

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



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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—March 29, 2015



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

“Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!” -Mk 11:9-10

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—March 29, 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*

Lenten Disciplines and Practices

Fasting & Abstinence : Good Friday (April 3) is an obligatory day of fasting (eating only one meal) 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).

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

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.

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).

Schedule for March 28 through April 5, 2015

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

The Parish Family

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

Guy Carroll ® wife, Nancy

8:00 a.m. Monday, March 30 *Word & Communion Service*

8:00 a.m. Mass is on Tuesday, March 31

Catherine Vasko ® Patrick & Lucretia Gilheany

8:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1 *Word & Communion Service*

Holy Week—Easter Triduum

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper April 2
Parish Family

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross April 3

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Veneration of the Cross April 3

8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Mass Easter Vigil April 4
Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass April 5
Catherine Lee ® Anita Metivier

Cluster 23 Easter Triduum (Holy Week)

<u>Holy Week</u>	<u>Our Lady's</u>	<u>St Anne's</u>
<i>April 2nd</i>		
<u>Holy Thursday Mass</u>	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
<i>April 3rd</i>		
<u>Good Friday</u>		<u>*Ecumenical Service</u>
Stations of the Cross	3:00 p.m.	12-3:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
<i>April 4th</i>		
<u>Holy Saturday</u>		
Easter Vigil Mass	8:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
<i>April 5th</i>		
Easter Sunday Mass	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.

**St Anne's Ecumenical Service will be held at South Gorham Baptist Church, 53 County Road, Gorham, ME*

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

LOOKING AHEAD: "HOLY WEEK"

In the Church's calendar, preparing for Easter and celebrating the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses are at least, and even more important than celebrating Christmas. But in reality the two events are continuous: "for this did I come into the world, for this was I sent" says Jesus.

The Church calls the days from Palm "Passion" Sunday to Thursday afternoon a "week even though it is only five days. On Holy Thursday evening, we begin the "TRIDUUM" or, the three holy Days. On Thursday evening at 7:00 PM we celebrate the "Mass of the Last Supper" and then transfer the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle to a side altar. On Good Friday, at noon at St Anne's, we have an ecumenical celebration of the "Seven Last Words" and at 3:00 PM the "Stations of the Cross" at Our Lady's. Then, at both churches at 7:00 PM, we hear again the "Passion of the Lord" and received the Blessed Sacrament. This day is unique: no Mass is said on Good Friday; the tabernacle is empty; no candle burns in church. Holy Saturday "Vigil Mass" must begin only after the sun has set. The new fire is lighted and the Easter candle is brought in while a special chant is sung. On this night, there can be as many as 7 "first readings" accompanied by a psalm, a New Testament reading and the Gospel reading. On this night, adults may be Baptized, Confirmed and receive "First Eucharist", or if already baptized, be received into "Full Communion" in the Catholic Church." Mass is said with sung "Alleluias" and "Gloria".

Even as we do all these expressions of our faith, we are being reminded that we are NOT doing a re-enactment of past historical events, but participating in the "present tense" of how Jesus is really Present among us.

"We remember, we celebrate, we believe."

Fr. Joe.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS: For a specific date such as anniversaries, deaths, etc., please reserve one year in advance. For all other masses that can be scheduled "anytime" or for Sanctuary & Marian Candles please call the pastoral office at 892-8288 Monday - Thursday.

Thank you

These candles are scheduled for one week Monday-Sunday. Mass cards, Sanctuary and Marian Candles can be for "Special Intentions", "Get Wells Wishes", "A Spiritual Gift for Healing", and those who are deceased".

Life Long Faith Formation News

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

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

March 29th Grades K - 12 Regular Session

April 5th No Session - Easter

April 12th Grades K – 12 Regular Session

HIGH SCHOOL CONVENTION 2015 – 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. Information & details check out www.olffmaine.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 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.

Our Lady's Guild Executive Committee Meeting on Monday March 30th after morning mass.

OUR LADY'S FINANCE — STEWARDSHIP

First Collections: March 21-22 \$ 2,501.00


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Easter Sunday Collection April 4-5

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