


**HOLY CROSS & ST. JOHN'S PARISHES, SOUTH PORTLAND, ME**




**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday September 17**  
**HC 4:00PM** John Kneeland Family by Daughter  
**SJ 5:30PM** Evelyn Jewett by Family
- Sunday September 18**  
**HC 7:30AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
**SJ 9:00AM** Gerry Richards by Eve & Hugo Kranz  
**HC 10:30AM** Kenneth & Mary Reid by Family
- Monday September 19**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Eva Campbell by Kaye Kane
- Tuesday September 20**  
**HC 7:30AM** Deceased members of the Hasson Family by the Family
- Wednesday September 21**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service
- Thursday September 22**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** Edward Reardon by Phyllis Reardon
- Friday September 23**  
**HC 7:30AM** M/M Giuseppe Frustaci by Family
- Saturday September 24**  
**HC 4:00PM** Lenore Higgins by John Higgins  
**SJ 5:30PM** George Cadigan by Family
- Sunday September 25**  
**HC 7:30AM** Mary "Pat" Feeney by Family  
**SJ 9:00AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
**HC 10:30AM** Julienne Page by Family

**HOLY CROSS**

	
Weekly Goal	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 9-11-05	<b>\$6,487.45</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$ 823.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**ST. JOHN'S**

	
Weekly Goal	<b>\$3800.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 9-11-05	<b>\$3,513.00</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$ 392.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA**

*This collection will take the place of the second collection at Holy Cross for the Charity Fund.*

**K OF C #2344 MONTHLY SUPPER**

The Cheverus Council K of C #2344 is scheduled for this **Tuesday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. Baked Stuffed Chicken is on the menu. For reservations call Ed Powers at 799-5227 or Dick Pyne #799-6362.

**Calendar Raffle**, tickets on sale now from any K of C member. Tickets are \$10.00 each, a drawing for every day of the month, starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WEEK AHEAD**

- Monday September 19**  
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**  
 7:00PM Quilters
- Tuesday September 20**  
 Kitchen in use- Me Voc (**Church**)  
 2:00PM Adult Bible- **Ctr.**  
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **At HC Church**
- Wednesday September 21**  
 9:00AM Women's Bible Grp.- **Library**  
 6:30PM Inquiry Meeting RCIA-**Center**  
 6:30PM Adult Bible Grp.- **Library**  
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**
- Thursday September 22**  
 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**  
 6:30PM S.J. Choir Rehearsals- **Church**



**DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS**

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

**Mary Johnson**

Requested by Family  
 And

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

**CWO Stephen Taylor**

Requested by Family



The **Marian Cenacle Prayer Group** meets each Tuesday evening from 7-8:30PM in the sacristy of the church at Holy Cross. FMI contact Carolyn

or Jim Carson at 799-4796.



## Faith Formation

**Catechist!** Please join us on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM for a catechist training and get together. Anyone interested in being a catechist for this year are welcome to attend. Snacks will be served. If you have any questions please call **Laurie** in the Faith Formation Office @773-8710. See you then.....

### RCIA

There will be an **inquiry meeting** on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. from 6:30-7:30PM in the Library of the Center for all interested parties.



We welcome into our parish community, newly baptized;

**Addison Mae Kimberly Rizzo**  
Child of Christopher and Kelly Rizzo  
Baptized September 4, 2005  
At  
St. John the Evangelist Parish



Coffee Hour at St. John's after the 9:00AM Mass in the Church Hall. Please join us for Coffee, juice, bagels, donuts & conversation. Your host this week is the **Women's Council**. Next week your host will be the Knights of Columbus.

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Fr. Frank Murray of the Vocations Office and the Sisters invite you to a Holy Hour for Vocations at the **Chapel of the Monastery of the Precious Blood on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.**



### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are pleased to announce that the annual **Holy Cross Golf Tourney** is scheduled for Sunday, **October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM at the Nonesuch River Golf Club**. Come and join us for an absolutely great day!!! All proceeds to benefit our parish and school. Reservations required. Salmon-colored entry forms located at the back of the church. FMI call Mark Cloutier at 799-9025.

### THE FOOD CUPBOARD

Our Holy Cross students returned this past week and we were so very glad to see them. Eighth graders Chris, Kristen, Kristina and Kristy did a great job! Good thing we all wear name tags! Our students are such a big help. They make us all proud!

