

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



HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S

Saturday November 5
HC 4:00PM Percy Farmer by Simone Blanchette
SJ 5:30PM Josephine Palmacci
 by Priscilla Smith

Sunday November 6
HC 7:30AM James Sylvester by Wife
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM William & Vincent Kuhn by Family

Monday November 7
SJ 12:00Noon Louise Hussey by Daughter Linda

Tuesday November 8
HC 7:30AM Jessie Lombardo by
 Bob & Vivian Ryan

Wednesday November 9
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday November 10
SJ 12:00 Noon Douglas Gillespie by
 Edward & Imelda Szumowski

Friday November 11
HC 7:30AM Eudore "Bill" Campbell
 By Dan Campbell

Saturday November 12
HC 4:00PM Michael McBride by Family
SJ 5:30PM Alice Haley by Jerry & Pat Shea

Sunday November 13
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM James & Margaret Fitzpatrick
 By Peg & Ralph Furbush
HC 10:30AM Dr. Martin Barron by
 John & Marie Cross

HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 10-30-05	\$6,662.25
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 10-30-05	\$4,059.00
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Last week's bulletin October 30th had the weekly offering pretty messed up for St. John's. It should have read as follows:

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00	
Total Collection for W/E 10-23-05		\$3,210.00
World Mission Sunday	\$340.00	
Energy & Fuel collec.	\$ 95.00	

WEEK AHEAD

Monday November 7
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**
 6:30PM St. John's Women Council-RM 2B
 7:00PM Quilters- **Activity Rm 1**

Tuesday November 8
 12:00-1:30 Co-Ed Bible Grp- **Sm.Conf.Rm**
 12:30PM Book Club- **Library**
 6:00PM Faith Formation- **Ctr.**
 6:00-7:00PM Child Lures- **Church**
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church

Wednesday November 9
 10-11:00AM Bible Group-Ladies **Library-Ctr.**
 7:00-8:00 Co-Ed Bible Grp.- **Resource Rm**
 6:30PM RCIA-Center
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday November 10
 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**
 7:00PM S.J. Finance Mtg.-**Library**

Friday November 11
OFFICE CLOSED- Veteran's Day
 Fair Set up- Act. Rm A & B
 And Church Hall



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Richard Elliott

Requested by Sister Joyce
 And

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

Louise Hussey

Requested by daughter Linda Hussey

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



Do you like to read? Would you be interested in getting together to discuss a good book? We are looking for a group of people who would like to join a Catholic Book Club. If you are interested, please meet @St. John's Center on November 8th at 12:30PM in the Library. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide coffee & cookies. Bring a friend and have some fun. Any questions call Laurie @773-8710. If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, please call.

CAPIM GROSSO CORNER

Thanks to all parish members who have been donating returnable bottles and cans to the bottle shed at St. John's. Members of the Capim Grosso Committee have been working hard to keep up with the generous donations, and we appreciate all of your support. In the next few weeks we anticipate a second bottle shed to be available at Holy Cross. If you do not currently utilize the Parish bottle shed, please consider dropping off your returnable's at either church. All proceeds from the bottle sheds go directly to help support the upcoming Mission trip in June.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAIR & CRAFT SHOW, NOVEMBER 12TH 9:00-3:00PM

Mark your calendars, **only 13 more days** to go before our fair. Come for a day of fun, visit all the different booths, and craft tables, have lunch, take some chances and hopefully go home with a lot of good things. Annie's Attic is always a fun spot, you never know what you are going to find.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY COFFEE & DONUTS AT HOLY CROSS THIS WEEK NOV. 6TH AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS. DUE TO THE FUTURE SEARCH ENDEAVOR. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

GREATER PORTLAND COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC MEN ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST, 11-20-05 AT THE ITALIAN HERITAGE CENTER, 10:00AM. MASS IS 8:30am AT THE CATHEDRAL. TICKETS & INFORMATION, John Curran, 883-5437, Paul Tully 799-1816.

FAITH FORMATION

ATTENTION:

There will be "**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**" training at St. Bart's in Cape Elizabeth on **Sunday, November 6th from 3:00-6:00PM**. Any person working with children in any capacity in the parish or school are **required** to have this training. Please let me know if you plan on going, please call Laurie at 773-8719.

ALL PARENTS! There will be an important meeting on **Tuesday, November 8th at St. John's Church from 6:00-7:00PM**. The Diocese of Portland is **requiring** that all students enrolled in Catholic Schools and registered in the Faith Formation program be instructed in a safety education awareness program call "Child Lures". Please make every attempt to attend this meeting. Any questions please call Laurie @773-8710.

ANY CHILD/PARENT who missed the first sacramental workshop held on October 27th regarding First Reconciliation, please call the Faith Formation office @773-8710 for instructions.



