

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

Portland, Maine

St. Joseph

St. Patrick

St. Pius X

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WORLD DAY *for Consecrated Life*



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February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mary Gordon

The other day I received an unexpected letter from my daughter. She had been reading some of the emails that she had sent to me during her freshman and sophomore years at college. She was so appalled by what she had written she felt compelled to sit down and write me a long letter of apology! She said she was so sorry for her self-centered, self-pitying attitude. She said she couldn't believe how ungrateful she sounded and was embarrassed that she had ever written such things. She wondered how I could have been so loving and supportive toward her when she had behaved so badly.

Whoa. Time out. My daughter selfish? No. My daughter self pitying? Not a chance. Britty ungrateful? Never. Hmmm, let me think. Well perhaps she did have a few times that she acted a little egocentrically but to be honest I don't recall specific memories. I remember her going through the normal phases of growing up, and I'm sure I said my share of 'Forgive me Father for I want to knock my daughter upside the head', but I never would have labeled her as harshly as she labeled herself. And, no matter what - I always feel love for her. I may not like what she is doing in a particular situation but that doesn't stop me from loving her - even when she is breaking my heart.

Reading Britty's letter got me thinking of the greatest love of all. A love that makes what I feel for my daughter seem like a raindrop compared to an ocean. That is the love that the Lord has for us. His love will never leave you, never forsake you, and never fail you, no matter how badly we behave, no matter what labels we put upon ourselves, and no matter how we break His heart. He loves us and wants to fill us with His love so we become a reservoir of love, overflowing into the lives of other people.

Don't judge yourself too harshly. Ask His forgiveness and respond to the love He pours into you.

Psalms 86:5 You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. — Mk 1:32-34

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Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: SS. Paul Miki, S.J., John Soan, S.J., James Kiasai, S.J. & comps, and Bls Peter Kibe Kasue, S.J., Pr & comps.

Rel.MM
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Weekday
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani, Pr,; St. Josephine Bakhita, V.
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: St. Scholastica
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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To OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH.

If you are just visiting us, we are glad to have you with us for the liturgy today. **We wish you well on your journey.** If you are new to the Portland area, we would be delighted to have you join our community of faith. Please feel free to contact our parish office at 772-6325 to register or for more information.

God Bless you.

**FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 5, 2012**



**OUR LADY OF HOPE
SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN THIS WEEK**

February 5—11, 2012

In Loving Memory of

MILDRED LOVELY

**By Susan Perry, Angela Houghton & Anne
Doyle**

@ St. Patrick's



Our Lady of Hope Parish
Adorations & Devotions

ADORATIONS: *Tuesday evenings from
7PM—8PM @ St. Joseph, Fridays from
9:30AM to 5PM @ St. Pius X in the
church.*

*Reminder: If Portland Schools are closed
due to the weather, Adoration is also
cancelled.*

ROSARY DEVOTION: *Monday thru
Thursday following the daily 9AM Mass
@ St. Pius X.*

**Our Lady of Hope's Prayer Shawl group will
have their next meeting Thursday, February
9th from 6—7PM @ St. Patrick's Parish Hall.
Storm date will be Thursday, February 16th
at the same time & place. Please contact
Janet Joyce at 797-7026 X 212 or
janet.joyce@portlanddiocese.org**

SATURDAY: February 4, 2012

8:00AM—St. Joseph Mary Ann Redlon by Phyllis Johnson
4:00PM—St. Patrick James s. Noel by Family
4:30PM—St. Pius X Paul St. Pierre, Sr. by Phil & Helene Anderson
5:00PM—St. Joseph Elizabeth C. Flaherty by Family

SUNDAY: February 5, 2012

7:00AM — St. Pius X Rocco Dell'Aquila by Anna Dell'Aquila & Family
8:00AM—St. Joseph Virginia Lafontaine by Our Lady of Hope
Women's Sodality
10:30AM—St. Patrick's Robert Bachelder by Tom & Kay Nee
5:00PM—St Joseph Anthony D. DiBiase, Sr. by Richard & Martha
Colucci

MONDAY: February 6, 2012

9:00AM – St. Pius X Reginald K. Page by Mr. & Mrs. William Gannon

TUESDAY: February 7, 2012

7:00AM – St. Patrick's Mary Weidner by Barbara McFarland
9:00AM – St. Pius X Richard Jean Loranger by Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Hutchins

WEDNESDAY: February 8, 2012

9:00AM – St. Pius X Living Intention for Frank Navarro by his Sister

THURSDAY: February 9, 2012

7:00AM – St. Patrick's William L. Carney Sr. by John Brown & Family
9:00AM – St. Pius X Germaine Gervais

FRIDAY: February 10, 2012

8:00AM – St. Joseph Anthony D. DiBiase, Sr. by John, Patti, Delaney
& Cassidy
9:00AM – St. Pius X Gerald Smith by the Family

