



**SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH
WEEKDAY LITURGIES
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30AM**

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**Weekday Masses
Wednesday and Friday 9am
Communion Service Monday 9am
Our Lady of Sebago— Closed for the season**

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

After the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass or by appointment after the weekday 9am Mass Wednesday or Friday Call 839-4857

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism preparation course - Please call the office
email teresa.ledue@portlanddiocese.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the office six months prior to wedding.

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Mission Statement

We the Parish Family of Saint Anne, in accepting Christ's call to holiness,
like Christ, hear and proclaim the word of God, celebrate, nourish,
and serve all our brothers and sisters.



WELCOME If you are just visiting us, we are glad to have you with us for the liturgy today. We wish you well on your journey. If you are new to the area, we would be delighted to have you join our community of faith. Please feel free to contact our parish office at 839-4857 to register or for more information. God Bless you. If you are visiting and would like to sign our guest book, we encourage all visitors and new parishioners to stop by and leave us a word. It is located on the small table in the Narthex

He Is Risen

“Rejoice Heavenly Powers
Sing Choirs of Angels!
Exult all Creation
Around God’s Throne,
Christ, Our King, is Risen.
Sound the Trumpet of Salvation.”

Happy Easter ALLELUIA

ADMINISTRATOR’S CORNER

Thank you Father John McHugh for celebrating Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday at Our Lady’s in Windham and the Easter Vigil at St Anne’s Gorham. We appreciate your generosity and ability to celebrate with us.

THANKS TO ALL who offered their time, their talents, and their energy to prepare the churches for Holy Week and Easter. Thanks also to all who invited their families, friends, and neighbors to attend services and Masses, and all who welcomed visitors. Their presence among us is such a great blessing. And who among us knows what grace is at work.

**MAY THE PEACE OF THE RISEN
CHRIST BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILIES AND YOUR
HOMES.**

Fr Joe Koury

Easter Flowers Donations Continued: In memory of the Lynch family, Dix family, Schencks family, and McKenney family . Donations made by Dorothy Philippi, Ed Keiser and Marcia Hill

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER . JOURNEY GROUP

Have you and your spouse made a Marriage Encounter weekend? Would you like to recapture the feelings of that weekend?? A Journey Group is for couples who want to do just that and one is forming at Saint Anne's in Gorham. If you have made a weekend, we invite you to join us at Saint Anne's on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, beginning Monday, May 12 FMI contact Ed & Kathy Dyson at 229-0085 or Laurie & Gary Dunlap at 642-3895. You'll be glad you did!!

Rev Gerald Levesque Jubilee Mass

May 18th @ 10:30 with Reception to follow.
Fr Gerald Levesque will be celebrating his 50th Year as a priest serving the Diocese of Portland
All parishioners are invited to the Mass and reception.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WELCOME COMMITTEE Contact the office 839-4857
WEB SITE Martha.a.muldoon@gmail.com
Bereavement Committee Contact Chris Kimball 892-9437
Servers for funerals Contact the office
Altar Serving Contact the office
Saturday Word and Communion Service @Windham Prison
Are you interested in this ministry? Saturday 6:30-8:15pm If you have questions speak to Sherry and Mike Flammia, Jackie Viljanen, John Godfrey , or Sr or Contact Deacon Frank @ 655-8833 frank@fchambers.com There will be volunteer trainings session May 20th @ 3pm

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CHAIRS If you have borrowed the new folding chairs from St Anne’s recently. Please return them to the church .



PLANT SALE

The Women's Council will have their Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17th from 9 to noon. If you have any plants you would like to donate, please drop them off by Friday, May 16th. If you have any questions, please call Barb Welch at 807-8458.

