

# Saint Joseph's Church

## Staffed by

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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## Parish Directory

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And by appointment

## Religious Education

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

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School Website : [www.sbrigids.com](http://www.sbrigids.com)

695 Stevens Avenue

Portland, Maine 04103

207-797-7073

Ms. Lori Lee – Principal

## New Parishioners:

Welcome! We invite you to the St. Joseph Parish Family. Please Register by calling the friary.

## Departing Parishioners:

Please inform the friary office prior to moving from the Parish.

## Knights of Columbus, Council 11257

Bishop Amedee Prouix

FMI Contact: Grand Knight Michael Pizzo (207-797-6326)

## St. Joseph's Women Sodality

FMI Contact: 207-797-9509



**673 Stevens Avenue  
Portland, Maine 04103**

*Established 1909*

## Liturgical Life

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

### Holy Days:

Vigil of Feast: 7:00 PM, Feast Day: 8:00 AM and 12 Noon

### Weekdays:

Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM

### Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 2:30 PM and by appointment.

**Baptism:** Please call friary office.

Baptism is customarily celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the friary office at least 6 months in advance.

Please notify the friary office if a family member is hospitalized or if a home visit is desired.

Mass cards and enrollments for the living and deceased are available in the friary office.

*“Lord make me an instrument of thy peace”*

**MEETING THIS WEEK**

St. Joseph Parish Council: Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>,  
6:30 p.m., friary meeting room.



The Capuchin Franciscan Friars and Parish Staff at St. Joseph's wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving Day! Among the many blessings for which we thank God, we include you, our fellow parishioners. We are thankful for your friendship, prayers, encouragement and support.

- St. Brigid School students will join us at the 8:00 a.m. Parish Mass tomorrow, Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, for their Thanksgiving Day Mass.
- On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, our Parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.
- We ask all who attend the Mass to bring some non-perishable food items for distribution to Project Feed. At the offertory, all will be invited to bring these items to the altar.
- A collection will be taken at the Mass. Proceeds will go to St. Joseph's Fund for the Needy.
- We ask that you bring some food items you will use at your Thanksgiving Day dinner. These will be blessed at the Mass.
- The friary office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**CANS AND BOTTLES**



Bring your empty cans and bottles to St. Joseph's. Redemption will financially benefit our parish. Through the thoughtfulness of parishioners Trish and Tim Boutot, owners of Boots Bounty Discount Beverage and Redemption Center in South Portland, a mobile collection vehicle will be in the church parking lot near the rear entrance to the church at specific hours each weekend. These hours are: after the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass; after the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass; prior to the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass and before the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Drop your redeemable cans and bottles in the container and watch St. Joseph's income grow! Collection will start the weekend of November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the month of December.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

St. Brigid School will hold its traditional annual Grandparents' Day in the Fr. Hayes Center on the morning of Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact the school for more information.

**ADVENT 2009**



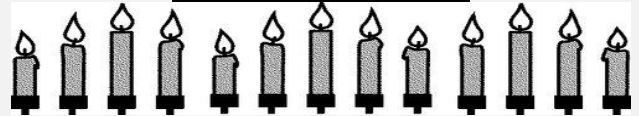
The Season of Advent begins next weekend. Advent is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. During these four weeks we are invited to remember the richness of God's gift to us in Christ, as we, along with the entire world, WAIT. We remember humanity waiting for the coming of the Savior. We wait and pray for the Second Coming of Jesus. During Advent we also EXAMINE our lives and listen to the call of John the Baptist to make the ways of our hearts ready for forgiveness and love. During Advent, we also are filled with HOPE. We remember how God has fulfilled His promises in the grace and salvation received through Jesus. We pray and celebrate in hope for ourselves and for all God has made. All are invited to participate in the **BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS AND WREATHS** that will adorn the church and friary during this Advent and Christmas Season – next **Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

**ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING**



Ten new altar servers will be commissioned for service at St. Joseph's at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Many thanks to Fr. Jim Hammer who trained the new altar servers and to their parents who have faithfully supported them.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**



The Women's Sodality will again be sponsoring the Memorial Christmas Lights that decorate our church during the Christmas season. Each light signifies the remembrance of a departed loved one or the honor of a special individual. Enrollment tickets will be available in the church pews this weekend. A donation of \$2.00 per light is requested. Tickets may be returned in the collection basket or to the friary office. Please mark your envelope as "Christmas Lights". FMI, contact Julie Cannon (772-4306).



## MASS INTENTIONS

Among the intentions remembered at the Masses during the upcoming week are:

### Monday, November 23

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, November 24

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

### Wednesday, November 25

8:00 a.m. All the Mothers with Alzheimer's

### Thursday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Leonard James Regan

### Saturday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Mildred Dillihunt

4:00 p.m. Jaime Ann Cunningham (Living)

### Sunday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Julia Flaherty

10:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Victor St. Pierre, Sr.

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

## FINANCE COMMITTEE



The offertory collections for last weekend's Masses totaled \$8,095. A total of 785 individuals attended. Last year's offertory for the same weekend totaled \$8,740 and 740 individuals attended.

With two weekend collections left to go for the month, offertory collections thus far for the month have totaled \$24,060. This is \$1,000 less than what was collected last year and \$2,000 less than what we had anticipated when we put together the church's fiscal year budget back in July. Keep watching for updates on how our church's offertory is tracking against past years and our current fiscal year budget.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

As a result of the good work completed by our Knights during the October "tootsie roll" fund raiser drive, two \$500 checks will be presented to the Morrison Development Center and the Susan Curtis Foundation. The Morrison Center specializes in the support and development of children and adults with disabilities. The Susan Curtis Foundation assists economically disadvantaged youth in Maine. A special than you is extended to Knight Norm

Twaddel who headed up this special fund raising event for our Knights.

This month our Knights are sponsoring an Essay Contest for the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of St. Brigid's School. The 500 to 700 word essay is on the subject titled "What does St. Brigid's School mean to me? Judging will be completed by a panel of our Knights. \$100 and \$50 Saving Bonds will be awarded to the top two finishers! A special thanks to event organizer Knight DeWayne Marzagalli.

Last Sunday, the Knights completed the installation of our church's outdoor Christmas lights and wreaths. A special thank you is extended to Knights Mike Pizzo, Peter Rovnak, Eric Griffin and Marcus Griffin for tackling this project for the Knights.

## CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

**BY FR. JIM LAFONTAINE, S.J.**

It is no great mystery that the future of our community of faith in this cluster will be dependent on two very pragmatic factors: long-term financial stability and the number of families who participate in the life of our parishes and school. We know that all four institutions are currently financially viable; but it is also true that all live very close to the edge financially. One of our great hopes in consolidating our business offices is that we will be able to realize cost savings in our way of doing business. We also recognize the need for long-range financial planning to become an ongoing activity for us beyond our formal union as a cluster next summer. In this regard, we have already developed a uniform format for budgeting and financial reporting, and we are proceeding with a repairs and maintenance assessment of our buildings.

More important than finances of course, is the participation of families in the life of the cluster. We are currently gathering data to understand better the current level of participation in parish liturgies and programs (the school already has excellent data in this regard). Besides analyzing our records of registered families, we will be doing some counting of Mass attendance in the coming weeks. **These counts are not about seeing which Masses have the most or least attending.** Rather, we are trying to gage the overall participation of our membership in the life of the cluster. *You can help us in our efforts by using your offertory envelopes regularly (our only means of "taking attendance") and registering your family, if you have not yet done so.* Thank you in advance for your help.

In our ongoing effort to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning, we will continue to utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as our first means of our communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.