

HOLY CROSS PARISH, SOUTH PORTLAND



Saturday
4:00PM
Richard Kennedy by Germaine & Suzanne Radomski

Sunday
7:00AM
10:00AM
5:30PM
Quirino J. Mancini by Family
Sadie E. Norton by Eleanor Flaherty
Hope Johnson by Mary Curran

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

Tuesday
7:30AM
Thomas Flaherty by M/M Robert Graff

Wednesday
7:30AM
Communion Service

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

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

Saturday
7:30PM
Easter Vigil (at Holy Cross Church only)
No 4:00PM Mass Today

Sunday
7:00AM
10:00AM
Intentions of the Parishioners
Roland Violette by His Wife Dorothy
(No 5:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

PLEASE NOTE!
The Cheverus Council Knights of Columbus Monthly Supper is **CANCELLED** for this month (April). The Council Raffle is still ongoing and you may buy tickets from any member. Winners will be announced May 20th.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Will not take place this Sunday due to the Penitential Service.

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.

HOLY CROSS RENOVATIONS UPDATE!
Great progress is being made on our renovations! The Easter Sunday liturgies will be the last celebrations in our present church prior to the beginning of the renovations. The pews will be removed Easter week and the organ will be dismantled and stored shortly thereafter. Effective the week of April 21st weekday masses at Holy Cross will be held in the old convent chapel and weekend masses will be celebrated in our school gymnasium. We will be opening the bids on April 16th and a decision will be made shortly thereafter regarding the contractor for the project.



DEVOTIONAL LIGHT
A devotional light is burning this week in loving memory of:
Phillip LaRou
Requested by his wife Henrietta LaRou.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 13
10AM Mass
11AM-1PM CLOW
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
2:00PM Penitential Service – HC Church
5:00PM Den 14 – HC Cafe
5:30PM SPYRIT Ministry – HC Church
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal – HC Church

Tuesday, April 15
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK
6:30PM Brownie Meeting – HC Cafe
7:00PM Marian Prayer Group – HC Church

Wednesday, April 16
7:00PM H.C. Finance Council Mtg.-S.J.

Thursday, April 17 (Holy Thursday)
9AM-Noon Food Cupboard – SJ Church.
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper At St. John's Church only

Friday, April 18 (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, April 19 (Holy Saturday)
(No 4:00PM Mass Today)
7:30PM Easter Vigil at Holy Cross (Reception following the Easter Vigil in the school cafe at Holy Cross)

Envelopes used	351	\$5343.00
Loose money		\$1166.00
Total Collection for W/E 04-06-03		\$6509.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Holy Cross Cafeteria, 11:00AM-1:00PM
\$20.00 Family; \$5.00 Individual or \$4.00 Students
(THE REGULAR COFFEE HOUR WILL NOT BE HELD THIS SUNDAY)

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.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2003

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Holy Cross Church, Sunday afternoon April 13th, at 2:00PM. There will be a number of priests to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us. This is a marvelous opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter and to truly become an Easter people.

Forgiveness of Sins

In order to understand fully the importance and beauty of the Sacrament of Penance it is necessary to understand what is meant by forgiveness of sins. When God forgives our sins, He removes them from our souls and destroys the sins. This means that the sin no longer exists. After we have received absolution in this Sacrament, God looks down upon us and sees a soul without sin. When you walk out of church, your sins are gone. This also means that on the Day of Judgment God will not bring up any sins we have confessed and for which we received sacramental absolution. With this in mind, we should be eager to make confession of our sins a regular part of the spiritual life

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS: TRIDUUM

	Holy Thursday- April 17	Good Friday April 18	-Easter Vigil April 19	-Easter Sunday April 20
S. J.	7:30PM	5:30PM	None	8:30 & 11:30A
H.C.	None	7:30PM	7:30PM	7:00 & 10:00A

EASTER COMMUNION

In the USA, the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the first Sunday of Lent, March 9 to Trinity Sunday, June 15. For a just cause, this "Easter Duty" may be fulfilled at some other time of year.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of Easter Flowers for the altar this year in memory of a loved one, please use the envelopes that were in last weeks bulletin marked "Flower Offering". There are also envelopes available in the back of the church. These can be put in the collection basket or sent to the church office.

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2003

Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10; or, Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47
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:	Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; or, 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; Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Remember!!

Second Collection on Good Friday, April 18th is for the Church in the Holy Land.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003 IN OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOTS DAY.



Who, What, Where, and When...

