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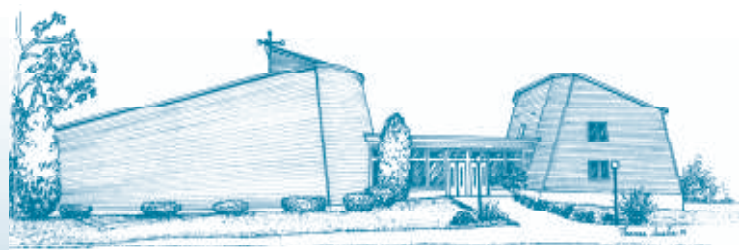
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**SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH
WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30AM

Please note: week of May 31/ June 1st only :

May 31st Saturday Mass 4pm

Confirmation Masses

June 1st Mass 9:30 and 5:30pm

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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.



We welcome all who come to worship and praise God today! We pray that you are fed spiritually, that your faith is strengthened, and that your walk with God becomes even closer.

Happy Easter ALLELUIA

Sunday, May 18th

Catholic Appeal St Anne's parishioners have a long history of showing their commitment to the Diocese of Portland by supporting the Catholic Appeal. This week, all parish families will be asked to make their pledge to the 2014 Appeal. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to this important request from the Diocese. The Appeal funds the agencies and ministries that support thousands of our brothers and sisters in need across the state of Maine. We hope that you will respond generously this weekend. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Graduation Mass 8:00am

Rev. Gerald Levesque 50th Jubilee Mass 10:30am

Reception in Parish Hall downstairs

Looking Ahead



The Ascension of the Lord: (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday May 28th 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Anne's

Thursday May 29th 8:00am Mass at Our Lady's Windham



Memorial Day weekend is May 25th

Office will be closed Monday May 26th



June 1st Confirmation for Cluster 23 will take place here at St Anne's Church. Please keep all the candidates and their families in your prayers. Note Masses below

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St Anne's Masses

May 31st and June 1st Weekend

Saturday May 31st 4pm Mass

Sunday June 1st Confirmation Masses 9:30am

Sunday June 1st Confirmation Mass 5:30pm

Please try to attend the Saturday evening Mass 4:00PM here at St Anne's as The Sunday Masses will be filled with families and Confirmation Candidates

Other Cluster Masses:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Windham

Sat 4pm Sunday 10:30am

St Anthony Westbrook Sat 4pm Sunday 9am

Rev Gerald Levesque Jubilee Mass

May 18th @ 10:30 Mass 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 following the 10:30am Mass today.

If you are unable to attend and would like to give him a card, you can drop off in offertory basket or send to: St Anne's Church 299 Main St Gorham Maine 04038 Attn: Fr Levesque

Congratulations to our High School students and College students who have or will be graduating this month and next. Best Wishes



Mother Seton House Baby Bottle Drive is on for the month of May. Mother Seton house is a private nonprofit 501c3 org. serving pregnant women and new mothers in difficult circumstances since 2007. Pick up bottles in the lobby and return bottles by the end of May. Thanks!

St. Anne's Women's Council would like to invite you to learn more about the organization. Please feel welcome to join us for a brief informational update between the masses on Sunday, June 8th @ 9:15. We look forward to seeing you

EASTER FLOWERS CONTINUED:

Donations were made in memory of Caroline Adams

MASS INTENTION/ MASS CARDS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one or in Thanksgiving, donation \$10 call Teresa @ 839-4857

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS

Our elves are at work through out the year. Do you have jewelry that you no longer want and would like to donate to the church Fair? Please leave in the basket on the table or drop off at the office. Thank you

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.

Audio/Visual System Fund Raising Underway

To date we have raised \$2525.00 of the \$13,000 needed or 19.4% of goal from 13 families. Information on this project is available in the lobby.

All contributions to this dedicated effort, including memorial gifts are much appreciated. Please make checks payable to Saint Anne's Church, noting Audio/Visual on your check or call Teresa in the office 839-4857

Name _____

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Amount _____

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT May 11th 2014

Table with 4 columns: Category, Amount, EFT, Total. Rows include Offertory, Mortgage, and Total.