The Gospel of Joy by Pope Francis

Monday book group will begin reading The Gospel of Joy by Pope Francis at 10am May 12 through June 16 (except Memorial holiday). Book ordered through Bookworm (discounted to \$10 if you are part of a bookgroup). Call Sr. Jackie to register. 839-4857

Gorham Ecumenical Council’s Community Supper—Monday, April 28th at 5:30 p.m.—First Parish Congregational Church—a ham dinner w/casseroles, salads, beverages and desserts. St. Anne’s will provide jellied salads—a very popular menu item. Please call Ruth Covell (839-7060) if you can make one. This supper is *free*, with a good-will offering. Hope to see you there, and *Thank You!*

Spring Cleaning after Easter? Catholic Charities of Maine will gladly take your gently used furniture and household items as well as clothing at our “threads of Hope “ retail store in Portland We will give donation receipts for tax purposes and will gladly pick up Call 781-8555 or threads@ccmaine.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION The time of year is upon us when many engagements take place. Many have recently been engaged. This is a very exciting time and we would love to be part of it! St Anthony’s of Padua [following diocesan guidelines] is hosting a special program for engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Classes begin at 6pm on Wednesday May 21st and run for 8 weeks. Each class is 2 1/2 hours with dinner, followed by presentation, discussion, group activity, and dessert. If you or someone you know is getting married this year or have questions please contact the office Teresa 839-4857.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT April 20th 2014

Offertory	\$ 2720.00
Easter	1032.00
Mortgage	130.00
Holy Land	185.00
Clergy Health and Pension	845.00
Collection for the Poor	675.00
Total	\$5,598.00

This Sunday second collection is for **Catholic Home Mission**
Next Sunday Second collection is for the **Mortgage**

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER If you are interested in using EFT contact Teresa in the office at 839-4857.

Thank you to all who contribute faithfully and generously to our parish.

ST. ANNE'S PRAYER NETWORK

Would you like us to pray for someone, or would you like to join the prayer line? Call Barb Welch 807-8458

BEREAVEMENT

St. Anne's Bereavement Committee is here to help families in time of sorrow. We are available to provide food (reception) at the church after a funeral, , Call Chris 892-9437 Thanks!

FOOD PANTRY The food pantry is opened each Thurs morning 9-11, the 2nd & 4th Wed from 6-7pm each month, peanut butter, paper goods, canned meats, jelly, cake mix, and juice Items can be left in the wire basket in the lower lobby. Thank you for your continued support

Diocese News

Bishop Deeley note: Let me wish you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Easter. In these days of Easter, we rejoice that Jesus who is for us Light for the World rose from the dead. He is our hope and our joy. When we open our hearts to the wonder of this message, and walk with Jesus, we share in his life and his peace.

Much news of events within the Diocese is posted on the diocese web site. Go to www.portlanddiocese.org then Click on calendar events

Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass Bishop Deeley will celebrate a Silver(25) & Gold(50) Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on Saturday, June 28, at 4 p.m Couples planning to attend please RSVP Annette Rioux 321-7885 or annette.rioux@portlanddiocese.org.

Veritas, Greater Portland Young Adult ministry, serves all young adults (18-39), single, married, and professed, in the greater Portland area. All events and activities are self-run, and we welcome you! FMI, veritasportland@yahoo.com

McAuley's 5k "Run for Hope"

Saturday, **May 17th** at 10am at Catherine McAuley . A 2.5 mile walk will begin at 10:15am Proceeds benefit the Jim and Maxine Pouravelis Scholarship Fund. FMI at www.mcauleyhs.org or call Rita at 899- 0981



FAITH FORMATION

Older Confirmation: Missed this sacrament.? Contact Sr. Jackie 839-4857

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP to find scheduled workshop in our area www.portlanddiocese.net

Eucharist- CD available in lending Library. The Mass explained by Fr Larry Richards.

Vacation Bible Camp

Wilderness Escape: VBS Come experience Moses leading the Israelites out of the slavery of Egypt and journey through the desert to the promised land. This theme is great background for better understanding our Mass roots. June 23-27, 9-noon depending on end of Gorham school (snow days??)

VBS Tribe counselors needed as well as teens to help in activity sites. Anyone having completed 5th grade can be a helper. Teen orientation Sunday June 15 after 8am Mass.

