

# Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S



Best Wishes are extended to our Pastor Fr. Mike, from the parish families of Holy Cross and St. John's in celebration of his birthday on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday August 13**  
**HC 4:00PM** Josephine McDougall by John  
**SJ 5:30PM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners

**Sunday August 14**  
**HC 7:30AM** Dorothy E. Maroon by Family  
**SJ 9:00AM** Martin Conley by Wife & Family  
**HC 10:30AM** Rita Chamberlain by Family

**Monday August 15**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Connary Family by Jerry & Pat Shea

**Tuesday August 16**  
**HC 7:30AM** Eudore "Bill" Bellanger by M/M Camille Dubois

**Wednesday August 17**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service


**Thursday August 18**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** Sara Colello by Dan & Aileen LaBrie

**Friday August 19**  
**HC 7:30AM** Warren Rutherford by Elaine Harper


**Saturday August 20**  
**HC 4:00PM** Neil Grimaldi by Dana & Maureen Michaud  
**SJ 5:30PM** Rosella Miner by Family

**Sunday August 21**  
**HC 7:30AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
**SJ 9:00AM** Philip J. and Mary A. Murphy by Children  
**HC 10:30AM** Vincent Zappia by Cecelia & Downing Nelson

## HOLY CROSS

	
Weekly Goal	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 8-7--05	<b>\$5698.28</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	
Building Fund	\$2250.80

## ST. JOHN'S

	
Weekly Goal	<b>\$3800.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 08-07-05	<b>\$3694.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

## WEEK AHEAD

**Monday August 15**  
 8:00AM American Institute- **Rm 1**  
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**  
 7:00PM Quilters- Ctr.

**Tuesday August 16**  
 4:00AM American Institute- **Rm1**  
 7:00PM K of C- Church Hall  
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **At HC Church**

**Wednesday August 17**  
 4:00AM American Institute- **Rm 1**  
 7:00PM Rosary- SJ Church

**Thursday August 18**  
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **SJ Church**  
 9:00AM Quilters- **SJ Center**  
 4:00PM American Institute-Ctr.  
 4:15PM Church Kitchen & Hall in Use  
 6:30PM Rt. 1 Men's Step Mtg. - **Church**  
**Wayside Soup Kitchen- Dessert-Cupcakes**

**Friday August 19**  
 6:00PM Rehearsal - Church hall

**Saturday August 20**  
 8:00AM American Institute  
 2:00PM Wedding-



## DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

**Lenore Higgins**

Requested by husband John Higgins  
 And

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

**Stephen Cross**

Requested by Family



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, Diane Greenwood, Francis Branley, Janet Yankowsky, Anne Blake, Libby Vescobi, Margaret Page, Emily Kane, Stanley Slowinski, baby Evan Mayone, the Roberts Family, Katie Large, Rick Lopez, Carolyn Keegan, Laurent (of Lifesong Ministry) and Evonne Lamontagne.**

#### ANNUAL WESTERN CEMETERY MASS

The **ancient order of Hibernians** invites all to their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Mass on the Catholic Ground of the Western Cemetery. Mass will be celebrated at **1PM on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**. The cemetery is located at the corner of Danforth and Vaughan Streets in Portland. The Mass is in remembrance of the early Catholic citizens buried there. A memorial stone was dedicated August 15, 1999. A reception will follow at the Irish Heritage Ctr.

#### PARISH PICNIC & SUMMER GATHERING

**Roman Catholic Community of S. P.  
Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> is a special date for our parishes.** The Pilgrim Virgin Statue, one of two statues touring the world, will be at Holy Cross Church for us to reverence. This is an opportunity to ask Our Lady for special favors. Please take advantage of this special event on 8/22. Private prayer time at Holy Cross Church is from 4:00PM – 7:00PM and a scheduled prayer service begins at 7:00PM. Our Lady departs after the 7:30AM Mass at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday, 8/23 continuing Her journey to New York. We hope you will also join us for this Mass.

#### CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL

The parishioners of Sacred Heart/St. Dominic's, 80 Sherman Street, Portland invites you to join them in the Chapel for the Chaplet of St. Michael followed by weekday mass on Tuesday's at 4:45PM. Everyone is welcome to join in

## Assumption

The Assumption of Mary, Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is usually a holy day of obligation. **The holy day obligation is suspended in the USA** when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday. So there will only be the regular 12:00 Noon mass at St. John's.



