

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 22, 2015



"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:24, 31-32

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent — March 22, 2015

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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*
Justice & Peace Commission *Christine Koza*
Worship & Spirituality Comm. *Susan Snow*
Faith Formation Comm. *Lawrence Guertin*
Our Lady's Guild *Rosemary Skillin*
Our Lady's Website *Jennifer Dunfee*
Knights of Columbus *David Spada*

CLUSTER 23 LENTEN ACTIVITY

"LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU"

St Anne's and Our Lady's have scheduled two evenings when two priests will be available during the "Lights are On" program. Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 PM we will be at Our Lady's, Windham, and Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 PM we will be at St Anne's, Gorham.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Both churches have scheduled "Stations" during Lent. At Our Lady's, various ministries groups and organization are leading the "Stations" at 3:00 PM. At St Anne's, the Youth Ministry group is leading the "Stations" at 6:45 PM after the "Fish Suppers" during Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Sacrament of Baptism:

Preparation for parents and all documentation are required before a date is set for the Baptism. Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the office six months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Greg Smith is the facilitator.

RCIC: Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
Please call Lawrence Guertin (892-8922).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mass Schedule: March 21 through March 29

4:00 p.m. Mass is on Saturday, March 21

Lucia Fecteau ® Claire Cressey

10:00 a.m. Mass is on Sunday, March 22

Connie Gauvin ® Avis Fleck

800 a.m. Mass is on Tuesday, March 24,

The Fossett Infants ® JJK

800 a.m. Mass is on Thursday, March 26,

Mary Gillespie ® Raymond Gillespie & Theresa Gamen

4:00 p.m. Mass is on Saturday, March 28

The Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Mass is on Sunday, March 29

Guy Carroll ® his wife, Nancy

8:00 A.M. COMUNION SERVICE

Mon., Mar. 23 Wed., Mar. 25 Fri., March 27

Lenten Disciplines and Practices

Fasting & Abstinence : Fasting usually means eating one main meal a day. Good Friday (April 3) is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat, and this obliges all those who are age 18 – until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59 - except, of course, for medical reasons).

Abstinence From Eating Meat:

All the Fridays of Lent are days when we do not eat meat, and this rule applies to every one of age 14 and older.

Easter Duty - In the dioceses of the United States, the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21/22) to Most Holy Trinity Sunday (May 30/31). For a just cause, the Easter duty may be fulfilled at some other time of the year (canon 920).

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

LOOKING AHEAD: I want to alert you to the schedule for the next two weeks including “**Holy Week.**” Tuesday, March 24 at Our Lady’s and Wednesday, March 25 at St Anne’s. The “**Lights Are On For You**” is a program that offers times for individual confession in the evenings at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29: “**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**” Blessed palms will be distributed at all Masses. Reminder: attendance at Masses increases this weekend, so come early, be patient, join in the procession, and expect that “your” seat may already be occupied.

Tuesday, March 31: The blessing of the oils (“**Chrism Mass**”) at 5:45 at the Cathedral Church, Portland. Seating is limited so tickets are needed. **The Triduum**, or the three holy days begins on Thursday, April 2. We gather for three consecutive evenings: Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM for “Holy Thursday” and the Mass of the Last Supper; Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM for “Good Friday” and the “Veneration of the Cross” with Holy Communion (also, “Stations of the Cross” in the afternoon; please check each church’s calendar); Saturday, April 4 “Holy Saturday” at 8:00 PM, the “Vigil Mass of Easter”. On April 5, Easter Sunday morning, there will be only one morning Mass at each church: 9:00 at St Anne and 10:00 at Our Lady.

PERSONAL: Two items: the Diocese will be officially announcing my retirement in a newspaper release that goes out this weekend (March 22). Upon recommendation of my eye doctor, I will be seeing an eye surgeon in Portland on Wednesday afternoon, June 1 to schedule cataract procedures in the coming month. It’s another piece of the aging process.

Fr. Joe.

Friday, March 27th – Mary’s Way of the Cross at 3 p.m.
Guild members, please be there by 2:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Is Christ calling you? Kairos of Maine is a Christian, lay-led, and international prison ministry in which volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals and their families. FMI, contact George Hervochon at (207) 592-4397 or georgehervochon@gmail.com.

Life Long Faith Formation News

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

Faith Formation: Grades K–12, Class time 8:30am to 9:45am

March 22nd Grades K – 12, Regular Session.

March 22nd Special Session for Parents and Children preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist for Children from 8:30am to 12:30pm. This session includes Mass. FMI, call Larry at the Faith Formation Office at 892-8922 or e-mail above.

March 29th Grades K - 12 Regular Session

HIGH SCHOOL CONVENTION April 17-19, 2015 at the **Samoset Resort, Rockport**. Come join us on this powerful weekend with hundreds of Catholic youth from across the state sharing and rejoicing in their Catholic faith. Connor Flanagan is our keynote presenter and musician. He is a parish youth minister, presenter, and musician who fuses hip-hop and pop acoustic music with storytelling. FMI, check out www.olfmaine.com. Registration forms and additional information available in the narthex.

Jesus: A Gospel Portrait by Donald Senior–April 16th begins our Book Read & Discussion Groups with two groups, 9:00am for the morning group and 6:30pm for the evening group. Fr. Senior gives a fresh and appealing portrait of Jesus’ life within his Jewish heritage and in the context of the land, culture and history of the first century while unlocking the fresh and amazing beauty of the powerful message of the gospel to be lived out today. Sign up for the book and discussion groups are in the narthex. Sign up for just the book is also in the narthex. Cost for the book is \$15.00 which is due when books are received. *Deadline to order book is April 6th.*


TENEBRAE will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Windham Monday, March 30th at 7:30pm. This service is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord remains. As it gets darker and darker the community reflects on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus during his passion. It ends with a single light, the reminder that good triumphs over evil.

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First Collections: March 14-15 \$1,933.75
Catholic Relief 367.00

EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes are available for those who would like to make a donation in memory of their deceased. This offering is very much appreciated and a great help to the church. Please put your name and the name (s) of the deceased on the envelope. Please print.

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