SATURDAY: February 11, 2012

8:00AM—St. Joseph Camilla Jensen by Edith Copersmith & Family
4:00PM—St. Patrick Teresa McCarville by Mary Regan & Family
4:30PM—St. Pius X Paul St. Pierre, Sr. by the Volger Family
5:00PM—St. Joseph Shirley O'Shea

SUNDAY: February 12, 2012

7:00AM — St. Pius X Ruth Sparta Bennett
8:00AM—St. Joseph Margaret Abbott by Adrienne Hubbard
10:30AM—St. Patrick's Mary Ciampi by Tom & Kay Nee
5:00PM—St. Joseph Andre Hemond by Nelson & Dorothy Megna



OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR THE WEEKEND OF 1/22/2012

Our Lady of Hope Parish Collection was

\$12,654.54

468 envelopes were used

Latin America was

\$2,826.12

277 envelopes were used

**In order to meet our budget for this year,
our first collection needs to average
\$16,000 per week.**

Thank you for your generosity—God Bless



Our 2nd collections for February are:

February 5th—Maintenance

February 12th—Fuel

February 19th—St. Brigid’s School

February 26th—Snow Removal

If you have any questions regarding your envelopes, please contact Linda at 772-6325.

Thank you for your continued support and generous donations.



There will be a parent meeting **THIS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9th, 2012 at 6:30 PM** at St. Pius X Church Hall, 492 Ocean Avenue, for those parents whose children will receive Confirmation and First Eucharist on May 5th, 2012.

It is important that a parent attend this meeting. There are various forms that need to be filled out and returned. Thank You for your help in this matter.

Sandy Litcher, Co-Director Religious Education

Thank you letters to Our Lady of Hope Parishioners: 1) I would like to sincerely thank you, on behalf of Catholic Charities Refugee & Immigration Services (& our clients) for your generous donation of winter weather gear. As you can image, Maine winters can be quite a climate, as nearly all of our clients have. Often, even when new refugees attempt to obtain cold weather clothing on their own, many underestimate how brutally cold Maine winters can be. Your donation has ensured that the children we serve are properly outfitted this season. I am happy to report that on the very first day we received the bag of donations our staff was able to provide hats, mittens, & scarves to 16 children that evening! We continue to identify clients with children and distribute items as necessary. Several mothers have asked me to convey their thanks and each has a look of relief knowing their children will be warm when the cold comes. Whether they were store-bought or hand-knitted the items you provided were beautiful and much needed. Katie Knight, POWR Coordinator, Catholic Charities Refugee & Immigration Services

2) On behalf of the residents and staff at St. Joseph’s Rehab and Residence, I wish to thank all who took part in the giving trees at St. Joe’s, St. Patrick’s & St. Pius X. Of the 144 residents presently at St. Joe’s, your parishioners were able to give 25 of them Christmas gifts that were picked especially with each of them in mind. Each unit has a party and the gifts are given out at that time. I hope that all of the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope have a New Year filled with good things. I pray that each of you Will be blessed in a special way because of the generosity you have shown to our residents. Agnes La Storia, Pastoral Care

Seeing the Familiar with New Eyes with Ann Harriman—February 17—19, 2012 @ Marie Joseph Spiritual Center. The goal of St. Ignatius of Loyola was *finding God in all things*, meaning that every part of our lives can lead us to God. Our eyes must be opened to see the extraordinary in the ordinary! Cost: \$150.00 FMI and to register, call 284-5671.



Knights of Columbus Council 2983 – The Knights of Columbus, Council 2983 meets the **1st Tuesday** of the month @ 7PM in the St. Pius X Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus Council 101 – The Knights of Columbus, Council 101 meets the **1st Wednesday** of the month @ 7PM in the KC Room at St. Patrick's.

Knights of Columbus Council 11257 – The Knights of Columbus, council 11257 meets the **2nd Tuesday of the month** @ 7PM in the Friary Room @ St. Joseph's.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree – Fr. Sebastian Rasle Assembly #337 Meets the **2nd Monday** of the month (**Note: this is a change of night for the 4th degree**) 7PM – St. Pius.



VALENTINES BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph's Church will be hosting a Parish Breakfast to celebrate Valentines Day **NEXT Sunday, February 12th from 8AM to 10:15AM** at the Father Hayes Center @ St. Joseph's Church. There will be a drawing for a lucky guy to win a big box of Chocolates for his sweetheart on Valentines Day. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. Children 4 or under are free. Bring the family and celebrate with our Parish Community

Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

The Knights of Columbus 101 St. Patrick's, will be selling raffle tickets after all masses at St Patrick's this weekend. This is our annual Charity Raffle which benefits such organizations as Special Olympics, Salvation Army, Camp Sunshine and Boys and Girls Clubs, just to name a few. We sell 200 tickets at \$100 each so your chances to win are excellent. The Grand Prize is \$5,000, Second Prize is \$1500 and the Third Prize is \$1,000. The drawing will be held at the St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner on **March 17** after the 4 pm Mass. If you would like tickets please call Bill Green at 773-8619 or Robert Carignan at 772-8455. Thank you for helping us with this worthy cause.

