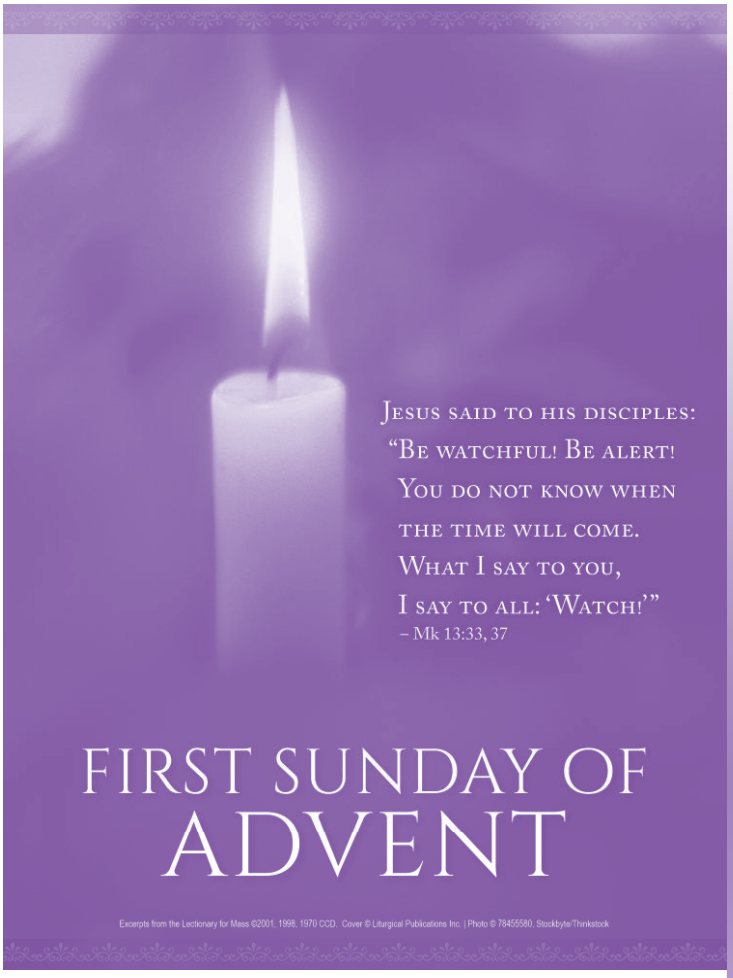

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

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Baptism preparation course - Please call the office 207-839-4857
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Contact the office six months prior to wedding

Mission Statement

We the Parish Family of Saint Anne, in accepting Christ's call to holiness, like Christ, hear and proclaim the word of God, celebrate, nourish , and serve all our brothers and sisters.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: This weekend we begin the Advent season... It is also the beginning of the Church's year. The Church has its own language system for designating the year: "Year B Sunday", and "Year 1 Weekday" cycles. Year B is also called the Year of the Gospel of Mark. To prepare for the new liturgical year, we have changed the Music Issue books, the Roman Missal book of prayers for the priest, the ribbons that mark the Sunday readings in the Book of the Gospel and the Lectionary of Readings. We have begun to use the 2015 Ordo guide to the masses for each day. The banners and altar cloths have been changed. The color of the vestments will shift to violet / purple. The Advent wreath is to be blessed, and the first of the four candles is being lighted.

FINANCE AND ADMININSTRATI0N and the civic calendar year: Another transition we have to arrange for is the "Offertory" – your donations to your parish. "Budget envelopes" for 2015 will be made available on the weekend of Dec 6-7. Please do not continue to use any old envelopes after January 1st. Some parishioners use an "automatic transfer of funds" from their bank to their parish. Whichever system you use, please know that your support is important. Which also reminds me: please consider making an end-of-year donation to your parish. As we enter into the winter season, we (like you) enter also into the big bills for heating and lighting.

BECAUSE THE COLD & FLU SEASON HAS Begun.
I want to encourage you to stay home if you are sick.
If you or your children have colds or flu symptoms**.** Do not receive from the communion cup.
Do not shake hands. Greet people with the words "Peace be with you".

