

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

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S

Saturday October 1
HC 4:00PM Paula & Joseph Eltman by
 Daughter
SJ 5:30PM Nancy Feeney by Family

Sunday October 2
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM Gerry Richard by F. Dowling
HC10:30AM Eudore "Bill" Belanger by
 Kevin & Angie Cloutier

Monday October 3
SJ 12:00Noon Dr. Martin Barron by
 Deacon & Mrs. Steven Harnois

Tuesday October 4
HC 7:30AM M/M Victor Cioffi by Family

Wednesday October 5
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday October 6
SJ 12:00 Noon Special Intentions (SJ)
 By Lillian Hemmerling

Friday October 7
HC 7:30AM Martin Caron by Family

Saturday October 8
HC 4:00PM John Kneeland Family by
 Daughter
SJ 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday October 9
HC 7:30AM James Sullivan by Wife
SJ 9:00AM Angie Barsanti by Linda Williamson
HC 10:30AM Douglas McBride by Family



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Paula & Joseph Eltman
 Requested by daughter
 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.

MEETING/MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Women's Council Meeting and Membership Banquet, Monday, October 3, 2005, 6:30PM at the Center. All women of both parishes are cordially invited

HOLY CROSS



Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00	
Total Collection for W/E 9-25-05		\$9,817.50
Hurricane Relief Collection to date:		\$7,422.81
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

ST. JOHN'S



Weekly Goal	\$3800.00	
Total Collection for W/E 9-25-05		\$3,620.00
Hurricane Relief Collection to date:		\$3,272.79
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.		

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATON

October 7, 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.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday October 10th at 6:30 p.m.

To be held at the Parish Center – Aspen Avenue – all are welcome

WEEK AHEAD

Monday October 3
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**
 6:30PM S.J. Women's Council-Annual Meeting & Dinner
 7:00PM Quilters- **Center**

Tuesday October 4
 12:00-2:30PM Kitchen in use- Me Voc (**Church**)
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church
 7:15PM Lay Coll. Inq. Group -**Act. Rm. 2B**

Wednesday October 5
 9:00AM Woman Bible Grp.-**Library**
 6:30PM RCIA-**Center**
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday October 6
 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**
 6:30PM HC Choir Rehearsals- **Church**



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FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

This Commission will meet Thursday, Oct 6 at 4:00PM. If anyone is interested in joining, please feel free to attend the meeting. FMI call Laurie, 773-8710.



Attention
Parents

Parents of all 7th & 8th
graders.

We have a wonderful service oriented Faith Formation program called "**Faithways**". We need catechists who love this age group to come forward and make this happen.

This program allows for community service projects and "**social**" time.

If interested please call Laurie Kelly in Faith Formation #773-8710. Thank you and may God Bless You!

"The Harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers".

Luke 10:2-3

REMEMBER: IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FAITH FORMATION.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Holy Cross Golf Tourney is
scheduled for Sunday, October 9th

at 8:30AM at the Nonesuch River Golf Club.

FMI call Mark Cloutier at 799-9025.



PRAY FOR . . .

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, 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 Joan Clark.**

5th ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY OF NATIONS

The Sodality of St. Anne, of St. Anthony's Parish in Westbrook, is sponsoring the 5th annual living rosary of nations for religious vocations and world peace on Sunday October 23, at 3:00PM at St. Hyacinth's Church on Brown Street.

FLU CLINIC

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

FOOD CUPBOARD

NOTICE!

Space, space, space! In order to stock up on canned goods, (thereby saving money,) we need more space. The back room in the basement of St. John's (under the front of the church) has been used for storage for many years. Most of what is stored there is of no use. We are not asking for useful tables, etc. to be removed, just the broken, unusable items. We ask organizations at St. John's to please identify what is theirs and we will leave in place, but we are going to clear out space in this area for food storage.

We anticipate an even greater need for food assistance this coming year and would like to be able to stock up on canned goods, but as of now space is limited. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FOOD CUPBOARD. The Annual Report for fiscal year 04/05 is available. You should receive one in your bulletin this weekend. If not, there are copies in the Narthex of both churches for your review.

