



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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Faith Formation Question of the Week

**Baptism of the Lord
 "Pleasing to God"**

Key Passage And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:2

Adult Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Child What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

..... Jim Russell, chairman 767-4398
 Weekly Goal **\$6,432**
 Offertory Collection Jan. 3, 2010 \$7,487
 Weekly Electronic Giving **798**
Total \$8,285

Heat and Fuel for January \$1,426

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.

DESPERATE NEED

My Sister's Keeper needs **outerwear including coats, boots, hats and gloves of all sizes. Drop off at St. Bartholomew. Thank you.**



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our **Winter/Snowmen** gathering on **Monday, Jan. 25th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Our leader will be Julie Halter. 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

Jan. 17th – 2nd Sunday in OT (C)
 9 AM Prayer & Reader: **VACANT**
 Homilist: **VACANT**
 11 AM Prayer & Reader: **VACANT**
 Homilist: **VACANT**

Chester's Kids Training and Planning Session from noon to 2 pm on January 10th.



Faith Friends Grades 2, 3, & 4. Jan 12th

Gr. 2 Ch. 11 We Worship God
 Gr. 3 Ch. 11 The Church's Year
 Gr. 4 Ch. 12 Sharing in Christ's Life and Work

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Sat. Jan 23 from 9:30-11:30 am
(Snow date: Sunday Jan. 24th 1-3pm)

This retreat will include workshops on the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. **A parent or sponsor must attend with the child. Baptismal information and sponsor name are due at this retreat. Also, please bring a memento from your child's baptism to be shared during the retreat.**



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6. Jan 12th
 Joshua



JrYM (Edge) and YM (Lifeteen)

It's time to kick off a new semester! All 7th – 12th graders are invited to join JYM and YM today as they start a new semester of faith and fellowship. If you haven't tried it out before but have wondered what it's all about – today's your chance! Join us for lunch in the hall after the 11 am Mass. We'll eat from noon – 1 pm, and then at 1 pm, we'll head off for group sessions.

JYM: From 1- 2pm, meet in the double classroom to discuss "Graced: An Intro to the Sacraments"

YM: From 1 – 2 pm, meet in the teen room to discuss "Re-Gifted: Our Call to Holiness"



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



St. Bart's First Annual Fashion Show Planning Meeting

We are going to have an "April in Paris" fashion show here at St. Bart's on Friday evening, April 30th. We already have a few key leaders for the fashion show planning, but we still have a need for a few more to cover publicity, raffles, models, and environment. Be a part of the excitement and come to our organizational meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 27th 7:00 pm at Mary Capobianco's house on 16 Acorn Lane in Scarborough.** Call or e-mail Mary for directions or more information (510-1786 or mcapobianco@biddschools.org)



Mitten Tree for PROP

The Good News Disciples (grades 5 & 6) would like to help with PROP's need for gently used hats, mittens, gloves, and coats for mostly children, but adults too. We are also collecting new packages of diapers. Many of the parents that come to PROP for assistance reuse diapers for their infants! Please do whatever you can to help. If you've made a New Year's resolution to clean out your closets, please think of the mitten tree to donate your hats, mittens, gloves, and coats **by Sunday, January 31st**, when a representative from PROP will be coming to pickup. Thanks!!

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Thank you to all our parishioners who clip Box Tops for us. We recently received a check for over \$480 for our last submission of Box Tops! At 10 cents a Box Top, that is a lot of clipping! Please continue to clip and collect the Box Tops, found on General Mills products such as Cheerios, Chex, Juicy Juicy, Betty Crocker, Hefty, Huggies, Ziplock, Grands Biscuits and many more. **There is a collection box in the side hall near the parish office.**

Continued from Jan. 3rd 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.

CROSS: The instrument of execution on which Christ died; a symbol of the unique sacrifice of Christ as sole mediator between God and man. Jesus invited his disciples to take up their cross and follow him, in order to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. Catholics begin their prayers and actions with the *Sign of the Cross* "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." A devotional cross with the figure of Jesus suspended on it is called a "crucifix" (616, 618, 2166).

FOOD CUPBOARD



We were closed Christmas week, but an unnamed man from a Hannaford location (to be identified) left \$1,500 in Hannaford gift certificates with Msgr Henchal for us. What a gift! Our clients can sure use this extra help and we are so very grateful to Hannaford for their continued generosity.

We are open the day before New Years giving the faithful volunteers a short break.

Some of us at the Cupboard want to restart our exercise program again in January. We meet on Tuesday mornings, in the basement of St. John's, and have Joan Frustaci, a licensed personal trainer, take us through aerobic exercises, (no jumping) called "Easy Does It". Those of you who have done this with us know it is fun, and you feel wonderful afterwards. If you are interested, call or email the cupboard @ 874-0379- foodcupboard@maine.rr.com. We would like to start this as soon as possible.



MARDI GRAS COMES TO MAINE!!!

There will be a performance of the new dinner musical "The Magic of Mardi Gras" at **St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall, on Saturday, February 6th at 6:00PM.** As you feast on a catered dinner, New Orleans music in the form of Tom Bergier and his guitar will circulate from table to table.

