

**HOLY CROSS PARISH, SOUTH PORTLAND**



<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>July 17</b> M/M William C. Crocker by M/M Roger Connolly
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00AM	<b>July 18</b> Walter J. "Mike" Norton by Eleanor Flaherty
10:00AM	Margaret "Peg" Foley by Donna McCusker
5:30PM	Mary Curran by Ed & Doris Cook
<b>Monday</b> 12 Noon	<b>July 19</b> Mass at St. John's
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30AM	<b>July 20</b> Robert Ritchie by Dick & Nancy Feeney
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30AM	<b>July 21</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12 Noon	<b>July 22</b> Mass at St. John's
<b>Friday</b> 7:30AM	<b>July 23</b> Russell Souza by Alberta Cloutier
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>July 24</b> Henry Philip by Terence & Susan McNamara
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00AM	<b>July 25</b> Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00AM	Julienne Page by Family
5:30PM	J. Donald MacWilliams by Betty Kennedy



**DEVOTIONAL LIGHT**

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

**JOHN R. EARLES**

Requested by His Family.

Envelopes used	293	\$3806.50
Loose money		\$1618.08
<b>Total Collection for W/E 07-11-04</b>		<b>\$5424.58</b>
<p align="center">Thank you for your continued support and generosity.</p>		



**400 CLUB**

During the summer months 400 Club Dues may be paid through the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked "400 Club". The monthly drawing for July will be held after the 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, July 25, in the narthex of the church.

If you have any questions regarding the 400 Club you may call Susan Gillis at 799-8879. Thank you for your continued support throughout the summer months



**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY**

If any boy or girl is interested in becoming an altar server at Holy Cross and you are in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above at Holy Cross School or public school, please call Beth Ewing at 799-3520. Training will be provided.

**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

Any adult parishioners (men or women) who are available during the day to serve at funeral Masses are invited to become an acolyte. If you are only available on Saturdays, summer vacation, or certain days of the week your help is still welcome in this ministry. For more information contact the Parish Office @772-7489.



SEE!

I will never forget you ...

Isaiah 49:15

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** Campaign envelopes are available at the entrance to Holy Cross Church for your convenience. If you have not made a pledge or a one-time donation and wish to do so, please call the parish office @772-7489. Many thanks to all for your continued support!

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, July 18**

*"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life."*

**Tuesday, July 20**

7:00PM Majesty of Mary Cenacle Prayer Group – HC Chapel

**Thursday, July 22**

9AM-Noon Food Cupboard – SJ Church Hall

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE!**

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, GYM & CAFETERIA ARE CLOSED TO ANY FUNCTIONS FOR THE SUMMER VACATION. THANK YOU!**



**WELCOME!**

We are pleased to share our liturgical celebrations with our summer visitors who may be passing through or spending a period of time with us. We hope you will enjoy the hospitality of the community which makes up the parishes.

**THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

135 Households from Holy Cross have pledged a total of \$31,159.00 to date. **Parish Goal:** \$44,000.00.

84 Households from St. John's have pledged a total of \$8,465.00 to date. **Parish Goal:** \$15,500.00.



Please take a moment today to pick up a pledge card at the church entrances. Fill it out today. Drop it in the Offertory collection basket, or mail it to the parish office at 29 Aspen Avenue, South Portland.

*Your sacrifice - whatever amount, is vital! The willingness of our people here in Maine to help each other is great cause for joy and celebration. God bless you all!*

**VOCATIONS**

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Frank Murray at 782-6911, ext. 3109.

**NEW GROUPS: THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN TODAY'S CHURCH**

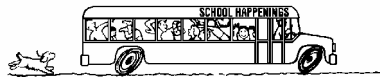
Last week we had a significant turnout for our Information Social on the "Laity in Today's Church". The gathering was a good mix of members from Holy Cross and St. John. Fr. Paul spoke about our need to become more engaged in three critical areas of our Christian life: our Catholic faith, our faith communities and in our role as laypersons in a changing Church. Joseph Draper proposed starting several Collaborative Inquiry Groups in which we, as laypersons, can learn about and reflect on Church documents that concern the laity, and where we can critically reflect on our own roles as laypersons in our community and diocese.

The gathering decided to have groups meet for a Monday option and Wednesday option at 6:30PM in St. John's Center. Based on the numbers that signed up, we will have three Wednesday groups and two Monday groups. The groups will begin with a large group presentation on the material handed out followed by reflection in small groups. Our first week will center on the diocesan document, "Toward a New Evangelization: a Rationale" which concerns reconfiguring parishes in light of the priest shortage under the theme of New Evangelization.