Local author Susan Conroy will be at the Ave Maria Gift Shop (797 Stevens Ave. Ptd.) signing her new book "Mother Teresa's Lessons of Love and Secrets of Sanctity" on Saturday, April 26, 2003 from 10AM-2PM. Orders can be taken in advance by calling 797-7999.

HOLY HOUR WITH THE BISHOP

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 5:00PM you may join the sisters for Holy Hour and Benediction with the Bishop at the Monastery of the Precious Blood.

PRAY FOR THE TROOPS

In the Narthex of both parishes there is a bulletin board available to post names of service men and women who are involved in the Iran Crisis. Please pray also for the Iraqi people and a speedy resolution to this crisis.

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

We thank who ever left the huge amount of canned goods last Sunday evening (March 30) at Holy Cross, and the Mary F. Marsh Elementary School (Redbank) for their generous collection of canned goods. Perfect timing, as we are going to have a busy month!

HELP! The Cupboard needs help setting up at 7:30 am on Thursday mornings, and to pick up donated food items at Hannaford's again, at 7:30 am every morning. Any early risers out there? Please call Sybil at 799-5938 or the Food Cupboard 874-0379.

We need Spaghetti Sauce, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Decaf Coffee THANK YOU!



Faith Formation

BAKE SALE

The bake sales held last weekend at Holy Cross & St. John's were a wonderful success. The proceeds from the sale (nearly \$700) contribute towards the purchase of equipment needed by the mission and school at St. Christopher's in Capim Grosso, Brazil. **Thank you** for your generous support!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Faith Formation PK-5 Tuesday and Thursday groups again celebrated the Living Stations of the Cross for children. Each class participated in one or more stations, with readings and a visual representation of the station. Many families joined the children and catechists in celebrating the traditional prayer on Thursday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 8. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION PK-5 AND FAITH IN ACTION (GRADES 6 - 8)

There will be no Faith Formation classes for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 for the next two weeks, April 13 - April 27.

Our next and final classes will be:

PK - 5: -Tuesday, April 29 or Thursday, May 1

Faith in Action (6-8)- Wednesday, April 30 (Awards Night)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The final CLOW will be on May 4. There is no CLOW this Sunday (Palm Sunday) or Easter Sunday.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, SOUTH PORTLAND



Saturday April 12
5:30PM Michael Downing by Robert Desjardins

Sunday April 13
8:30AM Samuel Huff by June Mosley and Laura Stevens
11:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Monday April 14
12:00Noon Angelina Puopolo by The Heatley family

Tuesday April 15
7:30AM Mass at Holy Cross


Wednesday April 16
12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday April 17 (Holy Thursday)
7:30PM Mass of the Last Supper (At St. John's only)

Friday April 18 (Good Friday)
5:30PM Good Friday Liturgy (S.J.)
7:30PM Good Friday Liturgy (H.C.)

Saturday April 19 (Easter Vigil)
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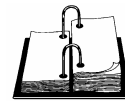
Sunday April 20, (Easter Sunday)
8:30AM John Dominicus by M/M Stephen Pelletier
11:30AM Amadee Foley by George & Jean Cahill

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 Knights of Columbus. Next week our host will be the Religious Education Commission.

This week's Inspiration

But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven'" --Mk 14:61-62



The Week Ahead

Monday, April 14
9-10:30AM Activity Rm #1 in use
11:30-2:30 Church Women United- Dble Room & Church

7:00PM Quilter's- Ctr.

Tuesday, April 15
No Faith Formation Classes this week

Wednesday, April 16
9:00AM Women's Bible Grp. – SJ Center
7:00PM H.C. Finance Council- SJ
7:00PM Rosary – SJ Church
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Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday
9:00AM Quilters – SJ Center
9AM-Noon Food Cupboard – SJ Church Hall
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper At St. John's Only (Hot Cross buns following service in the church hall)

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday
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7:30PM Good Friday Liturgy at St. Johns
Good Friday Liturgy at Holy Cross

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Easter Vigil at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 20- EASTER
8:30AM John Dominicus by M/M Stephen Pelletier
11:30AM Amadee Foley by George & Jean Cahill



DEVOTIONAL LIGHT

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

Jo Gifford

Requested by son Bob Hewlett.



Envelopes used	173	\$2976.00
Loose money		\$ 684.00
Total Collection for W/E 04/06/03		\$3660.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL

You have probably received your Spring Raffle tickets in the mail by now. There are several great prizes donated by generous parishioners and businesses. Please buy as many tickets as you can and return your entries and money in the envelope provided. We would like to "Thank" all the people that brought in items for the raffle. If you are planning to bring in an item, please put your name on it so that we can acknowledge you. Thanks again for your help, without you we could not be a success.

