



6th Sunday of Easter

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." Jn 14:15-17

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CLUSTER 23

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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



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

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

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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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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.

SAINT ANNE'S PARISH COMMUNITY, GORHAM

WELCOME

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

CATCHING UP WITH THE CALENDAR: Easter Sunday seems so long ago, but we continue to celebrate the Easter season. As I write this, it is the "Fifth Week" of Easter. The Church's calendar tells us that in the next two weeks, we have the "Sixth" week, including the *Ascension of the Lord* on Thursday, May 29th (the fortieth day after Easter), followed by the "Seventh" week and *Pentecost Sunday*, June 8, the fiftieth day.

EVENTS IN OUR CLUSTER: On June 1, Bishop Robert Deeley will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist in two Masses scheduled this year at St Anne Church, Gorham. One Mass will be at 9:30 AM and the second Mass at 5:30 PM (and in between he will be attending graduation at McAuley High School). The Diocese has begun rotating the scheduling of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the various churches in a cluster.

At the Clergy Institute last week, Bishop Deeley spoke about spreading out the schedule to include the Fall (which many dioceses are already doing). There is nothing in the church's practices that require the Sacraments to be celebrated in the Spring time. There is the added advantage of beginning the Faith Formation programs with a celebration of Sacraments (instead of what we have now when we "end" programs and do not see the children again until September, and there is a large drop off in attendance.)

CHANGES, AGAIN: The Bishop has announced the re-assignment of Fr Claude Gendreau to be rector of the Cathedral parish (canonically, the Bishop is the pastor of the Cathedral parish), effective on July 1. Fr Claude will be moving from the residence at St Anne, Gorham to the Cathedral rectory. I want to *thank him* for his willingness to help with the Mass schedule at both Our Lady and St Anne, and the two summer chapels (St Raymond and Our Lady of Sebago), even as he also traveled some weekends to Kittery, the Berwicks, Calais, Houlton, Ft. Kent and Madawaska ("the County" is his home and his parents live there). He will continue his work at the Matrimonial Tribunal at the Chancery in Portland.

I will go back to work on creating the "spread sheet" for the Cluster's Mass schedule.

Fr Joe Koury



Memorial Day weekend is May 25th
Office will be closed Monday May 26th

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



St Anne's Vigil Mass Wednesday May
28th 5:30pm
Our Lady's Windham Thursday May
29th 8:00am
St Anthony Westbrook Thursday 7:30am and
5:30pm

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time, allowing you to stretch your gift over the upcoming months. For your convenience, commitment envelopes have been placed in the pew to complete an envelope and place it in the collection basket at offertory."

Congratulations to our High School students Allison Fitzpatrick and Jessica Warren for the being awarded the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Book Award



Mother Seton House Baby Bottle Drive is on for the month of May. Mother Seton house is a private nonprofit 501c 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

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS

Consider working at the Christmas Fair.

High School students who need community service
Parent and child could work together.

We have many areas that could use your help. Let's make this Fair a Fun Fair. Contact Laurie Dunlap 642-3895 or Carolyn Bowers 839-4606.

More on the Cluster 23 Retreat series. Wednesday, June 4 at 6pm, Saint Anne's will host a spaghetti dinner followed by a talk from Father John McHugh, chaplain at St. Joseph's College, on "How we can continue to grow in our faith". There is no charge. All are welcome. Especially invited is anyone who attended one of the two retreats held earlier in the year. It is a good time to reconnect with the people you met at the retreat. If interested, please call or email Susan Snow (632-9009, sesnow23@gmail.com), so we can get a count for food.

Audio/Visual System Fund Raising Underway

To date we have raised \$5,075.00 of the \$13,000 needed or 39% of goal from 14 families and \$2,500 was donated by the Knights of Columbus. 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

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who assisted in making Fr Gerry Levesque's 50th Jubilee Mass and reception a success. With assistance from the Knights of Columbus, the Welcome Committee and many parishioners. A Hope for Humanity Rose will be planted in the Mary Garden for Fr Levesque in appreciation of his service.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT May 18th 2014

Offertory	\$2,442.00
Mortgage	10.00
Total	\$ 2,452.00

This week **Haiti Collection** (free will offering)

Next week second collection will be for **Seminary and Ecclesiastical Students** preparing for ministry

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. FMI 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 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

June 7th Rev Gerald Bolduc Memorial Mass 11am

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. If you are able to assist 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 25th

8:00AM Stewart C Sloan by family

10:30AM Frances Servitte by John and Christina Miller

Monday May 26th

9:00AM Communion Service

Tuesday May 27th NO Mass / No Communion Service

Wednesday May 28th

9:00AM Robert Chellis by St Anne's Knights of Columbus Council

5:30pm Ascension of the Lord Vigil
Mass for the people

Thursday May 29th NO Mass / No Communion Service

Friday May 30th

9:00AM Hilda Rowett by Eleanor MacKenzie

Saturday May 31st

4:00pm Deceased family members of Caroline Wallace

Sunday June 3 1st Confirmation Masses

9:30am Confirmation Candidates and their families

5:30PM Confirmation Candidates and their families

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Readings for the Week of May 25, 2014

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

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"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - Jn 14:20-21

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

Our mission as Christians is to conform ourselves evermore to Jesus as the model of our lives.



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 road-map 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

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If you love Jesus, you will do what he asks. If someone hurts your feelings, Jesus asks you to forgive. If someone is hard to get along with, Jesus asks you to show love. If someone is sick, Jesus asks you to pray. Learn from Jesus. Follow his example. Love all people like God does.

Prayer Jesus, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask.
Draw a picture of yourself forgiving someone who hurt your feelings.

Mission for the Week Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.

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