

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

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S

Masses for the Week

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

Monday November 14
SJ 9:00 Carmela Gatley by K of C #8144

Tuesday November 15
HC 7:30AM Bea Hutchinson by Family

Wednesday November 16
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service


Thursday November 17
SJ 12:00 Noon Kevin Cloutier by Gordon Welch

Friday November 18
HC 7:30AM Timothy Page
 by John & Elaine Curran


Saturday November 19
HC 4:00PM Percy Farmer by Patricia Peasley
SJ 5:30PM Eleanor Hayworth by Family

Sunday November 20
HC 7:30AM Henry Yankowsky by Wife Joyce
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM Michael O'Toole by Family

HOLY CROSS

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| Weekly Goal | \$7,100.00 |
| Total Collection for W/E 11-06-05 | \$7045.85 |
| All Souls \$692.00 | All Saints \$1,319 |
| Building fund \$ 2,448.87 | |
| Thank you for your continued support and generosity. | |

ST. JOHN'S

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| Weekly Goal | \$3800.00 |
| Total Collection for W/E 11-06-05 | \$4545.50 |
| All Souls \$362.99 | All Saints \$690.00 |
| Thank you for your continued support and generosity. | |

K OF C #2344 MONTHLY DINNER.

This month's monthly dinner will be held on November 15th featuring "**Pot Roast Dinner**".

There will also be a Turkey Shoot Raffle

For reservations call Margaret Page @799-6697 or Dick Pyne @799-6352.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday November 14
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**
 6:30PM Parish Council Mtg.- **S.J. Center**
 7:00PM Worship & Spirituality Mtg. -**Ctr.**

Tuesday November 15
 12:00-1:30 Co-Ed Bible Grp- **Sm.Conf.Rm**
 4:45-5:45PM Cluster Group Mtg.- **Library**
 6:00PM H. C. Finance Council Mtg./
 Room 1A
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church

Wednesday November 16
 10-11:30AM Ladies Bible Group- **Library-Ctr.**
 12:-2:50 Me. Voc. - **Church Hall Kitchen**
 7:00-8:00 Co-Ed Bible Grp.- **Resource Rm**
 6:00-8:30 AFG Group- **Ctr.**
 6:30PM **RCIA-Center**
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday November 17
 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**

Friday November 18
 5:00PM K of C Supper- S.J. Church Hall



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Robert E. Fizell

Requested by Wife Betty
 And

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

John A. Marcoux

Requested by his sister Eleanor Guerette

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

A Prayer for God

Two Little eyes to look at God

Two little ears to hear his voice

Two little hands to reach out for God

To little feet to walk His way

One little heart to Love him all day.



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, Gordon Welch, Karen Hastings and Brady Wasina.**

CHRIST THE KING BREAKFAST

November 20, 2005, 10:00AM at the Italian Heritage Ctr.. Mass will be at 8:30AM at the Cathedral. For tickets please call, John Curran, 883-5437, or Paul Tully 799-1816.



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 Choir. Next week your host will be the Lectors. 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.

CHRISTINA GALLAGHER'S "HOUSE OF PRAYER"

A video of the history of the House of prayer will be shown at **2:00PM, November 13th at St. John's Center.** Anyone interested is invited to come and view it. This video is strictly the spiritual information regarding how the "House of Prayer" came to be and it's significance.

Joanne Elkanich

400 CLUB WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2005

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| 1 st Prize | \$200.00 | #396 | Jim, Dan & Laura Harrington |
| 2 nd Prize | \$100.00 | #326 | Judy King |
| 3 rd Prize | \$100.00 | # 28 | John & Helen Harder |
| 4 th Prize | \$100.00 | # 47 | June Feeney |
| 5 th Prize | \$ 75.00 | #362 | Theresa Cieleuszko |
| 6 th Prize | \$ 25.00 | # 74 | Alice Falcone |
| 7 th Prize | \$ 25.00 | # 2 | Steve Bussone |
| 8 th Prize | \$ 25.00 | #274 | Brian DelCamp |
| 9 th Prize | \$ 25.00 | # 79 | Cathy Doak |
| 10 th Prize | \$25.00 | # 52 | Joann Brady |

\$100.00 profit for Holy Cross School!



St. John's night for the Wayside Food Kitchen will be Thursday, November 17th. Cupcakes of your choice will be the dessert.

FAITH FORMATION

St. John/Holy Cross will have an **Advent Wreath Workshop on Saturday, November 26th** at the Holy Cross School Cafeteria from 2-4PM. There will be a craft table for children and snacks will be served. The Wreaths will be blessed at the 4:00PM Liturgy. The cost is \$10.00 a wreath. If you are interested in being on the committee, please call **Laurie @773-8710**



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00AM – 11:00AM at St. John's Parish Hall. Craft Table for children, story time and singing. Anyone interested in working on the committee, please call Laurie 773-8710.



