

Mass Intentions



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

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

Monday July 11
SJ 12:00Noon J. Donald Malia by Family

Tuesday July 12
HC 7:30AM Ken Giroux by Family

Wednesday July 13
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday July 14
SJ 12:00 Noon Lena Scibetta by Sarah, Lindsay &
 Petrina Owen

Friday July 15
HC 7:30AM John J. O'Malley by
 Pat & Bob Blackadar

Saturday July 16
HC 4:00PM Lenore Higgins by John Higgins
SJ 5:30PM John Dominicus by Family

Sunday July 17
HC 7:30AM Sarah Colello by Joyce Yankowsky
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM Albert, Viola & John Guerette by
 Family

HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$7000.00
Total Collection for W/E 7/3/05	\$6,859.00
Bldg. Fund	\$2,132.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 7/3/05	\$3,391.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	



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

Monday 12:00Noon	July 11 Bridge - SJ Center
Tuesday 7:00PM	July 12 Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - At HC Church
Wednesday 7:00PM 7:00PM 5:30-8:30PM	July 13 Rosary- SJ Church Family Life Comm. / Ctr. AFG- Rm 1
Thursday 9:00AM 9:00AM 4:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	July 14 Food Cupboard- SJ Church Quilters- SJ Center Church Kitchen & Hall in Use AFG Mtg. - Library AA Mtg. - Church



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Phillip LaRou

Requested by Henty & Family
and at

St. John's in loving Memory of

Patrick King

Requested by Family

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, Steve, 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, George DiMauro, and baby Evan Mayone.**

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, July 16/17th there will be a second collection at St. John's for "Parish Charities". This collection enables Fr. Mike to help those in need that come to him for temporary financial assistance. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

FOOD CUPBOARD

This July starts our 9th year of helping families in our community with supplemental food. Not only has the number of families increased, but so has our expenses. These figures will be presented in our upcoming Annual Report.

Every time we have a heavy rain storm the basement of St. John's floods. Last week our produce in the hall and the rugs in the pantry were saturated. Thanks to Ralph Furbush for checking the hall that night. Wet vacuuming the floor and rugs and saving all the food.

Jordan's Farm in Cape Elizabeth is now donating fresh produce weekly. Last week we received fresh cut spinach and lettuce. We are very fortunate to have fresh produce and look forward to a very healthy summer.

We thank the following for their monetary donations: Thornton Heights United Methodist Church, Bob Hewlett (in memory of Charlene, Dick, to stop abortion, for poor and all priests) and our very own Sisters of Mercy.

We need:

ketchup, mayonnaise, pickles and salad dressings.

Thank you.

Weddings Without Mass



by Paul
Turner

Having a Catholic wedding doesn't have to mean having a Catholic Mass. You can celebrate a Catholic marriage in your parish church with a service that does not include a full Mass. Sometimes that is a better option. A wedding without Mass includes the procession, the opening prayer, the Scripture readings, the homily, the couple's exchange of consent, the rings, and the blessings. It does not include the preparation of the bread and wine, the eucharistic prayer, and the communion rite.

When the bride and groom come from two different faiths, or when many of those attending the wedding will be unfamiliar with the Roman Catholic Mass, the service without Mass may make a better fit. Marriage celebrates unity. If the celebration includes Eucharist, a partner who belongs to another faith will not share the great symbol of unity at the climax of Mass, communion. Neither will non-Catholic guests who came to join in the prayer. In fact, all through the service many will wonder when to sit or stand, what responses to make, or how to sing the acclamations. That much discomfort often silences the Catholics who are present, inhibiting their capable, full, and conscious participation in the Eucharist. A wedding without Mass spotlights the wedding itself and lets the whole assembly participate more equally. People can hear the Scriptures, witness the consent, and join in the prayers and blessings together even if they come from different denominations. The service still takes a while — Catholic weddings are notoriously longer than most others — so all will feel like they've worshipped, not just watched.

Celebrating a marriage without a full Mass may also help your parish priest. If the wedding does not include Mass, either a priest or a deacon may preside for it. Although your priest wants to help families with funerals and weddings as they occur, they can add more stress for him and the parish when they fall on an already full weekend. Many priests find the wedding without Mass enables them to reserve the energy they need for the regular Masses that weekend.



And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow... Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." -Mt 13:3, 7-9

MAY THE SEED FLOURISH!

This week, we hear Matthew's account of Jesus' story about the sower and the seed. Place yourself inside the story. How do you receive the Word – as the footpath, the rocky ground, the thorny soil, the fertile land? Imagine yourself as healthy, rich soil and ask to know what one seed God wished you to receive, nourish, and harvest. What do you need to change in your heart in order to create a welcoming and sustaining environment for this one gift?

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:

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

Readings for the Week of July 10, 2005

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/ Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/ Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/ Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10-12:14/ Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/ Mt 12:14-21 (394)
Next Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

400 CLUB DRAWING FOR JUNE, 2005

1 ST . Prize	\$200.00 #105	Louise Callahan
2 nd Prize	\$100.00 #110	Helen T. Gillis
3 rd Prize	\$100.00 # 40	Jean Gaudreau
4 th Prize	\$100.00 # 8	Melissa Cookson
5 th Prize	\$ 75.00 # 96	Robert Giamotti
6 th Prize	\$ 25.00 # 2	Steve Bussone
7 th Prize	\$ 25.00 #400	Steve Sullivan
8 th Prize	\$ 25.00 #101	Pietrina Owen
9 th Prize	\$ 25.00 #249	Kathy Bouchard
10 th Prize	\$ 25.00 #135	Donald Tobin

Profit for Holy Cross School \$100.00.

FAITH FORMATION

The 2005 Serenegeti Trek Bible Camp was a **HUGE** success; our days consisted of singing, craft making, game playing, drama productions, watching the continuing saga of Chadder the Chipmunk and enjoying delicious snacks. Our Bible Points: **Know God, Talk to God, Tell about God, Love God and Work for God** was present each and everyday with the children and leaders. This could never have happened without the support of parents, energetic children and the Holy Spirit lighting the way for all the volunteers, gratitude and appreciation goes out to:

Station Leaders: Elaine Falconer, Petrina Owen, Bob Falconer, Kelly Martin, Annemarie Heisler, Sarah Michaud, Kim Mickiewicz, Elaine Shank and Marie Cross. **Crew Leaders:** Chelsea Chimulera, Sam Conlogue, Haley McCracken, Joe Moreshead, Katherine Moreshead, Abby Parker, Phoebe Shank and Chrissy Varanelli. **Assistant Leaders:** Pam Conlogue, Sadie DiPierro, Patti Sutkowski and Sarah Owen. And a special thank you to Marie Cross who coordinated the VBS. She made sure Station Leaders had everything they needed to succeed, she was supportive and encouraging to all our youth leaders, and made sure the experience was safe, fun and faith building for the children. Finally because of the generous financial support of our parish community 7 deserving children were the beneficiaries of scholarships.



The **Knights of Columbus Councils** of Greater Portland will be hosting their 12th. Annual Picnic on **Sunday, July 24th**. The picnic will start at **10:00AM** with the Celebration of Mass and follow with our traditional summer meal and many activities. This year's picnic will be held at Ingleside's Recreation Area on Haigis Parkway in Scarborough, Me. The Picnic is open to all members of the K of C, their families and invited guests. If possible, please bring a folding chair.

