2nd Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them
up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30

Word and Communion Service Monday 9am
Weekday Mass
Wednesday and Friday 9am

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Our Lady of Sebago closed for the season

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Baptism preparation course - Please call the office 207-839-4857 email teresa.ledue@portlanddiocese.org

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Contact the office six months prior to wedding

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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.

Welcome **a**ll who are joining us for liturgy today. If you are visiting welcome If you are new to the area and would like to register at St Anne's please contact the office

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER

LOOKING AHEAD: "Lights Are On For You" St Anne's and Our Lady's have scheduled two evenings when two priests will be available during the "Lights are On" program. Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 PM we will be at Our Lady's, Windham, and Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 PM we will be at St Anne's, Gorham.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Both churches have scheduled "Stations" during Lent. At Our Lady's, various ministries groups and organization are leading the "Stations" at 3:00 PM. At St Anne's, the Youth Ministry group is leading the "Stations" at 6:45PM after the "Fish Suppers" during Lent.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION: With the ever-growing mounds of snow at the edges of the parking lot and driveways, I encourage all drivers to proceed with utmost caution. Please be especially alert when exiting the driveways.

IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN the Finance Council will publish the 2013-2014 report to the parish. Due to a number of unforeseen circumstances and schedules that had to be changed almost weekly, this report that was due out in the Fall of last year was, obviously, delayed. The Finance Council will try to issue a half-yearly report for the current 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

WINTER VACATION: I will be away Feb. 26 – March 5 for a much-needed break. I am going far enough south that I hope that I will not need four layers of winter clothing and when I look out the window, there will not be five feet of snow. Fr Joe

EASTER DUTY In the diocese of the United States, the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the First Sunday of Lent to Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 30/31. For a just cause , the Easter duty may be filled at some other time of the year. (Canon 920)

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Each year Catholics in the united States assist nearly 10 million of the world's poorest people through CRS. CRS is a member if the Caritas internationals , a global network of more than 160 Catholic agencies working to end hunger and poverty**.** Lenten Rice Bowl has recipes one for each week of Lent, , readings, and reflections , and tips . In Narthex and lower lobby

Lent is a journey Where will it take you?

"Lent is a fitting time for self denial, we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty." Pope Francis

Fish Dinners

The St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding Baked Haddock Dinners at the St. Anne's Parish Hall. The menu is baked haddock, mashed potatoes, peas, coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage and dessert all for $9.00, $4.00 children ages 12 and under. Cheese pizza may be substituted for the haddock. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30pm on February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Consider joining us after the 5 o'clock rush at 5:45pm, we serve through 6:30pm with shorter lines and wait times.

2014 YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

OFFERTORY STATEMENTS If you would like to have a record of offertory donations for tax purposes please call the office 839-4857 or email teresa.ledue@portlanddiocese.org.

CALLING ALL CARPENTER TYPES:

Do you have the winter blues with nothing much you want to do?
The Christmas Fair is nine months away,
But your help is need on this less than fair day.
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Make a bird house, a stool, or something pretty.
We will sell it if you make it,
And the parish will prosper: Hurray!

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups:

This year we will be offering an **8 week Bible time line study.** Each session will include a 30 minute DVD presentation by Jeff Cavins, a dynamic speaker; followed by small group discussion. Participants receive a workbook, timeline, bookmark and colored coded bracelet to help learn the different historical periods. This series will help you understand the context of Bible books and the historical period they grew out of . The series will be offered at different times during the week. Cost of materials is $20; financial help available. Register by February 1st. Begins week of February 22nd.

Lenten Discussion Groups: Chris Kimball will lead a home group using a booklet based on the Sunday readings. To join call 892-9437. Booklet costs $7

.ATTENTION TEENS

JOIN US FOR LENTEN BIBLE STUDY T-3 TEEN TIME LINE SUNDAY Feb 22nd 6-8pm Join us for faith, food , and fun. FMI Contact Stephanie Heatley Please sign up so we will have enough materials for all. All are welcome FMI Stephanie Heatley 329-3213 or steshaheats@yahoo.com

+BLOOD DRIVE +

St Anne's Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive on Monday March 2nd from 2-7pm here at St Anne's .Call American Red Cross @ 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org FMI There will be Kof C in the Narthey after Mass to answer any questions.

Contribution Report **February 22nd, 2015**

Offertory	**3,232.00**
Central and Eastern Europe Collection	**812.00**
Black and Indian Collection	**667.00**
Total	**4,711.00**

Second Collections

March 1st Mortgage collection
March 8th Easter Flower Collection

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 :pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned beets, carrots, mixed veg, bar soap, peanut butter, and strawberry jelly Items can be left in the wire basket in lower lobby. Thanks

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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.

An All-Bach concert will be presented in St. Joseph's Church, 178 Elm St. (Rt. 1), Biddeford, on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 1:00. Admission is free, but donations are welcome as this is a fund-raiser concert to repair Most Holy Trinity Church's Allen organ which needs new speakers. Come help us celebrate J. S. Bach's 330th birthday (March 21)!!! FMIhelene.fortier@portlanddiocese.org.

2015 Catholic Youth Convention April 17-19th Convention is at the Samoset Resort in Rockport Me Hundreds of Catholic teens from across the state will gather to celebrate and grow in faith. "Take Off the Mask, Put on Christ." Connor Flannagan will be the key note presenter.FMI and registration visit www.portlanddiocese.org/youthconvention

Rachel Vineyard Retreat weekend April 10-12

Move beyond the pain of an abortion. Experience through scripture the profound mercy and love of God. FMI Annette Rioux 207-321-7885 or www.rachelsvineyard.org

Catherine McAuley : Woman of God."