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 call Laurie @773-8710. Bring a friend!



CATECHIST MEETING: Sunday, November 13th from 1-3PM, there will be a Catechist meeting in the double room at St. John's Center. Please bring two ideas to share with the group. Snack will be provided.

ATTENTION FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS:

Our second parent/child workshop will be on **November 17th @6:30PM at Holy Cross.** Please bring your reconciliation books with you. Call Laurie @773-8710 if you have any questions.

MASS FOR DECEASED K OF C MEMBERS

The K of C #2344 will be having a Mass for its deceased members at Holy Cross on **November 21st, 7:00PM** with Fr. Knox officiating. Reception at the school cafeteria to follow.

CALENDAR RAFFLE – DAILY WINNERS

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| November 1 | Phil Cavanaugh | \$25.00 |
| November 2 | Ed Cook | G.C.Village Café |
| November 3 | Len Comeau, Jr | \$25.00 |
| November 4 | Susan Mooney | G.C.Susan F & Chp |
| November 5 | Jane Haggeman | Turkey dinners for six at Steve & Rene' Restaurant |

HOLY CROSS FINANCE COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00PM in the Center.

HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS FAIR NOVEMBER 18 & 19TH.

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

The drawing of the raffles will be at 6:30PM Saturday. Donations needed for the following tables; Bake goods, knit goods, raffle table, new/gently used items for the toys & sporting good tables. Drop of at convent M-F 8-5PM. FMI call Mrs.Young 767-4675 or 409-1222.

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 19/20TH**

Do you find it overwhelming to hear that one million more Americans fall into poverty every year? Do you really think there's nothing you can do to make a difference? As a parish community we DO make a difference -- when we support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problems of poverty in their community. **Please give generously to the CCHD appeal next weekend.**

Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: During the Advent Season we are so busy about decorating, shopping, and baking; but it is also a time of prayer and reflection. **The Worship and Spirituality Commission would like to invite you to gather in the Church during the 4 weeks of Advent, to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.** *Christ taught us: "You must pray at all times and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1 The Church fulfills this precept not only by celebrating the Eucharist but in other ways also, especially through the liturgy of the hours. By ancient Christian tradition what distinguishes the liturgy of the hours from other liturgical services is that it consecrates to God the whole cycle of the day and the night.*

Many of us may have understood the Liturgy of the Hours to be something that priest and religious did, it is, in all actuality a prayer for the whole Church. *"The liturgy of the hours, like other liturgical services, is not a private matter but belongs to the whole Body of the Church, whose life it both expresses and affects (General Instruction #20)."* **We will gather each Sunday: November 27 (Holy Cross), December 4 (St. John), December 11 (Holy Cross), December 18 (St. John) from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.** During the Advent Season we are so busy about decorating, shopping, and baking; let this brief time on Sunday be a time to slow down, to pray and to prepare as we celebrate the great feast of Christmas.

On November 21, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, Fr. Mike will hold a one hour presentation on the Liturgy of the Hours, this will be a combination of reflection and prayer. Plan on attending one of the two workshops

K OF C FUND RAISER DINNER SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOHN'S

Dinner Schedule **Time: 5:00-6:00PM**
 Place: St. John's Church Hall

Friday November, 18
Friday December, 9
Friday January, 13
Friday February, 10
Fat Tuesday Feb, 28

Above to benefit St. John the Evangelist.

Readings for the Week of November 13, 2005

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6
 Mt 25:14-30
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
 Mt 25:31-46

READINGS & REFLECTIONS

First Reading [Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

1. In what way is the woman in this reading beautiful? Did she invest her talents wisely? What is the return on her investment? How is she like the wise servant portrayed in today's Gospel?
2. Would you call the woman in this reading holy? Why? Do you know some people like her? What actions do they perform that you would call holy?

Second Reading [1 Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verses 1-6](#)

1. If you are always ready, can you be "overtaken like a thief at night" by "the day of the Lord"? Are you always ready? Almost ready? Dozing a little?
2. With false security concerning death at one end of the continuum and constant dread at the other, where would you put yourself? Explain.

Gospel [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

1. "Jesus told his disciples this parable" of the servants and the talents. He seems to be emphasizing risk, as opposed to constant safety. Can you think of any worthwhile things you can do that do not involve risk? How does love involve risk?
2. Does spiritual growth involve risk? Does faith? Hope? If you were involved in leadership in the Church what kind of risks would you willing to take to insure growth and meeting needs of the faithful?

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HOLY CROSS & ST. JOHN'S STEWARDSHIP COMM.

During our last joint meeting, we discussed the need for a Stewardship Committee. The committee would consist of 3 people from Holy Cross and 3 people from St. John's. The committee will review church documents on stewardship as well as parish programs that can be implanted in the near future. If anyone has marketing experience and is interested in becoming a member of the committee please contact Rick O'Brien, Mark Duval or Fr. Mike Gendreau.

