

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, CAPE ELIZABETH



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"--that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2009

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	Col 1:24---2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Faith Formation Question of the Week
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Rich in Faith"

Key Passage Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

James 2:5

Adult When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Child What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL **\$7,600.00**

The offertory goal includes the Electronic Funds Transfer receipts which are reported monthly, usually after the first weekend.

	Offertory	\$4,695.10
	Tithing	\$469.51

Catechists Needed

We have a few openings for catechists to work with disciples in grades 2-6, Sunday's Liturgy of the Word at the 9 and 11 Masses and SPRED. Please call Sharon Pilk (799-5528 x103) and leave your name, contact information, and the grade you want to lead. We also have a need for someone to work with our bulletin boards too! Thanks for answering the call!



Chester's Kids Children's Liturgy of the Word
 K-1 planning session on Sunday, Sept. 13th from noon-2 pm. Opening session Sept. 20.



faith friends Grades 2, 3, & 4 planning session on Tuesday, Sept, 8th from 4-5:30 pm. Sept. 15th opening session.

Parents Session: Curriculum Overview & meet your child's catechist.

Gr. 2 We know and Love God

Gr. 3 God Speaks to Us

Gr. 4 God's Word to Us



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6 planning session on Tuesday, Sept. 8th from 4-5:30 pm. Sept. 15th opening session: Adam and Eve.

Parents Session: Curriculum Overview & meet your child's catechist.

Good News Disciples field trip to Randall's Apple Orchard will be Sunday, September 20, 2009. We will depart from Church after 11:00am Mass (@ 12:00pm) and return 3:00pm. Please return your permission slip by Sept. 15th. We are picking apples for Fall Fun Fest Sept. 27 12:00-3:00.



Core Team Planning Meeting on Sept. 13th at 10:00 am.

Junior Youth Ministry joint opening session "The Big

Deal" with **Youth Ministry** on Sept. 13th from 1-2 pm. beginning with lunch after 11:00 Mass. Come check out the new programs.

CATECHIST MINISTRY DAY

Bishop Malone to Speak at St. Max, Sat. Sept. 19th

On Saturday, Sep 19th from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, those involved in providing faith formation for all ages including adults in the southern region of Maine will be gathering at St. Maximilian-Kolbe for renewal in their catechetical ministry. Please join Bishop Malone and those of us involved in catechetical ministry for **"Shape Us Anew: Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word."** Bishop Malone will give us our keynote address and there will be workshops available to help discover how we are 'SHAPED' by Scripture, The Creed, Prayer, Theology of the body, Faith and family, Persons with different abilities, The Sacraments, and Books on Social Justice for adults and children. Registration forms will be available soon at the Faith Formation office. Registration fee is \$20 (or \$10 for those active in providing catechesis including youth ministry, the faith formation.

CATECHIST COMMISSIONING SUNDAY, SEPT. 20TH AT 9 MASS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Bartholomew's Festival Sept. 11-13

We have a big weekend of events planned for Sep. 11-13th to kickoff another year of Faith Formation for children, youth, and adults sponsored by the Faith Formation Committee. Please plan on participating in one or more of these events:



- ❖ **Youth Ministry Lock-in "YM Olympics"** for High School youth and LifeTeen core team on Sep. 11th 7:00 pm until Sep. 12th 8:00 am. Contact Heidi Czerkes, 799-5528 x104, Heidi.Czerkes@portlanddiocese.org for registration form.
- ❖ **Yard Sale – Sep. 12th 9am-1pm – Furniture, Household & Baby items**
- ❖ **Festival Games, Snack Bar, Dunk "the Staff" Tank, and Moon Bounce – Sep. 12th noon-4pm** – face painting, balloon animals, and much more.
- ❖ **"Chapel Volleyball Tournament" – Sep. 12th noon-4pm** Four Divisions: Children (age7-12), Teen (13-19), Adult (20-54), Senior (55+). Cheer your favorite team to win some great prizes!! Contact the Parish Office, 799-5528, to enroll your team of 4.
- ❖ **Bingo! – Sep. 12th 1-3pm in Parish Hall** – Come take a chance to win a prize from the Bingo Prize Table! Fun for the whole family!
- ❖ **Taste of St. Bart's Contest – Sep. 12th in Parish Hall 5:00-6:30 pm**
Pick up a plate and go around the room and load up with whatever recipe you want to try. Come early so you can have your favorites. Walk away with a recipe booklet to make your favorite dish at home. Those who have tasted will get to vote for their favorites. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the night. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$5/child or senior, \$20/family
- ❖ **Barbara Bailey Hutchison Concert - Sep. 12th in Church 6:30-8:00pm**
Barbara is a Grammy award winning singer and songwriter of folk music suitable for the whole family. You can check out her web-site for more info by clicking www.bbhsings.com. Tickets are \$8/person, \$25/family. You won't want to miss this!
- ❖ **Faith Formation Kickoff Sunday - Sep. 13th after Masses**
Signup for an adult Bible study, faith-sharing group, or book group or if you need to signup for one of our children's or youth faith formation programs, registration forms will be available.
- ❖ **Opening Session for LifeTeen (grades 9-12) and Edge (grades 7&8) – Sep. 13th – noon-2pm includes lunch.** Come on the journey to Christ!

