

Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S



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

Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 7-10-05	\$5,974.05
Bldg. Fund	\$314.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 7-10-05	\$3,329.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

- 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
- Monday July 18**
 SJ 12:00Noon Martin Conley by Wife & Family
- Tuesday July 19**
 HC 7:30AM Ann Hamilton by Ike & Leola Curran
- Wednesday July 20**
 HC 7:30AM Communion Service
 SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service
- Thursday July 21**
 SJ 12:00 Noon Margaret Blair by Jane & Jeff Flynn
- Friday July 22**
 HC 7:30AM Ralph Lettieri by John & Elaine Curran and Family
- Saturday July 23**
 HC 4:00PM Margaret Blair by Jane & Jeff Flynn
 SJ 5:30PM Daniel Davis by Sister & Family
- Sunday July 24**
 HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
 SJ 9:00AM Nancy Feeney by Patsy & Jack McDonough
 HC 10:30AM Julienne Page by Family



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Albert, Viola & John Guerette

Requested by Family
 And

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

Gene Cote

Requested by Wife Jane & Family



The Dominican Nuns from Connecticut want to thank all the helpers for their time and all the parishioners who bought the breads and pies and those that just left donations. The nuns raised \$957.00 between the two churches on the weekend. They were very pleased and looking forward to next years visit.

PHOTOGRAPHS

There are still a few photographs in the office that were taken at the Rite of Confirmation. You may pick them up during regular office hours.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday July 18**
 12:00Noon Bridge - SJ Center
- Tuesday July 19**
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
 At HC Church
- Wednesday July 20**
 7:00PM Rosary- SJ Church
 5:30-8:30PM AFG- Rm 1
- Thursday July 21**
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- SJ Church
 9:00AM Quilters- SJ Center
 4:30PM Church Kitchen & Hall in Use
 6:30PM Rt. 1 Men's Step-Church Hall
- WAYSIDE SOUP KITCHEN- DESSERT:
 CUPCAKES**

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Gospel: Read Matthew 14:13-21

God Blesses Our Scarcity with Abundance

What was the last truly memorable meal you ate?
Why does the memory stand out?

Since the beginning of civilization, meals have signified a time of social interaction. We meet friends for lunch, spend quality time as a family at dinner, and honor community leaders with banquets. While the different meals require different dress, manners, and conversation, every meal can begin or deepen relationships.

What turns a simple meal into an event, something that people talk about for years afterwards? Jesus created such an event when he took food for two and fed over five thousand people.

Catechism Themes: The Eucharist (CCC 1324-1328, 1348-1355)

For Catholics, the Eucharist sums up the Christian life. Christ calls his faithful together under headship (represented by the ordained presider) to hear his Word, to present all they have to share (symbolized by the bread and wine), and to receive the life-giving "bread of heaven." In the Eucharist, we see various aspects of the life Christ has called us to. A life together, a life of sharing especially with the needy, and life the comes from and is fed by God himself.

The core of the Eucharist lies in the prayer of thanksgiving (and consecration) called the anaphora. The prayer contains:

- 1) A thanksgiving preface.
- 2) An epiclesis, a prayer that asks the Father to send the Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine.
- 3) An institution narrative, where the Word that remembers Christ's self-giving at the Last Supper is proclaimed. Catholics believe the risen Christ himself proclaims the Word ("This is my Body...This is my Blood...") through the ordained presider (bishop or priest who acts "in persona Christi," in the person of Christ). And, through the power of the Spirit, the risen Christ makes himself present (Body, Blood, soul, and divinity) in the bread and wine.
- 4) An anamnesis, a declaration of remembrance. The assembly (the Body of Christ) recalls the mystery made present in the bread and wine: Christ's self-giving on the cross and his risen life.

5) Intercessions for the whole Church, both the living on earth and in heaven, both universal leaders and local ministers.

The Eucharist, through people God has called together, through the ordained minister who is Christ's instrument, through the Word proclaimed, and especially through the Bread of Life broken and shared, realizes what it proclaims: the presence of God's Kingdom in the risen Lord.

Have you ever experienced God taking the little you had and turning it into an abundance? When was the last time you felt close to Christ in the Eucharist? Was there a connection between the two experiences? Explain.

All four evangelists remembered the multiplication of the loaves in their gospels. While the experience crackled with symbolic overtones, it was the scarce changed into abundance that transformed the meal into an event. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all record the same message. For, the story itself proclaims what the Christian celebrates in worship. With God, what little he gives us will overflow into never-ending life. We can only respond by blessing God with a grateful heart.

Take an inventory of blessings and tests from the past week. Set some time aside to thank and bless God for these experiences. For, in them, he calls you closer to him.

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Readings for the Week of July 17, 2005	
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/ Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/ Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/ Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52



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.

FOOD CUPBOARD

Part of our Vacation Bible School mission this summer was to participate in "Operation Kid to Kid". This year they wanted to "Think Globally but Act Locally" and they collected a laundry basket full of school supplies. We know how difficult it is for some of our parents to buy back to school supplies for their children so this is a very welcome and thoughtful donation to the Food Cupboard. Thank you boys, girls, Director Marie Cross and her volunteers. **THIS WAS VERY SPECIAL!**

Jordan's Farm donated beet greens and spinach last week. What a treat for us to be able to share this fresh produce. Once again, thank you Jordan's!

We never know from week to week how many families will come to the Cupboard for food, so we have to be prepared for large numbers. Last Thursday we had 52 families! As we share a week's worth of food with every member of the family, we shared 4,242 meals (202 people x21 meals) this first Thursday of the month. Thanks to all of you for your monetary and food donations each week, we never run out of our basic food supplies.

Thank you!

We need: summer drinks, tall kitchen bags and dish washing soap.

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

August 22nd is a special date for our parishes. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, one of two statues Touring the world out of Fatima, will be at Holy Cross Church for us to reverence. This is an opportunity for us to ask Our Lady for special favors. We, the Holy Cross "Marian Cenacle Prayer Group" (hosting this Visitation) believe that the reason she is with us is because She desires to bless us abundantly and bring us to Her Son, Jesus. Mark your calendars and watch for more information in future bulletins

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



BUS TRIP TO FOXWOODS

St. Patrick's Church is planning a bus trip to Foxwoods, **Thursday, August 18th the cost is \$25.00 per person (includes a \$20.00 bonus package).** Bus leaves the church parking lot at 6:30AM. Return to the bus at 4:00PM and the arrival home time will be approx. 8:00PM.

Payment confirms reservation. Deadline August 8th. Send money to Marion Stevens, 108 Capsic St. Portland, Me 04102.

FMI call Pat 774-6820, Margaret 773-3610 or Marion 772-1576.



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, baby Evan Mayone and the Roberts Family.**

HOLY HOUR

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

VOCATIONS

"The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought." For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you, call Fr. Frank Murray at 782-6911.

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

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

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 \$36,118.00
ST. JOHN'S	\$15,500	Recv'd \$ 9,992.00



Thursday, July 21st is

St. John's night at the Wayside Soup Kitchen. The dessert will be the usual, **cupcakes of your choice.**

We want to thank all the bakers who have been so dedicated and to all the volunteers that give their time to this worthwhile ministry.

