

Saint Joseph's Church

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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Parish Directory

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And by appointment

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

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695 Stevens Avenue

Portland, Maine 04103

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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”

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Cluster Transition Meeting to discuss Mass time changes: Sunday, January 24th, 2:00 p.m., St. Pius X Church, Ocean Avenue, Portland.
- Cluster Transition Committee Meeting: Monday, January 25th, 7:15 p.m., St. Patrick Rectory.
- St. Joseph Parish Council: Tuesday, January 26th, 6:30 p.m., friary meeting.
- St. Joseph Bible Study: Thursday, January 24th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The week of January 31st is Catholic Schools Week. Many special activities are planned at St. Brigid School during this week. Bishop Richard Malone will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. parish Mass here at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, February 2nd, in conjunction with his annual visit to St. Brigid School. A special collection will be taken at the Masses in each of the parishes in our cluster next weekend. Proceeds will benefit St. Brigid School. Plans are being made for members of the St. Brigid School Board to speak at each Mass in our cluster parishes next weekend.

A VOCATION VIEW

"You are the Body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, Robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org). If you are interested in the Capuchin Franciscan way of life, please speak with one of the friars here at St. Joseph's, contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. (212-567-1300, brtimjones@yahoo.com), or log onto www.capuchin/vocations.org.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The American Friends Program, through Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services, is seeking volunteers that would provide caring, English-speaking families or individuals, to work with refugee families to help ease their transition to our culture. FMI, contact Aimee Vlachos-Bullard, Volunteer Coordinator, 523-2737, abullard@ccmaine.org.

**SIGN UP WEEKEND for Disciples in Mission**

Follow Jesus.....Spread the Good News!

Sign up this weekend for Small Group Participation during Lent. Registration forms are available in the pews, and at the church exits. Fill in the form and deposit in boxes TODAY.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to attend a series of preparatory classes on Sunday evenings, beginning February 28th. The classes will be conducted by Deacon John McAuliffe at 7:00 p.m., on five consecutive Sundays during Lent, in the friary meeting room. The final class will be March 28th. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. Applicants must register in advance by contacting Fr. Don Bosco at 797-7026 ext. 203.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Last weekend's offertory collection totaled \$7,425. This amount exceeded the previous year's collection for the same weekend by \$2,145. This exceeded our 4% increase goal for the week. As you might recall, an anonymous parishioner has agreed to make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection for each week that we exceed our goal. This week's offertory goal is \$9,480.

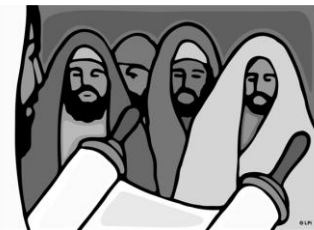
The second collection to benefit the Haiti Earthquake Relief totaled \$6,115. This is the largest second collection amount at our church in recent history! A very special thank you is extended to all!

**TO ITALY AND SWITZERLAND**

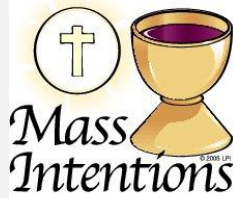
Fr. Louis Phillips, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, will be chaplain on a trip to Italy and Switzerland, May 1st-13th, 2010. FMI, contact Anthony Nacheff at 1-877-994-8259, Anthony@Proximotravel.com, or www.Proximotravel.com.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2009

If you wish to receive a written statement of your 2009 contributions to St. Joseph's Church, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to the parish office.



"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." - Lk 4:18b-19, 21



Mass intentions

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

Monday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins & Their Benefactors

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. John Delaney

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kaseta

Thursday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Girard

Friday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Theodore Johnson

4:00 p.m. Barbara O'Hara

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Olga Zurey

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins & Their Benefactors

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE A COMMON BULLETIN FOR THE CLUSTER

One of the things that has emerged in our meetings with Pastoral Councils and the School Board is the desire to move right away towards a common Sunday bulletin for the Cluster rather than wait until the formal inauguration of the Cluster next summer. Thus we have begun to plan accordingly: speaking with our publisher and advertisers, assessing the logistics of how we will gather and integrate the pertinent information, and planning the way such a common bulletin would be with a section dedicated to news and announcements from St. Brigid School. We hope to be able to make this change over the next few months.

In the meantime, did you know that you can already access the bulletins and calendars of all the parishes at either of the parish websites: www.sjoseph.org and www.stpius-stpatrick.org? The school website is www.sbrigids.org. Linked to all these websites are the communications of the Cluster 28 Transition Committee, if you wish to review what we have been saying to you thus far. We are also already working to build a common website for the Cluster which we will begin to phase in during the coming months.

As always, we pledge to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning. 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.

Please join us this Sunday at 2:00 p.m., at St. Pius X Church for a town hall meeting about adjustments we need to make to the Mass schedule next summer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Congratulations are in order! Brooke Dawson, Daniela Fornaro, David Woodford, Raymond Le, Nick White, and Nathaniel Gikas were all winners in last Saturday afternoon's Foul Shooting Contest sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. These top performers are now eligible to participate in the Knights of Columbus Maine State Foul Shooting Contest to be held in Old Town, on March 15th.

A special thank you is extended to council members Don Farr, Ed Bergson, Mike Pizzo, and Peter Rovnak, along with Peter's son Tim, for heading up this fun community event for our Knights.

Religious Education NEWS



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 6th and 7th

Again this year, our Religious Education Program will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring.

It all started with this simple prayer: *“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat”*. We can help local charities that support our neighbors who are hungry and hurting this year. If you are able, please donate \$1.00 to the Souper Bowl. Religious Education students will be collecting donations at the exits of the church after all the Masses on February 6th and 7th. Our donations will benefit The Wayside Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and Project Feed.

Every little bit helps. Thank you!

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