

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, WINDHAM, NH

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Luke 4:18b-19, 21



Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or
13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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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.

If you are a Registered Member you should be receiving *Parable Magazine*. If you are not getting *Parable*, or not sure if you are



registered, give us a call. If you have moved, please be sure to give us your new address! Keeping our parish data files up to date is important, and save us money and time! New to the parish? We encourage you to register with us so that we may always be available to serve your pastoral needs! Registrations forms are available in the gathering space or at the parish office.

NEXT WEEKEND, WE WELCOME REV. JASON JALBERT who will be celebrating Mass and speaking about Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians, Brothers and Sisters!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

DAILY MASS IS HELD AT THE SISTERS OF MERCY CHAPEL

MONDAY, January 25

8:30 AM Rev. Martin Hyatt (living) by Gary & Debby Anderson

TUESDAY, January 26

8:30 AM Irma Lawrence by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Buck

WEDNESDAY, January 27

**** NO MASS ****

THURSDAY, January 28

8:30 AM Robert Graham by the O'Neill Family

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SATURDAY, January 30

4:00 PM Rose & Leon DeFeo by the Family

SUNDAY, January 31

7:30 AM Harold Lalmond by the Clairmont Family

9:30 AM Dorothy L. Drummey by her husband, Charles

11:30 AM Steven G. Small by Jack & Pat Kennedy



'EYES ON JESUS' Prayer Gathering

Begin the new year by joining us on **Saturday, January 30th** as we gather to pray for our Parish, our local community, our Government, and the many special intentions that have been placed in our Parish Prayer Box. **We meet from 5:00-6:00 PM in Room 208 of the Parish Center.** Come! Join your brothers and sisters in the Lord to worship and praise Jesus through Scripture, Prayer and Song. The prayer team thanks you for your trust as we humbly yield to our Lord's charge to pray. May we praise His Name Forever! We look forward to seeing you there!

Sing Praise



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!"

Bishop McCormack Calls for Support for the People of Haiti

Bishop John B. McCormack is calling for New Hampshire parishes to hold a special collection on January 23-24, 2010 to support Haiti following yesterday's earthquake. "This earthquake is devastating to the people of Haiti," said Bishop McCormack. "I know our first reaction is, 'How can we help?' We offer our prayers and our material support. Although we are still unsure of the extent of the loss of human life following this disaster in Haiti, we do know the damage is great and our support is needed. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and was still recovering from a previous earthquake last year. This disaster could not have happened at a worse time. It is our responsibility, as people of faith, to offer whatever aid we can to our brothers and sisters in need. As Catholics we are further saddened to learn of the death of Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot. He and many other members of the Church have been killed and injured. I ask for special prayers for them and their families." **The special free will collection will benefit the efforts of the Catholic Church's international disaster relief program, Catholic Relief Services. All monies collected will be sent to CRS. By visiting www.crs.org, supporters can learn how to help support CRS's ongoing work in Haiti.**

??Question Of The Week??

Jesus is the one sent by God to us.

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6 and 8-10. The Word of God is spoken to all who can hear it.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30. We are the Body of Christ, but each of us has a distinct role.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4 and 4:14-21. Jesus fulfills all of the promises of God.

Question of the Week: 1. Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has he touched you, personally in these ways? 2. Tell about a time when you knew Christ was guiding and leading you.

EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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

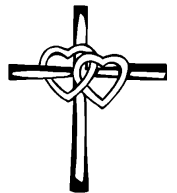
Presentation & Reflection, Candlelight Dinner, and Renewal of Vows Service.

Hosted by Ginny Dandreta & Kathe Fredette

♥ **Presentation by Chuck & Alice Poremski** ♥

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.



Sacrificial Giving

Sacrificial Offering for January 16 & 17: \$11,123.17

Seminarian Fund...\$2,252.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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.

Religious Education News

CLASSES THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 1/24 Grades 1 – 6 at 8:15 AM & 10:20 AM

Monday, 1/25 Grades 1 – 6 at 4:15 PM

Tuesday, 1/26 Grades 1 – 6 at 4:15 PM.

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!**

IF YOUR CHILD MISSED FIRST PENANCE:

If your child missed First Penance due to illness or weather, they may go to confession on any Saturday between 2:30 and 3:30 PM in Church. Have your child tell Father Steve that they are making their First Penance!

Our Next Pre-K Session will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center.

Our Next Gr. 7 & 8 Middle School Session will be held on Sunday, February 7th beginning with the 11:30 Mass.

Our Next Home School Session will be held on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center Hall.

NEW CHURCH 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.)

Fridays and Holidays: Closed

Saturdays: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sundays: 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

MARRIED COUPLES - Worn out from the Holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? How about a special weekend, just for the 2 of you? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are February 12-14 and March 5-7. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit our Web page at www.wwmeMA.org.

Mass and Men's Breakfast to Celebrate Feast of Saint Joseph

Bishop McCormack is inviting men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our diocese on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 8:00 AM. Please respond to Rev. Jason Jalbert at jjalbert@rcbm.org or 669-3100. Ext. 132 or Bill Donroe at bdonroe@comcast.net.

A Message from Father Steve...

Recently it has come to my attention through documented appraisals that the rectory has serious mold issues and a contaminated heating system. My health has been affected by the mold and thus I have left the house and am feeling better! I have had medical check-ups and I am doing fine!

Father Bob Gorski, the pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Manchester, offered me hospitality in staying at his rectory as long as necessary until the diocese completes its investigations and recommendations. I have never felt more spoiled having a cooked meal every day and my clothes ironed! It is wonderful to share ministry and living space with my fellow priests. I am as accessible to you as I was in the past. My voice mail is available at the office to you at all times (x11). It could take several months for the future planning for the rectory, and this is under the authority of the Bishop of Manchester. Bishop McCormack has been most supportive of my situation as well as Paul Harrington, Cabinet Secretary for Real Estate for the Diocese.

I wanted to communicate this to you, so that we are all informed and that all is well. I have never felt better! God Bless, Father Steve

WORKING TOGETHER! Windham Presbyterian Church collecting items for Haiti Earthquake Response:

Medical supplies: large band aids, rolls of gauze, bars of soap, exam gloves

Food: bags of rice (not instant), bags of beans, canned fish or foil pouches of tuna, salmon, etc.

Clothing: babies, children, adults; light clothing, no winter clothes, good condition and clean. Shoes tied in pairs, reusable shopping bags.

Drop off at the Presbyterian Church, Church Street in Windham until February 10th. Two planes have been offered by Haitian pastors in Boston and teams of volunteers will be flying the items over and distributing them to the communities. Thank you!!!!

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