**ST. JOHN'S** Choir rehearsals will resume Thursday, **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** in the church. New members are more than welcome.

The first choir Mass will be on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### FOOD CUPBOARD

We are so very appreciative of our local farm markets for donating fresh produce to us. I think we are one of the few pantries that share produce just picked from the garden! Last week Jordan's supplied us with lettuce, zucchini, beet greens, Swiss chard, baby spinach and fresh basil. Maxwell's gave us potatoes and zucchini. We had 45 families last week and it all went! When you are shopping at these markets we would appreciate your acknowledging their contribution. It helps us a lot! Penny or Pam at Jordan's, Nat or Kathy at Maxwell's.

We thank Bill Keniston and Bob Hewlett (in memory of Charlene, Dick, for the poor, Pope Benedict, all priests, and all our volunteers) for their monetary donations

We have been notified by "*Partners in Ending Hunger*" that they will not be conducting the November Ending Hunger Fund-raiser. This was done in conjunction with the Credit Unions in Maine. We relied on this so very much. We routinely raised \$8-9,000 and with the added 10% incentive grant provided by the Credit Unions this helped our finances considerably. Now we are going to have to scramble, have many fund-raisers, as food supplies are costing close to \$2,000/month! We will contact the Credit Unions to see if they will have grants, donations, etc.

#### "GIVE ME FIVE !"

The charity fund-raiser sponsored by Filenes's to help non-profits raise money entitles you to a 25% discount on all regular and sale fashions, shoes and jewelry, 15% on home goods and 10% on appliances. **The proceeds from every ticket we sell goes directly to the Food Cupboard!** This is for one day only, Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Mall Filenes. Prizes, games for the children etc. Filenes's is making this a big event, and many non-profits will be competing for the extra incentives—such as \$3,000 to the non-profit who sells the most tickets, and others. So, can you spare a "five" to help us?

On next weekend, August 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> we will be selling tickets after every Mass at Holy Cross and St. John. We need volunteers to help us at all the Masses. Please call or email Susan Saba at 767-2469 or at [SSAB518@aol.com](mailto:SSAB518@aol.com) we have tickets at the Food Cupboard too

**Readings for the Week of August 14, 2005**

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27
	Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-2

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

**First Reading** [Isaiah: 56: 6-7](#)

1. In this reading God offers saving mercy to all people. Where do you stand on the exclusiveness continuum? One end is passively non-exclusive and the other is aggressively inclusive.

2. Could inclusiveness of everyone be improved where you work, live, play, pray? How? What can you do to improve an exclusive situation?

**Second Reading**

[Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32](#)

1. According to this statement of St. Paul, will God ever have a change of mind and stop loving you?

“The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”

Now, explain the following quote in the light of the first one.

“Even if we are faithless he is faithful, because he cannot deny himself.” (2 Tim. 2:13)

2. What are the personal implications of the quotes above for you?

**Gospel** [Matthew 15: 21-28](#)

1. Jesus invited the Canaanite woman to plead her case. What made her request so hard for him to resist?

2. Some barriers are erected to exclude certain people. This woman’s faith broke through them. What blockades do you see today that you think need to be broken through?

By Anne Osdieck of the *Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University*



The Fall calendar is being filled in. If any **commissions, councils or groups** will need space in the **center or the church**, you must give us the dates and times needed. **Please do this in writing and send it to the office as soon as possible so you won’t be left out.**

**RCIA** Are you the spouse of a Catholic? Have you considered becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Christian Catholic Faith? For more information, please call Paula Johnson at 799-1347. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Inquiry period will begin in September.

**Please Note: Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> is St. John’s night to help out at the Wayside Food Kitchen. The dessert will be cupcakes of your choice.**



Holy Cross School is seeking a part time custodian for 20 hours per week. The hours will be 6:00PM-10:00PM, Monday thru Friday. If interested please call Deacon Steve @831-0596.



*She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour. -Mt 15:27-28*



The K of C #8144 of St. John’s will be hosting their yearly **SURF & TURF** on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets will be on sale August 21<sup>st</sup>. Look for more details in future bulletins.



**SAVE THIS DATE! Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faith Formation Registration and BBQ.

Classes to start Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

More information will be coming in an upcoming bulletin insert.

