

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, WINDHAM, NH



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - John 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30
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EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Saturday, February 20th at 5:00 PM
St. Matthew Church PARISH CENTER



**Presentation & Reflection,
Candlelight Dinner, and Renewal of
Vows Service.**

Hosted by Ginny Dandreta & Kathe
Fredette

♥ Presentation by Chuck & Alice Porembski ♥

Making your marriage a top priority means not only making a lifelong commitment, each spouse, to the other, but also living faithfully the promise that was made, serving each other in love. To live one love forever is a challenge, especially in our society today. The more we realize that our marriage is really a journey with God, the more we will be led to look to our faith for our deepest needs to be met.

Registration forms are in the gathering space and at the parish office.



Martin Luther King

All Parish Buildings will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 18th for the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY, January 16

4:00 PM Antoinette Palys by her sisters

SUNDAY, January 17

7:30 AM Steven G. Small by friends at St. Matthew

9:30 AM Charles Bauer by Steve & Laurie Johnson

11:30 AM For the People

DAILY MASS IS HELD AT THE SISTERS OF MERCY CHAPEL

MONDAY, January 18

8:30 AM Stephen Golden by Gerry & Linda Anderson

TUESDAY, January 19

8:30 AM Dorothy Codair by the Donahue Family

WEDNESDAY, January 20

8:30 AM Roger Ramsey by the Donahue Family

THURSDAY, January 21

8:30 AM Clarence E. Stanton by the Family
(5th Anniversary)

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SATURDAY, January 23

4:00 PM Edward Smith by the Sokolowski Family

SUNDAY, January 24

7:30 AM For the People

9:30 AM Steven G. Small by Colum & Ann Foyle

11:30 AM Robert Fallon by Laurie & Steve Johnson



TEENS FOR CHRIST **JUST A REMINDER!**

Teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the church. Come check us out – we'd like to meet you!

Everyone is welcome to join our community. Gatherings will be held twice a month. Come as you are and bring your friends. Contact Brian Stanton for more information at 603-894-1487.

?? Question Of The Week ??

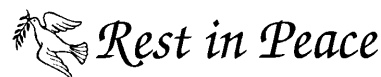
Grace is a free gift from God.

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5.
God rejoices over you!

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.
One Spirit gives different gifts to each.

Gospel: John 2:1-11. The first miracle of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.

Question of the Week: 1. God gives each of us special gifts to use for the benefit of all. What gift have you received? 2. You may not be able to turn water into wine as Jesus did, but how can you become a miracle in the lives of others?



Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and loved ones of Bob Dugas, Donald Long, Adele Mercier and Muriel Bukartek who passed away recently. May God grant them eternal rest and peace in the place He has prepared for them.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY

"You are Witnesses of These Things", based on Luke 24:48, is to be the theme of this year's week of prayer. It calls attention to our mission as Christians, namely, that we are to be a living witness for our union in the Lord. Our Bishop urges us as members of parishes, schools and religious groups to join in prayer with other Christians. A variety of resources are available at <http://geii.org>. The Spirit who sustains the church listens to our prayer and will continue to be the Source of our bonds as sisters and brothers in Christ.

You are invited to join our ministry of...

Altar Servers



Are you called to serve? If you have already received your First Communion and are interested in serving the Lord and your parish community in



this important ministry, please contact Jeanne Stordy at 603-912-5654 or by email to jstordy@comcast.net to register.

Training will begin on Saturday, January 23rd following the 4:00PM Mass.

Servers of all ages welcome!

Sacrificial Giving

Sacrificial Offering for January 9 & 10: \$9,576.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

This weekend is our annual collection for the Seminarian Fund. Thank you in advance for supporting our seminarian's education and formation!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT\$

If you would like a Statement of Contributions to the parish for 2009 for your tax preparations, please **call the office at 893-3336, ext. 10** or **email your request to windstmatt@comcast.net**. Please note that pledges or gifts made to Catholic Charities or specific Missionary appeals should be obtained directly from these organizations.