If you would like to join a summer group, call the parish office, 772-7489, for more information. There is a small amount of reading members are asked to do before gathering. You can pick up the articles from the parish office. Holy Cross/St. John the Evangelist

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2004	
Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS**



**A REMINDER!** Tuition for Pre-K thru Grade 8 is Now Due for the new school year. Payments should be mailed or dropped off at the parish business office located at 29 Aspen Avenue, South Portland. Please contact Nelson Megna, Business Mgr. at 772-7489 if you have not received a tuition packet. Thank you!

**DOMINICAN SISTERS  
BAKE SALE!**

Sr. Magdalene of the Dominican Sisters in Connecticut is happy to report that they made \$707.00 at the Bake Sale between Holy Cross and St. John's on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. They want to thank everyone who helped sell their baked goods and everyone that bought or donated money. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

**THE FOOD CUPBOARD**

We have come to the end of our fiscal year, and are now starting our 8<sup>th</sup> year. It doesn't seem possible! So much need in our community and because of the generosity of both parishes we are able to help everyone that comes to us. We thank you!

We have 32 wonderful men and women who give of their time weekly to make this Cupboard work so well. A majority of them have volunteered their time since the very beginning, putting in well over 200 hours a year. We would not be able to help so many people without them. We thank them!

This month we have started giving out whole milk. This has been received extremely well. Milk is expensive, but an important nutritional food source. Again, thanks to Tom Smaha, the cost to order through him is very reasonable. Tom has enabled us to place orders for food items through his store weekly. Food is ordered from Hannaford but the cost to us is well below the store prices. Thank you Tom!

We are very grateful to the following for their recent monetary donations: Michael & Maureen Connolly (of MA), Bob Hewlett (in memory of Charlene, the Pope, Fr. Paul, all priests and volunteers), Mary Cash, Ophelia Lepore, John & Irene Malley, Jane Fournier, Rita Lambert, Denise Simms (in honor of her brother's birthday), and those of you that wish to remain anonymous. **THE CUPBOARD NEEDS: Cake**

Mixes, Summer Drinks, Tuna, and Cookies  
Thank you!



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



*She had a sister named Mary (who) sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." -Lk 10:39-40*

- Saturday**      **July 17**  
5:30PM          John Dominicus by Family
  
- Sunday**        **July 18**  
8:30AM          Philip Shevenell by  
Terri & Don Bourassa  
11:30AM        For the Intentions of the Parishioners
  
- Monday**        **July 19**  
12:00AM        Michael Downing by Louise Way
  
- Tuesday**       **July 20**  
7:30AM          Mass at Holy Cross
  
- Wednesday**   **July 21**  
12:00Noon      Communion Service
  
- Thursday**      **July 22 (Mass for the Living)**  
12:00Noon      Zelica Boissonneau
  
- Friday**         **July 23**  
7:30AM          Mass at Holy Cross
  
- Saturday**      **July 24**  
5:30PM          Charlotte Corrigan by  
Rick & Norma O'Brien
  
- Sunday**        **July 25**  
8:30AM          William Barry by  
Candy & Jim Welch  
11:30AM        Joseph Charles by  
Phyllis Reardon

**A DIFFERENT TAKE**

Most of us can surely understand Martha's point. We lead such busy and complex lives that taking time out to relax in the presence of Jesus seems irresponsible. But Jesus sees it differently. He calls her to take time out to acknowledge what is really important. This week, take 10 minutes every day to experience the presence of our loving God. Then everything else will fall into place.

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH  
CHARITY COLLECTION**

St. John's Charity Collection this weekend **July 17/18<sup>th</sup>**. This collection enables Fr. Paul to help those in need who come to him for temporary financial assistance. Please be as generous as you can.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- Monday, July 19**  
12:00Noon      Bridge – SJ Parish Center
  
- Wednesday, July 20**  
4:00PM          Church Kitchen/Hall In Use  
7:00PM          Rosary – SJ Church
  
- Thursday, July 21**  
9AM-12Noon    Food Cupboard –  
SJ Church Hall  
9:00AM          Quilter's – SJ Center  
6:30PM          Church Hall in Use AA



**DEVOTIONAL LIGHT**

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

**Martin Conley**

Requested by Wife & Family.

Envelopes used	162	\$2404.15
Loose money		\$ 404.85
<b>Total Collection for W/E 7-11-04</b>		<b>\$2809.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		



**WELCOME NEWCOMERS**

Michael J. Mahoney, Judy & Ron Fucci, Chris & Sara Kovacs, Dean & Christa Berry & Family, Patricia Teehan, John & Diane McFadden and Mr. & Mrs. Armand Pelletier.

