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Parish Office Hours 8:00am until 12:00 noon (Monday –Thursday)

Faith Formation 207-892-8922

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4:00p.m Saturday 10:00a.m. Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday

First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2014



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

- Mk 13:35-36



Our Sister/Cluster Parish: St Anne's, Gorham: Sunday Masses 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.

First Sunday in Advent—November 30, 2014

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How May We Serve You?

Contact the Parish Office at 892-8288, for a parish registration form; request for prayer, notify hospitalization, request for visit or a change of address. For the website go to www.OurLadyMaine.com

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Finance Council *Timothy Verreault*
Social Justice & Peace Commission *Christine Koza*
Worship & Spirituality Commission *Susan Snow*
Faith Formation Comm. *Lawrence Guertin O.F.S.*
Our Lady's Guild *Rosemary Skillin*
Knights of Columbus *David Spada*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. or by appointment .

Sacrament of Baptism:

Preparation Course and paper work required, before an appointment for baptism. Please call the parish office at 892-8288 for information.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the office (892-8288) six months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please call 892-8288. Greg Smith is the facilitator.

RCIC: Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

Please call Lawrence Guertin at 892-8922.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mass Schedule: November 29 through December 7

4:00 p.m. Mass is on Saturday, November 29

In Loving Memory of William McAuliffe

10:00 a.m. Mass is on Sunday, November 30

Mass is for the Parish family

8:00 a.m. Mass is on Tuesday, December 2,

Rebecca & Charles Trenholm ® the family

8:00 a.m. Mass is on Thursday, December 4,

Timothy Conley ® Scott Labrecque

4:00 p.m. Mass is on Saturday, December 6

Speedy Recovery for Harvey Winslow

® the Morning Mass Group

10:00 a.m. Mass is on Sunday, December 7

Felix Miszuk & Stephen Miszuk ® Frances Kapusta

8:00 a.m. Word & Communion Service

Monday, Dec 1 Wednesday, Dec 3 Friday, Dec 5

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8th—Mass Schedule

8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham 7:00 p.m. St Anne's Church, Gorham

DIOCESAN NOTICES

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU. ADVENT RECONCILIATION PROGRAM IS SPONSOR BY THE DIOCESE.

December 15th through the 19th. It is schedule at *Our Lady's on Tuesday, December 16th 6:00 to 7:00 pm*

St. Anne's Wednesday, December 17th...6:00 to 7:00p.m.

The Presence Radio Network is your listener-supported Catholic radio which can be found on 106.7 FM in Greater Portland, 90.3 FM in Greater Bangor, 89.7 FM in Bath-Brunswick, 89.5 FM in Greater Augusta, 97.5 FM in Fort Kent (Affiliate), online at www.thepresence.fm, and on smartphones with the TuneIn Radio app.

Upcoming Events

Sat/Sun. Dec 13-14 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
Wed. Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Thurs. Dec 25 Christmas Day

FINANCE — STEWARDSHIP November 22-23 2014
First Collection \$2,818.30 Catholic Campaign \$187.00

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE CATHOLIC APPEAL
The progress report to date (November 20th for Our Lady's is
\$26,877.00 from 138 donors = 57.55%

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: This weekend we begin the Advent season... It is also the beginning of the Church's year. The Church has its own language system for designating the year: "Year B Sunday", and "Year 1 Weekday" cycles. Year B is also called the Year of the Gospel of Mark. To prepare for the new liturgical year, we have changed the Music Issue books, the Roman Missal book of prayers for the priest, the ribbons that mark the Sunday readings in the Book of the Gospel and the Lectionary of Readings. We have begun to use the 2015 Ordo guide to the masses for each day. The banners and altar cloths have been changed. The color of the vestments will shift to violet / purple. The Advent wreath is to be blessed, and the first of the four candles is being lighted.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION and the civic calendar year: Another transition we have to arrange for is the "Offertory" – your donations to your parish. "Budget envelopes" for 2015 will be made available on the weekend of Dec 6-7. Please do not continue to use any old envelopes after January 1st. Some parishioners use an "automatic transfer of funds" from their bank to their parish. Whichever system you use, please know that your support is important. Which also reminds me: please consider making an end-of-year donation to your parish. As we enter into the winter season, we (like you) enter also into the big bills for heating and lighting.