St. John/Holy Cross will have an **Advent Wreath Workshop on Saturday, November 26th** at the Holy Cross School Cafeteria from 2-4PM. Wreaths will be blessed at the 4:00PM Liturgy. If you are interested in being on the committee, please call **Laurie @773-8710**.

FOOD CUPBOARD

Last month was quite busy; we shared food with 434 men, women and children. Well over 30 of them were new! This month will be extremely busy, as we are only open for 3 weeks and will start giving out turkeys and Lion's certificates on November 3rd. The South Portland Lion's Club has provided us with one hundred fifty \$25 gift certificates to be given to South Portland residents. These certificates allow the family to shop at Legion Square Market for their Thanksgiving dinner. We also coordinate with the other organizations and churches that distribute turkeys so that each family only received one.

Mark Dickinson, DMD, of Cape Elizabeth has donated a large quantity of children's and adult toothpaste. An extra benefit this holiday season.

Thanks to Marcia Theriault for volunteering to write and submit grants for the Cupboard. We are in need of funds and this may bring us some welcome donations.

Sybil Riemensnider participated in a Hunger Symposium presented by the Mission Committee at the First Congregational Church on Sunday, October 23rd.

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 Justice & Peace Commission. Next week your host will be the Choir.

JOANNE ELKANICH WILL BE SHOWING A VIDEO OF CHRISTINA GALLAGHER'S HOUSE OF PRAYER IN IRELAND, ON SUNDAY, 11/13/05 AT 2:00PM AT ST. JOHN'S CTR. ALL ARE WELCOME.

FMI WWW.CHRISTINAGALLAGHER.ORG/EN/

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Monday, November 7th the Women's Council will meet at the Church for a Mass for the deceased members at 6:30PM. This will be followed by a meeting at the center.



St. John the Evangelist Parish will have a **second collection for increased Fuel and Energy costs** at both Masses next weekend, **November 12 & 13**. Envelopes are available in the Church. To have your donation credited properly to your offertory account, please write your name and envelope number on the outside of the envelope.

HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS FAIR

NOVEMBER 18 & 19TH.

On November 18th. Time: 11:00- 8:00PM
 Italian Dinner Time: 5:00-7:00PM
 On November 19th Time 9:00- 4:00PM
 Mexican Dinner Time: 5:00-6:30PM

The drawing of the raffles will be at 6:30PM Saturday.
Seniors are invited to come into the Fair at 11AM on Friday

BIBLE GROUPS

The Bible Growth Groups have started meeting again. We have a **Ladies Bible group** that meets **Wednesday mornings at 10:00AM**, **A Co-ed Bible Group that meets Wednesday evening at 7:00PM** and a third group **Co-ed meets at 12:30 on Tuesday's**.

All groups meet in the Center. If you are interested in sharing scripture with a faith-filled group of fellow Christians, please come to a meeting. Thank you.

Parish Cluster 22

Members of Parish Cluster 22 group have been collecting data from St. Bart's, St. Max's, Holy Cross' and St. John's parish communities to learn more about the talents and treasures within. We are excited to welcome Eileen McDonald who will be our parish cluster facilitator from the Diocese Parish Planning Committee. Together we continue to work towards a greater understanding of each other before any recommendations for a future administrative model can be made to Bishop Malone next year. Again, we commit to communicating openly and honestly with all of you and we encourage you to provide us with your feedback and concerns at any time during the process. We have set up a webpage at www.hcsj.org/cluster22.htm.

Members of the group include Rev. Gendreau, Rev. Henchal, Rev. Morrison, Donna Brassard, Beth Carmody, Peter Cianchette, Chris Crawford, Scott Ewing, Bob Falconer, Steve Harnois, Laurie Kelley, Pam Koonz Canarie; Sheila McDonough, Sybil Riemensnider, Dick Sawyer, Michelle Sirois, Kathleen Sparda, Michaela Trafaglia, Jim Welch, Kathy Williamson

Readings for the Week of November 6, 2005

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
	Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6
	Mt 25:14-30

QUESTIONS & REFLECTIONS

First Reading [Wisdom 6:12-16](#)

1. What does your "wanting wisdom" do for your "receiving wisdom"? Explain this line from the reading. "...whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate."

2. Consider the following statement by theologian and liturgical writer, Aelred Rosser: "Wisdom is that elusive attribute that enables us to see beyond the surface of things into their depths, to see as God sees, and therefore to see God."

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18](#)

1. Would you live differently if you thought the "end time" was right around the corner as the Thessalonians did? What would change?

2. Those who are alive will be caught up together with Christ and those who have died. Does the fact that we are going to be "caught up" as a people or as a community in Christ have any implications for you now?

Gospel [Matthew 25: 1-13](#)

1. Jesus' parable is about being watchful and well prepared. How can you be prepared and watchful at the end of your life?

2. When you watch for God in your life do you sometimes "doze off"? What impact do tepidity and indifference have on your watchfulness?

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

