

**Worship & Spirituality**



Please Welcome Fr. Bob Vaillancourt. Fr Bob will officiate at the Masses for this weekend, December 26 & 27.

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE DECEMBER 26 & 27**

**Saturday: St Stephen**

**4:00 PM @ SAG Mass:** † Heather Barrows by her parents, sister and family

**4:00 PM @ STA:** Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

**6:00 PM @ SA Mass:** † Evelyn Pullyard by Graydon & Jane Gilbert

**Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph**

**8:30 AM @ SAG Mass:** † David Daigle by Nancy Daigle

**9:00 AM @ STA:** Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

**11:00 AM @ SFX Mass:** † Charles Russell by Our Lady of the Snows Parish

**WEEKDAY MASSES DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 1**

**Monday: No Mass**

**Tuesday: No Mass**

**8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service**

**Wednesday: No Mass**

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**Thursday:**

**4:00 PM @ SAG Mass:** † Pauline & Louis McCluskey by Jean D. Ashley

**6:00 PM @ SA Mass:** † Deceased members of the Carbone & Fossa Families by A. Ernestine Fossa

**Friday: Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God**

**8:30 AM @ STA Mass:** † Deceased Family & Friends of Mrs Harriet Moen

**10:30 AM @ SFX Mass:** † Deceased Family & Friends of Mr & Mrs George Richardson

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE JANUARY 2 & 3**

**Saturday:**

**4:00 PM @ SAG** Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

**4:00 PM @ STA Mass:** † Deceased Family & Friends of Mrs Kay Libby

**6:00 PM @ SA Mass:** † Deceased Family & Friends of Mr & Mrs Lester Koscielny

**Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30 AM @ SAG** Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

**9:00 AM @ STA Mass:** † Deceased Family & Friends of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Bearce

**11:00 AM @ SFX Mass:** † Deceased Family & Friends of Mr & Mrs Warren Cain



New

Years Eve

**4 PM @ St Agnes, Pittsfield**

**6 PM @ St Anne, Dexter**

New Years Day Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

**8:30 AM @ St Thomas, Dover Foxcroft**

**10:30 AM @ Sts Francis & Paul, Milo**

***Please pray for our sick***

Chris Ames, Anthony Baldi, Richard Bergevin, Nick Caivano, Roland Clukey, Martha Danforth, Vernetta Dechaine, Eugene DeLorenzo, Brenda Edgerly, Jim Favolora, Mary Flynn, Raymond Fortin, Douglas Gilbert, Gail Goulette, John Greaney, John Greenier, Eva Hejducek, Jarod Johnson, Robert Kelly, Nancy Kerwin, Gayle Kiernan, Barbara Laferriere, Hilda Lankist, Reuben Lumbra, Donald Martin Jr, Jim Matthews, Josephine Morrison, Jonathan Mullis, Barbara Munsell, Gloria Nadeau, Casey Oakes, Rae-ann Paradis, Suzanne Pearson, Jane Reid, Angelo Rizzo, Kenneth Robertson, Elizabeth Ronco, Timmy Ryan, Todd Supka, Dick Sylvia, Matthew Troy, Milton Troy, Ed Wilbur

**Please see last page for more information**

**REST IN PEACE:** Zepharine Landry

Readings for the week of: December 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday: [1 Jn 1:5—2:2](#); [Mt 2:13-18](#)

Tuesday: [1 Jn 2:3-11](#); [Lk 2:22-35](#)

Wednesday: [1 Jn 2:12-17](#); [Lk 2:36-40](#)

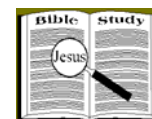
Thursday: [1 Jn 2:18-21](#); [Jn 1:1-18](#)

Friday: [Nm 6:22-27](#); [Lk 2:16-21](#)

Saturday: [1 Jn 2:22-28](#); [Jn 1:19-28](#)

Sunday: [Is 60:1-6](#); [Mt 2:1-12](#)

In preparation for Mass, open your Bible or logon to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website [www.nccbuscc.org](http://www.nccbuscc.org) and click on Daily Readings.



