

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish 919 Roosevelt Trail—Windham, ME 04062



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## 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

## Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2014



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

John was clothed in

camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a



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

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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](http://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: December 6 through December 14

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

*Speedy Recovery for Harvey Winslow* ® Morning Mass Group

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

*Felix Miszuk & Stephen Miszuk* ® Frances Kapusta

6:00 p.m. Mass is on Mon. Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception

*The Parish Family*

8:00 a.m. Mass is on Tuesday, December 9,

*Dr. Anita Violette* ® family and friends

8:00 a.m. Mass is on Thursday, December 11

*Rev. Paul Pare*

4:00 p.m. Mass is on Saturday, December 13

*William Foster* ® Donnamarie & Arnold

10:00 a.m. Mass is on Sunday, December 14

*The Parish family*

#### 8:00 a.m. Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, Dec 10 Friday, Dec 12

**PLEASE NOTE  
CORRECTION**

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8th—Mass Schedule

9:00 a.m. St Anne's Church, Gorham 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham

### 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.*

***SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—DECEMBER 13-14*** Give thanks for religious.

A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**FINANCE — STEWARDSHIP November 29-30, 2014**  
First Collection \$ 2,122.86

**WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
The progress report to date (December 5th for Our Lady's is  
\$26,877.00 from 138 donors = 57.55%

## ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

### ADVENT IS A SEASON OF HOPE:

The basis of hope, in the biblical sense, is a promise, as in the promise made to Abraham by God.

Even as we watch (First Sunday of Advent) and wait (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent) we do so with an expectation: God is trustworthy. God has been faithful in the past, God is faithful in the present, and God will be faithful in the future. We place our faith and hope in God.

Pope Francis has written a lot and spoken a lot about hope. Hope is not just "wishing" for something (like wishing for a toy, or for you favorite team to win), but hope involves trust and faith in something unseen as St Paul wrote in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Hope has been described as an anchor: it is steadfast, holds even in storms and tribulations. For St Paul, love, faith and hope are connected, and are dynamic; they are manifestations of the Holy Spirit at work. Hope is not static, and our Advent watching and waiting are not static. They are to be, and can be, active attitudes of our trust in God. We are anchored in God, because God is steadfast and faithful to us.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Once again the Diocese of Portland is participating in the "Light is on for You" program. Reconciliation ("Confession") is scheduled in our two parishes on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:00 – 7:00 PM at Our Lady's, and on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:00 – 7:00 at St Anne's (continuing later if needed). I will be inviting other priests to assist.

**OFFERTORY (BUDGET) ENVELOPES AND 2015 CALENDARS:** Budget envelopes for 2015 and Calendars for 2015 are available on a table in the narthex. If you wish to begin using offertory envelopes, please sign the sheet on the clip board. (**Alert:** new numbers are being used for 2015. Do not use old envelopes beginning with January 1, 2015).

*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.

**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.

## Life Long Faith Formation News

e-mail: [Lawrence.Guertin@portlanddicoese.org](mailto:Lawrence.Guertin@portlanddicoese.org).

### Faith Formation for grades K – 12,

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** NO Session (Christmas Fair)

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** Special Advent and Christmas Family Gathering  
8:30am to 9:45am

**THANK YOU** to Christine Koza, Michael Vaughn, Sandra Bois and the Social Justice and Peace Commission for organizing our 1<sup>st</sup> Ministry Sunday of the season on November 23<sup>rd</sup> which was filling the Thanksgiving Baskets. The youth of our parish not only filled the baskets for area communities, they also learned and were reminded of their baptismal call that comes from Jesus himself through the Gospel "*feed the hungry*". They put their faith into action which is the purpose of Ministry Sundays. Thank you as well to all the youth and parents that participated. You are a blessing to our parish family.        Larry Guertin

**Faith Formation Cancellation Information: The winter weather is coming.** In case of inclement weather, notice of cancellation will be 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.

### Worship & Spirituality

**Decorating the Church for Christmas:** Help is needed to put up the decorations for the church for Christmas. The date/time is Sunday, December 21 after the 10 o'clock mass. Just show up and help. FMI, please contact Susan Snow at 632-9009 or email [sesnow23@gmail.com](mailto:sesnow23@gmail.com).

### Social Justice & Peace

#### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Basket project. We provided 93 baskets to families in need. A special thanks to Shaw's for choosing Our Lady's to be the recipient of their Turkey Buck program. Shaw's donated 11 fully cooked Thanksgiving dinners, bringing our total to 104 meals! Also thanks to Chipman's Farm and Wal-Mart for their donations.

#### **GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is up! Please help in making those less fortunate than us have a brighter Christmas. Kindly take one or more tags, purchase the item or gift card, wrap it, and return it to Our Lady's with the tag attached. Please note the due date on each tag. The unisex gifts are for adults residing in assisted living. We appreciate your generosity!

### Our Lady's Guild

**Guild Christmas Luncheon** is set for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's. Social Hour 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by lunch.

**Marie Joseph Spiritual Ctr. Retreat** deposit is due. If you are planning on attending this over night retreat in May, please bring in your \$45 deposit to the luncheon.



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