



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2010	
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
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Faith Formation Question of the Week
Sixth Easter of Sunday
"Keeping Jesus' Word"

Key Passage Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." John 14:23

Adult What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

Child When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Jim Russell, chairman 767-4398. The weekly offertory has been extremely low in the past few 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 May 2, 2010	\$4,397
Weekly Electronic Giving	<u>772</u>
Total	\$5,169

Catholic Home Missions \$392

Heat and Fuel \$1,640



The **Women's Group** meets on **Tuesdays at 10 am**. All women of the parish are welcome.



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our last gathering on **Monday May 10th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Fort Williams playground**. In case of rain we will meet at St. Bartholomew to play in the nursery. FMI contact Emily Garvin at esgarvin@yahoo.com



Chester's Kids Children's Liturgy of the Word

May 16 – 7th Sunday of Easter(C)
9 AM Prayer & Reader: Mollie Coburn
Homilist: Nancy O'Sullivan

11 AM Prayer & Homilist: Tara Pinette/Emily Mitchell
Homilist: Mary Ellen Carignan



Faith Friends Grades 2, 3, & 4. May 11th

from 3-5 pm is our annual spring cleanout. Anyone who helps gets pizza afterwards.

CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL & CEREMONY

This year the Bishop will be here for our Confirmation/1st Eucharist Ceremony! All parishioners are invited to attend.

Rehearsal May 21, at 5:00pm.

Ceremony May 22, at 5:00pm. (this is a Mass)

Please remember to bring your completed banner to the rehearsal. Each child must be accompanied by his or her sponsor or parent if the sponsor is unavailable.



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6. May 11th

from 3-5 pm is our annual spring cleanout.

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JYM May 9th **NO SESSION-Mother's Day**

YM May 8-9th **6pm to midnight Bake-A-Thon. Mother's Day bake sale after Masses.**

In Appreciation

Thank you to 2009-2010 Catechists Grades 2-6:

Kim Connell, Morgan Connell, Michael Goulding, Jennifer Hansen, Emily Leighton, Susan Leighton, Patricia McCarthy, Sophia H. McGill, Toni Meehan, Pamela Popp, Olivia Babine, Julie Rieger & Lisa Tower
 Thank you so much for all of your hard work and to bear witness to your passion was an unexpected perk. We never could have asked for a more dedicated Catechist volunteer and words cannot express how grateful we are to have you here. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU!**

Is God Calling You?

God calls all of us to share our gifts in many ways. If God is calling you to share your faith with children, or youth through one of our faith formation programs, please call Sharon Pilk as soon as possible or sign up on your child's registration form. We will help you get started in the catechetical ministry for the year 2010-2011 by trying to match your God-given gifts with our faith formation program needs. Many of our catechists are parents of children or youth in our programs, but there are some who do not have a child in the program and feel called to share their gift of faith with children and youth. Some are seniors, some are empty nesters, and some are teens. All it takes is a willingness to share the Catholic faith with our kids or youth and about 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 hours per week. Thanks for helping out and responding to God's call.

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 Rieger (899-3120). **Look for our registration table in the Narthex. Our next decorating day is 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.

May 11th retreat at Holy Martyrs in Falmouth. Discovering What's Hidden in Our Inner Room. See flyer on narthex bulletin board.

NEEDS: My Sister's Keeper welcomes **clean, new or gently used spring and summer apparel** for the clothing closet.

Continued from May 2nd 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.

ESCHATOLOGY: From the Greek word *eschaton*, meaning "last." Eschatology refers to the area of Christian faith which is concerned about "the last things," and the coming of Jesus on "the last day": our human destiny, death, judgment, resurrection of the body, heaven, purgatory, and hell--all of which are contained in the final articles of the Creed (1001, 1020-1050; cf. 2771).



FOOD CUPBOARD

We are deeply saddened by the loss of a very dear friend, and Food Cupboard benefactor, Bob Hewlett. Bob saw the need of this mission and has been our biggest benefactor since our beginning in 1998.

Our Cupboard is dedicated to the memory of his wife, Charlene, and now we will have new plaques that honor them both. Saying thank you is inadequate, we loved him. May God take good care of him.

**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 last **May gathering will meet in the Teen Room at St. Bart's on Thurs. May 20th at 7:00pm.** Contact Kathy Sheehan for more information 799-2447.



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!



CARNATIONS

Today is Mother's Day. For Maine Right to Life selling carnations on Mother's day has been the organization's major fund-raising event of the year. For many years our parish has always bought them outright and distributed them to mothers after each Mass.

The other parishes in our cluster have always had volunteer parishioners sell them for a \$1.00 suggested donation as parishioners left after Mass. For several reasons we have decided to conform to this same practice.

We hope you will be gracious and generous in your support of Maine Right to Life and its continuing efforts to help expectant mothers and their unborn babies.