DONATIONS NEEDED

My Sister's Keeper, a mentoring ministry for women in transition from corrections is looking for gently used/new furniture to be donated to women moving into new apartments. There is an **immediate need for beds and frames, dishes and other kitchen needs. Bedding is also needed for all mattress sizes.** If you have furniture that you would like to donate, please contact Kelly Dell'Aquila, Director of Services, My Sister's Keeper @ 712-5962 or kcoggs@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

Continued from August 30th 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.

CATHEDRAL: The official church of the bishop of a diocese. The Greek word *cathedra* means chair or throne; the bishop's "chair" symbolizes his teaching and governing authority, and is located in the principal church or "cathedral" of the local diocese of which he is the chief pastor (cf. 1572).

CATHOLIC: One of the four marks or notes of the Church, taken from the Nicene Creed. The Church is catholic or universal both because she possesses the fullness of Christ's presence and the means of salvation, and because she has been sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race (750, 830).

CATHOLIC CHURCH: The Church established by Christ on the foundation of the Apostles, possessing the fullness of the means of salvation which he has willed: correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession (830).

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 6

YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 ~ JUNE 19 ~ 2010

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister, be their joy and consolation here, and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Unitas Marriage Preparation Program John Paul II presented us a challenge when he said: "The preparation of young people for marriage and family life is more necessary than ever in our times." How do we as a church provide outstanding marriage preparation for engaged couples? Our cluster has decided to implement the *Unitas* Marriage Preparation Program which provides a unique way to address the issues of Christian marriage today in the midst of the local church community. *Unitas* emphasizes elements that are similar to those found in the RCIA. It includes Faith formation which is an essential ingredient for the journey toward sacramental marriage, information to help couples succeed in marriage today and opportunities for building connections with the local Church.

Over the last few months a team of married couples from our parishes have been working together to implement *Unitas* this fall. We presently need some volunteers to set up and serve the meal that begins each session. The sessions are at St. Maximilian September 13, September 20, September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18 and October 25 starting at 5 p.m.

We are also asking for parishioners to pray for our engaged couples. If you would like to pray for one of our couples or join as a volunteer to help at one or more of the meals, please contact Jennifer Labonte at jenlabonte@maine.rr.com or 222-2790.

Mass Intentions for the Week

INSERT MORNING CONNECTION

Monday, September 7

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 AM †Mary Arnot

Requested by Gloria Keyser

Wednesday, September 9

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, September 10

8:30 AM †Eddie Rice

Requested by John and Maura Kilgallen

Friday, September 11

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM †Sally Felbaum

Requested by Clare Buccigross

11:00 AM †Desmond Curley

Requested by Joanne A. Leete

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 September 13

Table with 3 columns: Role, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM. Rows include Altar Ser, Euch Min, Lector, and Ushers.

The tabernacle key has been missing for a few weeks. Would Eucharistic ministers and Ushers please check their pockets in case they forgot to return it to the sacristy?

COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE PARISH HALL



The serving of coffee and donuts after the Masses will begin on Sept. 13th. Anyone who would like to sign up to serve during the year should contact Gail Atkins at the parish office.

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

Table with 2 columns: Date and Masses, and Commission. Rows for Sept. 13 and Sept. 20.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GLORY CHOIR, GRADES 2-6, CHOIR
PRACTICE BEGINS OCT. 6TH AT 3:30-4:14 PM.