Catholic Appeal 2014 pledge this weekend
Next week Haiti Collection (free will offering)

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

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

March for Marriage Several organizations are sponsoring a March for Marriage on June 19, 2014, in Washington, D.C. Detailed information and updates about the event will be available in the coming weeks at www.marriagemarch.org

Catholic Night at Fenway Park

The World Champion Boston Red Sox will host Catholic Night on Tuesday, July 29 when they host the Toronto Blue Jays at 7:10 p.m. All Maine Catholics are invited to attend, and parishes and schools are encouraged to gather groups to head to Fenway for this special night. Groups of 20+ will receive a complimentary scoreboard welcome message; groups of 100+ will have a member of their group recognized on the field before the game; and special ticket packages will include discounts at Fenway concession stands. For more information about pricing or to order tickets, contact Daniel Picano at (617) 226 -6810 or at DPicano@redsox.com

The Diocese of Portland will celebrate the third annual nationwide "Fortnight for Freedom — a great hymn of prayer for our country" during the fourteen days June 21 to July 4 from , the memorial of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, martyrs to Independence Day. This year, theme - Freedom to Serve. This year's Fortnight is a good opportunity for all of us to gather with those who are involved in serving the most vulnerable among us and reflect on the need to foster and maintain every person's inherent freedom in keeping with human dignity and Church teaching. On Tuesday, June 24, at 12:15 p. m., Bishop Robert P. Deeley will celebrate a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited

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

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
May 18th Last Class
High School Graduation Mass 8am
Rev Gerald Levesque Jubilee Mass @ 10:30 with Reception to follow.
Catholic Appeal Weekend
May 21st Evangelization Meeting 6:30pm
May 25th Haiti Collection
May 26th Memorial Day office Closed
May 28th Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord 5:30pm
May 31st Rehearsal for Confirmation 9:30 and 11am
Mass Saturday 4pm
June 1st First Eucharist and Confirmation Masses 9:30am and 5:30pm

Help needed for cluster Confirmations: Four people able to help with seating in church and greeting. After service assist in hall with photo shot with Bishop (guide to cue). Indicate 9am or 5pm. Contact office or Sr Jackie 839-4857



Thank you all Religious Education teachers who shared their time and talents each week by preparing lessons, work with the children, and giving of themselves to our children and our parish. We are most grateful to you all!



Sunday May 18th

8:00AM Leland Hanson by St Anne's Knights of Columbus

10:30am Fred Lamontagne Sr by family Rev Gerald Levesque's 50th Jubilee Mass

Monday May 19th

9:00AM Communion Service

Tuesday May 20th NO Mass / No Communion Service

Wednesday May 21st

9:00AM Janet Theriault by St Anne Knights of Columbus Council

Thursday May 22nd NO Mass / No Communion Service

Friday May 23rd

9:00AM Nancy Lizotte by Mary Maxwell

Sunday May 25th

8:00AM Stewart CSloan by family

10:30AM Frances Servitte by John and Christina Miller

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Readings for the Week of May 18, 2014

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be." - Jn 14:2-3

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

REFLECTION by Pope Francis

Go out. Go out and share your testimony.
Go out and interact with your brothers.
Go out and share. Go out and ask.
Be come the Word in body as well as in Spirit.



5th Sunday of Easter

"I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." Now this is something to look forward to: being where Jesus is, in heaven. What could be more satisfying, more beautiful, more perfect? Heaven is where we find the "fulfillment of the deepest human longings" (Catechism of the Catholic Church §1024). Our longing for love that doesn't fail, our longing for peace that doesn't end, our longing for happiness that doesn't fade away-all of this is awaiting us. Today, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to "prepare a place" for them. We are his disciples too, and so we also have a spot in the "Father's house." But we need to make sure we know how to get there!

This is what Thomas the (doubting) Apostle asked about in today's Gospel: "How can we know the way?" Thomas wants to be sure about things. He is looking for a kind of spiritual roadmap to give him the confidence that he's on the right path. This is what we have in Jesus. He responds to Thomas' question with these words: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In other words, Jesus is like an infallible heavenly GPS. He gets us where we want to go.

By heeding Christ's teachings and following his example, we can navigate through the many competing "ways" that vie for our attention. But more than just serving as a spiritual signpost, Jesus wants us to be in a real relationship with him. As he asks Philip today, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus himself is the way, then it is only by truly knowing him that we will find our way to heaven where we will finally behold him face-to-face.

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Sharing the Gospel Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Prayer Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Draw a picture of what you think your special place in heaven might look like.

Mission for the Week Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

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