

Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS AND ST. JOHN'S PARISHES

Saturday June 25
HC 4:00PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 5:30PM Louise Bickford by Jeannie Jackson

Sunday June 26
HC 7:30AM Dorothy E. Maroon by Family
SJ 9:00AM Michael Downing by Family
HC 10:30AM Whalen Family by Family

Monday June 27
SJ 12:00Noon James Corrigan by Robert Gillis

Tuesday June 28
HC 7:30AM Gertrude Fernald
 by Mary & Don Kane

Wednesday June 29
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday June 30
SJ 12:00 Noon Paige Borelli by Kathy Savage

Friday July 1
HC 7:30AM Nona Richard by Mildred &
 Charles McLaughlin & family

Saturday July 2
HC 4:00PM John Kneeland Family by Daughter
SJ 5:30PM Ann & Emmett O'Conner by
 Ralph & Peg Furbush

Sunday July 3
HC 7:30AM Don & Polly Abraham by Family
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM Francis & Ruth Conroy by Children
 (50th Wedding Anniversary)



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Ann L. Richard

Requested by Family
 and

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

M/M Wilfrid Fortin



Lectors

Lectors for St. John's
did you remember to pick
up your new schedules in
the Sacristy?



We are pleased to be able 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 make up the parishes.

HOLY CROSS

Envelopes used	#323	\$4444.00
Loose money		<u>\$1196.00</u>
Total Collection for W/E 06-19-05		\$5640.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

ST. JOHN'S

Envelopes used	#123	\$2622.00
Loose money		<u>\$ 545.00</u>
Total Collection for W/E 06-19-05		\$3167.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

THE WEEK AHEAD

June 27

12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**

Tuesday

June 28

7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church

Wednesday

June 29

7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**
 5:30-8:30PM AFG- **Rm 1**

Thursday

June 30

9:00AM Food Cupboard- **SJ Church**
 9:00AM Quilters- **SJ Center**
 4:30PM Church Kitchen & Hall in Use
 6:30PM AFG Mtg. - **Library**
 6:30PM AA Mtg. - **Church**

Friday

July 1

1-5:00PM First Friday Devotion- Church

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Sharing Good News, doing Good Works for the people of Maine.

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to Him. We do this by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure. We sincerely thank the **246** households in our parish who as good stewards have made a gift to the Bishop's Appeal. You are helping many people with many needs. God calls us to share what we have to help others. If you have not yet made your pledge, envelopes are available at the back of the church.

The Goals for this year are:

HOLY CROSS	\$44,000	Recv'd \$28,273.00
ST. JOHN'S	\$15,500	Recv'd \$ 9,227.00



The Family of Bill Crangle, Sr. wants to thank the St. John's Community for their prayers, cards, calls and show of support throughout his illness. He was a very special man and will be missed.



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, Gail Smith, Steve Lesneski, Laura Stevens, Louise Dixon, Elaine Cribby, Michael LaForgia, Gertrude Fraser, Anne Hewlett, Ed & Ann Letourneau, Theresa Chicoine, Eleanor Ward, Pete Peterson, Camella Gatley, Rose Clark, Maria Bracero, Ryan Burton, Ethel Ball, Eugenia Britt, Eleanor Krupski, Katherine Farrell, Diane Greenwood, Francis Branley, Janet Yankowsky, Anne Blake, Libby Vescobi, Margaret Page, Emily Kane, Dick Feeney, Stanley Slowinski & Terri Ledue

MARIAN HOLY HOUR to pray for non-believers, religious vocations, world peace and right to life issues. St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, South Portland on **Saturday, July 2, 2005 from 5:00-6:00 A.M.** **PLEASE ENTER BY PARKING LOT BACK DOOR.**

Those who cannot join us at Church are urged to **Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be** for these intentions sometime during the day

To our Moms and Dads, Brothers and Sisters, Grandmothers and Grandfathers, Aunts and Uncles.

We deeply appreciate all the support and love you have given us over the years.

Thank you for your belief that we can succeed, for being there for us whenever we need you, for cheering us on and for sacrificing for us, and enjoying our accomplishments with us. We will always remember your kindness. This has been a great journey for all of us and we're glad you're by our side. Your encouragement is how we got this far, so thank you for helping to make our experience here at Holy Cross an unforgettable one.

