

**HOLY CROSS PARISH, SOUTH PORTLAND**



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS:** Please pick up your March schedules in the Sacristy this weekend. Thank You!



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
This Sunday, February 23  
3:00-4:00PM At Holy Cross Church  
*To Pray for Vocations*

**SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, March 2, is Holy Cross night at the Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen. FMI please contact Margo or Tom Hill @799-5753. Thank you for your continued support!

**Saturday** 4:00PM  
**Sunday** 7:00AM  
10:00AM  
5:30PM  
**Monday** 12:00Noon  
**Tuesday** 7:30AM  
**Wednesday** 7:30AM  
**Thursday** 12:00Noon  
**Friday** 7:30AM  
**Saturday** 4:00PM  
**Sunday** 7:00AM  
10:00AM  
5:30PM

**February 22**  
William & Josephine Murphy by Family  
**February 23 (Baptism 10AM Mass)**  
Intentions of the Parishioners  
Margaret A. Jabar by Norman Jabar  
William Hersey by Robert Blair & Family  
**February 24**  
Mass at St. John's  
**February 25**  
Walter J. "Mike" Norton by Eleanor Flaherty  
**February 26**  
Communion Service  
**February 27**  
Mass at St. John's  
**February 28**  
Eleanor B. King by Theda Ferris  
**March 1**  
Marjorie M. Legere by Phil & Bobbie Cavanaugh  
**March 2**  
Sandra Smith by Mrs. George "Mike" McCusker  
Jeannette Barrett by Family  
Mary Nelsen by Katherine McDonough Farrell

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Holy Cross School's 2003 Auction will be held on April 5th at The Marriott Hotel. In an effort to have a successful fund-raising event, the Auction Committee is seeking generous individual and corporate donations for the auction. Each donation is tax-deductible and goes to support our students and the school. If you have an item you would like to donate, please call Dianne Armishaw at 883-9941 or Spring Connolly at 883-5915. Thanks for your continued support!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** Campaign envelopes are available in the rear of the church for your convenience. If you have not made a pledge or donation and wish to do so, please call the parish office at 772-7489.

**DEVOTIONAL LIGHT**



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

**Dorothy E. Maroon**

Requested by Husband Michael

Maroon Sr. and Children Michael Jr. & Pamela.

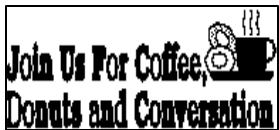
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, February 23**  
At 10AM Mass CLOW/Children's Liturgy of the Word  
After 10Mass Coffee Hour &  
400 Club Drawing - HC Cafe  
2:00-4:00PM Gym In Use  
3:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - HC Church  
**Tuesday, February 25**  
6-7:00PM F. Formation (Gr.P-5) - SJ Center  
6:30PM Brownies - HC Cafe  
7:00PM Marian Prayer Group - HC Church  
7:30PM RCIA - SJ Center Library  
**Wednesday, February 26**  
9:00AM Women's Bible Group - SJ Center  
7:00PM Women's Bible Group - SJ Center  
**Thursday, February 27**  
9AM-Noon Food Cupboard - SJ Church Hall  
6-7:00PM F. Formation (Gr.P-5) - SJ Center  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Holy Cross Church  
7:10PM Men's Bible Group - SJ Center  
7:10PM Women's Bible Group - SJ Center  
7:00PM Grade 1 - HC Cafe In Use  
**Friday, February 28**  
Evening HC Middle School Dance-Gym/Cafe  
**Saturday, March 1**  
8:30-11:30AM School Classrooms In Use  
11AM-2:30PM Gym In Use  
2:30-4:00PM Gym In Use  
5-7PM Men's Basketball - HC Gym



Envelopes used	333	\$3892.50
Loose money		\$1008.50
<b>Total Collection for W/E 02-16-03</b>		<b>\$4901.00</b>

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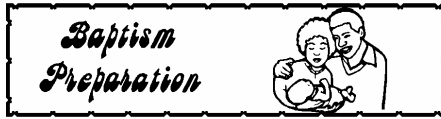
Served in the school cafeteria after the 10AM Mass this Sunday.

*All are welcome to join us for fellowship!*

**400 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY DURING COFFEE HOUR**

**B/P SCREENING SATURDAY ONLY:** This Saturday, February 22, a Parish Nurse will be available following the 4:00PM Mass to take your blood pressure. Go to the Parish Nurse Office in the rear of the church at the Schoolyard exit. **(Please Note:** Blood pressure screening will no longer be held after the 10AM Mass on Sunday morning.)

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2003



### BAPTISM CLASSES SCHEDULED

The Baptism Preparation classes for the spring session will be held **Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30PM & Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30PM** at St. John's Center. Any parent(s) wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with their child in the next six months should attend both classes. You may register by calling the parish office at 772-7489.

### Readings for the Week of February 23, 2003

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22; 2 Cor 3:1b-6; Mk 2:18-22

### ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>** marks the first day of Lent. There will be a collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Proceeds from the collection, sponsored by the Bishops of the United States, are used for providing religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries to those in need and rebuilding ruined churches, schools and convents. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

### MARIAN HOLY HOUR

Marian Holy Hour to pray for non-believers, religious vocations and right to life issues will be held at St. John's on Sunday, March 2, 2003 from 5:00-6:15AM. Please enter the church by the parking lot back door. Those who cannot join us at church are urged to pray an *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be* for the above intentions sometime during the day.

