



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mark 1:27-28

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	January 31st – John Bosco, priest Lorraine Gelinis by her Family Lionel Dube by his Family Christine Murphy by her Children
Sunday 7:30 AM 11:00 AM	February 1st – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Intentions of the Parishioners Donna Scala White by Susan Collins Paul A. Gregoire by Rita Gregoire
Monday 8:00 AM	February 2nd – Presentation of the Lord Intentions of the Parishioners
Tuesday 8:00 AM	February 3rd – Blaise, bishop/martyr, Ansfar, bishop Intentions of the Celebrant
Wednesday 8:00 AM	February 4th – Weekday Intentions of the Parishioners
Thursday	February 5th – Agatha, virgin & martyr No Parish Mass
Friday 8:00 AM	February 6th – Paul Miki martyr & companions Intentions of the Celebrant
Saturday 8:00 AM 9:00 AM	February 7th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Hour Fr. John Horan Richard Furbush by Kathleen King Gus & Evelyn DiPrizio by Prisco & Phyllis DiPrizio
4:00 PM	
Sunday 7:30 AM 11:00 AM	February 8th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Marc Hebert by his Parents Paul Couturier by Dot & Ernie Thierren Santiago Miranda by his Family Joseph Dubois by Rose Dubois

Advice for the day: If you have a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: Take two and keep away from children.



Sanctuary Lamp

February 1 – 7

Elaine Toffe by Roger & Mary Carpenter



Catholic Charities

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

Cash received	\$ 26,712.00
Balance due on pledges	\$ 215.00
Total as of 12/31/2008	\$ 26,927.00
No. of donors participating	167
Parish's 2008 goal	\$ 25,250.00
Amount over goal	\$ 1,677.00

TAX HELP

Catholic Charities reminds you that if your individual income is below \$22,000, or total household is below \$42,000 you qualify for free tax preparation. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites are staffed by volunteers trained by the IRS. Services are coordinated by the Campaign of Southeastern New Hampshire (CASH). The local VITA site is at the Northeast Credit Union, 100 Borthwick Ave., Portsmouth. Call (603) 422-9804 for an appointment. The VITA site operates from Jan. 27 until Mar. 14, Tuesdays 9am to 5pm, Fridays 9am to 6pm and Saturdays 9am to noon.



DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters from West Hartford, CT will be selling bread, brownies, apple pies and blueberry pies next weekend after Mass. These are all baked according to Dominican community recipes. The proceeds will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF ITALY
APRIL 20-29, 2009**

Visiting Rome (Papal Audience), Assisi, Sienna, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Monte Cassino, etc. For more information, please contact: Fr. Charles DesRuisseaux at holytony1@comcast.net, or at (603) 625-6409, or at St. Anthony Rectory 172 Belmont St., Manchester, NH 03103-4452. The departure is from the Manchester airport.



Dear Friends,

I am away this week on retreat, but trust that you are giving a warm welcome to Father Bernard Olszewski and his ministry with **CROSS International**. As you know, we have had speakers from this agency in the past and many of you are already contributors. Our parishes are so generous to so many causes and places - I thank you for all that you do to support these worthwhile causes!

In particular, I want to thank all those who joined in our first **"Processional Food Collection Sunday"** at Saint Mary's. Gerry's Food Pantry will no doubt be very pleased with the substantial amount of food and cash that they have received. We will be scheduling this on a monthly basis, so keep an eye on the bulletin for further notices. I find the procession of food at the preparation of the gifts to be awe-inspiring and reminds us that the bread and wine we offer also comes from those who work with their hands - an offering of ordinary people, receiving back extraordinary gifts!

Our community at Saint Mary (and maybe Saint Peter) will welcome more guests this coming weekend - the **Dominican Sisters of Siena**, from West Hartford, CT, asked if they might be permitted to sell pies & bread after the masses. I figured that, if they want to drive from West Hartford to have a Bake Sale, you folks would probably be nice enough to support their work!

You'll be in my prayers this week - and thank you for all that you're sending my way!

