


# Mass Intentions

- 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 (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
- Monday July 4**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** John & Betty Hayworth by Jack & Family
- Tuesday July 5**  
**HC 7:30AM** Members of the Graffam Family By Family
- Wednesday July 6**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service
- Thursday July 7**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** Marie Reddy by K of C #8144
- Friday July 8**  
**HC 7:30AM** Thomas S. Flaherty by Elaine Flaherty & Family
- Saturday July 9**  
**HC 4:00PM** Helen M. Sullivan by Husband James & Family  
**SJ 5:30PM** Clinton Hatt Sr. & M/M Edward Powers By Family
- Sunday July 10**  
**HC 7:30AM** Thomas J. Flaherty by Eleanor Flaherty  
**SJ 9:00AM** Eric Wright by Robert & Nancy Wright  
**HC 10:30AM** Henry P. Mahoney Family by H. Mahoney




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	#298	\$4222.00
Loose money		<u>\$1324.65</u>
<b>Total Collection for W/E 6-26-05</b>		<b>\$5546.65</b>
<b>Peter's pence</b>	<b>\$872.00</b>	

## ST. JOHN'S

		
Envelopes used	#141	\$2268.00
Loose money		<u>\$ 459.00</u>
<b>Total Collection for W/E 6-26-05</b>		<b>\$2727.00</b>
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	<b>\$434.00</b>	



Any boy or girl from Holy Cross in the fourth grade or older that is interested in altar serving; please give Beth Ewing a call @799-3520. There will be a training session in July or August.

## 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**



## DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

**Dorothy E. Maroon**  
 Requested by Family  
 And

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

**Charlene Hewlett**  
 Requested by husband Bob

There are a few openings for the Devotional Light in July and August at St. John's. If interested please call the office 772-7489.



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, Ryan Burton, Ethel Ball, Eugenia Britt, Eleanor Krupski, Katherine Farrell, Diane Greenwood, Francis Branley, Janet Yankowsky, Anne Blake, Libby Vescobi, Margaret Page, Emily Kane & Stanley Slowinski**



The Office will be closed Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of:

**Independence Day**



We welcome our newly baptized into our parish family

**Ethan Joy Rasquinha**

Child of  
Sunil & Rashmi Rasquinha  
Baptized at Holy Cross  
June 26, 2005

And

**Jackson Holbrook**

Child of  
Matthew & Stacy Holbrook  
Baptized at Holy Cross  
June 26, 2005.

**GREATER PORTLAND SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

This group meets every Tuesday, 7:00PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Rectory, 307 Congress Street, Portland. (Ring buzzer 13). The group provides a confidential environment for the separated and divorced. FMI call Phil @856-6431.

**Readings for the Week of July 3, 2005**

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/ Mt 11:25-30  
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/ Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/ Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/ Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/ Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/ Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23

**“Questions for your Reflection”**

**First Reading** [Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

1. The end for which the rain comes down is to give seed and bread to those who sow and eat. What is the end for which God sends his Word? How are you a bearer of God’s Word? Do you always use words to express the Word?
2. Rain makes the seed germinate and grow. How is this like God’s grace? How is it like God’s grace in your life?

**Second Reading** [Romans 8:18-23](#)

1. “All creation is groaning in labor pains.” Suffering is inevitable until the time when all creation is liberated from corruption. Suffering is not necessarily a good thing. What can make it noble?
2. How can you help redeem the world? Do you jump at the chance to suffer? Do you readily offer suffering? How about the suffering you can’t avoid? Do you mete it out to God a little at a time?

**Gospel** [Matthew 13: 1-23](#)

1. Jesus mentioned anxieties and lure of riches as the rocky ground and thorns that keep the seed from taking root. What is your “rocky ground”?
2. What do you have to do to make your soil “rich”? Why do you think you can still have rich soil in spite of many obstacles? Name some people you know or some saints who had to overcome obstacles and still produced a hundredfold.

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## Bake Sale

### THIS WEEKEND.....

The Dominican Sisters of Connecticut are here this weekend to sell their pies, breads and other goodies. They will be at both churches (Holy Cross and St. John's before and after the masses.) The proceeds of the sales will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.



*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." -Mt 11:28-30*

### Why do Catholics believe the Bible is the Word of God?

The Church teaches that God is the author of sacred Scripture written down by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. These men used their own faculties and abilities to write whatever God wanted written, but he acted in them while they did.

Although the originals of the New Testament have been lost, more than 4,000 Greek manuscripts have survived. Even though all were copied by hand, less than one percent of the divine content doesn't agree when compared.

### 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 263 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:

<b>HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>	<b>Recv'd \$34,833.00</b>
<b>ST. JOHN'S</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>	<b>Recv'd \$ 9,582.00</b>

### VOCATIONS

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service? If God is calling you, call Fr. Frank J. Murray at 782-6911 ext 3109.

### THE FOOD CUPBOARD

We thank the following for their monetary donations: Ann Merrill, Glenna & Richard Goulet, and Bill Kenniston.

Monetary donations are our biggest help. It seems that purchasing the items listed each week has diminished. We are grateful for both!

**We need: Peanut butter, Jelly, and Marshmallow.**

THANK YOU!

**Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God  
Quiet moments, worship God  
Painful moments, trust God  
Every moment, Thank God**

### HOLY HOUR

The Sisters invite you to a Holy Hour at the Chapel of the Precious Blood, 166 State Street, Portland, Me. on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Come and pray for priestly and religious vocations.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

One Saturday per month during the summer, St. Pius X Church Hall is transformed into Café Bepi, a casual soiree and cabaret experience for adults. The next two evenings will be **July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>.at 7:00PM** An evening of fun entertainment with host Louis Philippe (& Fr. Frenchie) Sing alongs, show tunes, sentimental favorites, jokes, surprises etc. Snack & Beverages available. \$3.00 cover charge.

### PARISH PICNIC & SUMMER GATHERING

Roman Catholic Community of S. P.  
**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Rain or Shine**  
At Sebago Lake State Park  
More on this in future bulletins

**We wish you all a very happy and safe weekend on this**