IMPORTANT With winter fast approaching the church building's doors and windows are closed. Please be considerate of others and refrain from wearing strong fragrances (perfumes, hair sprays, deodorants etc.). More people are developing allergies to these.

Changes Once again we are asking that you notified the parish office if your telephone number, cell phone number, physical location or your email address has changed? Call 839-4857 or email stannegorham@portlanddiocese.org .

LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU": Once again this year, the Diocese of Portland is participating in the program that encourages people to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (a.k.a. "Penance" or "Confession") by scheduling evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, during the weekdays of December 15-19. I will be inviting other priests and scheduling myself to hear confessions during that week. If you or someone you know has not been "to confession" for many years, then I encourage you to schedule another private and convenient time for you (simply call the parish office) so that we priests are able to hear as many confessions as possible.

St. Anne's Women
We welcome you to join our next two gatherings on Monday, December 1st and January 5th.
On Monday, October 27th women of St. Anne's enjoyed an evening of prayer and fellowship.
Our guide for the evening and for future gatherings will be a dedication to Mary.
"If, then, we establish solid devotion to our Blessed Mother, it is only to establish more perfect devotion to Jesus Christ, and to provide an easy and secure means for finding Jesus Christ." (Saint Louis Demontfort)
This is an open group where you are welcome to join at any or all evenings.
We meet from 6:30-7:30 in the People's Room.
FMI: email Peggy Clements @ pclements@scarborough.k12.me.us

The Gospel of Mark" The New Daily Study Bible. 10amTuesdays, at the home of Caroline Wallace, 91 Wescott Rd, Gorham, Book used is William Barclay's "Price is $16.95, Bring your Bible, the Study Guide, and your reflections, to each class as we uncover the riches of the Lord's Word (tel #207-892-3822

Holy Buckets,
Families are encouraged to participate in **Holy Buckets**, an Advent program organized by the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). By participating in this faith-based program, your child and family will learn about their missionary brothers and sisters and discover how prayers, sacrifices, and acts of service help to make a faith-filled difference for our mission family. The program comes with printed material and a bucket! FMI, contact Ruth Oakley at (207) 773-6471 or email her at ruth.oakley@portlanddiocese.org.

Are you being called?
Saint Anne's **Leadership Team** is in need of new nominees to fulfill anticipated and actual vacancies in 2015.
If you are interested in the helping set the future direction of communications, environment and hospitality as well as contribute to the spiritual enrichment of Saint Anne's parishioners, we want to hear from you.
We are looking for individuals who represent the various demographics of our parish and all points of view are welcome. We need volunteers from Standish, Buxton, Gorham and beyond; a male and female balance; various age groups including those with younger families. Any particular skills in communications including websites, fundraising, business, administration and events will be put to good use.
The Leadership Team meets one evening per month from 6:30 to 8:30. There are also opportunities for volunteering on an existing or new task group of your choice.
Nomination forms with contact names and more complete information will be available in mid-December for terms starting in January/February.
Please consider this way to contribute to Saint Anne's becoming an even more inclusive and vital parish.

Catholic Appeal 2014
111 Families from St Anne's Parish Community have contributed 30,018.00 or 77% of goal of $39,000 . **Thank you!**

Contribution Report **November 16 2014**

Offertory	**2500.00**
Mortgage EFT	**35.00**
Campaign for Human Development	**735.00**
Total	**$3270.00**

Second Collection for Christmas Flowers
Next weekend second collection is for Mortgage
ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER If you are interested in using EFT contact Teresa in the office at 839-4857.

Thank you to all who contribute faithfully and generously to our parish.

ST. ANNE'S PRAYER NETWORK

Would you like us to pray for someone, or would you like to join the prayer line? Call Barb Welch 807-8458

BEREAVEMENT

St. Anne's Bereavement Committee is here to help families in time of sorrow. We are available to provide food (reception) at the church after a funeral, , Call Chris 892-9437 Thanks!

