

Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S



We welcome 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	\$7,000.00
Total Collection for W/E 7-24-05	\$6013.60
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 7-24-05	\$3036.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

- Saturday July 30**
HC 4:00PM Sr. Marianne Norton, RSM
 Eleanor Flaherty
SJ 5:30PM Armand Pelletier by Family
- Sunday July 31**
HC 7:30AM Norman Hughes by Theda Ferris
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM John Dickson by Family
- Monday August 1**
SJ 12:00Noon Richard Kilroy by
 Joseph & Elizabeth Conroy
- Tuesday August 2**
HC 7:30AM John P. Scully by Patricia Eltman
- Wednesday August 3**
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service
- Thursday August 4**
SJ 12:00 Noon John J. O'Malley by Michael & Kay
 Kilfoil
- Friday August 5**
HC 7:30AM Eudore "Bill" Belanger by
 Holy Cross School Board
- Saturday August 6**
HC 4:00PM Dick Kennedy by Betty Kennedy &
 Family
SJ 5:30PM Yvonne Evans by E. Varanelli
- Sunday August 7**
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM Claire Cote by M/M Donald Bourassa
HC 10:30AM John McDavitt by John Sullivan

WEEK AHEAD

- Monday August 1**
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**
 7:00PM Quilter's - **RM 2B**
- Tuesday August 2**
 6:00PM K of C Ctr.
 6:30PM Faith Formation Commision-Mtg.
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church
- Wednesday August 3**
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**
- Thursday August 4**
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **SJ Church**
 9:00AM Quilters- **SJ Center**
 4:15PM Church Kitchen & Hall in Use
 6:30PM Rt. 1 Men's Step Mtg. - **Church**

CASCO BAY WINE TASTING

Southern Me Community College Picnic Field
 August 4th, 6-8PM

Minimum donation- \$25.00 per person. Cash or Credit Card will be accepted at the door.

Door prizes: 2 American Airlines tickets good for stand-by travel within the U.S. 48 states, Caribbean, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada & Mexico and a Dental Whitening package courtesy of Dr. Robert Nelson, DDS. Catering by CVC.

Proceeds to benefit the Holy Cross Playground this year.



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

on & Steven Keating
 Requested by Family

And

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

Libby Vescobi

Requested by Grandmother
 Betty Fizzell

VOCATIONS

"All those present ate their fill." Are you fulfilled? If God is calling you to a church vocation; call Fr. Murray at 782-6911 ext 3109.



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, the Roberts Family, Katie Large, Rick Lopez, Carolyn Keegan and Laurent (of Lifesong Ministry).**

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
August 5, 2005

Holy Cross Church **8AM – 5PM**
 St. John’s Church **1PM – 5PM**
 Please stop by during the day, at either church at the times listed above, for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament.

MARIAN HOLY HOUR to pray for non-believers, religious vocations, world peace and right to life issues. held at. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, South Portland on **Tuesday, August 2nd. from 5:00-6:15 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



Readings for the Week of July 31, 2005	
Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/ Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/ Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/ Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

First Reading Isaiah 55: 1-3

1. God asks the people to come and to listen as their part of the covenant. What does God do for the people as God’s part of the covenant? What is your part of the covenant?
2. What is the food that satisfies the soul’s insatiable hunger?

Second Reading Romans 8: 35, 37-39

1. Does anything separate you completely from the ones you love? Does distance or death? What does communication or the lack do for the relationship? Do you communicate with God to keep that relationship close?
2. Nothing separated Christ from his love for us, not anguish, or distress, or the sword. Compare this thought with the hungry poor people in the first reading who are given rich fare to eat and wine and milk. What is the common denominator in these two readings?

Gospel Matthew 14: 13-21

1. Feeding 5000 is too big a task for most. Do you think there are any problems that can’t be resolved with Christ’s presence in our midst? Under his direction could we end world hunger? Could we figure out a way to end war? How do you look at “insurmountable” tasks in your own life?
2. Compare the poverty of the people in today’s readings with God’s abundant gifts to them. In Cana there was not enough wine, then too much. Here they had no food, and then they collected twelve baskets of leftovers. What is the spiritual meaning of this metaphor?

