

Saint Joseph's Church

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Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the New York

– New England Province of St. Mary

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Parish Directory

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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
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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”



The second collection next weekend will help to fund St. Joseph's Parish Maintenance Fund. This fund will pay the costs associated with the repairs and repainting of areas of the church interior damaged over the years by leaks and to do needed repairs to the east exterior wall of the friary that has experienced water leakage. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

A VOCATION VIEW

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." Do you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission 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.



CHURCH SUPPORT

For the ninth time since the first of the year, we are **most pleased** to report that we've successfully achieved our "challenge goal" of a 4% offertory increase for the week compared to same time period as last year. Offertory collections last week totaled \$7,680 and were \$790 higher than last year's collection over the same weekend. As most of you are aware, 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 \$8,595.

Last week's second collection to support The Training of Future Capuchins totaled \$3,045.

Since the first of the year, weekend offertory collections have totaled \$154,400 compared to \$156,345 over the same time period as last year. **Thank you** for your continued financial support of our church!



Congratulations!

St. Joseph's Parish Family offers prayerful congratulations to Mary Jean and James Doherty who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

USE YOUR OFFERTORY BUDGET ENVELOPE

It is important that all parishioners faithfully use their St. Joseph offertory budget envelopes, even when attending Mass at another church. It is the practice that, when another parish's offertory budget envelope is received at St. Joseph's, the envelope is returned to the parish of origin. This same practice holds true with our neighboring parishes; St. Joseph's envelopes are returned to us. This practice will become increasingly important when our cluster's Mass schedule changes in August. It will assure the financial stability of each parish in our cluster.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

In our times, as always in the Church, "heralds of the Gospel are needed who are expert in humanity, profoundly knowing the heart of contemporary man, who share his joys and hopes, his fears and sorrows, and, at the same time, who are contemplatives in love with God." The Holy Father, specifically referring to the re-Christianization of Europe but in terms valid everywhere, affirms that "the saints were the great evangelizers of Europe. We must pray to the Lord to increase the spirit of holiness in the Church and to send saints to evangelize the contemporary world." Many of our contemporaries, it must not be forgotten, arrive at ideas of Christ and the Church above all through their contact with their sacred ministers. Hence the need for their authentic witness to the Gospel becomes all the more pressing since it is "a living and transparent image of Christ the priest" (John Paul II, 1999).

SCHOOL REUNIONS

- Parochial School Alumni Reunion. Holy Family school in Lewiston closed in 1973 and is trying to reunite all of the students who attended between 1927 – 1973. Teachers, nuns, and priests who served the parish are all welcome on August 15, 2010, in Lewiston. Contact 485-1808, or email hfsreunion@gmail.com.
- Cathedral High School Class of 1960. Contact Diane McAvoy LaPointe at 899-4636.



A sincere "thank you" to all our parishioners and friends who attended the *Disciples In Mission* Lenten meetings over the last three years. The time we spent together sharing our faith with each other and with the many others on our life's journey will certainly be remembered and cherished by all. A very special "thank you" to Fr. Jim for his inspirational talk on St. Paul at our last Evening of Reflection and for reminding us of Jesus' words to us to "Go (now and) make disciples." The challenge lies ahead of us. Linda LaVopa, Parish Coordinator



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 17

8:00 a.m. Mother's Novena

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 a.m. John Powell

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Emilienne Pinette

Thursday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Berry

Friday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Josephine Foster

Saturday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Casale, Sr.

Sunday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Joseph McDonough, Lyman & Margaret Homan

10:00 a.m. Patricia Hatch

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

COMFORT AND SUPPORT

According to the National Institute of Health, about one in four people have a diagnosable mental disorder. Severe mental illness often raises profound questions of faith, such as "Why does God allow sickness?" or "Why me?" As a faith community we are called to support individuals and their families through their time of crisis and ongoing recovery. We can offer spiritual comfort through our prayerful presence in people's lives by acknowledging their pain and supporting them through the healing and recovery process. This message is from Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry, "Loving God & Neighbor Together". FMI, psm@ccmaine.org, or 1-800-CARE-002.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Preble Street Resource Center is looking for volunteers for Florence House, its new women's shelter. Volunteers are needed to staff several meals, particularly Thursday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. FMI, contact Kristin Reif (krieff@preblestreet.org) or Elena Schmidt (eschmidt@preblestreet.org, 775-0026).

ONE DAY RETREAT

"Imagination and Contemplation in Prayer", with Sr. Aline Plante, May 13th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center FMI, call 284-5671.

CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION

As we move towards the opening of our Cluster office at the St. Joseph Friary on July 5th of this coming summer, I wanted to inform you of some preparations we are making for our Cluster operations. We have been having regular meetings now to map out the tasks before us in order to have a smooth transition.

First, we hope to have in place by that date a common phone system. This new system, which will have one phone number for the Cluster, will receive all calls with easy transfer to all extensions at the three churches and the school. (The school will be a part of this system but will continue to have its own number so that those wishing to contact the school can bypass the main system if they desire.) This single system will facilitate the ease with which cluster members will be able to contact the Cluster staff.

We are also in the process of building a common calendar which will be on our computer system. This common calendar will allow the easy scheduling of Mass intentions and events in all of our churches and buildings from any of the Cluster offices, avoiding the need for unnecessary travel and/or phone calls in making these arrangements.

As I have mentioned before, we will also inaugurate a common bulletin for the Cluster at some point during the coming summer. We are planning to organize the new bulletin in such a way as to make it easy to find Cluster contacts and information about what is happening at the three parishes and school. We hope to provide a regular piece for prayer and reflection as well as a part of this new bulletin.

Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.

-Fr. Jim Lafontaine

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UP-DATE

As of May 5th, the Diocese of Portland's Capital Campaign has received \$385,905 in donations and pledges from St. Joseph's Parish. In accord with the established formula of 25% of funds received returning to the parish, St. Joseph's stands to receive \$96,476.25. Thank you to all who have participated in the Capital Campaign.

PARISH COUNCIL

St. Joseph's Parish Council will welcome Christine Reynolds to its membership at the May 25th council meeting. Christine will replace Nick Bellafiore as the youth representative on the council. St. Joseph's Parish Family is thankful to Nick for his service this past year.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The annual outdoor Mass for deceased veterans and family members will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m., at New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, South Portland.