FOOD PANTRY The food pantry is opened each Thurs morning 9-11, the 2nd & 4th Wed from 6-7pm each month, Items needed : canned pasta, sauce, rice, shampoo, conditioner,& bar soap , Items can be left in the wire basket in the lower lobby. Thank you for your support

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Diocese News

More news and events within the Diocese is posted on the diocese web site. Go to **www.portlanddiocese.org** then Click on calendar events
Employment Opportunities go to www.portlanddiocese.org
Chancery closed Tuesday Nov 11th Veteran's Day

You're invited for a Night of Fun! Enjoy singers, dancers, comedians, performers and actors at **Mercy's Got Talent**! This annual event showcasing our Mercy Family will be held on Friday, December 5, 6:30 PM at Catherine McAuley High School, 631 Stevens Av., Portland. Admission to the event is $5 a person or $20 for a family of 5+. Assorted raffle baskets
Bring a gift card that will be distributed before Christmas of any value for food, transportation or clothing and be automatically entered to win a beautiful wreath as a door prize! Light refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go to Angels Among Us – a fund dedicated to helping Mercy employees in need. Thank you for your support!

Ignite, a new Catholic young adult ministry group in Portland, will welcome Bishop Robert P. Deeley at the "Hour of Power" on Friday, December 5, in the chapel at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to people of all ages, with a special invitation to young adults in their twenties and thirties. On the first Friday of each month, Ignite hosts the "Hour of Power" which includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for confession, and uplifting music. In addition to sharing spiritual reflections with those gathered on December 5, Bishop Deeley will lead the group in the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FAITH FORMATION

Sr Jackie 839-4857.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP to find scheduled workshop in our area www.portlanddiocese.net

Faith Formation Classes 9:20-10:20am for K-8th grades.
Sacramental prep group (2-4th grade) prepare for reconciliation / confession in fall. Confirmation and First Eucharist in the spring. This is an intense year for the children and families.
Youth Ministry meets 9:20-10:20am

Grade 1 Parents :
Important background is covered in 1st grade. This material is required before beginning sacraments preparation in grade 2. Please register NOW or contact Sr Jackie if 839-4857 or stanne-gorham@portlanddiocese.org

YOUTH MINISTRY
FMI Stephanie Heatley 329-3213 or stesha-heats@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS
Wayside Soup Kitchen Nite –Preble Street Resource 2nd Sat of each month Cooks 3pm Servers 4:30pm
Adoration Thursday 6-7pm
Crafters Wednesday 9am,
Prayer for Peace First Sat of each Month 9:00am 12/13, 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/4, 8/1
Prayer Shawl Group meets Wed.1pm-2:30pm
Monday book group , 10-11:30am "will begin James Martin's Jesus – a pilgrimage Dec 8, 10am New members welcome. Order book on line or at Bookworm in Gorham.
Book Group Wednesday 6:30-8pm "Study of Paul Apostle to the Nations by Stephen Binz
Children's liturgy for younger children at 8am Mass
Nov 30th NO class
December 2nd Leadership Tem 6:30pm
Folk Group Practice 6pm
Dec 3rd Finc and Ad 6pm
Dec 7 Class
Family Mass 8am Grade 3 will help and bring up offertory gifts
December 8th 9am Mass
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Christmas/Epiphany Play presented by youth January 4 after 8am Mass. Ice cream follows in hall. Sign-up for actors and readers Dec 14 before or after class. Teen and adult help needed. See Sr. Jackie
Dec 14th Class
December 13th Prayer for Peace 9am
Dec 21 Epiphany Play Practice
December 24th Christmas Eve
Mass 4pm
Mass 7pm
December 25th Christmas Day Mass 10am
January 1st Mass 10am

Festival of Lessons and Carols
In preparation for the Christmas season, all are encouraged to join Bishop Robert P. Deeley for a traditional Advent prayer service known as the Festival of Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on Friday, December 12, starting at 7 p.m.