After dinner, St. Max's music director, Judith James, and choir tenor, Larry Gray, will be joined by baritone Alex Pratt in providing a full evening of entertainment. They will be singing solos, duets and trios as a story line develops, using music from many different Broadway shows. The whole performance is staged; some of it is choreographed (Judith will dance with 5 other dancers on one choreographed number), and there will be a festive "Oh When the Saints" Mardi Gras parade. You can come enjoy this whole evening of food and fun for a cost of only \$25 per person, and support St. Max's Capital Campaign in the process. Reservations can be made by calling Judy at the St. Max office, 883-0334, after January 13th. Grab your friends and reserve your assigned seats early because the best front and center spots will be reserved first. Dinner with New Orleans music begins at 6:00PM followed by the show. We hope to see you at "The Magic of Mardi Gras." **IT'S SO MUCH FUN YOU'LL SWEAR YOU WERE THERE IN NEW ORLEANS!** Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin.

Insert morning connections

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 11

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 AM †Patrick and Ann Evans

Requested by Ann Kernander

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, January 14

8:30 AM †Edward Matheson

Requested by the Gallagher family

Friday, January 15

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Sunday, January 17

9:00 AM †Nancy Nault

Requested by John and Marilyn Koller

11:00 AM †Mildred Porretta

Requested by Bob and Irene Hughes

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.

Servers

Sunday January 17

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	C.Coburn	M.Pinette
	N.Shedd	T.Pinette
Euch Min	J.Boyington	K.Ornatek
	D.Conley	B.Pesirla
	P.Dumont	L.Pesirla
	M.Meyers	M.Rauth
	T.Meyers	C.Reid
Lector	C.Hagen	G.Pavloff
Ushers	J.Meschinelli	M.Pinette

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

Jan 10	9 Mass	VACANT
	11 Mass	Staszko family
Jan 17	9 and 11 Masses	Music Ministry

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2010

As you may be aware, only once every ten years do we have the opportunity to attend the most renowned performance of Christ's Passion. Performed and hosted by this wonderful Bavarian Village set near the Alps, attending this play is a once in a lifetime experience. The village's performance of Christ's Passion has its origin in a vow made on the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude (October 28) to perform the Passion every ten years if the village were freed from the plague.

Msgr. Paul Stefanko is leading a group from September 4-16, 2010. The itinerary includes Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Oberammergau. If you are interested in traveling with the group and want more information, contact Msgr. Paul at 799-5528 or Paul.Stefanko@portlanddiocese.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

For many years, St. Bartholomew Church has been relying on **Joe Bieber** as our one and only acolyte. (An acolyte is an adult altar server used primarily for funerals.) Joe has done an exceptional job in this ministry. Grieving families appreciate a well run funeral service. We need a few people to step forward and train to become acolytes. There are anywhere between 10-20 funerals per year at St. Bartholomew Church so this is not a huge commitment but you must be available on weekday mornings. Please contact Gail Atkins at 799-5528 if you would like to be trained for this ministry.



Did you Slip Through the Cracks?

Confirmation: Experience tells us that many good Catholic adults, practicing their faith and raising their children to live their faith, slipped through the cracks during the years when the sacrament of confirmation in many churches was regularly being delayed into the high school years. There were all sorts of reasons why it happened but now we have a lot of adults who have not completed their initiation into the Church even though they are at Mass with us and even actively involved in the parish. Confirmation is important. The gifts of the Spirit are real sources of strength and insight. And getting confirmed now – for such faithful souls – is not a complicated and elaborate, time-consuming process. The parishes of Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and South Portland are joining together this winter to implement a simple program of preparation for unconfirmed, adult Catholics who want to become full members of the Church through the celebration of this sacrament. If you are one of these good folks, contact either Kathy Williamson at St. Bartholomew, Kathy Sparda at St. Maximilian Kolbe, Laurie Kelly at Holy Cross and St. John or speak with either Msgr. Paul or Msgr. Henchal. E-mail and telephone contact information can be found on the cover of this parish bulletin.



The social event of the St. Bartholomew Parish year is approaching. On Saturday evening, January 30th we will hold our annual **Italian Dinner**. This is not some typical parish spaghetti supper but a marvelous true multi-course Italian feast prepared by Mary Godfrey and it has been loads of fun every year. **Msgr. Henchal** is warming up his vocal chords to lead us in a few Italian songs of yesteryear and even the year before that. **Tickets are \$30 per person, but \$200 for a table of 8.** Save the \$40 and find yourselves a table full of amici to sit with. Tickets are **on sale this weekend** after the Masses. Grazie



Thank you to the small group leaders who have answered the call to lead the faith-sharing groups starting in Lent 2010. This year our goal is to see how our church community, and each of us as members of this community, can transform society or serve the society in which we live in order to support everyone in their call to holiness and to live a God-centered life. In short, "God's Love Changes Everything." In January, we will share with you more about this program, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for a faith-sharing group, which will meet six times during Lent and once during Easter. Participating in these activities is a great way to make Lent an enriching spiritual experience. You will learn more about Scripture and how group members apply it to their lives. Be ready to sign up in January!

CATHOLIC TRAILBLAZERS

In 4-sessions, Laurel Grassin-Drake will lead us on an exploration of four Catholic Trailblazers who have shaped Western Christianity throughout the years. Come find out how the works of **St. Augustine, St. Albert the Great, St. Theresa of Avila, and St. Alphonsus Liguori** have helped us in our understanding of God and in our relationship to God and the church. We will meet on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm starting Jan. 21st and ending on Feb. 11th.** Signups start in January – look for the signup sheet in the Narthex.



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.