ADULT EDUCATION

Little Rock Scripture Study will be offered again this September with a study of Women in the Old Testament. This 10 week course introduces participants to women whose stories offer courage and insight. Beginning September 15 and running through November 17, we will meet here at St. Bartholomew's on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Sign-ups will be held after all Masses on Sept. 6 and Sept. 13. Space is limited. There will be a \$15.00 fee for materials. Please call Trish Morin @ 767-5978 for info.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL RED MASS

The Annual Red Mass for lawyers and judges will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday, October 1 at 4:30 PM**. The Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Th.D., Bishop of Portland, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. A reception and dinner will follow at the Portland Country Club in Falmouth. The featured speaker will be the Honorable John A. Woodcock, Jr., Chief Judge of the U. S. District Court (District of Maine). Reservations forms are on the table in the hallway near the parish office. Please **RSVP by Sept. 14th** to Heather Stevens at hstevens@pierceatwood.com or 791-1392. The cost is \$45 per person.

Stand for Marriage Rally

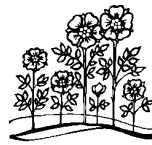
Please join us at the Augusta Civic Center for the **Stand For Marriage Rally** presented by Focus on the Family, The Maine Jeremiah Project, Family Research Council, Stand For Marriage Maine (SFMM) and many other family groups on the evening of **September 13, 2009 from 6-8 PM**. Invited speakers include Bishop Richard Malone, Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council, Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, Pastor Bob Emrich – Director of the Maine Jeremiah Project and other national and locally known supporters of traditional marriage. Tickets are required and may be obtained **free of charge** through SFMM or the Public Affairs Office in the Chancery. Contact information for Brian Souchet at SFMM is 207-846-9052 brian@standformariagemaine.com. Contact information for the Chancery Public Affairs Office is 207-773-6471 Christine.pitteroff@portlanddiocese.org. Include your name, telephone number and requested number of tickets when you call or email. Call the SFMM office in Yarmouth at 207-846-9052 if you'd like to make arrangements to pick up tickets. Each parish center will also have a limited amount of tickets for distribution. Website address for more information: www.standformariagemaine.com. Click the News tab on the site.

The 3rd Annual **Harvest Ball**, an evening of entertainment, dining and dancing is scheduled for **Friday, October 30 from 7PM to midnight at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland**. This fundraiser, hosted by Bishop Richard Malone, features the Tony Boffa Band, a delicious meal, door prizes and a silent auction. The auction includes New England Patriot tickets, jewelry, weekend getaways and more. Proceeds will benefit *Harvest Magazine*, the diocesan bi-monthly magazine which is distributed free of charge to 40,000 Maine households.. The cost for the Ball is \$60 per person or \$100 a couple (you and your spouse, friend, neighbor or relative). Call 773-6471 and ask for Christine to register, make your dinner selection and arrange payment (checks or credit cards accepted).



The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Sept. 7th at 7 pm** at St. Bartholomew. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Women's Group** meets at 10 am on Tuesdays.



Altar Flower Donations

If you would like to donate summer flowers from your garden, please contact Pauline Dumont (767-1085) for help with arrangements.

EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Art & Environment Committee** was formed to assess the environment in our sacred spaces to support prayer and worship. We have helped to bring the Stations of the Cross and a set of green banners to our sanctuary. We are involved in decorating for the different liturgical seasons and providing enrichment and training for our liturgical ministers. If you have a creative eye or like to decorate, please consider joining our committee. The next Art & Environment Committee meeting is on **Monday, Sep. 14th at 10:00 am at St. Bartholomew's**. Please contact Pauline Dumont at 767-1085 or pdumont@maine.rr.com to join our committee or for more information.

The **Faith Formation Committee** assesses the faith formation needs of different groups in our parish and provides programming to help meet those needs. If you have an interest in what we offer for faith formation for children, youth, and especially adults, please consider joining our committee. We also sponsor the St. Bartholomew's Festival, the Catechist Appreciation Dinner, various book fairs, the parish libraries, the poinsettia and lily sales, and other events during the year. Please see the list of Adult Faith Formation opportunities that exist within our cluster in today's bulletin insert. Please take advantage of them! The Faith Formation Committee meets on every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is **Sept. 9th at 7:00 pm at St. Bartholomew's**. Please contact Trish Morin at 767-5978 or ttmorin@maine.rr.com to join our committee or for more information.

Are you looking for a new ministry?

Become a Minister of the Sick. Our ministry is in need of a few people wanting to help with our Communion Service at our two Nursing Homes (Village Crossing and Piper Shores). Our ministers do the services in teams of two. A short training will be provided. For more information or to sign up please call Rosemarie Willitts at 767-3486.