



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010	
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49

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Faith Formation Question of the Week
Fifth Sunday of Lent
"False Pride"

Key Passage Jesus straightened up and said, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7

Adult Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Child When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Jim Russell, chairman 767-4398	
Weekly Goal	\$6,432
Offertory Collection March 14, 2010	\$3,474
Weekly Electronic Giving	<u>784</u>
Total	\$4,258

There will be a **second collection to benefit the Holy Cross School General Fund at all masses the weekend of March 20 and 21.** We would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous giving in the past and hope that you will continue to support our cluster school in its mission to provide a quality education centered on the four dividends of Catholic education—morals, knowledge, discipline and faith.



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our **St. Patrick's Day** gathering on **Monday, March 29th 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

March 28 – Palm Sunday (C)
9 AM Prayer & Reader: Mollie Coburn
Homilist: Sue Guerette
11 AM Prayer & Reader: Anya Staszko
Homilist: Mary Ellen Carignan



Faith Friends Grades 2, 3, & 4. March 23

Lenten Special Lesson for all grades.
 For parents: Disciples in Mission session 6



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6. March 23rd
 Exodus to Easter Presentation open to the Parish
 4:30-5:30 pm. GND need to arrive by 3pm

For parents: Disciples in Mission session 6 will run from 3:15-4:40 pm



JYM March 21 from 1-2 pm Revitalized: Anointing of the Sick

YM March 21 from 1-2 pm I Object! Objections to Holy Orders

March 27 for both JYM and YM Jeremy Camp Concert at 7 pm at Vineyard Church, Lewiston. Permission slips and \$28 were due March 10th.

Enroll now at Holy Cross School!

Holy Cross School is beginning its Open Enrollment period. We have limited openings in all grades pre-K through 8th. We offer an affordable Catholic education that is founded in excellence, and focused on morals and values as well as the fundamentals of math, science, history and Language Arts. Last year, our students scored in the 90% in national standardized testing! All of our teachers are state certified, with an average of 9 years of experience teaching. Our average class size is 18 and our staff-student ratio is 1:7. We offer many sports opportunities, as well as Spanish, technology, art, music, and physical education for all grades. For more information and tuition rates, please call Sister Theresa at 799-6661.

Holy Cross School choir to sing with the St. Bart's choir

A the 11:00 mass on Sunday, March 21st, members of the Holy Cross School choir, in grades 3-6, will join in with the St. Bart's children's choir to provide music ministry. The Holy Cross Choir enjoys the opportunity to meet with and sing for our cluster parishioners.



PHOTOGRAPHS

It's That Time Again...

Have you ever wondered who the person is that sits behind you at Mass? Did you forget the name of the person at the retreat you attended at one of our sister parishes? Or, has it been a long time since your family has had a professional photo session? It's been 5 years since we did a parish photo directory, so it's that time again to take a snapshot of our parish community. We have contracted with Olan Mills to provide our parish with a photo directory, but in order to be successful, we need a group of people willing to commit a few hours of their time. **We are looking for one person to coordinate signups for our parish, one person to coordinate hospitality during the photo sessions, and one person responsible for picture layout.** The finished directory will include photo directories from all 4 cluster parishes bound into one book. So, if you go to Mass at a different parish or attend a retreat at a different parish and want to remember a name, you'll have a reference book to do just that. If you are interested in helping out with the photo directory in any way, **please contact Kathy Williamson.**

St. Bartholomew Easter Egg Hunt

The Parish Life Commission will be hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00.** There will be crafts, Easter egg hunt, and the Easter story.

While there will be NO CHARGE for this event, we need parents to sign up (in the narthex) their children so we ensure we have enough eggs hidden. Children should bring their own basket.



Healing from the Pain of Abortion

" If the Choice you made no longer feels right ..." Find comfort and peace at the next *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, April 23-25*, sponsored *Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry.* For an understanding ear and to learn more, call 871-7464 (Portland), Ext. 2670; toll-free at 1-800-CARE-002; or e-mail: psm@ccmaine.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Please help cook and serve at the Soup Kitchen at the corners of Preble and Oxford Streets in Portland on **March 28th.** Cooks should arrive at 4 pm and servers at 5:30 pm.

It's Palm Sunday—welcome the hungry as enthusiastically as the townspeople of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus.

Continued from March 14th 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.

EASTER: The greatest and oldest Christian feast, which celebrates Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Easter is the "feast of feasts," the solemnity of solemnities, the "Great Sunday." Christians prepare for it during Lent and Holy Week, and catechumens usually receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil (1169; cf. 647).

EASTERN CHURCHES: Churches of the East in union with Rome (the Western Church), but not of Roman rite, with their own liturgical, theological, and administrative traditions, such as those of the Byzantine, Alexandrian or Coptic, Syriac, Armenian, Maronite, and Chaldean rites. The variety of particular churches with distinctive traditions witnesses to the catholicity of the one Church of Christ, which takes root in distinct cultures (1202-1203; cf. 835).

Sunday Coffee and Donuts

After ten years (because it is so easy) of coordinating the schedule for Sunday Coffee and Donuts, Gail Atkins will be retiring from this ministry in June. She is looking for someone now to assist her in finishing out the 2009-2010 coffee season. Gail will help to set them up for the 2010-2011 coffee and donut season which begins in September 2010. Please contact Gail in the parish office.

