

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



Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S

Saturday April 30
HC 4:00PM Lenore Higgins by John Higgins
SJ 5:30PM Domenic DiBiase by Wife Anna

Sunday May 1
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM Sammie Huff by Brian & Kathy Hanlon
HC 10:30AM Thomas Guare by Family

Monday May 2
SJ 12:00Noon Blanche Blanchette by Relatives & Friends

Tuesday May 3
HC 7:30AM Jeffrey King by Aunt Pam Sharpe

Wednesday May 4
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday May 5
SJ 12:00Noon Patrick Conley by Phil & Judy Conley

Friday May 6
HC 7:30AM Dick Poulin by the Curry Family

Saturday May 7
HC 4:00PM Andrew J. & Barbara C. Flaherty Family
SJ 5:30PM J. Paul Scully by daughter Connie Palyn

Sunday May 8
HC 7:30AM T. J. Michaud by Grandparents
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM Polly Abraham from Family

HOLY CROSS

Envelopes used	322	\$4995.00
Loose money		<u>\$ 1118.45</u>
Total Collection for W/E 04-24-05		\$6113.45
Mission Appeal	\$905.00	

ST. JOHN'S

Envelopes used	134	\$2247.00
Loose money		<u>\$ 596.00</u>
Total Collection for W/E 04-24-05		\$2843.00
Mission Appeal	\$494.00	

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday May 2
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**
 6:30PM S.J. Women's Council- Church/Ctr.
 7:00PM Quilters - Ctr. - RM B
 7:00PM Pastoral Council—Ctr. -Library

Tuesday, May 3
 2:00PM Teachers Appreciation Lunch
 3:00-5:00PM Adult Bible Group – **SJ Center**
 6:00PM Daisy Troop-Ctr.
 7:00PM F. Formation –Ctr.
 Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **At HC Church**
 Lay Inquiry Group- 2B

Wednesday, May 4
 9:00AM Women's Bible Group – **SJ Center (Last meeting)**
 6:30PM Adult Bible Group – **SJ Center**
 7:00PM Rosary - **SJ Church**

Thursday May 5
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **SJ Church**
 9:00AM Quilters- **SJ Center**
 5:00PM Church Kitchen & Hall in Use
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal – **HC Church**
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal- **SJ Church**
 6:30PM AA Mtg. - **Church**

Friday May 6
 3-4:40 Aramata Bianca- H.C. Church
 8-5:00 1st Friday Adoration- H.C. Church
 1-5:00PM 1st Friday Adoration- S. J. Church
 5:00PM American Institute- **Ctr.**

Saturday May 7
 8:00AM American Institute- Ctr.



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Thomas Guare

Requested by Family
 And

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

Rosemarie Flaherty

Requested by Family

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

HOLY CROSS 8:00-5:00PM
ST. JOHN'S 1:00-5:00PM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The children of Aramata Bianca will be celebrating a May Crowning on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 3:30PM. The children will be honoring Mary through song, a crowning and the Rosary. Please join the children before the Blessed Sacrament as we begin the month of May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Wittmer at 883-5594.

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2005

Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

A NOTE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE:

The locks on the Exterior Doors of the St. John Parish Center and Office have been changed. Groups needing access to the Parish Center after business hours or on weekends should obtain a key from the Business Office. Please use the parish Office entrance to the building during normal business hours. Monday through Friday 9:00AM – 3:00 PM.



**REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

People in our families, our friends and members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery,

hospitalized, or experiencing difficult times have asked for our prayers. During the course of the week, please take a few moments to offer a prayer of healing and strength for: **Lydia Barron, Harold & Betty Janson, Percy Farmer, Gail Smith, Steve Lesneski, Laura Stevens, Louise Dixon, Elaine Cribby, Michael LaForgia, Gertrude Fraser, Don Knight, Anne Hewlett, Ed & Ann Letourneau, Theresa Chicoine, Bill Crangle Sr., Patricia Earles, Eleanor Ward, Pete Peterson, Camella Gatley, Rose Clark, Maria Bracero, Ryan Burton, Ethel Ball, Eugenia Britt, Eleanor Kuzma, Norman Hughes, Eleanor Krupski, Katherine Farrell & Dan Campbell.**

Stop In...

AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE



Join us for Coffee, Juice, Donuts & Bagels after the 9:00AM Mass at **St. John's** in the Church Hall. Your host at St. John's will be the Church Life Commission.. Next week the host will be the Women's Council.

Join the parishioners at **Holy Cross** for *Hot Chocolate, Donuts, Bagels and Other Special Treats* in the school cafeteria this Sunday immediately following the 10:30AM Mass.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL would like to remind you to please get your **SPRING RAFFLE tickets** in as soon as possible. If you need more tickets please call the office at 772-7489.