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IMPORTANT DATES

Faith Formation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. – St. John Center
All members of the Faith Formation Commission, Catechists and interested **parishioners are invited** and encouraged to attend

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. – St. John Center
Meetings are open to all parishioners

New Evangelization Cluster Meeting- Our cluster is made up of the parishes of Holy Cross and St. John the Evangelist in South Portland, St. Maximillian Kolbe in Scarborough and St. Bartholomew in Cape Elizabeth. Our first cluster meeting will take place on **August 9, 2005 at St. Maximillian Kolbe.** Each parish was asked to select 3 people to represent the parish at the cluster meetings, our representatives are: Scott Ewing, Sybil Reimensnider, Peter Cianchette, Sheila McDonough, Jim Welch and Bob Falconer. Please keep them in your prayers as we begin the process of discerning how best we can carry out the mission of Jesus Christ.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BEAN SUPPER/T.H.M.C.

August 6th Bean Supper, Homemade biscuits, hotdogs, brown bread, coleslaw, American chopsuey & pies. You can eat in or take out, Adults \$6.00 and children \$3.00, FMI call 774-0487. **Thornton Heights United Methodist Church, 100 Westbrook St. S.P.-**



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. To confirm reservations, Deadline is August 8th. Send money to Marion Stevens, 108 Capisic Street, Portland, Me. FMI call Pat 774-6820, Margaret, 773-3610 or Marion 772-1576.

PARISH PICNIC & SUMMER GATHERING

Roman Catholic Community of S. P.

Saturday, August 27th, Rain or Shine

At Sebago Lake State Park

Groups use Lakefront sites, A.B.D. & E. Bring your own cooler. There are 2 grills per site; playground is 75ft. from the beach. Children 5-11, \$1.00 – 12 and up \$4.50, payable at the entrance gate. Swimming, volleyball, horseshoes and more – plan a day of fun with family and friends.

Help Wanted

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland is seeking an **Assistant Controller** reporting directly to the Chief Financial Officer at the Chancery Office located in Portland, ME. Responsibilities include overseeing the payroll function, pension plan administration, audits of Parish financial records and processing of Parish quarterly reports as well as training Parish bookkeepers and pastors in the implementation and maintenance of Parish accounting and financial reporting systems. Organizational and strong computer skills along with excellent oral and written communications skills are a must. CPA with not-for-profit and tax experience preferred. Systems administration knowledge is a plus. Knowledge of the practices of the Roman Catholic Church is necessary. All interested candidates must submit their resume along with a cover letter including salary requirements to:

Kathleen M. Mahoney
Director, Office of Human Resources
P.O. Box 11559
Portland, ME 04104-7559
kmahoney@portlanddiocese.net

PILGIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at the Cathedral. Opportunity for individual payer will begin at 6:00PM. At 7:00PM- Holy hour, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary. At 8:00PM there will be Benediction. FMI call Cathedral 773-7746.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF MAINE

Family Life Institute is offering the following services:

Do you wonder does it still hurt ... ? A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Project Rachel, is an invitation to **men, women, couples, and relatives** who grieve the loss of a child from abortion to experience the loving compassion of Jesus, and begin a journey toward healing. Upcoming Retreat dates are: **August 19-21; and October 21-23, 2005.** For more information, call 879-1130, Ext. 770 or 771; toll-free at 1-800-CARE-002; or e-mail:

familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org All inquiries are strictly confidential. **Help Bring Healing to Brokenness.**

Our Divorce Ministry is seeking volunteers to help facilitate "Divorce & Beyond" support groups. If you have been divorced or have experience with the healing process of support groups, we invite you to consider joining this vital ministry. Please help us to help others who are hurting. **Contact:** Bill Wood, at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 772, or e-mail bwood@ccmaine.org