Adult help also needed. Talk with Sr. Jackie 839-4857 (Jackie.moreau@portlanddiocese.org) or Deb Poissant 839-8680

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wayside Soup Kitchen Nite –Preble Street Resource 2nd Sat of each month Cooks 3pm Servers 4:30pm

Adoration Thursday 6-7pm

Crafters Wednesday 9am,

Prayer for Peace First Sat of each Month 9:00am, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd

Prayer Shawl Group meets Wed. 1pm-2:30pm

Monday book group , 10-11:30am

Senior Lunch Wednesday 9-1 lunch served at noon

Centering Prayer Wednesdays 6:30-7pm

Book Group Wednesday 7-8pm "The Cloud of Unknowing,"

Children's liturgy for younger children at 8am Mass

April 29th Communication Group 6::30pm

May 5th Welcoming Comm 6pm

May 6th Leadership meeting 6:30pm

May 12th Environmental Group 6:30pm

May 12th Marriage Journey Group 6:30-8pm

May 11th Mother's Day

Class - May Crowning / ice cream

May 18th Last Class

Rev Gerald Levesque Jubilee Mass @ 10:30 with Reception to follow.

June 1st First Eucharist and Confirmation
9:30am and 5:30pm

Welcome Committee

Will be having a meeting on Monday May 5th @ 6pm
If you are interested in joining the committee We welcome you. Call Teresa @ 839-4857 .





Sunday April 27th

8:00AM Amanda Thiele by Mom

10:30AM Preston Quint by Maggie

Monday April 28th

9:00AM Communion Service

Tuesday April 29th NO Mass / No Communion Service

Wednesday April 30th

9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving by Janet Steeves

Thursday May 1st NO Mass / No Communion Service

Friday May 2nd

9:00AM Joseph Constant by family

Sunday May 4th

8:00AM Henry Beauregard by Roger and Jeanne

Dubois

10:30am Lindor and Georgette Jacques by daughter

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Readings for the Week of April 27, 2014

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:27b-29

VOCATIONS

.Is the Lord calling you to be a priest, deacon, or in consecrated life? FMI, contact Fr. Nathan March, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Portland, at (207) 321-7805 or at vocations@portlanddiocese.org
 Sunday May 11th Prayer Day for Vocations

REFLECTION by Pope Francis

"Mercy" "goes beyond in such a way that sin is put to the side. It is like heaven": "We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can't see the stars. God's mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness. God forgives us, not with a decree, but with his love, healing the wounds of sin. Because He is involved in forgiveness, He is involved in our salvation. So when Jesus acts as confessor to the woman he does not humiliate her, he does not say: 'What have you done? When did you do it? How did you do it? With whom did you do it?' No! He says: 'Go and do not sin again!'. God's mercy is great, Jesus's mercy is great. Forgive us and heal us!"



2nd Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Three times in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his disciples. He knew they were in need of peace! Following the Crucifixion, they had huddled in fear, hiding behind locked doors, "for fear of the Jews." But the risen Christ burst into this prison of anxiety to set the disciples free.

We may wonder why, after his first greeting of peace, Jesus immediately showed the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion, still present in his now glorified body. Why would he speak of peace and then show them the scars from the violence of the cross? Perhaps it is because those wounds earned our forgiveness. And this forgiveness is our peace.

Although we may not suffer from the fear of martyrdom as these first disciples did, we all need the peace that comes from being forgiven, and from forgiving. Our sins enslave us by preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life. But Jesus' mercy is greater than our sins. He wants to forgive us. And, as he taught us, we are supposed to "forgive those who trespass against us" as well. Perhaps we harbor grudges towards neighbors or family members who have hurt us. We are called to extend forgiveness to them, just as Christ extends forgiveness to us. In this way, we can cooperate with Christ by spreading peace to others. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," he told the disciples gathered in the room. We too are sent to be messengers of Christ's peace and mercy.

Especially today, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, may we accept from Jesus his promise of forgiveness. Then, we will truly be able to "go in peace."

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

Prayer Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling at you from heaven.

Mission for the Week Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.



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