Diocese of Manchester Catholic School Office
GUIDE TO CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL



Every child is a unique gift from God. Similarly, while all Catholic schools share a common mission as part of the Church's educational ministry, every Catholic school is a unique community. As a parent or guardian, one of your most important responsibilities is to choose a school that "fits" your child's personality and learning needs, as well as your family's practical needs and educational priorities. Visit for more information:

www.catholicnh.org/education/catholic-schools

Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem Grades K-8. Contact 893-6811 for more information, to register or to set up a tour of the school.

Saint Thomas Aquinas School in Derry Grades K-8. Open House on January 31st from Noon-2pm. Contact 432-2712 for more information or to register.

Holy Family Academy in Manchester invites you to their Winter Open House on Sunday, February 7th at 2:00pm. Grades 7-12. Contact 644-7247 for more information.

Saint Patrick Parish School in Pelham Grades K-8. For more information about Saint Patrick School, browse the website www.saintpatrickschool.net or call 603-635-2941.

Religious Education News

NO CLASSES THE WEEK OF 1/17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Classes resume the week of 1/24.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE: The Sacrament of First Penance for Grade 2 Students will be held on Tuesday, January 19th for the Sunday classes and Wednesday, January 20th for the Monday/Tuesday classes. Both First Penance Sessions will be held at 6:00 PM in Church.

NEXT 9TH GRADE SESSION will be held on Saturday, January 23rd beginning with the 4:00 PM Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETINGS: Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00pm, Wednesday, January 27th at 9:30am and Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center Hall. **Important information regarding First Communion will be given out at these gatherings. ALL PARENTS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS!**

RELIGIOUS ED. CANCELLATION POLICY: In the event of stormy weather, the rule of thumb has always been – if school has been cancelled, there will be no CCD. There is a 'phone tree' in place whenever classes have to be cancelled – the office calls the teachers and aides, and they in turn contact their students regarding the cancellation. **A message regarding any cancellation is also on the Religious Ed. line at 898-4818, ext. 13**

Bereavement Ministry

SEASONS OF HOPE Bereavement Group

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, then this 6 week Christ-centered share group may be for you. We will meet for six consecutive Saturday mornings 9-11 AM starting on January 30th through March 6th. Come and be with us for prayer, faith sharing and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please call Constance O'Connor at 642-7170 or Lila Bailey at 883-4667.

"Sing a New Song!"

Announcing: St. Matthew's Celebration Choir

As we transition into a new vision of Music Ministry here at St. Matthew's, we invite you to consider joining our newly-formed "Celebration Choir." All parishioners who have been confirmed are welcome, with or without prior musical experience or training. We will rehearse on 7 Monday evenings prior to Easter to prepare music for our Easter Triduum. Rehearsals will take place in the church from 7:00-8:45pm beginning on Feb. 8th.

Please come to an informational "kick-off" meeting in the church on Monday, Jan. 25th from 7:00-8:00pm. Come and learn what "Celebration Choir" is all about, meet other music-makers, and ask any questions of our Celebration Director, Ginny Provost. If you are interested but unable to attend on the 25th, please let Ginny know by calling 623-7513 or emailing gprovost1@comcast.net. It is important for her to know how many people are willing to commit so that appropriate decisions can be made in terms of moving forward with the Celebration Choir, planning for the Triduum, and ordering music. Please consider this wonderful way of serving your parish and sharing your talents! "Praise the Lord with melodious song!"

NEW CHURCH HOURS

As a result of recent burglaries in Pelham and Windham and where some of our parishioners were affected, the church will be open during the following hours:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM except when religious education is in session, the hours will extend to 5:30 PM

Friday the church will be closed

Saturdays open from 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Sundays open 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Anyone wishing to pray outside of these hours is encouraged to join our efforts in Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel. The code will be given to you by the office staff when you are committed to a time of prayer. Thank you for helping us to keep our parish safe and secure for all.

Due to current challenging times, the finance council and I have had to streamline parish staffing levels where possible to ensure the good stewardship of our parish well into the future. As a result, the maintenance position at the parish has been restructured to part-time custodial work. This is a very difficult but necessary decision, and I ask for your prayers and support. - Father Steve

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