**All the proceeds from Mill Creek Hannaford's bottle return donation container are coming to the Food Cupboard this month. The plastic container is next to the flowers. We are pleased to have the exposure and donations.**

Stephen Thayer, distributor for Voortman cookies donated 10 cases of cookies, We picked up another USDA donation in Sanford, thanks to Food Rescue and Jordan's Farm gave us tomatoes. Cucumbers, green, yellow and shell beans, zucchini, summer squash, eggplants, peppers, kale and Swiss chard!

Did everyone see the great write up on the Willard Square Bakery? They give us bread every week and it is the best! Other weekly donations were: large quantity of roasted chickens and pastries from Hannaford, lots of rolls from Broadway Getty, and bread and pastries from Panera and Big Sky. As we do every week all leftover perishable foods are given to Landry Village, 1700 Broadway, Mill Cove and 425 Broadway. Nothing is wasted.

We thank the following for their monetary donations: Jeannette Fournier, Rita Lambert and anonymous.

**Cupboard needs: Toothpaste, Shampoo and Deodorant**  
Thank you!



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, Diane Greenwood, Francis Branley, Janet Yankowsky, Anne Blake, Libby Vescobi, Margaret Page, Emily Kane, Diana Slowinski, baby Evan Mayone, Katie Large, Rick Lopez, Carolyn Keegan, Laurent (of Lifesong Ministry) and Gordon Welch.**



**Readings for the Week of September 18, 2005**

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a  
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
 Mt 21:28-32



*"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...*

*When it was evening the owner of the*

*vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" -Mt 20:1,8*

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

**First Reading** [Isaiah 55: 6-9](#)

1. Name some times in your day when it is easier to find God than at others. What will help you remember to "seek God" in all the areas of your life?

2. When your best friend forgets your birthday how long will you withhold your mercy before you grant the friend a pardon? On the next level, do you have mercy for the looters in New Orleans or the people committing genocide in the Sudan? Does God ever withhold mercy or pardon? Discuss.

**Second Reading**

[Philippians 1: 20-24, 27](#)

1. Who "magnifies" the Lord for you? Every time you are around these people you feel as though Christ is somehow present. Why is that? What is it about them you would like to emulate?

2. What do you think comprised the "fruitful labor" for Paul since he had to stay in the "flesh"? Does fruitful labor always involve apostolic effort or could it be just doing God's will? Discuss.

**Gospel** [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

1. How would grace be handed out if people made the rules? How would you feel about God's ways if they were like our ways, if God's bountiful generosity did not exceed the level of just allocation of goods?

2. The landowner gives equal wages to all the laborers, no matter how many hours they had worked. What is the message of this parable for every age and every nation? What is the message for you in your everyday life?

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**Gaining Perspective**

Today's gospel story of the estate owner, who paid all laborers in his vineyard the same wages irrespective of the time they had put in, strikes many as blatantly unfair. Yet Jesus chooses it to make a point about justice and generosity. Each man at a minimum got the wages he had contracted for, thus there was no injustice. Yet the owner chose to be generous to those who had started later in the day. Maybe the depth of this story will become clearer to each of us as we approach the end of our lives and realize all; we could have done. The love we could have shared. Then to know that life waits us too will probably inspire great gratitude for our Father's generosity.

**CUB SCOUTS**

Cub Scout sign-up: Any boy, grade 1 - 5, interested in joining Cub Scouts is welcome to join us at the sign-up night or they can sign up at our 1st Pack meeting.

Sign-up: Thursday, September 22nd, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, South Portland Rec Center.

Pack Meeting: Monday September 26th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Holy Cross School Cafeteria

**CHEVERUS HIGH SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, October 16, 2005 1:00PM**

A reception for prospective students will begin at 1:00PM and will feature Cheverus student speakers and messages from the President, Principal and Director of Admissions.

The afternoon will include an activities fair featuring all Cheverus co-curricular activities, tours given by Cheverus parents and students, and the opportunity to meet with faculty, program directors, student athletes and coaches.

**VOCATIONS**

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen, could it be you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call Fr. Frank J. Murray at 782-6911 ext 3109 or e-mail at vocations @ portlanddiocese. Net.

**FLU CLINIC**

There will be a Flu Clinic held at St. John's Center On October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11:00AM. Please bring you Medicaid card and if you do not have one the cost will be \$30.00. FMI please call VNA @780-8624.

