

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, CAPE ELIZABETH



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." - Mk 9:39-40

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2009

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Faith Formation Question of the Week
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Setting Priorities"

Key Passage Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. James 5:4
Adult What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

Child Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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

In order to better help parishioners understand and follow the progress of the parish giving, a new format will be used to present budget versus actual contributions.

Sept. 20th Weekly Offertory Budget \$6,432.00

Collection	5,121.37
EFT weekly	<u>745.85</u>
TOTAL	\$5,867.22
Year to date budget	\$77,184
Year to date actual	<u>70,144</u>
Shortfall	(7,040)

Catholic University of America Collection \$289.00



Sunday, **September 27th** is St. Bartholomew's turn to serve dinner at the Wayside Soup Kitchen. Help feed the poor.



Small Blessings

Parents with their infants and preschool children are invited to attend our first gathering on Monday, Oct. 5th 10:00-11:00 a.m. Our leader is Emily Garvin. If you want to join our group, please contact Emily at esgarvin@yahoo.com or just come to one of our gatherings!



Chester's Kids Children's Liturgy of the Word
October 4 – 27th Sunday in OT (B)
9 AM Prayer & Reader: Sue Guerette
Homilist: Jennifer Haines
11AM Prayer & Reader: Tara Pinette
Homilist: Mary Ellen Carignan



Faith Friends Grades 2, 3, & 4. Sept. 29.

PARENT SESSION: Equip your child to "Think first, Stay safe"

Gr. 2 Ch. 2 We Believe in the Holy Trinity. Child Lures – "Too Smart for Strangers with Winnie-the-Pooh"

Gr. 3 Ch. 2 God the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Child Lures – Lures 9, 13, 17

Gr. 4 Ch. 4 Our Father in Heaven. Child Lures – Lures 8, 10, 15



GOOD NEWS DISCIPLES Grade 5 & 6 Sept. 29
PARENT SESSION: Equip your child to "Think First, Stay safe"



Join Edge (JYM) and Lifeteen(YM) at the Wayside Soup Kitchen this evening, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. There will be no regular session this afternoon, due to the soup kitchen service project. If you need help getting to or from the soup kitchen, please email Heidi at heidi.czerkes@portlanddiocese.org.

Next week, October 4, both groups are at it again! More and more youth are checking out the program, but there is still plenty of room for you! Please join JYM (grades 7th and 8th) as they talk about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, or join YM (grades 9-12) as they talk about the Church's social justice teachings.

Parents, you are always welcome to attend at any time as well! I'm glad to be meeting so many of you, and can't wait until I get to meet all of you! –Heidi

PLEASE CHECK THE GLASS ENCASED BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX FOR ITEMS OF VARIOUS INTEREST.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MANDATORY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETINGS SUNDAY SEPT. 27TH

Sacrament of Confirmation & First Eucharist

Parent meeting 12:00-1:00 pm

Make up meeting Tues. Sept. 29 at 4:30-5:30 pm

Parents who are interested in preparing their child(ren) to receive the initiation Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, especially 2nd grade parents, must attend one of these meetings to receive an overview of the preparation program, and also to participate in discussions on the importance of initiation into the church to the mission of Christ.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation

Parent meeting 1:00-2:00 pm

Make-up meeting Tues Sept. 29 at 4:30-5:30 pm

Parents who are interested in preparing their child(ren) to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially 4th grade parents, must attend one of these meetings in order to receive an overview of the preparation and also to participate in discussions about the central message of forgiveness in Jesus' teachings.

Catechists Needed

We have a few openings for catechists to work with disciples in Sunday's Liturgy of the Word at the 11 Mass and the SPRED program. Please call Sharon Pilk (799-5528 x103) and leave your name and contact information. Thanks for answering the call!

Parenting the Early Years Faith Sharing Group

Are you a parent of a child in elementary school or younger? Would you like to meet with other parents to discuss the 10 Biblical traits that you would want your kids to remember as being in your parenting? Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott, as seen on *Oprah* and *Focus on the Family*, have a new video series and book that would serve as great material for a 6-week session on parenting the early years. If you are interested in being part of this group, or facilitating this type of group, or would like to help with babysitting so this group could meet, please contact Kathy Williamson. If there is enough interest, we will start a group.

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.

Continued from Sept. 20th 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.

CHOIR: A group of persons trained to lead in the singing at liturgical celebrations (1143).

CHRISM: Perfumed oil, consecrated by the bishop, which signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. Chrism is used for consecration in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders (1241, 1289, 1291, 1294).

CHRISMATION: The name used in the Eastern Churches for the Sacrament of Confirmation, from the "chrism" or "myron" used in the anointing (1289).

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 27 **YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 ~ JUNE 19 ~ 2010**

In a word, St. John Mary Vianney sanctified himself so as to be more able to sanctify others. Of course, conversion remains the secret of hearts, which are free in their actions, and the secret of God's grace. By his ministry, the priest can only enlighten people, guide them in the internal forum and give them the sacraments. The sacraments are of course actions of Christ, and their effectiveness is not diminished by the imperfection or unworthiness of the minister. But the results depend also on the dispositions of those who receive them, and these are greatly assisted by the personal holiness of the priest, by his perceptible witness, as also by the mysterious exchange of merits in the Communion of Saints. Saint Paul said: "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church." (29) John Mary Vianney in a sense wished to force God to grant these graces of conversion, not only by his prayer but by the sacrifice of his whole life. He wished to love God for those who did not love him, and even to do the penance which they would not do. He was truly a pastor completely at one with his sinful people. (**Pope John Paul II – Letter to Priests on Holy Thursday 1986**)



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. *Harvest* features stories of faith from across the state, spiritual direction for daily living and theological teachings. 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).