### FOOD CUPBOARD

On Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Sybil Riemensnider was the guest speaker at the South Portland Lion's Club. They gave the Food Cupboard a very generous donation of \$1,600.00. Their current President, Bob Burbank has become an active volunteer and has helped us immensely.

Once again this year we had a visit from a Cape Elizabeth Brownie group, donating food and learning more about what we do and who we serve.

Our thanks go to the following for their monetary donations: Nancy Evans (Falmouth), Rita Lambert, Jeannette Fournier, Patti & Norman Locke, Bob Hewlett (in memory of Charlene, Dick and for the handicapped ramp), Mary Kimball (in memory of husband Warren), Evelyn Scribner (Portland, in memory of Agnes Cornely).

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF SOUTH PORTLAND LENTEN SCHEDULE

### ASH WEDNESDAY (March 5, 2003)

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Holy Cross	7:30 & 9:00AM
St. John's	12:00Noon & 6:30PM

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Cross	Tuesday & Friday	7:30AM
St. John's	Monday & Thursday	12:00Noon

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday)

Holy Cross	2:30PM
St. John's (After Haddock Supper)	6:00PM

### Lenten Regulations:

Observance of Fast and Abstinence during Lent is meant to make the season more meaningful and reflective.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed in the Diocese of Portland by those 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. This may be observed on the Friday's of Lent. Fasting observed in the Diocese of Portland on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** for those 18 years of age, but not yet 59. To observe this fast, one takes one full meal during the day, but may also take two smaller meals if necessary.

### GREATER PORTLAND SPIRITUAL, SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

This group welcomes separated and divorced persons of all faiths, who request their support. Meetings every Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Rectory, 307 Congress Street Portland. FMI call 797-9374.



### CONFIRMATION AND

### FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

We have added two dates to celebrate the Rites of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The dates for the Rites are as follows:

Saturday, May 24, 6:00 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday, May 25, 8:30 am at St. John's
Saturday, June 7, 5:30 pm at St. John's
Sunday, June 8, 8:30 am at St. John's

Please call Faith Formation @ 773-8710 if you have any questions

### ALL PARISH BIBLE RETREAT DAY

All parishioners of Holy Cross and St. John's are invited to a Bible Retreat Day on Sunday, March 2 from 1-4PM at St. John's Parish Center. (Please arrive at 12:45 for registration). All are welcome. We will explore the themes of conversion in the Hebrew Scriptures. There will be background teaching and small group reflection. Perfect for getting your Lenten season off to a good start!

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, SOUTH PORTLAND**



**Saturday February 22**  
5:30PM Angelina Puopolo by The Spino Family

**Sunday February 23**  
8:30AM Michael Downing by Robert Desjaardine  
11:30AM John DiVito by M/M Robert Nigro

**Monday February 24**  
12:00Noon John Finney by June Mosely & Laura Stevens

**Tuesday February 25**  
7:30AM Mass at Holy Cross

**Wednesday February 26**  
12:00Noon Communion Service

**Thursday February 27**  
12:00Noon Eleanor Lunt by The Doughty Family

**Friday February 28**  
7:30AM Mass at Holy Cross

**Saturday March 1**  
5:30AM John Dominicus by David & Laura Stevens

**Sunday March 2**  
8:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
11:30AM Albertine Feury by Steve Hasson

**BAKED HADDOCK SUPPER**



Coming up starting March 7<sup>th</sup> and every Friday thereafter until April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual **BAKED HADDOCK SUPPERS** at St. John's Parish Hall. Time 5:00PM. Please see insert for more information.

*"But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"--he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." --Mk 2:10-11*

**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS**

St. John's Women's Council is planning a retreat on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM – 2:30PM. Fr. Paul will be our speaker. It has been brought to our attention that some men of our parishes would like to attend the retreat. You are more than welcome to come. Please see the insert in **this week's** bulletin to sign up. Extra inserts will be in the office or on the tables in the church.

*HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!*

**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL SPRING**

**RAFFLE** will be coming right along. Any monetary gifts, gift certificates or articles we could use for our raffle can be dropped at the office on 29 Aspen Avenue or call Peg @767-2897 or Barbara @774-2713.

Thanking you in advance for your help!

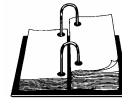


**DEVOTIONAL LIGHT**

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

**Theresa Rose Marrazzo Quincannon**

Requested by James Quincannon.



**The Week Ahead**

**Monday, February 24**

Quilters – SJ Center

7:00PM

**Tuesday, February 25**

F. Formation (Gr.P-5) – SJ Center

6-7:00PM

RCIA – SJ Center Library

7:30PM

K of C Social

7:00PM

**Wednesday, February 26**

Women's Bible Grp. – SJ Center

9:00AM

Faith In Action (Gr.6-8) – SJ Center

7:00PM

Rosary – SJ Church

7:00PM

Women's Bible Grp. – SJ Center

7:00PM

**Thursday, February 27**

Quilters – SJ Center

9:00AM

Food Cupboard – SJ Church Hall

9AM-Noon

F. Formation (Gr.P-5) – SJ Center

6-7:00PM

Choir Rehearsal – SJ Church

6:30PM

Men's Bible Grp. – SJ Center

7:10PM

Women's Bible Grp. – SJ Center

7:10PM

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		



**Cantors** Cantor needed for the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday. If interested please call, Dorothy DiDonato @799-0234 or see her after Saturday Mass.

**Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE**

Please join us every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass for Coffee, donuts, bagels and conversation with your fellow parishioners. Our host this week will be the Pastoral Council. Next week our host will be the Women's Council.

