

**HOLY CROSS & ST. JOHN'S PARISHES, SOUTH PORTLAND, ME**



**HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S**

**Saturday March 5**  
**HC 4:00PM** Rosemary Burns by  
M/M Robert Nigro  
**SJ 5:30PM** Thomas Leo by the  
Whitten Family

**Sunday March 6**  
**HC 7:30AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
**SJ 9:00AM** Nancy Feeney by M/M Phil Viola  
**HC 10:30AM** Henry Yankowsky by  
Alberta Cloutier

**Monday March 7**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Blanche Blanchette by  
Relatives & Friends

**Tuesday March 8**  
**HC 7:30AM** Maydene Potrepka by  
Kathy & Roland Adams

**Wednesday March 9**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service

**Thursday March 10**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** Blanche Blanchette by  
Relatives & Friends

**Friday March 11**  
**HC 7:30AM** Nancy Feeney by  
John & Elaine Curran

**Saturday March 12**  
**HC 4:00PM** Grace Ridge Elliott by  
Daughters & Family  
**SJ 5:30PM** Patrick Conley by  
Cindy Ricker & Family

**Sunday March 13**  
**HC 7:30AM** John Guerrette by Family  
**SJ 9:00AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
**HC 10:30AM** Maydene Potrepka by  
Patricia Peasley

**DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS**

A devotional light is burning this week at  
**Holy Cross** in loving memory of:

**Steven Keating**

Requested by  
The Jones Family

A devotional light is burning this week at  
**St. John's** in loving memory of:

**Joseph & Josephine Palmacci**

Requested by  
Daughter Priscilla Smith

**HOLY CROSS**

Envelopes used	#353	\$4294.00
Loose money		<u>\$1124.00</u>
<b>Total Collection for W/E 02/27/05</b>		<b>\$5418.00</b>
Thank you for your continued generosity..		

**ST. JOHN'S**

Envelopes used	#133.	\$2411.00
Loose money		<u>\$ 591.00</u>
<b>Total Collection for W/E 02/27/05</b>		<b>\$3002.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

***THE WEEK AHEAD***

***Holy Cross/St. John's***

**Sunday, March 6**

9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word-**SJ**  
**10:10-11:10AM** FFP-5, Gr.6-8 & Adult Ed-**SJ Center**  
10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word-**HC**  
After 10:30AM Mass Coffee Hour/400 Club - **HC Café**  
**Noon-1:30PM** HC/SJ Choir Rehearsal – SJ Church

**Monday, March 7**

12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**  
6:30PM S. J. Women's Council- **Ctr.**

**Tuesday, March 8**

2:00PM Adult Bible Group – **SJ Center**  
6:00PM RCIA – **SJ Center**  
7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -  
At **HC Church**

**Wednesday, March 9**

9:00AM Women's Bible Group – **SJ Center**  
6:30PM Adult Bible Group – **SJ Center**  
6-8:00PM Odyssey of the Mind- **Ctr.**  
7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

**Thursday, March 10**

9:00AM Food Cupboard- **SJ Church**  
9:00AM Quilters- **SJ Center**  
3:30-5:30PM Odyssey of the Mind- **Ctr.**  
5:00PM Church Kitchen & Hall in use  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal- **SJ Church**  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal – **HC Church**  
6:30PM AA Mtg.- **S. J. Center**

**Friday, March 11**

9-3:00PM S. J. Women's Council Retreat/**Ctr.-**  
2:30PM Stations of the Cross- **HC Church**  
4:00PM American Institute- **Dble. Room**  
5:00PM Haddock Supper- **SJ Church Hall**  
6:00PM Stations of the Cross- **SJ Church**

**Saturday, March 12**

9-12:00Noon Workshop- Sr. Gendreau- **Ctr.**  
4:00PM American Institute- **Dble Room**



**RETURN TO YOUR HEART**

Sr. Irma Gendreau, pfm, a PRH Growth educator from Worcester, MA (and Fr. Mike's aunt) will conduct a three hour introductory workshop, free of charge. This workshop will be held at The Holy Cross / St. John Pastoral Center on Aspen Avenue on **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to Noon.** To register or FMI please call Fr. Mike Gendreau at 772-7489.

*Bagels and Other Special Treats* in the school cafeteria this Sunday immediately following the 10:30AM



**ST. JOHN'S**

**WOMEN'S COUNCIL** will be sponsoring a Retreat at St. John's center on Friday, March 11, 2005 from 9:30AM to 2:30PM. Fr. Mike Gendreau will be the guest speaker.

**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL** will hold their meeting on **March 7, in the center at 6:30PM.** The entertainment will be a sing a long. Refreshments will be served by Carole Walsh, Edie Dominicus and Florence Bouchard. All women are welcome.

