

HOLY CROSS PARISH, SOUTH PORTLAND



Saturday **March 23**
 4:00PM Donald Gregory by Dgtr. Barbara & Family

Sunday **March 24 (Palm Sunday)**
 7:00AM Sally M. Hasson by Family
 10:00AM Intentions of the Parishioners
 5:30PM Leon "Bud" Frederick, Jr. by Alice Carmody

Monday **March 25**
 12:00Noon Noon Mass at St. John's

Tuesday **March 26**
 7:30AM Andre Sirois by Peggy Emmons

Wednesday **March 27**
 7:30AM Communion Service

Thursday **March 28 (Holy Thursday)**
 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (at St. John's Church only)

Friday **March 29 (Good Friday)**
 7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord (at Holy Cross Church)

Saturday **March 30 (Holy Saturday)**
 7:30PM Easter Vigil (at Holy Cross Church only)

Sunday **March 31 (Easter Sunday)**
 7:00AM Roland Violette by Mrs. Albert Grassi
 10:00AM Anthony Tibbetts by Paul & Cheryl Tibbetts

(No 5:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

BENEFIT RAFFLE - Representatives of Cheverus High School will be present at Holy Cross Church this weekend March 23/24 with raffle tickets in conjunction with their annual scholarship fund raising drive. Please support this worthy cause – by participating you could be headed for a Caribbean Cruise.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Campaign envelopes are available in the rear of the church for your convenience. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support.

MAJESTY OF MARY PRAYER GROUP

The Marian Prayer Group continues to meet each Tuesday evening from 7-8:30PM in the church at Holy Cross. All are welcome to attend any Tuesday evening for the rosary, prayer and praise. FMI contact Carolyn or Jim Carson @799-4796.

BELL RINGING DURING GLORIA!

Once again this year we invite all who will be attending Mass to bring bells from home and to ring them with the choir during the GLORIA on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil, and once more on Easter Sunday.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 24

10AM Mass CLOW
 After 10Mass Coffee Hour & 400 Drawing in the School Cafeteria
 2:00PM Penitential Service – HC Church
 5:30PM SPYRIT Ministry – HC Church/Cafe
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal – HC Church

Tuesday, March 26

NO FAITH FORMAITON CLASSES THIS WEEK
 7:00PM Marian Prayer Group – HC Church

Thursday, March 28

9AM-Noon Food Cupboard – SJ Church.
 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper At St. John's Church only

Friday, March 29(Good Friday)

No Stations of the Cross Today
 5:30PM Good Friday Liturgy at St. John's
 7:30PM Good Friday Liturgy at Holy Cross

Saturday, March 30(Holy Saturday)

(No 4:00PM Mass Today)
 7:30PM Easter Vigil at Holy Cross
 (Reception following the Easter Vigil in the school café at Holy Cross)



DEVOTIONAL LIGHT

A devotional light is burning this week in loving memory of:

Connie Whitten

Requested by Family.

Envelopes used	339	\$4695.25
Loose money		\$1251.25
Total Collection for W/E 3/17/02		\$5946.50
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

Served in the school cafeteria after the 10AM Mass this Sunday.
Bagels and Hot Chocolate are also available!

THE 400 CLUB DRAWING FOR MARCH WILL BE HELD AT COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEKEND

(Please Note: Coffee Hour & 400 Club will not be held next weekend on Easter Sunday)

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2002

SACRAMENT
of
RECONCILIATION



LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF SOUTH PORTLAND

This Sunday, March 24th
2:00PM At Holy Cross Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Roman Catholic Parishes of South Portland

- MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY**
Regular schedule for all Masses.
- MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY**
(No noon Mass)
7:30PM - Liturgy at St. John's
(Hot Cross Buns served in the
church hall after the liturgy.)
- MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY**
5:30PM - Liturgy at St. John's
7:30PM - Liturgy at Holy Cross
(No morning Mass or
Stations of the Cross)
- MARCH 30 EASTER VIGIL**
(No 4:00 or 5:30PM Mass today)
7:30PM - Liturgy at Holy Cross
(Reception to follow for new members of
the church in the H.C. School Cafeteria.)
- MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY**
Holy Cross Masses 7:00 & 10:00AM
St. John's Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM
(No 5:30PM Mass on Easter)

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

We are again this month, giving out Easter baskets to families and children that come to our Food Cupboard. Adults receive a plastic dishpan filled with a canned ham, fruits, vegetables, biscuits, margarine and a bit of candy. Children's baskets have mostly food items, some candy and a small toy. When we looked at our database to see how many children's baskets we would need, we counted 222 children under the age of 8 years in the families that are now coming to the Food Cupboard. We finally decided that only 1 basket per family would be given to children between the ages of 3-8, and 1 stuffed Easter bunny per family given to children under 2 years of age. We are advocating "sharing" and everyone is accepting this well.

We are now averaging 40 families a week at the Food Cupboard. We remain humbled by those who come to us for food and various resources, and for the continued generosity of so many parishioners, businesses and friends. We thank and bless you all!



