



Sat	09/12	4:00 pm	Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest
Sun	09/13	8:30 am	Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest
Mon	09/14	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues	09/15	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed	09/16	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thur	09/17	5:00 pm	Mass: + George Schneller, Sr. by The Schreiner Family
Fri	09/18	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat	09/19	4:00 pm	Mass: For All Parishioners
Sun	09/20	8:30 am	Mass: + Dale Champagne by his Family



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." — Mk 8:34-35

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**Finance: Weekly Collection Report**

*The offertory for September 6<sup>th</sup> will be posted in the next issue due to an early holiday deadline from the publishing company.*

**Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection September 19 & 20  
Catholic University of America & Special Education Needs**

This annual collection will be taken in every church in the Diocese on September 19/20. CUA is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an education to 6,000 students annually. Every dollar donated supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including our own. **For example, funds from this collection have enabled our Diocese to educate two lay persons in Canon Law, and they now work in our Tribunal.**



**Please pray for our sick**

Vernette Dechaine, Justin Miller, Rae-ann Paradis, New born Silas Stratton

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2009**

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

Dear brother priests, the example of the Curé of Ars invites us to a serious examination of conscience: what place do we give the Mass in our daily lives? Is it, as on the day of our Ordination - it was our first act as priests! - the principle of our apostolic work and personal sanctification? What care do we take in preparing for it? And in celebrating it? In praying before the Blessed Sacrament? In encouraging our faithful people to do the same? In making our Churches the House of God to which the divine presence attracts the people of our time who too often have the impression of a world empty of God? **(Pope John Paul – 1986 Letter to Priests on Holy Thursday)**



Readings for the week of: September 14  
 Monday: [Nm 21:4b-9](#); [Jn 3:13-17](#)  
 Tuesday: [1 Tm 3:1-13](#); [Jn 19:25-27](#)  
 Wednesday: [1 Tm 3:14-16](#); [Lk 7:31-35](#)  
 Thursday: [1 Tm 4:12-16](#); [Lk 7:36-50](#)  
 Friday: [1 Tm 6:2c-12](#); [Lk 8:1-3](#)  
 Saturday: [1 Tm 6:13-16](#); [Lk 8:4-15](#)  
 Sunday: [Wis 2:12, 17-20](#); [Mk 9:30-37](#)

Activities for this Week

- Sunday 09/13** Faith Formation 9:30 – 11 AM  
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ St Anne, Dexter
- Monday** Disciples In Mission 9:00 AM @ Clark Residence (938-4856)
- Wednesday** Bible Study 6:30 PM @ Parish Hall
- Sunday 09/20** Faith Formation 9:30 – 11 AM  
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ St Anne, Dexter

Vocations:

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"Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471  
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Annual Blue Mass September 20<sup>th</sup> in Bangor

Bishop Richard Malone invites the public to attend the annual Blue Mass honoring EMS, fire and law enforcement personnel **Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 10:15 A.M. at St. John Church, Bangor** (207 York Street). The Mass honors all who contribute to public health and safety in Maine. Members of these agencies are encouraged to attend this celebratory event in uniform; emergency vehicles will be displayed at the church and a reception will follow.



The issue of **Health Care Reform**, a matter of importance to our nation and one with social justice and peace implications, continues to garner much press from the mainstream media. With such a complex issues, it is not always easy to get clear and accurate information about the process, the proposals (of which there are many), and the particulars. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a website explaining the issue and offering the Catholic perspective. Please educate yourself and your families on this important matter by visiting the following link:  
<http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/>.

To summarize, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' position on Health Care Reform includes:  
a truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity access for all with a special concern for the poor and inclusion of legal immigrants pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and variety of options restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers As Bishop William F. Murphy, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice & Human Development, said in his letter dated July 17, 2009 that was sent to all the members of Congress, "Genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all is a moral imperative and a vital national obligation."



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

**Prayer for Peace**

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established.  
Amen.

Please join us at the Augusta Civic Center for the **Stand For Marriage Rally** presented by Focus on the Family, The Maine Jeremiah Project, Family Research Council, Stand For Marriage Maine and many other family groups on the evening of **September 13, 2009 from 6-8 PM**. Invited speakers include Bishop Richard Malone, Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council, Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, Pastor Bob Emrich – Director of the Maine Jeremiah Project and other national and locally known supporters of traditional marriage. Tickets are required and may be obtained **free of charge** via email through the Maine Jeremiah Project at [mjp@midmaine.com](mailto:mjp@midmaine.com). Include your name and requested number of tickets when you call. Website address for more information:  
<http://www.mainejeremiahproject.com/>.



**This weekend at all Masses, there will be a second collection** to protect traditional marriage in Maine from a dangerous redefinition. Your generous support will help ensure that the institution of marriage is preserved as God intended it: between one man and one woman. Special envelopes will be provided; checks must be made payable to Stand for Marriage Maine. **These freewill donations are not deductible for income tax purposes.** Please give generously. Thank you.

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