**Sanctuary Lamp:**

St. Anne's December 27<sup>th</sup> Burns In Memory of Nina & Joe Bolduc by their daughter Cindy

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**Vocations:**

**Holy Family -- December 27, 2009**

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call

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Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471

[ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org).

**Feast of the Holy Family -- December 27, 2009**

**YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 ~ JUNE 19 ~ 2010**

Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments, is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives. To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call. Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2009)



**Liturgical Ministers**

January Ministry Schedules were emailed. A few paper copies are available at the entrance.

Please Note: this schedule includes New Year's Eve & New Year's Day.

The Office will be closed on Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

Holiday Office hours:

Closed 12/28

Open 12/29 & 12/30 from 9-12

Closed 12/31

Peace and Joy to you!



**Activities for this Week**

**Sunday 12/27** Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA

**Monday** Matthew 25 3 PM @ MVDYDC

RCIA 6:30 PM @ STA

**Tuesday** Bible Study 2 PM @ CLC

**Wednesday** Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA

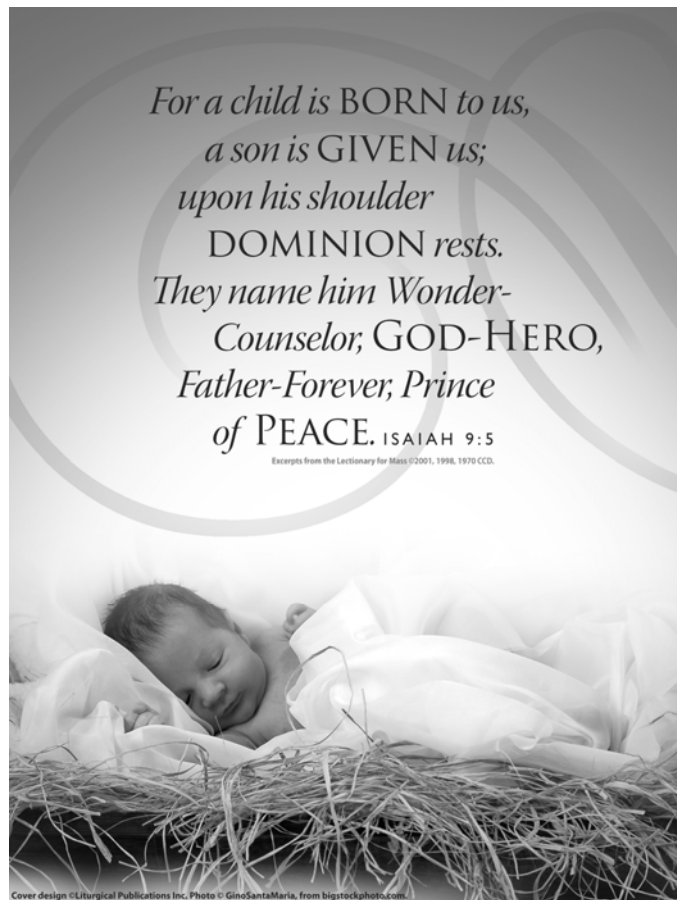
Matthew 25 1 PM @ MVDYDC

SA Choir 7 PM @ SA

**Sunday 1/3** Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA

**Finance and Administration Weekly Collection Report**

Offertory for December 20, 2009 will be posted in next week's bulletin. Numbers were not available at the time of printing due to the early deadline.



## Faith Formation

### Question of the Week?

This is a reflective question that pertains to this week's readings. Take the time during the week to answer these questions with your family. A great place to start would be in the car on the way home from Mass, while the information is fresh in everyone's mind. Encourage discussion; you may be amazed by your family members.



### Feast of the Holy Family

(Family Life in the Lord)  
December 27, 2009

Reading 1: [Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14](#) (Honoring Your Father)  
Reading II: [Colossians 3:12-21](#) (Put On Love)  
Gospel: [Luke 2:41-52](#) (Finding Jesus in the Temple)

#### Adults

How can I show my love for Jesus to everyone I meet during this coming week?

#### Children

What can I do for each member of my family to show them, in a special way, how much I love them?



Let us all pray for peace. Please keep our service women and men in your prayers.