Lenten lecture Dr Marilyn Sunderman RSM will present the lecture-"Catherine McAuley : Woman of God." exploring the spirituality of Catherine McAuley Founder of the Sisters of Mercy. March 4th 7-8pm @ St Joseph's College FMI Call 893-7951. or www.sjcme.edu

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. Youth Ministry meets 9:20-10:20am

YOUTH MINISTRY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays during Lent after the Fish Dinners Middle and High School youth of St Anne will be offering the Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm
For 5 weeks Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20th They will present the Stations of the Cross All are welcome !!!!
March 27th the Youth will present **Living Stations of the Cross All are welcome!** Please join for prayer and reflection during the holy time.
Middle and High School Students please sign up to read, carry the candle. You do not have to participate all 6 weeks
FMI Stephanie Heatley 329-3213 or steshaheats@yahoo.com
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Grade 1 Parents : Important background is covered in 1st grade. This material is required before beginning sacraments preparation in grade 2. Please contact Sr Jackie if 839-4857

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wayside Soup Kitchen Nite –Preble Street Resource 2nd Sat of each month Cooks 2pm Servers 3:30pm
Adoration Thursday 6-7pm
Crafters Wednesday 9am,
Prayer for Peace First Sat of each Month 9:00am 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/4, 8/1
Prayer Shawl Group meets Wed.1pm-2:30pm
Lent Groups
St Anne Daughter of Mary 1st Monday March 2nd 6:30pm
Book Group Wednesday 6:30-8pm
Children's liturgy for younger children at 8am Mass
March 1st Class
March 2nd Monday Blood Drive 2-7pm
March 6th Fish Dinner 5-6:30pm
Stations 6:45pm
March 8th Daylight savings Move clocks ahead
Class
March 15th St Patrick's Day
Class
March 27th the Youth will present Living Stations

SACARAMENTS

Please pray for our 22 candidates preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist to be confirmed **Saturday April 11** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help by Bishop Deeley. Parish celebration on Sunday April 12th at 8am Mass.

Jack Adams	**Katelyn Cyr**	**Julia DeMar**
Annabelle DeMar	**Aaron Doyle**	**Holden Edenbach**
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Olivia Shaw	**Ella Senatore**	**Aidan Smith**
Abby Stanley	**Delia Tremble**	**Sarah Wilcox**
Evan Yale		

Sunday March 1st
8:00am Rev Lawrence Conley by Mike and Sherry Flammia
10:30am Jim and Betty Cizek by Pat Grady
Monday March 2nd
9am Word and Communion Service
Tuesday March 3rd NO Mass / No Comm. Service
Wednesday March 4th
9am Deceased loved ones of Vincent and Helen Andronaco
Thursday March 5th NO Mass / No Comm. Service
Friday March 6th
9am Deceased loved ones of Anne Porter
Sunday March 8th
8:00am Claire Allard By Sherry and Michael Flammia
10:30am Albert Arsenault

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Readings for the Week of March 1, 2015
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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Diocese Pilgrimage Sept 22-27,2015 to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia WMOF will culminate with Pope Francis visit to the United States. Hosted by Bishop Robert P Deeley
FMI www.portlanddiocese.org/world-meeting-families
1-800-653-0017 or See bulletin in lobby

VIETAMESE MASS FOR NEW YEAR
March 1st, 2015 Fr. Vo Tran Dinh will celebrate a special Mass for the New Year for members of the Catholic Vietnamese Community of Portland at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland.

PILGRIMAGE to St Anne de Beaupre
The Solidarity of St Anne in Westbrook (St Anthony's Parish) will sponsor a Pilgrimage to St Anne on Weekend if July 17-19th and a side trip to Quebec City and cruise FMI Contact Marilyn Foster at 8541199 or Angie 854-5947.

"Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." Peter, James, and John must have been in a bit of spiritual shock. What a strange thing had just happened! They had witnessed Jesus, their teacher and friend, start glowing in his "dazzling white" clothes while engaging in conversation with two holy dead men. Then, a voice from the sky declared that Jesus was God's son. This was not natural. It was supernatural. These three chosen apostles were given a glimpse into the divine nature of their leader. They were shown something that no one else had a chance to see until after the Resurrection: Jesus in all of his glory. But this vision was short-lived. It suddenly disappeared and then Jesus instructed his friends to keep it quiet until "the Son of Man had risen from the dead."
Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God's healing, felt his mercy, or knew his presence was real. But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don't spend the majority of our time "on the mountaintop" with these "dazzling" insights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have "disappeared." Possibly Peter, James, and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. But when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was all for real. As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that he can lead us to eternal life.

VOCATIONS ""If God is with us, who can be against us?" Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? please contact Seamus Griesbach, Director of Vocations for the Diocese 207-773-6471 or vocations@portlanddiocese.org
2015 Year of Consecrated Life

Reflections by Pope Francis LENT
So, if we're going to fast from anything this Lent, Francis suggests that even more than candy or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others.
In his annual Lenten message, the pope writes, "Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience." Describing this phenomenon he calls the *globalization of indifference,* Francis writes that "whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades." He continues that, "We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."

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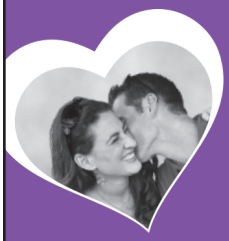

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