Sunday November 30th
8:00am Stewart C Sloan by family
Dale Porter by family
10:30am Ted Wall by Lorraine Valentine
Monday December 1st
9:00AM Communion Service
Tuesday Dec 2nd **NO Mass / No Comm. Service**
Wednesday December 3rd
9:00AM Beth Silveira by Ed and Kathy Dyson
Thursday Dec. 4th **NO Mass / No Communion Service**
Friday December 5th
9:00am Special Intention
Sunday December 7th
8:00am Beth Silveira by Ed and Kathy Dyson
10:30am Deceased family and loved ones of Caroline Wallace
Monday Dec 8th
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9am Mass for the People

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Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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VOCATIONS "He will feed his flock like a shepherd."." If God is calling you to nourish His people as a priest, deacon, or in consecrated life please contact Seamus Griesbach, Director of Vocations for the Diocese 207-773-6471 or vocations@portlanddiocese.org

REFLECTION by Pope Francis
"No One Is Useless"
The Church without frontiers. Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this motherhood, effectively, the Christian community nourishes , guides, and indicates the way. Accompanying all with patience, and drawing close to then through prayer and works for mercy.

First Sunday of Advent
Another Advent is here! Do you remember what you did during Advent last year to prepare for the coming of Jesus? Did you feel a sense of anticipation while being watchful and alert? You can be honest..
In Mark's Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus speaks of a man who leaves on travels and before he departs he puts his stewards in charge, so that upon his return his home will be ready. You and I are those whom Jesus has put in charge. We each have our own work to do. If we are not preparing using our own unique gifts and talents, who will do our work? Perhaps we think we can do that later, or maybe next year. But if no one knows when he is coming, how do we gauge how much time we have to complete our work? Most of us get so caught up in holiday shopping, making travel plans, preparing for guests, and attending holiday parties that even if we meant well, the motivation we had on day one of the Advent season slowly slips away. This year, let us resolve to be good stewards and be about our Lord's work. He trusted us enough to leave us in charge. He must believe we are up to the task.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
WELCOME COMMITTEE Contact the office 839-4857
WEB SITE Martha.a.muldoon@gmail.com
Faith Formation Contact Sr Jackie 839-4857 or stannegorham@portlanddiocese.org
Leadership Team Contact the office
Communication Team Contact the office
Ministers Altar Servers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Serve at Funerals, Bring Communion to the Home Bound , contact the office
Coffee and Donuts (Serve as a family)
Bereavement Committee Contact Chris Kimball 892-9437
Rides to church Contact the office
Saturday Word and Communion Service @Windham Prison
Interested in volunteering once a month at Windham Prison to lead the Scripture and Communion Service? Next training on prison guidelines Thursday, December 11 at 6pm.contact Sr Marianne Zimmerman Marion.Zimmerman@maine.gov

It's official! Pope Francis has formally announced his intention to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September 22-27 2015. This will be his first visit to the U.S. as Pope. The theme for the World Meeting of Families is "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

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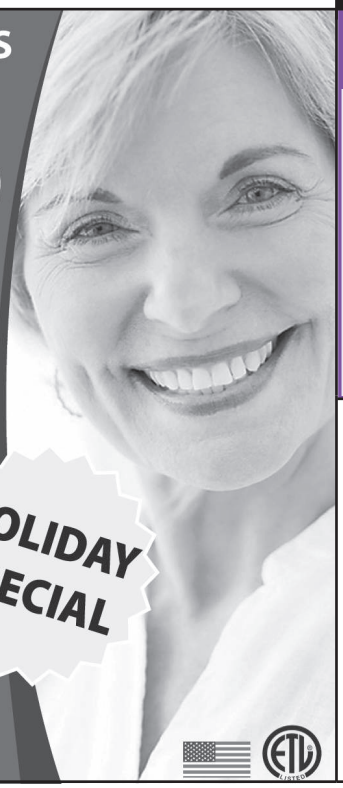

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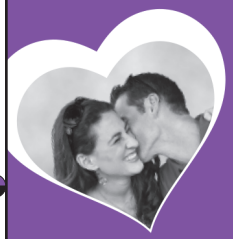

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