



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2010	
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
© Liturgical Publications Inc	

Faith Formation Question of the Week
Fourth Easter of Sunday
"Protected by Christ"

Key Passage Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

Adult Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Child Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

Reprinted with permission from *Heritage of Faith*, by Jo Rotunno. Copyright ©2004; all rights reserved. Published by Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, CT 06355; (800) 321-0411.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Jim Russell, chairman 767-4398 The weekly offertory has been extremely low in the past two weeks due to vacations. Please remember that while you're on vacation, the church's expenses are not. Making up for those missed Sundays is extremely important to the financial health of our parish. Thank you for your assistance.

Weekly Goal	\$6,432
Offertory Collection April 18, 2010	\$3,527
Weekly Electronic Giving	<u>784</u>
Total	\$4,311

Heat and Fuel \$1,628

Right here in the U.S., some dioceses are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These "home mission" dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education. This week we collect Missions Appeal. Help **strengthen the Church at home** with a generous donation.



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our **spring gathering on Monday April 26th 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

May 2 – 5th Sunday of Easter(C)
9 AM Prayer & Reader: Jennifer Haines
Homilist: Mollie Coburn
11 AM Prayer & Homilist: Tara Pinette/Emily Mitchell
Homilist: Mary Ellen Carignan



Faith Friends Grades 2, 3, & 4. April 27

LAST SESSION DAY—Join us for our last day of fellowship, fun, and prayer.



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6. April 27
LAST SESSION DAY—Parents Invited



JYM and YM NO SESSION APRIL 25th—SPRING VACATION

Faith Formation Registration Weekend

Faith Formation registration forms are available in the Narthex to sign up for next year's many different faith formation programs offered for children and youth. **Please help us eliminate postage expenses by picking up your forms at the registration table.** Blank registration forms are available through the parish office and soon to be on our web-site. There are some changes to next year's faith formation programs and choirs, so please read the cover letter carefully.

FOOD CUPBOARD

We have added additional healthy foods to our menu and are very excited to have nutritionist Teddi Reed, USM Corporate Extension Program visit our Cupboard once a month. Teddi cooks the food item we are trying to introduce, asks our visitors to taste, if they like she gives them the recipe and the food item and also tells them how to stretch the food. Last month she made "**salmon cakes**" and they were a big hit. This month she is making "**Baked lentils with cheese**". **It is a win/win program** and we have lots of ideas and foods to introduce. We are on a big push to offer more healthy food items such as the following items we have recently added to our "**menu**"-- cheese, eggs, dry black beans, split peas, and lentils. We are able to do this thanks to the continued generous monetary donations.

Vacation Bible School Registration now open!



Come on board and join us for a High Seas Expedition - the Vacation Bible School where kids sail on an adventure through God's Word. St. Bartholomew Parish and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish are joining forces for the 10th year to bring a sea of friends together August 2-6 to come aboard for a High Seas Expedition at St. Bartholomew Church! We will listen to great stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, sing fun songs, play zany games, and celebrate with Mass and a BBQ! Get ready for the most enriching, rewarding, and faith-filled Vacation Bible School experience yet! For more info **especially if you want to help with decorating, or volunteer for one of our activity centers**, please contact Julie Reiger (899-3120). **Look for our registration table in the Narthex. Our next decorating days are on Monday, April 26th 9-11am and Tuesday, May 11th 6-8pm. We need all hands on deck!!**

Jr. YM & YM Volunteer Opportunities

This summer, we have a number of volunteer opportunities for youth entering grades 7-12.

- ☆ Here, at St. Bart's, we are trying to put our Baptism record book on-line. If you are skilled with the computer and can give 1-2 hours a week, we need you!
- ☆ If you are creative either with arts & crafts or drama, we need you to help transform St. Bart's into the High Seas! Those that like drama can participate in our daily skits during our VBS August 2-6.

I hope that you will answer God's call and use your talents to further Christ's mission! Contact Kathy Williamson if you can help.

Explore the possibilities at Holy Cross School!

We have limited openings in all Grades Pre-K through 8. 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! Also, our students consistently make honor roll wherever they attend high school. 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. Applications and tuition information are also available at www.study.holycrossme.com. for the Catholic Home

FOOD CUPBOARD

We thank the students of **Cape Elizabeth High School, teacher Christine Newell, and Rotarian & teacher Joe Conroy** for conducting a food drive for the Cupboard recently. The food items were much needed.

Continued from April 18th 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.

EPICLESIS: The prayer petitioning God to send the Holy Spirit so that the offerings at the Eucharist may become the Body and Blood of Christ and thus the faithful, by receiving them, may themselves become a living offering to God. In every sacrament, the prayer asking for the sanctifying power of God's Holy Spirit is an "epiclesis" (1105, 1127).

EPIPHANY: The feast which celebrates the *manifestation* to the world of the newborn Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. The feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee (528; cf. 535).

Join the Faith Formation Committee

Do you want to help determine what faith formation groups, retreats, and events we will offer to adults this year? Are you on fire with God's Word and want to share that with others in our parish? Would you like to support the faith formation for children and youth, but can't be a catechist? Then, join the Faith Formation Committee. **Our next meeting is on Monday, May 10th at 7:00pm at St. Bartholomew.** We will be discussing next year's calendars and budgets for all faith formation programs including those for adults. And, we will do some initial planning for the St. Bartholomew Summer Festival. If interested in joining, please contact either Trish Morin (767-5978) or Susan Leighton (799-2156) for more information.

