 pm.



"Giving Tree" Christmas 2009

Today St. Bartholomew Parish begins its Giving Tree program (see Bulletin Insert for more details). 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 are available on the Christmas tree in the Narthex, at all masses the weekend of November 23rd and 30th and December 6th and 13th, with gifts due by Sunday December 13th. If you take a tag, record your name and leave it with a volunteer or 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 23rd, 30th, December 7th or December 13th. All gifts must be returned by Sunday December 13th at noon. If you have any questions please call Kate Stewart at 799-3903 or Nancy O'Sullivan at 767-5502.

ADULT EDUCATION

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

Waiting with Luke and Mary

An Advent Mini-Retreat led by Barbara Smith

On **Thursday, Dec. 10th 6:30-8:00 pm** at St. Bartholomew's Church, we are lucky enough to have Barbara Smith take us on a journey of waiting for the Messiah with Luke and Mary. What a great reflective pause in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations to give us that sense of purpose surrounding our Christmas traditions! Gather for prayer, reflection, and some light refreshments sponsored by the Faith Formation Committee. Please call Gail Atkins in the parish office to sign up and register for this mini-retreat or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. There is no fee. This mini-retreat will be repeated at St. Maximilian-Kolbe on Thursday, Dec. 17th 6:30-8:00 pm. Call the faith formation office at St. Max (883-1742) to register for this date.

SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX FOR UPCOMING RETREATS AT THE MARIE JOSEPH SPIRITUAL CENTER TO ENHANCE YOUR ADVENT EXPERIENCE.

CATHERINE McAULEY

Catherine McAuley High School will be holding its second **High School Placement Test** for the class of 2014 on **December 5, 2009**. Students who take this exam will be eligible for an Academic Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship is for the 8th grade student who has shown academic excellence by being the top ranking student and has ranked in the 97 percentile or higher nationally on the exam. This student will be awarded full tuition. Registration for the exam begins at 8:15am and the exam will end at 11:30am. For further details, call the admissions office today at 797-3802. Walk-ins are welcome.

Continued from Nov. 15th 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.

CONSECRATED LIFE: A permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection, and characterized by the profession of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience (914). See Vow.

CONSECRATED VIRGINS: Women who have decided with the Church's approval to cling only to the Lord and to live in a state of virginity "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" and are consecrated in that state by a solemn rite (922-924).

CONSECRATION: The dedication of a thing or person to divine service by a prayer or blessing. The consecration at Mass is that part of the Eucharistic Prayer during which the Lord's words of institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper are recited by the priestly minister, making Christ's Body and Blood--his sacrifice offered on the cross once for all--sacramentally present under the species of bread and wine (1352, 1353).

FOOD CUPBOARD

We hit a record on Thursday the 12th of Nov., with "90" families seeking food from us. As we are only open 3 weeks in November more people are expected each week, but "90" was a first! Everyone received food and a turkey.

A Best Windows, in South Portland, is sponsoring a "Meet Santa Food Drive." This is being held on Friday November 27th and Saturday the 28th. Santa & his Elves will be at the corner of Broadway & Lincoln, both days. Bring non-perishables or a monetary donation to A Best and have your picture taken with Santa. After such a busy month at the Cupboard our shelves are bare, so this is a very timely event and fun too!

Due to the generous monetary donations received, we are able to share nutritious food items every week and make a holiday special for all. Thank you for caring, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thornton Heights United Methodist Church, 100 Westbrook St, South Portland on **Monday, Nov. 23rd from 7-8 pm**. Our very own **Msgr. Henchal** will be participating in this special worship service featuring music, readings and prayers from Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Native American traditions. FMI see the flyer posted in the narthex.

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Please join us for a special service for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year on **Sunday, Dec. 6th at 2 pm at St. Max**. There will be light refreshments at the conclusion of the service. Sponsored by Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes and Cremation Services. Guest Speakers will be Msgr. Henchal and Rev. Philip Shearman, Ret. Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Gorham. If you plan to attend, please call 773-6511 or email at info@ctcrawford.com with the number of family members who will be joining us, as well as the name of your deceased loved one.



Please help cook and serve at the Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen at the corners of Preble and Oxford Streets in Portland on **Nov. 22nd**. 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*  *Week*

Monday, November 23

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, November 24

8:30 AM †Gerry O'Flynn

Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen

Wednesday, November 25

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, November 26

8:30 AM NO MASS-Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Sunday, November 29

9:00 AM †Zeke Chace

Requested by his parents

11:00 AM Intentions of Cluster 22 Parishioners

Servers

Sunday November 29

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	H.Bauman	C.Kelly
	A.Conrad	C.Kelley
Euch Min	P.Dumont	M.FitzGerald
	M.Gilchrest	C.Reid
	D.Maddaleni	K.Williamson
	T.Meschinelli	K.Ornatek
	J.Meschinelli	P.Yantakosol
Lector	L.Bauman	G.Pavloff
Ushers	C.Hagen	C.Kneeland

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. 22	9 Mass	Salvador family
	11 Mass	Yantakosol family
Nov. 15	9 Mass	In Narthex Haines family
	11 Mass	NO COFFEE--ADVENT

WREATH WORKSHOP

A HUGE thank you to the Parish Life Commission for the wonderful senior luncheon. A good time was had by all!

Veritas, Portland's Young Adult ministry serving ages 18-39. "**Casual Tuesday**" **November 24, 7pm** ~ All young adults are invited for a regular evening of young adult fellowship, on the last Tuesday of each month. Come meet with old friends and make new ones. This month we will meet at Gritty McDuff's on Fore St, in Portland. Please note, no formal talk will be given, this is purely social. Come out and join us, you never know whom you might meet! For more information contact Lisa at veritasportland@yahoo.com or call Craig at 831-0852. *This is a young adult event.*

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. 4th and Saturday Dec. 5th 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!

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 4th grade and have experience attending Sunday Mass. Thom Meschinelli will provide the training on Sunday, Nov. 15th and Sunday, Dec. 13th between Masses (10:00-11:00 am).

Lector – please contact Kathy Williamson. Training is on Sunday, Dec. 13th 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. 29th after the 11:00 Mass (12:00-12:45 pm). You must be at least in the 7th grade, have experience attending Sunday Mass, and have a welcoming disposition.

Eucharistic Minister – please contact Kathy Williamson. Training is on Sunday, Jan. 10th 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 22-28
For the soul of Guy N. Turcotte, M.D.
Requested by Connee Turcotte

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. 30th 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 Workshop on Nov. 29th from noon to 2:00 PM and St. Bartholomew's Christmas Prelude December 4th-6th

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

Christmas Prelude Planning

Anyone willing to help out with the Christmas Fair planned for Dec. 4-6th should contact Gail Atkins at 799-5528 or 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. 15th and Nov. 29th to Room 2.