Cupboard needs: Pancake syrup, Pancake mix, and Cocoa mixes.

Thank you!

CATHERINE MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD FROM 2 - 5.PM A FORMAL PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 2:00. Spend time with our faculty, students, parents and coaches, Take a student guided tour around the campus and visit our new athletic complex, courtyard and lions den café. Browse through the overflowing curriculum and activity fairs for an opportunity for course and extra curricular planning. Come enjoy the refreshments and see all that McAuley has to offer you. FMI contact DLAVOIE@MCAULEYHS.ORG OR CALL 797-3802.

PLACEMENT EXAMS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN ONLY

8:30 - 11:30 - Catherine McAuley High School

\$25.00 Fee- Payable at the door

Saturday, October 29th *early acceptance exam

Saturday, December 10th/Saturday, January 7th

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2005

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43
 Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/ Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

First Reading [Isaiah 5: 1-7](#)

1. How does the fact that you can choose to be either good fruit or sour, wild grapes demonstrate that God loves you and wants your love in return?
2. A vineyard was planted on a fertile hillside, spaded, cleared of stones, and planted with choicest vines. Explain this metaphor using God as the farmer and humankind as the vineyard.

Second Reading

[Philippians 4: 6-9](#)

1. In the reading, what does St. Paul say will happen to you when you pray about an anxiety of yours, and you have assurance that God will take care of it? Is there something that takes the place of the anxiety? What is it?
2. St. Paul said we should love what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent and worthy of praise. All people of good reach for these, don't they? How is a Christian and a Catholic especially called to embrace them?

Gospel [Matthew 21: 33-43](#)

1. Name some of God's servants who have been sent as messengers and have spent their lives or even lost them. Which ones do you admire most? Why? Who are God's messengers today? What changes in society do they advocate?
2. How can you be God's messenger somehow in your community, work or Church? What changes in society can you work toward?

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PARISH UPDATES

We are in the process of correcting and updating the Parishioner records of both Parishes. For that reason, Parish census forms have been mailed to all parishioners of Holy Cross and St. John the Evangelist Parishes. Please complete the form and return to the Business Office, 29 Aspen Avenue, South Portland, ME 04106. Completed forms can also be placed in an envelope and returned in the collection basket. Blank forms are available at both churches and at the Business Office. Any questions? Call the Business Office @772-7489.



Beginning with October 9, 2005 a separate "Collection to help defray **higher utility** and **energy costs**" will commence at St. John the Evangelist on the second Sunday of each month. The envelopes are available at the church. To ensure your donation is credited to your offertory account, please write your name and envelope number on the outside of the envelope provided.

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE



Join us for Coffee, Juice, Donuts & Bagels after the 9:00AM Mass at **St. John's** in the Church Hall. Your host at St. John's will be the The Knights of Columbus. **Next week** your host will be The Eucharistic Ministers. Join the parishioners at **Holy Cross** for *Hot Chocolate, Donuts, Bagels and Other Special Treats* in the school cafeteria this Sunday immediately following the 10:30AM Mass.

Fund-Raiser

WANTED! Canning jars of all sizes for the Holy Cross School Fundraiser. Please leave your donations at the back of the church. FMI call Becky Bushey/Debbie Gilman @767-2642

CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF MAINE

Connected Catholics of Me. Monthly meeting, Sunday October 2nd at Holy Martyrs parish, Rt. 88, Falmouth.
 Potluck dinner social at 5:00PM
 Business meeting at 5:45PM
 Speakers at 6:00PM
 Anne Howard, MDSW, Sydney McDowell, MC
 Subject: "Collaborative Mediation"
 FMI call 856-6431

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, MAINE

The weekend is a powerful experience for couples who believe that their Sacrament of matrimony is a sign of love in a world that hungers for stability and commitment. The next marriage Encounter Weekend in Maine is November 4-6, 2005 at the Ramada Inn, Lewiston. To register or FMI contact Dave & Ellie Mulcahy @207-933-4237 or email davellie@ctel.net by October 28th.