Fr. Joe, Administrator

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MSGR. W. G. CUNNEEN COUNCIL 10020

Knight of the Month **Family of the Month**
Robert Morin *Deacon Peter & Debra Bernier O.F.S.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are offering a "Countdown To Christmas" prize calendar. Each day from Dec. 1st to 24th we will draw a number, Monday thru Saturday winner will receive \$25, Sunday \$100 and on Christmas Eve \$500. Included are some gift certificates and special days with an extra prize donated by a local merchant. Calendars \$10 each and only 200 will be sold. Tickets are available after Masses or by contacting any Knight.

The Knights Thank You for your continued support. Because of your support we are able to provide the Social, Peace and Justice Commission with 68 turkey gift cards this year; in addition we are supplying most of the items needed for 130 turkey baskets to be presented by the Windham Food Pantry.

Christmas Tree Sales will begin Thanksgiving Weekend! Once again we will be supplying locally grown and freshly cut trees for \$35. The majority of the trees are grown here in Windham and cut just days before you buy them - instead of bargain trees that have been on a truck for a month. The proceeds of the tree sales stay right here in your Parish and your Community. Trees are available on Saturday and Sunday

Our Parish Christmas Fair wants to be the SWEETEST ever. We want to fill our bake table with your favorite cookie, cake, pie, candy, holiday bread or family recipe. Please bring your special sweet to church on Friday, Dec. 5 or early Saturday, Dec. 6. All items should be wrapped in clear plastic wrap and marked with the name, i.e. peanut butter fudge, walnut bread, etc.

Please call Sandra Bois @ 893-118 or email jsbois@roadrunner.com

Life Long Faith Formation News

e-mail: Lawrence.Guertin@portlanddicoese.org.

Faith Formation for grades K – 12,

Nov 30th No session.

Dec 7th No Session (Christmas Fair)

How do I become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA process finds its roots in the life of the early church, where those seeking to enter the Church were introduced into the rich sacramental, liturgical, and prayerful traditions of the Catholic Church. Is God calling you or someone you know to the Catholic faith? FMI call Larry Guertin 892-8922

Faith Formation Cancellation Information: **The winter weather is coming.** In case of inclement weather, notice of cancellation will be listed on the parish website and will be aired on the following television channels 6 WCSH, 8 WMTW, and 13 WGME. If you have a distance to travel, please use your judgment as to whether it is safe to travel.

Our Lady's Guild

Guild Christmas Luncheon is set for December 10th, cost is \$10.00 for members \$20.00 for guests. Call Edith Coppersmith ASAP to reserve a place.

Our Lady's Christmas Fair Dec. 6-7. Everyone has been working hard to make this fair the best ever. Beautiful handmade items, raffles, jewelry, delicious food, white elephant table and of course delicious baked goods and candy. **HO! HO! HO! Don't Miss The Fun!**



CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 6th & 7th

Don't miss out on this year's Christmas Craft Fair! Fun for all ages and beautiful handmade crafts for all occasions! In addition to crafts, we'll have name-brand gift baskets for sale!

We are seeking donations in the following areas:

Baskets: Please take a slip off the bulletin board in the Narthex to help out with Christmas Fair baskets. A collection basket is in the coat room. Please label your contribution.

Knit and Crochet: Newly made hand knitted or crocheted items. (Please see the bulletin board for suggested items)
FMI Kathie @ 655-4709

Sewing: Newly made sewing crafts are greatly appreciated.
FMI Avis @ 892-0298

Very Gently Used, High Quality Gift Items: (Things you would re-gift to a friend) such as household or children's things. (No clothing) Please label boxes or bags "Nearly New" and place them in the coatroom. FMI Marilyn Bose @ 627-5066.

Interested in Volunteering? Contact Our Christmas Fair Chairperson Molly: 655-1215. **All proceeds benefit Parish programs.**

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