

Saint Joseph's Church

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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

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Parish Directory

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And by appointment

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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”

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- St. Joseph's Finance Committee: Monday, April 12th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Brigid School Board: Tuesday, April 13th, 6:45 p.m., school library.
- St. Joseph Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- Parent's Confirmation Prep Meeting: Wednesday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m., Fr. Hayes Center.

WEDDING SEASON REMINDER

The "wedding season" here at St. Joseph's is about to begin. We remind all that when there is a wedding in the church at 2:00 p.m., confessions will be heard in the friary office at the regularly scheduled time (2:30 p.m.).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus will host breakfast in the Fr. Hayes Center next Sunday, April 18th, from 8:00 to 10:15 a.m. All are invited.

2010 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2010 Bishop's Appeal will commence the weekend of May 8th and 9th. Commitment weekend, when parishioners will have the opportunity to complete a pledge/donation card, is scheduled for the weekend of May 15th and 16th. The purpose of the Annual Bishop's Appeal is to fund the day-to-day operations of the Diocese of Portland. It should not be confused with the \$40 Million Capital Campaign, whose purpose was to endow major areas of Church life in Maine. St. Joseph Parish's goal for the 2010 Bishop's Appeal is \$50,000.

MASS FOR SINGLES, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED

Connected Catholics of Maine will host a Mass for singles, widowed, and divorced on Saturday, April 17th, at 4:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland.

SPRING: A TIME FOR GROWTH

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford Pool, will offer a day of reflection for singles, widowed, and divorced. FMI, call 871-7464, ext. 2672. To register, log on to the calendar section of the diocesan website: www.portlanddiocese.org.

WELCOMED AND VALUED

Learn how you can be a support to individuals with mental illness and their families by attending "Welcomed and Valued: Supporting People with Mental Illness in Parish Life", Thursday, April 29th, 7:00 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Scarborough.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Joseph's Parish Family welcomes and congratulates Kelly Barry and Wayne Broome who have been received into the Catholic Church through Baptism, and Jean Bassford, Melissa Ann Lamontagne, Ann-Marie Mayberry, and Kent Rhodes who have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. These new members of our church also received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist. We also congratulate Elizabeth McGovern and Anastasia Muca who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The presence and participation of these new Catholics and newly confirmed is a source of great joy and happiness to all. We thank all who participated in the formation and preparation of these candidates over the past months and weeks: St. Joseph's RCIA Team, Fr. Jim Hammer, Deacon John McAuliffe, and Pam Fogg.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. All are invited to participate in St. Joseph's Mother's Day Novena of Masses, a series of nine Masses that will be celebrated in our church from May 9th to the 17th. Envelopes are available in the budget envelope packets and at the exits of the church.

THANK YOU

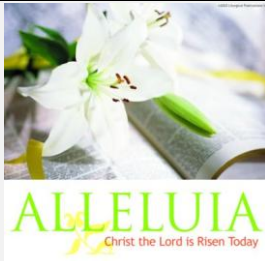
St. Joseph's Parish Family is thankful to all who prepared for and participated in the liturgical ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We are especially thankful to all who helped to so beautifully decorate the church.

WHITE ELEPHANT & RUMMAGE SALE

St. Patrick's Women's Fellowship will sponsor a White Elephant and Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Congress Street, Portland.

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Brigid School is in the process of registering its existing families up until April 9th. Registration will then be open to our Parish families from April 10th thru April 30th. If school and parish families have not registered their children by the dates stated above, the school will not be able to guarantee placement. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mary Ann Russo at 797-7073, or marusso7@yahoo.com.



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

Monday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Madeline Perazzi

Tuesday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 a.m. William Nelson

Thursday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Jay Moody

Friday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Joseph Cannon

4:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Camilla DeSarno Olore

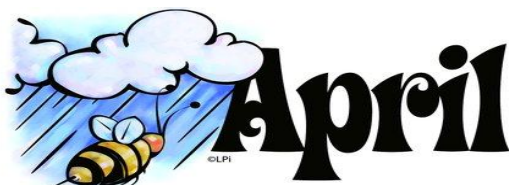
10:00 a.m. Bernard Marchand, Margarite Marchand, and Susanne Peterson

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

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.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Offertory collections for the past two weekends totaled a whopping \$20,685. **Outstanding and thank you!** This was \$310 higher than last year's collection for Palm Sunday and Easter weekends. In addition, we are most pleased to report that we successfully achieved our "challenge goal" of a 4% offertory increase for Easter weekend. As most of you are aware as regular readers of the church bulletin, an anonymous parishioner has agreed to make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection from now through June 30th for each week that we exceed our "challenge goal". This week's offertory challenge goal is \$7,805. The second collection totals for the past two weeks were: \$2,750 on Palm Sunday for the parish maintenance fund, \$725 on Good Friday for the Holy Land, and \$3,825 on Easter Sunday for the Priests' Health and Retirement Fund. Once again, an extra thank you to all for your unrelenting financial support of our church!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Our Knights will be participating in a special Novena to pray for Pope Benedict XVI and his pastoral mission leading the Church. The novena will begin on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th, and conclude on Monday, April 19th, the fifth anniversary of the Holy Father's election to the papacy.

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 & Presentation (\$12.00 p.p.)

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

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



For our third and final year, Disciples In Mission will be holding an Evening of Reflection on **Monday, May 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, followed by a social half hour. We will meet in the friary meeting room. **ALL ARE INVITED!** Please fill in a registration slip found at any of the church entrances or exits and drop it in the Evening of Reflection box located on the tables. **Thank you!**

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)