

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



**HOLY CROSS  
And  
ST. JOHN'S  
PARISHES**

**Saturday January 21**  
**HC 4:00PM** Rexford Ball by daughter  
**SJ 5:30PM** Michael Downing by Family

**Sunday January 22**  
**HC 7:30AM** Ernest Rollins by Elaine Dysinger  
**SJ 9:00AM** David Cash by Mary Cash  
**HC 10:30AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners

**Monday January 23**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Brian W. Souza, III & Lillian R. Souza by  
 Paula & John Quirk by Family

**Tuesday January 24**  
**HC 7:30AM** Joseph Stanislaus Conroy by  
 Thomas & Karen Conroy

**Wednesday January 25**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service

**Thursday January 26**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** Rita Myatt by Madeline Watson

**Friday January 27**  
**HC 7:30AM** For All the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday January 28**  
**HC 4:00PM** Edward F. Gillis by Family  
**SJ 5:30PM** Gene Cote by Family

**Sunday January 29**  
**HC 7:30AM** Mary Corrigan by Jan & Bob Ridge  
**SJ 9:00AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
**HC 10:30AM** The Malangone Family by Daughter



**DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS**

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

**Gene Cote**

Requested by Ethel Ball

And

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

**Edmund Landry**

Requested by Elaine Landry (daughter)

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE  
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Your contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is a tangible way to express your solidarity with your brothers and sisters throughout Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. This money funds pastoral project that bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church.

**HOLY CROSS**

Weekly Goal	<b>\$7100.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 1-15-06	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund-Jan( to date)</b>	<b>\$2,989.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**ST. JOHN'S**

Weekly Goal	<b>\$3800.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 01-15-06	<b>\$2,734.00</b>
<b>Fuel Collection- January</b>	<b>\$1,102.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**BELLS FOR BABIES**

"Bells for Babies" is a national public remembrance for the 46,000,000 babies who have died in the United States over the past 33 years through surgical abortions.

At 12:00Noon on **Sunday, January 22**, all churches in the area are encouraged to ring their bells 46 times one for each million babies whose lives have ended.

Anyone anywhere is encouraged to join in prayer, at home, on the road, at work, in school or wherever you may be.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
12:00Noon	Bridge - <b>SJ Center-Dble Rm.</b>
6:30-8:00PM	Echoes- <b>Library</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
12:00-1:30	Co-Ed Bible Grp- <b>Sm.Conf.Rm</b>
12:00-1:30	Me. Voc. - <b>Church Kitchen</b>
6:30PM	Faith Formation- <b>Ctr.</b>
7:00PM	Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
	<b>At HC Church</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
10-11:30AM	Ladies Bible Group- <b>Library-Ctr.</b>
6:30-8:00PM	Co-Ed Bible Grp. - <b>Resource Rm</b>
6:30PM	<b>RCIA-Center</b>
6:30PM	Scouts Mtg. - <b>Act. Rm. 1</b>
7:00PM	Rosary- <b>SJ Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
9:00AM	Quilters- <b>Center</b>
9:00AM	Food Cupboard- <b>Church Hall</b>
4:15PM	Me. Voc- <b>S.J. Church Kitchen</b>
6:30PM	S.J. Choir- <b>S.J. Church</b>
6:30PM	H. C. Choir - <b>H.C. Church</b>
6:30PM	AA- <b>S.J. Church</b>
6:30PM	Faith Formation Comm. Mtg.- <b>Ctr</b>

**GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS**

Catholic Scouting Awards are available to all Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girls Scouts and also all levels of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. This year the Award ceremonies for the Catholic Scouting emblems will be held in the northern part of the state on April 23 and in the southern part of the state on May 7<sup>th</sup>. For information on how to earn your Catholic Scouting award please contact the Catholic Scouting Office @782-8096 ext. 108 or by e-mail at [jmailhot@aubcath.org](mailto:jmailhot@aubcath.org).