Gail Atkins will not be in the office on Monday Sept. 28 and Monday Oct. 5th.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

INSERT MORNING CONNECTION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 28

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 AM †Jay Hayes

Requested by Carl and Denny Maddaleni

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, October 1

8:30 AM †Robert McGeachey

Requested by Kevin and Sarah Tierney

Friday, October 2

8:30 AM Eucharistic Service

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM †Dr. Walter Stankewick

Requested by the Carignan family

11:00 AM †John Cross

Requested by the Kilroy family

Servers

Sunday October 4

	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Altar Ser	E.Dineen	E.Canarie
	H.Dineen	A.Godfrey
Euch Min	J. Boyington	D.Canarie
	D.Conley	L.Brennan
	P.Dumont	M.Pesirla
	E.Dunfey	B.Pesirla
	P.Russell	K.Williamson
Lector	S.Haines	R.Beaudoin
Ushers	J.Kilgallen	M.Lynch



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

Sept. 27 9 Mass Hartel family
11 Mass Jacqueline and Paul Hassett
Oct. 4 9 Mass WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
Our parish neighborhood contacts are planning a new member welcome reception between Masses. So stay after the 9:00 Mass or come early to the 11:00 Mass to welcome our new parishioners. Nametags required.
11 Mass Social Justice & Peace Com.

Call Gail Atkins at 799-5528 to claim a spot for your family or group to serve.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Christmas Prelude Planning

The Christmas Prelude is fast approaching! We will have a weekend of activities on Dec. 4-6 to get us ready to celebrate Christmas. Our activities include the Polar Express experience, Artisan & Crafts Fair, Silent Night auction, Christmas Cookie Sale, the Three Wise men Treasure Chest, Breakfast and Pictures with St. Nicholas, and more! Be a part of the excitement and come to our **organizational meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 29th 7:00 pm** at St. Bartholomew. For more information, contact Kathy Williamson.

Share Your Gifts & Talents

Currently, our parish has a couple of needs as follows:

- ❖ a dance instructor that can teach German folk dancing at our Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 17th
- ❖ an Irish band or Irish step dancer to provide some entertainment for our St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 13th
- ❖ people who like to cook, decorate, and welcome others to join our Hospitality Committee whose primary focus would be the organization of our parish kitchen and providing hospitality at some parish events, such as funeral receptions and retreats that use our parish hall
- ❖ St. Bart's is looking for a donation of two digital picture frames sized 10.4 inches or larger to hang in the narthex or hall to display pictures of church events.

If interested, please contact Kathy Williamson. Thanks for sharing your talent with the parish.

ADULT EDUCATION

Pastoral Care Ministry Continuing Formation Retreat and breakfast led by Msgr. Paul. Sat. Oct. 3rd at 8:30-10:30 @ St. Bart's Register through Gail Atkins 799-5528 or gail.atkins@portlanddiocese.org

Little Rock Scripture Study: Parables through Holy Cross/St. John beg. Dec. 2. Contact 772-7489.

Sunday by Sunday Faith Sharing Groups beg. Oct. 4. Contact parish offices.

Book Discussion Group: The Way of the Lord: Christian Pilgrimage Today led by Msgr. Henchal beg. Oct. 3rd at St. Barts' and St. Max. Contact appropriate parish office.

University of Dayton Virtual Learning Courses beg. Oct 18. With registration beg. Sept. 1. vlc.udayton.edu to register.

Protecting God's Children Workshops Wed. Sept. 30 at 5:30-8 pm at St. Barts register with sharon.pilk@portlanddiocese.org or 799-5528 ext. 103 and Mon. Oct. 19th at 6-8:30 pm at St. John register with laurie.kelly@portlanddiocese.org or 773-8710

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.

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



Altar Flower Donations

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

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.

FOOD CUPBOARD

Once again, Shaw's/Millcreek organized another "Stuff the Bus" for us. VIP donated the bus, Shaws donated the special cloth bags and provided customers with a list of needed food items, and customers filled the bus. What a great event this is. We receive just the items we are very low on and will be able to give the cloth bags to our clients. Thank you, thank you, Shaw's!

Our wonderful Holy Cross students are back! Four 7th or 8th grade students will be coming on Thursday morning to assist the clients and us. This is so special, and such a huge service to us. Welcome back!

We need: Tuna fish, Cookies/Crackers, Mac & Cheese.

Thank you!



"A grateful thank you goes to **Ken & Charlene Hagan**. They have generously donated a much needed rehearsal piano to the Music Ministry."

SING YOUR FAITH! CHOIR START UP!

Glory Choir (grades 2-6), 10/8, Tuesday, 3:30-4:15.

Worship Choir (high school-adult), 10/6, Tuesday, 7:00-8:30. NO REHEARSALS ON 11/10!

Way to Help Holy Cross School

***Purchase a 400 Club membership** for yourself or sell one (or buy it as a gift) for a relative or friend who supports the mission of Catholic Education. Yearly memberships are \$55 and every month six prizes are awarded, ranging from \$25 to \$200. Please contact Christa Berry at 883-6256 or dberry1@maine.rr.com for membership info.