### God Squad



St. James is now visible in the Church with a collection box for your loose change. This Patron Saint of Pilgrimages is our inspiration in accumulating the funds to send us on our **pilgrimage to Spain in 2011 for World Youth Day!**

The God Squad is still taking your unwanted, recyclable bottles and cans! Please bring them in to the Church or see a God Squad member and arrange for pick up. Every nickel counts!

Total funds raised to date: **\$876.50**

We have 9 youth and 2 young adults interested in attending. If we were to raise enough money to cover all expenses, our goal would be \$35,100.00

Thanks to all that have donated!!

We appreciate your continued help and prayers.

**THANK YOU**



### Scout Sunday

February 7, 2010 is Scout Sunday and 2010 is the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the United States. Any scouts (boys and girls) who wish to help Our Lady of the Snows celebrate this important event, please call Charles Shaffer at 564-4951.



### Prayers For The Sick List

We are updating our prayers for the sick list. If you know someone who needs our prayers, and would like to be added, or if someone on the list has recovered with the help of our prayers, please call the office. Names will remain on the list for 30 days unless the office is otherwise notified.

## Social Justice & Peace

### *Our Lady's Kitchen*

### *Korner*



*...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... (Matt 25:35)*

**A hot meal will be offered between 12 and 1 PM at St. Anne's Parish Hall 60 Free Street in Dexter every Sunday. A great way to get out of the house and share a meal with others. All are welcome.**

#### December 13th

Team Two, Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord and Our Lady's Kitchen. You welcome guests every Week Two with smiles and wonderful food.

Your love for others is demonstrated by what you say and do and we are so grateful. God Bless you all.

Holy Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Amen.

Jesus, I trust in you. Amen

#### Christmas Meal, December 20<sup>th</sup>

WOW the flowing of faith, isn't that what Christmas is? Faith, Hope & Charity. The birth of Jesus, sharing his love with others and returning our love for Him. Team three did just that, it was a very busy day. Others came to assist that day and all was greatly appreciated.

People came in at 11:00 to start the proceedings. Some brought in gifts for the children and pies. At a meeting of the K of C they donated Christmas toys for the children. Many others also donated Christmas gifts. What joy flowed through me as everything came together for the Holy Spirit was providing through faith.

We had song sheets and we sang Christmas carols in honor of Jesus. Many things were raffled off for the adults and gifts were given to the children. The meal was ham, potatoes and carrots, bread, apple cider, cake and pies. There were over 107 people at the meal, not counting those who served that day.

After the meal, Christmas baskets were given out to those that requested them.

The cold winds and snow on the ground did not dampen the spirit and joy that Jesus' birth brought to all that were there.

From OLK, we wish you all a very happy and joyous Christmas.



Our Parish  
Endowment Fund   
*of the Catholic Foundation of Maine*

### Gifts from Retirement Plans

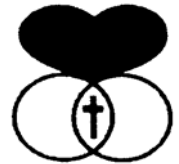
Name the Catholic Foundation of Maine for the benefit of xxx as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other qualified plan. Your retirement savings escape both income and estate tax and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your hard-earned retirement assets will support our parish when you are gone.

For more information, contact Chris Reilly of the Catholic Foundation of Maine, 207-321-7820 or [Christopher.Reilly@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Christopher.Reilly@portlanddiocese.org).

Explore ways to give wisely at [www.portlanddiocese.planyourlegacy.org](http://www.portlanddiocese.planyourlegacy.org)

### **Your marriage is important to you, your family and the Church.**

Spring sure seems a long way off right now. But with families, busy jobs and schedules, long term planning is important. Your marriage is important.



We have two Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends planned for the upcoming spring. The first is March 19-21 at the Lewiston Ramada Inn, primarily for the convenience of those living in the southern part of the state, and a weekend scheduled for the Bangor Ramada Inn for those in northern part of the state. The weekend is designed as a private experience between husband and wife that develops deeper communication, restores hopes and dreams, renews passion, affirms the uniqueness of each couple and inspires good marriages to grow into even better marriages. Plan now to join us for an amazing 44 hours of renewal - all sacramental relationships deserve such a treat. The registration fee is \$50 and a freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to [www.womenewengland.org](http://www.womenewengland.org)

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