**THE FOOD CUPBOARD**

We have had a very busy last week in February. Not only did we pick up extra food items for filling the Easter baskets at Legion Square Market on Tuesday, we went to Shaw's in Wells on Wednesday, and to Sanford for an USDA shipment of canned goods on Thursday. Our van was in constant use all week! Helping Ralph and Bill to unload the van every day were the men from the Friendship House. They are young, strong, and eager to help and work very efficiently. We are very pleased with this liaison and look forward to calling on them often.

We thank Shaw's for ketchup, mixed fruit and frozen dinners. They seem to know just when we are low on frozen dinners and are always there to fill up our freezers. We are very grateful for their donations.

Once again on school vacation, Allie Kill brings her South Portland High School friends to volunteer at the Cupboard. Thank you Allie, Anthony, Karen and Britney, you were a tremendous help!

We start to give out Easter baskets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. We will have a very busy month and all our volunteers will rise to the occasion. We are quite the "family" and enjoy each other's company as well as helping those in need.



God instructs Samuel "Not as man sees, does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we are asked to look into the heart of Beatrice Anakete of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She is a child of God just as we are. Her problem and that of her fellow villagers was cholera.

We pray for the gift of the sight of faith that helps us see the challenges that face our bothers and sisters around the world. Our contributions to Operation Rice Bowl help Catholic Relief Services" give sight to the blind' figuratively, through education programs.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
MARCH 5/6 FOR AMERICAN BISHOPS  
OVERSEAS APPEAL.**

<b>Readings for the Week of March 6, 2005</b>	
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IRISH SUPPER**

The Cheverus Council monthly supper is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful St. Patrick's boiled dinner with corned beef will be served. Social hour is 6-7:00PM. Dinner at 7:00PM. For reservations call Dick Pyne at #799-6352 or Margaret Page #799-7796. The raffle drawing will take place at this dinner meeting. Prizes total \$1900.00.

**FAITH FORMATION  
NEW TIMES FOR SUNDAY FAITH  
FORMATION**

Our Sunday catechists have requested a change in the Sunday times for Faith Formation. After a review of the proposal by the Faith Formation Commission, we have agreed to the changes. **NEW TIMES from 10:10-11:10.** The advantages to this change are that we finish sessions 20 minutes earlier and it brings our gatherings closer to their original times. The disadvantage is that it leaves only ten minutes after the 9am Mass for coffee and doughnuts.



Join us for Coffee, Juice, and Donuts & Bagels after the **9:00AM** Mass at **St. John's** in the Church Hall. Your host at St. John's will be the **The Choir.** **Next week your host will be Faith Formation.** Join the parishioners at **Holy Cross** for *Hot Chocolate, Donuts,*

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*  
**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**  
June 27 - July 1

More details to come in the next few weeks!

Join us each Friday night for the Baked Haddock Supper, put on by the K of C #8144. For those who do not eat fish, they have pasta and other foods to choose from. The time is 5:00PM in the Parish Hall.



**COMING UP!**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S.**  
**LOOK IN FUTURE**  
**BULLETINS FOR MORE**  
**INFO.**

**WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?**

**Question:** Why do Catholics remove the holy water from the fonts during Lent?

**Answer:** Parishes may remove holy water from the fonts to remind us of the penitential nature of Lent. Some parishes tie a purple cloth of the fonts or fill them with sand. The particular custom is up to the bishop. The custom in another way to fast before the feast. Our Easter celebrations use lots of water to remind us of our Baptism, including the Blessing of Water during the Easter Vigil and the Sprinkling Rite during the Easter season.

**HOLY WEEK TRADITIONS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On Good Friday, it is common to pause in front of each representation of fourteen events experienced by Jesus on his walk to Calvary. Praying at each Station helps to absorb its significance in our *Lord's* passion and death.

**WASHING OF FEET:** This ritual – performed on Holy Thursday reminds us of our baptism and resulting promise to be servants of one another. Jesus washed the feet of his apostles and said, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me” (John 13:8)

**VENERATION OF THE CROSS:** Many parishes display a crucifix during Holy Week to allow the faithful to reverently kiss or touch it. By giving honor to the cross, we are giving honor to the person who died upon it.

**VOCATIONS**

“We must do the deed of him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, call Fr. Frank J. Murray @ 782-6911 ext 3109.



**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Holy Martyrs parish, Rt. 88, Falmouth, ME  
“Connected Catholics of Maine” meeting Sunday,  
March 6<sup>th</sup>. 5:00PM. Pot Luck bring an item. FMI call  
282-5250.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** St. Joseph Church, Rt. 1, Biddeford, Me.  
Visionary from Medjugorje to speak about the Blessed  
Mother, Queen of Peace. There will be recitation of the  
Rosary, Mass and the speaker. FMI 282-5074.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**- Monastery, 28 Beach Ave, Kennebunk  
Mass for the healing of families and ancestors of all  
participants. Teaching at 2:00PM will precede the  
Mass. FMI 967-2011

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** Monastery of the Precious Blood, Portland  
Holy Hour, Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM. Pray with  
Bishop Richard J. Malone and the Sisters.

