

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

HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S

Masses for the Week

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

Monday November 21
SJ 12:00Noon O'Connor Family by Ralph & Peg Furbush

Tuesday November 22
HC 7:30AM Ed Gillis by Nona & Helen Gillis

Wednesday November 23
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service


Thursday November 24(Thanksgiving Day)
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Friday November 25
HC 7:30AM Olive Doherty by Kay & Rita


Saturday November 26
HC 11:00AM Chazaud 50th Anniversary Mass
HC 4:00PM Lenore Higgins by John Higgins
SJ 5:30PM Paul Haney by K of C #8144

Sunday November 27
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM Fitzpatrick & Furbush Families by Peg & Ralph Furbush
HC 10:30AM John Kneeland Family by daughter

HOLY CROSS

	
Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 11-13-05	\$6,405.00
Bldg. Fund \$2,910.	Pledges \$1,427.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

	
Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 11-13-05	\$3,668.00
Fuel & Energy \$1,646.00	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Chazaud on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Lois and Jacques Chazaud and their children invite members of their parish family to join them in celebration to their 50th Anniversary with a Mass at Holy Cross Church, Saturday, November 26th at 11:00AM.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday November 21
 12:00Noon Bridge - SJ Center-Dble Rm.

Tuesday November 22
 12:00-1:30 Co-Ed Bible Grp- **Sm.Conf.Rm**
 12:00-2:30 Me. Voc. - Church Kitchen
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **At HC Church**

Wednesday November 23
 10-11:30AM Ladies Bible Group- **Library-Ctr.**
 7:00-8:30PM Co-Ed Bible Grp.- **Resource Rm**
 6:00-8:30 AFG Group- **Ctr.**
 6:30PM RCIA-Center
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday November 24 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00AM Mass at St. John's
 6:30PM Rt. 1 Men's Step Mtg. - **Church**

Friday November 25
OFFICE CLOSED



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Jack Conley III

Requested by Family
 And

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

The Fitzpatrick, O'Connor & Furbush Families

Requested by Ralph & Peg Furbush

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



The Rosary is said on Monday's and Thursday's at 11:30AM at St. John's Parish. The Joyful and Luminous mysteries. All are

welcome to join us.

CHRIST THE KING

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.



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, Rick Lopez, Carolyn Keegan, Laurent (of Lifesong Ministry), Joan Clark, Gordon Welch, Karen Hastings, Brady Wasina, Buddy Cohen, Wayne Carter and Robert Belanger.**

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. **WE NEED WIRE CUTTERS.** Any questions or FMI 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.



Attention Parents

ALL parents of children enrolled in the Faith Formation program @ St. John's and **ALL** parents of Catholic School children. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00PM at Holy Cross Church regarding the child safety program. **"Child Lures."** Any questions please call Laurie at 773-8710 or Deacon Steve at 799-6661.



DO YOU LIKE TO READ? We are looking for a group of people to get together to discuss some interesting books. We will meet on the 1st. Thursday of every month. The first meeting will take place at St. John's in the Library on **December 1st from 12:30-1:30PM.** Please bring a lunch. Coffee will be served. First book will be "The Return of the Prodigal Son a story of homecoming" by Henri J. M. Nouwen. FMI call Marie Crocket @883-4690, please leave message.

THE GIVING TREE

To all that took a tag off the tree, either at Holy Cross or St. John's. Please don't forget to get your gift back to the parish, as soon as possible. Thanks.

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

Last Thursday at 8:00am we had 48 men and women waiting for food. By the end of the day we had shared our food with **79** families and made 4 deliveries! We expect this week to be just as busy. We do run out of the extra items such as cakes, pies etc., but not the main items we offer each week. We must admit at this point that our shelves are pretty bare.

Jim Welch and his group donated apples, cheese and bananas left from "Journey '05", Glenna Goulet donated hand made baby bibs for Christmas giving, and Polly Potter donated hand knit hats for Christmas giving. We thank them for these gifts.

We also thank the following for their recent monetary donations: Unum Provident Matching Gift/Scott Ewing, Madelyn Watson, Pattie & Norman Locke, Mary Cash, Elizabeth & Joe Conroy, Jane Martin, Rita Lambert, Jane Fournier, Angie & Anthony Peverada, Jr. (in memory of Angie's parents Domenico & Anna Floridino), and anonymous.

Food Cupboard needs: Peanut butter, Grape, Apple and Strawberry jelly. Thank you!

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual direction involves a shared dialogue between you and a spiritual director about what happens when you are conscious of God. When you find yourself with a desire to talk about your spiritual life and prayers, or talk with someone who will help you develop your awareness and relationship with God, then you could benefit and enjoy working with a spiritual director. Sessions usually last 50 minutes and are bi-weekly or monthly. Fr. Mike is currently enrolled in a Spiritual Director Training Program. As in intern in this program it is expected that Fr. Mike offer spiritual direction to at least 3 people on a regular basis. If you have often wondered "where is God in my life?" then consider spiritual direction as a vehicle through which you are able to discover the movements of God in your life. FMI or to schedule an appointment call Fr. Mike at the parish office @772-7489.

Special Mass in honor of Persons with Disabilities

The Parish Inclusion Ministry of Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute is pleased to announce that Bishop Richard Malone will celebrate a Special Mass in honor of Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, December 4, 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. We extend a special invitation to attend to those with physical, emotional or mental disabilities, their family members, and those who work with them. For more information, please contact the Family Life Institute at 879-1130 (Portland) or 1-800-CARE-002, both at ext. 772, or email: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

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. 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

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 Lectors. Next week will be the Church Life Committee.

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.

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.

PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK

Holy Cross and St. John's are currently in need of women and men who would be willing to bring Eucharist to one or more parishioners who cannot go to church because of age or infirmity. We have several people who are already ministering in this way, but as scripture says "the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few".

Please consider responding to God's invitation to be ministers of compassion and mercy by sharing your time and talent with the home bound of our parish. There will be an informational meeting on **November 28, 2005 at 6:30PM at the Center, Aspen Avenue.**



Readings for the Week of November 20, 2005

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37



"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" -Mt 25:38-40



I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to the whole parish for their donations, their support and the time given to make our Christmas Fair and Craft Show a success for another year. It means so much to see everyone working together to make this annual event a success. The financial success enables us to make donations to the church but the social success cannot be measured by monetary means. It is a time when all can contribute in their own way to have a truly parish family event. I think we more than met that goal. As always a special thank you to the men who have been helping out, Ralph, Fran, John, Jim, Dennis, Rich, Gordon, Two Dons, Jules and Ed. Many thanks to Ellie, Rita and Laurie for all the office support and Bev Wells, Florence Stewart, Terry, Pat and Ann. I must give great big thanks to all the members of the Women's Council who out did themselves. They have all given of their time and creativity. Last but surely not least, Fr. Mike deserves a big thank you for his strong support of the fair. We are blessed to him as our Pastor.

Pat Coe, Chairwomen for Christmas Fair & Craft Show