A Sign of Spring (the end of flu season)

After consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and his own staff, Bishop Richard Malone has determined that *the temporary H1N1 Flu Protocols will be lifted effective Palm Sunday weekend (March 27-28, 2010).* Beginning with the Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the liturgy will be celebrated according to the usual norms that include both the **invitation to exchange the sign of peace and to share the Precious Blood at Holy Communion.**

Proper hygiene practices will be continued by the various ministers (i.e., use of antibacterial hand sanitizer by greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc.). Any parishioner or those who exercise a ministry during the liturgy are urged to stay home when they are sick, for their own health and that of others. However, if they do attend Mass, they should refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace or receiving from the chalice at Holy Communion.

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 parish office will be closed Thursday, March 25, Friday March 26, Monday March 29 and Friday April 2. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 21

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Service**

Tuesday, March 23

8:30 AM †**Paula Crawford**
Requested by the Sweeney family

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Service**

Thursday, March 25

8:30 AM †**Patrick L. Donahue, Sr.**
Requested by Bruce and Kristine Blaisdell

Friday, March 26

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Service**

Sunday, March 27

9:00 AM †**Patricia McFarland Patterson**
Requested by the Derzawiec family

11:00 AM †**Arthur J. Hassett, Jr. M.D.**
Requested by the Cotter family

Servers

Signup sheets for Liturgical Ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are in the narthex.

Sunday March 28

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	P.Coburn N.Shedd	M.Pinette T.Pinette
Euch Min	E.Dunfey T.Meyers M.Meyers G.Prince P.Russell	D.Canarie M.FitzGerald K.Ornatek M.Rauth P.Yantakosol
Lector	R.Shevenell	R.Beaudoin
Ushers	G.Montpelier	M.Staszko

The Liturgical Ministry quarterly schedule for April-May-June was distributed by email, with only three notices going thru the postal service. It was a great time and money saver. Since this was the first time that the schedule had been delivered this way the ministers were asked to reply back to Gail Atkins that they had received the email and could open the attachment. Gail is still waiting to hear back from the majority of the recipients.

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		
March 21	9 Mass	Kathy and Martin Sheehan
	11 Mass	Healy/Gleason families
March 28	9 Mass	Leighton family
	11 Mass	Pinette family

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

EXODUS TO EASTER

The Good News Disciples will be presenting Exodus to Easter for all St. Bartholomew Parishioners on March 23rd from 4:30-5:30pm.

Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross

Please join us Friday mornings at 9:00 during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Each one of our upper grades 5-8 is responsible for reading the Stations each week. We would love to have our parishioners join us as we walk the Way of the Cross.



Lily Sale

The Faith Formation Commission will be selling lilies to brighten your Easter celebration. Orders will be taken after masses on March 21st. Delivery will be on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

Christian Meditation Group

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

There are many stories in the Catholic tradition of saints communicating with God through meditation, such as St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. John of the Cross, to name a few. A new group is being formed for people wishing to learn more about Christian meditation and to participate in a group meditation once a month. Our first gathering will be on April 15th at 7:00pm in the teen room and, after a brief sharing and guided meditation called "Be still and know that I AM," we will move into the chapel for silent meditation. We invite you to put your worldly concerns aside on tax day and spend a few peaceful, relaxing moments in quiet reflection. For more information about this spiritual practice or to sign up for the April gathering, please call Kathy Sheehan at 799-2447.

FOOD CUPBOARD



Each year we make Easter baskets for the children in the families that come to our Cupboard. Our current listing of children under 12 in the families who have visited the Cupboard since the beginning of our fiscal year, July 2009, is 350. We have devised a fair system, every family with children 3 yrs-12 gets a basket or 2. Sharing is our motto this year. Babies under 3 receive a stuffed bunny. We thank the Willard family, Meredith, Adrienne and Mom, Carolyn for the donation of the bunnies and for their help in assembling the baskets.

We are also very pleased to be selected by Macy's again this year for their "Hunger Relief" Program. This is strictly Macy's employees, raising funds and donating food. Last year they raised \$998, which corporate Macy's matched! This year, they are even sending employees over to the Cupboard to volunteer.

As we share personal care products periodically, we need :Shampoo, Toothpaste, and Deodorant. Thank you!



THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK March 21-27

For the soul of Norris Willitts Requested by the Willitts family

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.

NEEDS

St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen has no men's trousers in our store room! We need men's work trousers or blue jeans, sizes 32 through 42 waist, as quickly as possible. Please, no dress or fancy pants! There is a bin in the narthex. Call Charlene Hagen 883-1645 for information.

My Sister's Keeper is in need of two queen or king size beds including mattress, boxspring, and frames. Please call Kelly Dell'Aquila at 712-5962.

Saint Bartholomew Church

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday— masses at 9 and 11 am

Thursday, April 1, Mass of the Lord's Supper—7 pm

Friday, April 2, Stations of the Cross—3:30 pm Lord's Passion—7 pm

Saturday, April 3, Easter Vigil—7:30 pm

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord—9 and 11 am

Other services in Cluster 22

Saturday, March 27, 4 pm Holy Cross 4:30 pm St. Maximilian Kolbe 5:30 pm St. John the Evangelist

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Friday, April 2, Lord's Passion—7 pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe and Holy Cross

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