

Saint Joseph's Church

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Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the New York

– New England Province of St. Mary

Fr. Peter Kaseta, O.F.M Cap. Pastor

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Parish Directory

Friary / Parish Office: 207-797-7026

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

And by appointment

Religious Education

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

Ms. Pamela Fogg - Director

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School Website : 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.

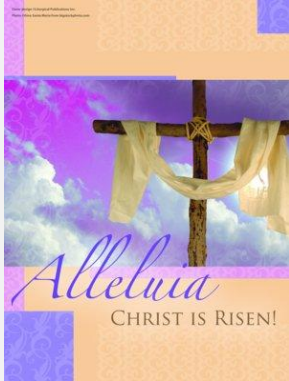
Baptism is customarily celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.

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”

EASTER GREETINGS

Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Parish Family,

Fr. Jim, Fr. Don Bosco, Deacon John and St. Joseph's Parish Staff join me in wishing you a Blessed Easter.

The Feast of Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord, is such a joyous occasion. It reminds us of the great gift given to us by Jesus, the gift of salvation and the opportunity to live forever in the presence of our loving God. Easter reminds us that the life of the Christian is one of hope and optimism.

The family of St. Joseph Parish is a hope-filled and optimistic community. This is clearly demonstrated in our many sacramental, educational, and community programs. Each of us can be justifiably proud of the good we do as a parish family!

It is our wish that you, your families, and loved ones will fully experience the joys of the Easter celebration!

Fr. Peter Kasetta, O.F.M. Cap.
Pastor

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- St. Joseph Parish Council Executive Committee: Tuesday, April 6th, 5:00 p.m., friary office.
- St. Joseph Women's Sodality: Tuesday, April 6th, following rosary in the church at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN COME GATHER IN FAITH

A monthly program for women who desire time and space to grow in their relationship with God will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center with Sr. Sylvia Genesse, p.m.: FMI, call 284-5671.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT COUPLES

There will be a special blessing of expectant couples on Sunday, May 9th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Couples are asked to inform the parish office in advance by calling 797-7026, ext. 201.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 11th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. All are invited to the solemn observance of the day: Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, Eucharistic Adoration, Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction: 3:00 p.m. at Holy Martyrs Church, Falmouth.

WORRIED ABOUT ESTATE TAXES?

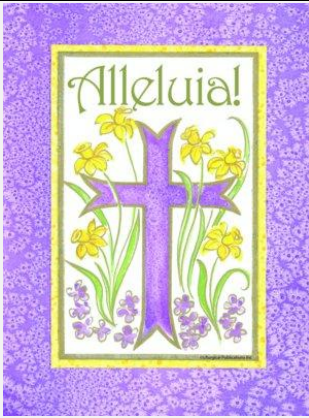
A Charitable Lead Trust allows you to minimize, and possibly avoid entirely, gift and estate taxes on assets being passed to your heirs. With a Charitable Lead Trust established through the Catholic Foundation of Maine, the income for a period of time will pass to the Foundation as a charitable gift for the benefit of your parish. FMI on Lead Trusts and other opportunities, contact Chris Reilly at 321-7820 or Christopher. Reilly@portlanddiocese.org.

TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Trauma Intervention Program is looking for caring people to join a team of fellow citizens, trained to provide emotional and practical support to the victims of traumatic events (sudden death, accidents, suicides, etc.) TIP is called by police, fire, and ER personnel in Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, Gorham, Scarborough, Falmouth, and Windham. To register or FMI call Susan Scanlon (318-3400) or Gary Landry (650-4249).

2010 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

St. Joseph Parish's annual celebration of wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, May 16th. Parishioners who are observing a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary at any time during 2010 will be invited to renew their marriage vows during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Following the Mass, a festive breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus in the Fr. Hayes Center. Each couple may invite 10 guests to the breakfast. If you are a registered parishioner and your special anniversary occurs this year, please call the parish office (797-7026, ext. 201) before the May 9th deadline.



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

Monday, April 5

8:00 a.m. John Powell

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Margaret Malone

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballantine

Thursday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Berry

Friday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Casale Family

Sunday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Lawrence Flaherty, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Beverly Oliver

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family



PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANNE de BEAUPRE



The Sodality of St. Anne, St. Anthony's Parish in Westbrook, will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre Basilica July 9th – 11th, with a side trip to Quebec City. FMI contact Marilyn (854-1199) or Angie (854-5947).



CHURCH SUPPORT

Due to the holiday, offertory collection totals for last week are not available. This financial information will be available in next week's bulletin.

We have nearly reached the third quarter mark of our parish's fiscal year. Offertory collections thus far for the fiscal year have totaled \$324,735. This amount is \$3,010 higher than the same period last year. Your continued financial support of our church is much needed and **most appreciated**. **Thank you!**

Did you know?

Approximately 30% of our offertory collection consists of loose cash donations and the other 70% is contributed utilizing the Church's envelope system. For those of you not currently utilizing the envelope program, now would be an excellent time to start the process. To learn more about this excellent system for tracking your charitable contributions, contact our Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper, Julie Cannon, at 797-7026, ext. 201. Many parishioners have found this system quite handy, especially when gathering financial information for filing their yearly tax return.

A VOCATION VIEW

"The Lord is truly risen! Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, Robert.Vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, Ritamae.Bissonnette@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.

THE EUCHARIST: WHY DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE WHAT THEY DO?

The Women's Sodality is sponsoring the following faith enrichment program:

The Eucharist: Why Do Catholics Believe What They Do?

Dr. Steven Bridge – Theology Department Chair

St. Joseph College, Standish, Maine

April 18th

12:00 Brunch (\$12.00)

1:30 p.m. Presentation (\$6.00)

Reservation(s) required. Contact Barbara Dalton at 797-6727.

The Eucharist: Why do Catholics Believe What They Do?

A Presentation by: Professor Steven L. Bridge

On Sunday April 18th at St. Joseph's College, our guest speaker will be Professor Steven Bridge; Chair of the Theology Department. Dr. Bridge has written several books, including a bestseller on the Gospels, which is used as a curriculum text in college level courses from Maine to Hawaii. He has also recently released a book about the Old Testament.

In 2009, Dr. Bridge was awarded a major research grant that is dedicated to retracing the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. His upcoming travels will take him to Jerusalem in 2010, Turkey & Greece in 2011, and Rome in 2012. Professor Bridge is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association, the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature.

DATE: SUNDAY – APRIL 18, 2010
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
278 Whites Bridge Road
STANDISH MAINE (207-892-6766)

12 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Brunch – Café
1:30 p.m. @ Alumni Herald Center – 2nd floor
4:30 p.m. Mass on campus (Optional)

I plan to attend _____
Print Name & telephone number

FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANT REGISTRATION
Checks made payable to St. Joseph's Women's Sodality

Self _____ I plan to invite: # Guests (1) __ (2) __ (3) __

Brunch & Presentation \$ 12.00 p.p. _____

Presentation only 6.00 p.p. _____

I am unable to attend. Please accept my donation of: _____

Please return this registration slip on or before April 15 c/o the Friary Office or to
Barbara Dalton, 78 Continental Drive, Pftld , Me 04103

Questions - e-mail: bjdalton@myfairpoint.net or call 797-6727(H)