CARNATIONS FOR MOTHERS DAY

On the weekend of May 7/8th Mother's Day weekend, Carnations will be available for \$1.00 each at Holy Cross and St. John's. The donations will help support the work of the Maine Right to Life!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

South Portland Area Churches will be holding a Day of Prayer May 5th from 12-1:00PM at the Gazebo in Mill Creek Park.



Thornton Heights Methodist Church, Westbrook St., S.P. is sponsoring a Bean Supper, May 7th, 5:00-6:30PM. Take outs available. Adults \$6.00 and Children \$3.00.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL

St. John's Women's Council will meet **MAY 2ND, 6:30pm in the Church** for Mass and Installation of Officers. A meeting will follow in the center. Refreshments will be served by Peg Furbush, Anne Bain and Joan Brown.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Friday, May 13th. Bus departs St. Pius X at 6:00AM and returns at 8:00PM. (Mass, Holy Hour, Rosary, Chaplet) \$35.00 includes lunch.

If interested please call Brian Maxwell at 780-1144.

FAITH FORMATION

Retreat Leaders, Thank You for all the preparation, reflection and commitment you have given to our children who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist. It is a wonderful privilege to hand on our Catholic faith to young people and it is a significant blessing to our communities to have such dedicated adults willing to carry out this Gospel mandate. Helpers in food preparation were Rafina Young, Kitty Broihier-Scofield, Theresa Mitchell and Lori Thompson. Group leaders were Kathy Savage, Betty Ballenger, Patty Sutkowski, Angela Lemelin, Gary Quintiliani, Mary Penk, Beth Whaley and Victoria Volent. Station leaders were Kelly Towse, Elaine Falconer, Colleen DiPierro, Marie Cross, Kim Soucy and Kim Michaud. We would also like to thank Marie Cross and Staci Ayotte for a lot of the behind-the-scenes work that went into organizing and coordinating the retreat.

REHEARSAL and RITE for CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST:

REHEARSAL: Friday, May 13 at 6:00 pm at Holy Cross Church

RITE: Saturday, May 14 at 6:00 pm at Holy Cross Church. *Please come one hour early for registration and photos.* We will meet in the Gym of the School.

MAY DAY CLEAN ENERGY FAIR AT ST. BART'S

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth is hosting a Clean Energy Fair on Sunday, May 1, from 3:00-5:30PM. Demonstrations and exhibits of clean energy products and technologies, opportunities to test drive hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, locally grown foods, hands-on activities about energy for children, short talks on exciting new energy initiatives in Maine, and much more will all be part of this festive event celebrating stewardship of the earth. The event is co-sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches and Maine Interfaith Power & Light. (Church is on Gilman Road on the way to Cousin's Island.) FMI please call 846-9244,

HAPPY MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD

DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK GOD

QUIET MOMENTS, WORSHIP GOD

PAINFUL MOMENTS, TRUST GOD

EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD

FOOD CUPBOARD

There are so many young girls and boys that do special community service projects for us and we are so gratified by every one of them. The good works they do, on their own, deserves so much credit. Once again the South Portland High School Choral Arts group and their music director Beverly Holic, collected canned goods for us at their most recent concert. All items were ones we stock on our shelves!

Kevin Caldwell of Scarborough collected canned goods in his neighborhood. He did a super job!

On school vacation we always know we can count on South Portland High School student Allison Kill and her friends to fill in for us on a busy Thursday. Allie, Brittany, Ashli, and Matie were wonderful as usual!

Heather & Henry Charles of East Wakefield NH donated a fairly new chest freezer. We just managed to squeeze it in and yes it is almost full! Heather & Charles are volunteer Bob Burbank's sister and brother-in-law, and we thank Bob for picking this up for us.

Beth Ewing donated 4 boxes of "Krispy Crème" donuts last week and not only were our visitors pleased, but the Holy Cross students and our regular volunteers were too!

Elm Street United Methodist Church donated \$158.00 recently. All four Methodist churches support us with food and monetary donations. We appreciate their assistance very much

We picked up another USDA shipment on Friday. The quantities we receive are less but we receive more often. The van sure has come in handy, we fill it up as much as we can.

Monetary donations are the heart of this Cupboard. Without these we would not be able to help so many families. At this time we are spending over \$400.00 a month on purchased foods. So we are very grateful for the following donations: Cheverus Council K of C, Sisters of Mercy, Bill Keniston, Mary Crabb, Scott & Beth Ewing, Norman & Pattie Locke, the Peverada Family in memory of Angie's Father, Domenico Floridina who recently passed away, and two parishioners who wished to remain Anonymous.

**We need: Mustard, Relish, Pickles, and Mayonnaise
Thank you!**