On Holy Thursday, there will be a collection at the liturgy to benefit the Food Cupboard.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As we quietly reflect this week on Christ's journey to His crucifixion, think about the ways you have grown in compassion and understanding about individuals around the world who are in need. Throughout your journey with *Operation Rice Bowl*, you have opened your mind and heart to learn more about people who are suffering. Continue to **pray** for all those who benefit from Operation Rice Bowl.

Your Rice Bowl donation may be brought to church on Easter Sunday and placed in the collection basket indicating "Rice Bowl".

Readings for the Week of March 24, 2002

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; or Is, 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn
13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-
15:1;
Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15,
32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom
6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



Special Collection

On Easter Sunday there will be two collections. The regular parish collection and the second is for Clergy Health and Pension Programs and Diocesan Emergency Needs.



Faith Formation

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If your child is preparing for Eucharist and Confirmation the Faith Formation Office will need a copy of their baptismal certificate. If you child was baptized at Holy Cross or St. John the Evangelist Church, we do not need a copy. If you have questions please call the Faith Formation Office @773-8710.

NO FAITH FORMATION

There are NO Faith Formation sessions during Holy Week. (March 25-31).

ADULT BIBLE RETREAT SCHEDULED

Our Bible Groups invite the parishioners of Holy Cross and St. John's to a Bible Retreat Day on Sunday, April 14th from 1-4PM to be held at St. John's Parish Center. (Registration is at 12:45PM on the 14th.) Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of reflection on "Catholics and the Bible" and "Biblical Images of God". Call the Faith Formation Office @ 773-8710 to RSVP or for additional information.

Vocation Discernment...An Afternoon of Reflection

For single women and men, ages 18-45, who want to explore the invitation to life as a Sister, Priest, Brother, Nun or Monk. The afternoon is scheduled for April 14 at St. Philip church in Auburn, Maine. FMI call Fr. Daniel Greenleaf @207-782-6911.

ATTENTION ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS...

There will be a special meeting on Monday, April 8th, 6:30PM at St. John's Center to meet the two nuns who are most intimately involved with the Brazilian ministry in Cappim Grosso. This meeting is in place of the regularly scheduled April commission meetings. All members are strongly urged to attend. Evening hosted by the Social Justice & Peace Commission.



Saturday 5:30PM
March 23
 Abner Ladd by
 M/M Donald Bourassa

Sunday
 8:30AM
 11:30AM
March 24 (PALM SUNDAY)
 Philip Gordon by Marlene Gordon
 Olivia Thibeu by the Coyne Family

Monday
 12:00Noon
March 25
 Marion Montgomery by
 Pat & Fran Cook

Tuesday
 7:30AM
March 26
 Mass at Holy Cross

Wednesday
 12:00Noon
March 27
 Communion Service

Thursday
 7:30PM
March 28(HOLY THURSDAY)
 James Coppinger by
 M/M Richard O'Brien

Friday
 5:30PM
 7:30PM
March 29(GOOD FRIDAY)
 Liturgy-Passion of Our Lord- S.J.
 Liturgy- Passion of Our Lord- H.C.
 (No Stations of the Cross)

Saturday
 7:30PM
March 30 (EASTER VIGIL)
 Liturgy at Holy Cross Parish

Sunday
 8:30AM
 11:30AM
March 31 (EASTER SUNDAY)
 For the Intentions of the Parishioners
 Lorina Giancaspro by M/M LaForgia

My family and I want to thank all our fellow parishioners and friends at both St. John's and Holy Cross for their prayers, Mass cards, sympathy cards, monetary gifts to the scholarship fund, baked goods and support in the recent death of my grandson Anthony Varanelli. We sincerely appreciate your outpouring of love.

Gratefully,
 Ellie,
 Mark & Children



While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:26-28

ALTAR SERVERS, please pick up your schedules in the Sacristy this weekend. Thank you.

NOTE!! THE NEXT MEETING FOR ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH.



DEVOTIONAL LIGHT

A devotional light is burning this week in loving memory of:

Patricia Fletcher

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bourassa

Envelopes used	169	\$2538.00
Loose money		\$ 751.00
Total Collection for W/E 3/17/02 \$3289.00		
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 25
 7:00PM Quilters' - Ctr.
 7:00PM O.F.C.- Ctr.

Tuesday, March 26
 No Faith Formation (Holy Week)

Wednesday, March 27
 7:00PM Choir rehearsal
 7:00PM Rosary - Church
 No Faith in Action (Holy Week)

Thursday, March 28
 9:00AM Quilters' - Ctr.
 9-12:00Noon Food Cupboard - Church Hall
 7:30PM Holy Thursday Liturgy - St. John's

Friday, March 29
 5:30PM Good Friday Liturgy - St. John's
 7:30PM Good Friday Liturgy - Holy Cross

Saturday, March 30
 7:30PM No 5:30PM Mass today
 Easter Vigil at Holy Cross

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE

Please join us each Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass for coffee, bagels, donuts and conversation with your fellow parishioners. Our host this week will be the Lectors. Next week our host will be the Eucharistic Ministers.



Good Friday, the Knights will be serving their annual **Fish Chowder** and **Corn Chowder** to be eaten in or taken out. This will be the end of the Lenten dinners for 2002.