.It is that time of the season where people make resolutions for the coming year. We resolve to lose weight, to take better care of ourselves, perhaps more importantly, we resolve to be more thoughtful or kinder to others, or to give back to our Church or community through some type of service helping to make the world a better place to live. Women may dedicate more time to their families and in finding time to take greater care of themselves. Men might also work towards finding better quality time with their wives and children. These family men, and single men as well, might also look for ways in giving back to their community and Church that served them so well to this present day. It is these men that we invite to become part of a growing brotherhood of caring men who reach out to families, children, and people less fortunate then ourselves. Come join the Knights of Columbus and see what amazing things you can do to help bring hope and happiness to this local community. Its time to make a change, to move in a direction that shares your particular gifts and talents with all God's people. Resolve to be a Knight!! Contact: Dave Reese @ 415-8442 for further information.'....



Annual Our Lady of Hope Women's Sodality Valentine's Day Party

The St. Joseph's Women's Sodality is hosting their annual Valentine's Day Party on Tuesday, **February 14, 2012**, at The Barron Center located on Brighton Avenue in Portland, Maine. All are welcome to come join us for an hour of lively entertainment provided by Bob Parrott and Mark Sanborn (two of Maine's all-time favorite musicians). These two artists will be providing us with easy listening music from the 50's to the latest hits. This is a great opportunity for all to spend time with our friends at The Barron Center and give back to the community. The event will take place from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. We are looking for some volunteers to help set up. If you would like to help, please arrive at this event at 1pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Living Water Spiritual Center in Winslow. —Men's 11th Step Retreat: Spirituality of Recovery with Bill Lagerstrom, Kazarus Ministries— February 10-12, 2012. Cost is \$185.00

Connected Catholics of Maine—General Meeting/Valentine's Day/Dining Out Sunday February 12 -@ Muddy Rudder Restaurant, Route 1, Yarmouth, ME 2PM—General Meeting Day Luncheon. Contact Louise @ 926-5675 for Info / directions.

January 30, 2012

Dear Our Lady of Hope Parishioners,

We are sad to announce that Sharon Dadiago will be leaving us to pursue new employment opportunities. Sharon's last day with us will be Friday, February 17th.

Sharon has contributed greatly to Our Lady of Hope Parish and to St. Brigid School over the past five years. Her contributions have made a significant impact on where we are today in our organization.

As expected, Sharon has committed to making the transition as smooth as possible. We are working on an interim transition plan with the intent to post the bookkeeping job. We will keep you informed of the details of the interim plan as soon as it is finalized.

Please join me in thanking Sharon for her years of service to our school and parish and in wishing her tremendous success in her future endeavors.

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

Fr. James Lafontaine, S.J.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Our Lady of Hope Parish-St. Joseph, St. Patrick & St. Pius X Churches

www.ladyofhopemaine.org

Parish Office number: 207-772-6325/FAX 207-772-6326 - Hours: M-F 7AM-3PM

Parish School-St. Brigid: 207-797-7073

Religious Education Office: 207-797-9509 - Hours: M-F 8AM-4PM

Pastoral Staff

Rev. James Lafontaine, S.J.-Pastor
Rev. Richard-D. Bertrand, S.J.- Parochial Vicar
Rev. John d'Anjou, S.J.- Parochial Vicar
Rev. Robert F. Regan, S.J.- Pastoral Ministry
Rev. Mr. John McAuliffe, Deacon
Mary Gordon- Parish Business Administrator

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David Goulet (St. Patrick's)
Louis Philippe (St. Pius X)

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Janet Joyce-Pastoral Life/Co-Director Religious Education
Sandra Litcher-Co-Director Religious Education
Mark Cannon-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Coordinator

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Peter Buckley-Principal

New Parishioners:

Welcome! We invite you to Our Lady of Hope Parish family. Please register by calling the parish office @ 207-772-6325. Departing families please inform the Parish office prior to moving 207-772-6325.

Religious Education:

207-797-9509

Classes:

Pre-K-8

Youth Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Office hours Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

Baptism

Please call the Parish office @ 772-6325 to register for pre-baptism class.

Marriage:

Couples should contact the Parish office at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday:

4:00PM St. Patrick (1342 Congress St)
4:30PM St. Pius X (492 Ocean Ave.)
5:00PM St. Joseph (673 Stevens Ave.)

Sunday:

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| 7:00AM | St. Pius X | Vigil 5:30PM | St. Patrick |
| 8:00AM | St. Joseph | Vigil 7:00PM | St. Joseph |
| 10:30AM | St. Patrick | Feast 9:00AM | St. Pius X |
| 5:00PM | St. Joseph | | |

Holy Days:

Daily:

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| Mon-Fri 9:00AM | St. Pius X |
| Tues/Thurs. 7:00AM | St. Patrick |
| Friday 8:00AM | St. Joseph |
| Saturday 8:00AM | St. Joseph |

Reconciliation:

Saturday or by Appointment:
2:30PM-3:00PM St. Patrick
3:30PM-4:00PM St. Pius X
3:30PM-4:00PM St. Joseph