.From the Class of 2005



The Dominican Sisters of Connecticut will be here on **Saturday and Sunday, July 2/3** for their annual Bake Sale. They will be at both churches (Holy Cross and St. John's) to sell their homemade goods before and after the masses. The proceeds of the sales will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

All are invited to spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament of Friday, July 1st
 Holy Cross 8:00AM-5:00PM.
 1:00PM -5:00PM at St. Johns

FAITH FORMATION



Vacation Bible School
 Our Vacation Bible School runs **9:00am to 12 noon, from June 27 to July 1, 2005.**

The cost is \$40.00 per child with needs-based scholarships available. Please call the parish office to register: 772-7489. Spaces are limited to 50. If you would like to help as a catechists/teacher, group leader, or in other capacities, please let us know.



FOOD CUPBOARD

Every once in awhile a tractor trailer delivery truck has product that Hannaford has either refused or has not ordered. Rather than take it back to the production facility they stop at the Cash Corner Fire Station and ask if they know anyone who might be able to use. We have been called a number of times, and this time it was for over 20 cases of Tyson's frozen breaded chicken. The boxes were damaged but the chicken was in good shape. We have repackaged and will share this coming week with our visitors. It will go quickly, and we are very grateful to Tysons and the men at Fire Station for thinking of us.

Voortman cookies have appeared again. Distributor Stephen Thayer is sharing the short dated cookies with us, St. Vincent's and the Preble St. Resource Center. Steve donated over 10 cases of cookies last week. These are made in Canada and are delicious. Steve said he is now stocking Shaws and Hannafords. Try the Shortbread, they are wonderful! Thank you Steve.

Jordans Farm in Cape Elizabeth has for the past 3 years been a supplier to the Food Cupboard as part of the USDA Farm Share Program. This year the USDA does not have the funds so Penny Jordan has written articles in the local newspapers to ask for funds to keep this going at their farm. To be eligible one has to be 60 or over and have an income less than \$13,000/year. Many seniors signed up for this program in the past and were given a \$100 credit for fresh farm produce. As we have so many individuals that fit into this category we are submitting names to them for eligibility. This year she has been successful in soliciting funds for this program and \$1,000 in produce will come to us! Jordan's has been so very generous to us and the produce is excellent. All extra produce they have comes to us. Helping others is alive and well in our community. Penny needs to be congratulated!

This is the last month of our fiscal year. Next month we will be starting our 9th year! Time flies when you are having fun and helping others less fortunate! Many of the same volunteers that started in July 1997 are still with us every week. We have a wonderful group of men and women who help each week. We are family!

We need: Ketchup, Mustard, summer drinks, Shampoo

Readings for the Week of June 26, 2005

Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/ Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29/ Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/ Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19;
Day:	Acts 12:1-11/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/ Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/ Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/ Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/ Mt 11:25-30

Dear Friends and Parishioners, I would like to introduce to you a new addition to the parish bulletin: **“Questions for your Reflection.”** Each week you will find the Scripture readings for the weekdays and the upcoming Sunday. The “Questions for your Reflection” are designed to help individuals and parish groups to prepare for the upcoming Sunday liturgy, while at the same time, nurturing their own personal spiritual life. Take a few moments each day to sit with the scripture and try to answer the questions, write your answers in a journal or simply allow your answers to lead you to deeper internal reflection. I pray that as we move toward a New Evangelization God's life will continue to be deepened in us and in our community of faith.

Fr. Mike

First Reading

[2 Kings, Chapter 4, Verses 8-11, 14-16a](#)

1. Prophets speak for God to transform society in some way. If you feel inadequate about transforming society as a whole, is there some corner of your world you can change for the better? How? Is there anything in the readings that tells you it is all right to start small.
2. Discuss how Elisha and the woman in the story each receive something from the other's graciousness. In the light of this story evaluate your community's hospitality.

Second Reading

[Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 3-4, 8-11](#)

1. Is there anything in these readings that tell you how you might “live for God”?
2. Think of ways God might use you if your attitude is Christ's and you put yourself at the disposal of God's saving work in the world?

Gospel

[Matthew, Chapter 10, Verse 37-42](#)

1. Is anyone's life better because, metaphorically speaking, you gave him/her a cup of water?
2. Who is blessed, the one who gives the help or the one who receives it? Are you always the giver or do you need to receive at times?

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