God Bless Your Week!
Father Pierre



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

For Lent, there will be a scripture study of the Gospel of St. Mark on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall beginning March 4th. If you are interested, please sign up in the Church Office or at stmary@metrocast.net so that we can order materials.



MARIAN SOCIETY

The Marian Society will be meeting on Monday, February 2nd at 6:30 PM in the church. Please remember to bring a canned item for Gerry's Food Pantry.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Week of February 1, 2009

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear today's Gospel with its shouting demons, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Theme: Jesus has power over evil.

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?



Stewardship/Sacrificial Giving

Envelopes	\$4,247.00
Children	\$2.50
Loose Collection	\$804.50
Total Collection	\$5,054.00
Parish Tithe - 6% of Actual Collection	\$303.00
Parish Use	\$4,751.00

Thank you for your generosity!



TURKEY SUPPER

Saturday, February 7, 2009
Our Lady of Peace Church, Berwick, ME
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM

Come and enjoy a delicious meal of roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, gravy, vegetable, assorted pies and drinks. Adults: \$8.00; Senior Citizens: \$7.50; Children 6-12: \$6.00. Children under 6 - free.

WELCOME

To St. Peter's Page

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 1 Fourth Sunday

Rose Saucier by Chip and Carleen Rogers

February 8 Fifth Sunday

Mary Gourgue by the family

Mass intentions are not available until Feb. 2009.
Donation, \$10. Sanctuary Candle Donation, \$5.
*The candle burns the month of February for Estelle Krisiak
 by Diane Ficco.*

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, February 1 9:15am

Eucharistic Ministers

Ficco, Diane, O'Hare, Frank, Plante, Vickie

Lector Plante, Joel

Server Cilley, Kira, McDonald, Fallon,

Usher Curtis, Dawn, LaPierre, Paul

Sunday February 8 9:15am

Eucharistic Ministers

Curtis, Dawn, Plante, Joel, Vickie

Lector Ficco, Diane

Server Brown, Keelan, Radcliffe, Kristina

Usher Belanger, Roger, O'Hare, Frank

NEW Schedules at the church entrance

In this week in which we have elected our first black president—**Did you know** that the first black people in what is now the United States were Catholic. In the first European-style city established here, St Augustine, FL. a large percentage of Spanish speaking black Catholic families lived. Some were free blacks, and some were slaves. Three of the Healy brothers, born in Georgia, were the first black priests in the US. They were ordained in the mid 1800's. One of the brothers became the first black bishop in the US and was bishop of Portland, ME in 1875!



PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKEND OF: January 11, 2009

Offertory: \$706

*Another snowy weekend! If you can,
 please turn in your envelopes from missed Sundays.*

50/50 \$ 7 Bob Knowlton

100 Club Angie Jewitt, Bev O'Neil, Capt.

*The big Drawing for the 100 Club will be on Feb. 22. All Captains, please turn in your money as soon as you can. Please hand in the **names of all of your members** with your money. Because of the decline in members we will be giving away the following amounts--\$500, \$200, \$100, \$50. As always, thanks for your support and thanks to the captains for their work.*



Religious Education

The Religious education classes played Catholic Trivia to begin a new year of learning and practicing their faith. Margaret O'Brien makes up all the questions according to grade level. As you can imagine this is very time consuming. If anyone would like to donate money toward the purchase of Catholic Jeopardy, we would welcome the donation. The game set up and game questions costs \$500. But it would be well used and valuable for the kids. Who knows we might get good enough to have a parish night Jeopardy game!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Tax Letters

Please let Sr. Madonna know if a letter from the church, verifying your donation amounts would be helpful to you.

calendar of events

Pancake Breakfast, February 8,

beginning at 7:00am (for the early risers) and continuing after the 9:15am Mass.

Mardi Gras Supper, Friday evening, February 20.

Pot-luck dinner coordinated by the Ladies Guild. Good food, good company, good time!

And more get-togethers in Lent—time for socials and for prayer—stay tuned.