ALSO FOR MOTHER'S DAY PLEASE PICK UP YOUR FREE (to St. Bart's and to you) COPY OF CATHOLIC DIGEST.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 10

9:00 AM Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, May 11

8:30 AM †John and Mary O'Flynn

Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen

Wednesday, May 12

9:00 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, May 13

8:30 AM Special Intention

Requested by a parishioner

Friday, May 14

9:00 AM Eucharistic Service

Sunday, May 15

9:00 AM †Dr. Pascal Levesque

Requested by Patricia Campbell

11:00 AM

†Vince Rauth

Requested by Mike and Kathy Rauth

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 16th

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	A.Conrad	E.Canarie
	N.Shedd	C.Kelley
Euch Min	G.Atkins	L.Brennan
	VACANT	D.Canarie
	E.Dunfey	C.Reid
	J.Meschinelli	K.Williamson
	P.Russell	P.Yantakosol
Lector	R.Shevenell	R.Beaudoin
Ushers	C.Hagen	A.Dell' Aquila

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please contact Gail Atkins with any dates that you will be unable to serve for July through September. **DEADLINE: May 31**

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

May 9	9 Mass	McDonald/Koller families
	11 Mass	Vozzelli family
May 16	9 Mass	Logue family
	11 Mass	Vilma and John Herrick

Tough Theology Talk Tuesday Series:

Homosexuality and the Church

The St. Bartholomew Faith Formation Committee is sponsoring a series of Tuesdays this coming year where we will discuss controversial issues in the Church and Society. Do you feel like you do not have a full grasp of the Church's teaching surrounding many controversial issues and would like to be empowered with knowledge in order to articulate the Church's teaching when out and about with friends? With all the rhetoric and politics surrounding the same-sex marriage initiative, do you ever wonder what the church's teaching is on homosexuality? For those who might be confused on the church's stance on homosexuality, homosexual persons, and marriage, please join us on **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm** at St. Bartholomew's Gaziano Hall to learn more about the church's perspective on this issue. *This will not be a public debate or round table discussion, but an adult faith formation opportunity to understand the Roman Catholic Church's teaching and pastoral care concerning a controversial issue.* This is the first of three topics in the series. Look for the next topic on "Abortion and the Church" in October. For more information, please contact Kathy Williamson.

The Saints are Coming for Dinner This Summer

Do you have a patron Saint? Would you like to learn more about the Saints so you can start to use their guidance through prayer? This summer, the Faith Formation Committee is sponsoring several dinners hosted by parishioners in their homes where the meal prayer, discussion, and even the food centers on a particular Saint. The dinners are inspired and based on the book Saints at the Dinner Table by Amy Heyd. Each host will open up their home to 6 to 8 guests. Each guest will sign up with a host, take a packet, which includes the bio of the particular Saint that's coming to dinner and a recipe that the guest will make and bring to the host's house for dinner. We are happy to have the following hosts and Saints coming to dinner:

June – St. Margaret of Scotland

June 11th at 6:30 pm – hosts: Dave & Tricia Mitchell at 24 Cole Field Rd., CE

June 30th at 6:00 pm - hosts: Jack & Sharon Pilk at 3 Arlington Lane, CE

July – St. Hildegard of Bingen

July 9th at 6:00 pm – hosts: Tony & Kelly Dell'Aquila at 368 Spurwink Ave., CE

July 23rd at 6:00 pm – hosts: Scott & Trish Morin at 18 Prout Place, CE

August – St. Notburga

August 19th at 6:00 pm – hosts: Jeff & Susan Leighton at 68 Wells Rd., CE

Whether you are a couple or a single, consider coming to dinner with a Saint! Signups are in the Narthex on the parish events bulletin board. If you would like to host a dinner with a Saint, please contact Kathy Williamson to help you get started.



CHEVRUS COUNCIL MAY DINNER MAY 18TH
Marinated Vegetable Salad, Slow Cooked Yankee Pot Roast w/ gravy, Carrots, Peas, onion and potatoes, Dessert & Coffee. 6-7 Social Hour and dinner @ 7pm. Please call Ron or Roger and leave a message for a reservation before Tuesday morning the 17th. 767-3867 or 799-8627. Location: K of C Hall on the corner of Walnut & Broadway.



May 13th
Feast of the Ascension
Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Cross 7:30 am

St. Bartholomew 8:30 am

Holy Cross (School Mass) 9:00 am

St. Maximilian Kolbe 6:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist 6:30 pm

How Holy Days Got Started

There was never a time in the history of the Church when there weren't holy days. The early Christians observed the Jewish holy days, which commemorated important events in Jewish history and tradition.

As Christianity grew, observance of the Jewish holy days fell out of practice, and other special days that helped people to recall important events in the life of Jesus were established. Over time, holy days honoring the apostles, martyrs, and Our Lady were added.

Holy days were often celebrated as festivals with special foods, music, processions, and customs. No one had to tell people they were obliged to participate in the feast day. The holy days were woven in the fabric of their lives as opportunities to renew and enrich their faith.

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.**