St. Bartholomew's Summer Festival



Remember the dunk tank from last year? We've set the date for our summer festival on Saturday, Sep. 11th. This is a fun-filled family day complete with a volleyball tournament with prizes, musical entertainment, snack bar, a cake walk, carnival games for kids, face painting, and an indoor card or Bingo tournament. We need some key people to facilitate publicity, volleyball tournament, prize donations, food, children's activities, and indoor card or Bingo tournament. **If you can help in one of these areas, please contact Kathy Williamson and come to our first organizational meeting in conjunction with the Faith Formation Committee meeting on Monday, May 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Bartholomew.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Insert Morning Connections

Monday, April 26

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Service**

Tuesday, April 27

8:30 AM †**Rev. Gilbert A. Patenaude**

Requested by Barbara and Joe Cotter

Wednesday, April 28

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Service**

Thursday, April 29

8:30 AM †**All Souls**

Requested by our parish

Friday, April 30

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Service**

Sunday, May 2

9:00 AM †**Edward Boulos**

Requested by Bea Bushey, Ken, Ellen & Tim

11:00 AM **Intentions of Cluster 22 Parishioners**

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 May 2nd

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	A.Conrad N.Shedd	M.Pinette T.Pinette
Euch Min	D.Conley P.Dumont E.Dunfey P.Russell G.Atkins	B.Pesirla M.Pesirla C.Reid K.Williamson M.Rauth
Lector	C.Hagen	G.Pavloff
Ushers	L.Chace	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

April 25	9 Mass	John and Marie Aceto
	11 Mass	Miklavic family
May 2	9 Mass	Carl Best
	11 Mass	Scott Morin family



Please join us at **St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Thursday, May 6th from 7pm to 8 pm** for an Hour of Prayer for our nation. This date is the **59th National Day of Prayer**. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast. In scripture we read; **"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him."** Nahum 1:7.

We will be praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament. The theme for this year is **"Prayer for Such a Time as This."** We hope you will join us for this powerful hour of prayer for our nation.



On the feast of Pentecost, the men of St. Bartholomew come together to lead The Song at liturgy. "The Brethren" will practice on Tuesday, 5/11 and 18, 7:00-8:30, and at the 9:00 Mass on 5/23. MEN, come sing the Birthday of the Church!

People with mental illness and their families often feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. Learn how you can be a support to individuals with mental illness and their families by attending, **"Welcomed and Valued": Supporting People with Mental Illness in Parish Life** on **Thursday, April 29th, at 7 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Scarborough.** This program will feature a DVD presentation, a speaker from the Maine chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness plus an opportunity for your questions and discussion. This program is co-sponsored by Cluster #22 and Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry, "Loving God & Neighbor", 1-800-CARE-002, psm@ccmaine.org.



Ten Great Dates – Marriage Enrichment Led by Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kathy Beirne.

Do you want to increase intimacy in your marriage and go on a great date with your spouse? Join Steve & Kathy Beirne for ten great dates. Meet other couples for about 30 minutes to focus on different marital topics such as enhancing personal growth, mutual fulfillment, and family wellness, and then go out on a great date for the rest of the evening. Meeting will be on **Tuesdays at 6:30, every other week for 10 sessions at St. John's Parish Center starting April 27th.** FMI or to Register contact Laurie Kelly at 773-8710 or at laurie.kelly@portlanddiocese.org. Registration fee is \$20 per couple.



Please help cook and serve at the Soup Kitchen at the corners of Preble and Oxford Streets in Portland on **April 25th**. Cooks should arrive at 4 pm and servers at 5:30 pm.



The Women's Group will hold a **Pot Luck Lunch on Tuesday April 27. Meet at 11:00 and eat at noon.** All women of the parish are welcome.

If you have volunteered for anything at St. Bart's over the past year then this invitation is for you!

Spring is the time when we show our appreciation to our St. Bartholomew's volunteers! Msgr. Michael Henchal will preside over a special mass to bless and honor St. Bart volunteers on Saturday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church. A reception ending at 8:30 p.m. will immediately follow with light appetizers, desserts, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.

Please be our special guest of honor at this mass and reception which will celebrate the wonderful contributions that you have made as a part of the St. Bart's Parish Community. Please bring your family. RSVP by April 23rd to Gail Atkins at 799-5528 or Gail.Atkins@portlanddiocese.org

NEEDS AND VOLUNTEERS

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.** We are also looking for **bureaus, nightstands, lamps, and bookshelves.** Please call Kelly Dell'Aquila at 712-5962.

My Sister's Keeper is looking for a **volunteer with a financial background to serve on our advisory committee** which meets for about 2 hours every other month.

My Sister's Keeper is also looking for a **volunteer to assist with the clothing closet.** Hours are flexible.

Please contact Kelly Dell'Aquila at 712-5962 for either of these volunteer positions. My Sister's Keeper is a mentoring ministry for women returning to community life from incarceration.

Meditation Group to Meet Monthly Day or Evening Gatherings Offered

"I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds." (Psalm 77:12)

Curious about meditation and how it can be incorporated into your spiritual practice or are you someone who meditates regularly? Come to the Cluster 22 Meditation Group and learn more. Each gathering will include a brief discussion, a guided meditation and time for silent meditation in peaceful surroundings. Our **May gatherings will meet in the Teen Room at St. Bart's on Weds. May 5th at 9:30am and Thurs. May 20th at 7:00pm.** Contact Kathy Sheehan for more information 799-2447.