**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, Bob Wilson, Robert Belanger, Helen Bernier, Paul Lavangie, Robert Seymour, Bob Flaherty & Judy King.**

**Cluster 22 Planning Committee Update**

There are copies of Holy Cross and St. John's Cluster Planning Committee minutes in the narthex of both churches. We plan to print the minutes that appear on our web site for those who do not have access to computers. We also feel this will keep more parishioners informed of the topics we are discussing.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE WHITE MASS**

Sunday, February 26, 2006  
10:00AM

At Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul  
Ash & Bartlett Sts. Lewiston

The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Th.D.  
Celebrant & Homilist

A light reception will follow in the lower church.

For all Medical Professionals and Personnel (Doctors, Nurses, Lab Technicians, EMT's Dentists, etc.

**JANUARY IS POVERTY IN AMERICA AWARENESS MONTH**

Break the cycle. By joining with others in your community, in your region, across this nation, you lend strength to efforts already underway to end the vicious cycle of poverty affecting one out of eight Americans. In fact, some of the most effective collaborative efforts have been launched by poor and low-income Americans who have established community-based, self-help organizations to break the cycle of poverty. Your help can strengthen their activities. Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to see what **The Catholic Campaign of Human Development** is doing to break the cycle of poverty across our country and how you can be a part of the solution.

**THE FOOD CUPBOARD**

We are still giving away, hats, mittens, and scarves. As the weather turns colder these are gratefully received.

We thank Susan Saba for organizing the volunteer Christmas Party this last week. It was quite the affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is one of the very few times we gather all the volunteers together to say "thank you for your time and talents".

Sybil Riemensnider was the guest speaker at the SP Thornton Heights Lions Club meeting and the Scarborough Kiwanis Club meeting. Both clubs pledged their support in helping our efforts to feed those in need.

We also want to acknowledge the weekly food donations from our Methodist Churches, Thornton Heights, Elm Street, and First Methodist. They receive this bulletin information every week and have responded with requested food items and with periodic monetary donations. They have become an important part of this Cupboard, and we thank them!

We thank the following for their recent monetary donations: Thornton Heights United Methodist Church, Kay Loring, Jane Smith, Bob Hewlett ( in memory of Charlene, Dick, and all families), Henry Mahoney, K of C Cheverus Council #2344, Rita Lambert, Leo Soucy (in memory of Randy Parker), Anna Davis and Anonymous.

The Food Cupboard needs: Bath soap, Toothpaste, and Shampoo.  
THANK YOU!

**FAITH FORMATION**

**TO ALL CATECHISTS**

We will begin our catechist certification process on

January 23, from 6:30PM-8:00PM. The following dates are scheduled for the Catechetical modules.

January 23	6:30-8:00PM
January 30	6:30-8:00PM
February 6	6:30-8:00PM
February 27	6:30-8:00PM

A make-up session will be held on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:00AM. The theological modules will begin at Lent and include the general parish. If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation Office @773-8710. Happy New Year! God Bless!



Teens

**ATTENTION ALL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, AND 8<sup>TH</sup> graders** of St. John's and Holy Cross. We are invited to the diocesan Junior High Youth Gathering being hosted by St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, (one of our

cluster parishes) it will be on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-4:00PM.

There will be fun and engaging activities and workshops all day long. **Pizza and outdoor fun.** If you have any questions, please call Laurie in the Faith Formation Office @773-8710.

Our own Deacon Steve will be doing a workshop.

**ATTENTION ALL FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS AND CHILDREN.** The next sacramental workshop will be on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM at Holy Cross Cafeteria. We will schedule bread making dates and First Eucharist practices.

**Future Search Town Meeting:**

You may recall that in November members of the parish, school and community gathered at the school for a Future Search. As a result of this 2 day process 5 areas were identified as necessary for the present and future of the school. It was also decided that these 5 points would be communicated through a "Town Meeting" that is designed to gather more information in order for the school board to develop a 3-5 year plan for Holy Cross School. The first of these 5 meeting will take place on January 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. The focus of this meeting will be on the first point: **"Communicate the purpose and mission of Holy Cross School. Articulate a concise, consistent phrase that is teachable, marketable and identifiable by all."** To facilitate this conversation the steering committee developed a few questions: *What are the reasons you chose Holy Cross School? What is it about Holy Cross School that you would want people in the community to know about? Does our mission statement summarize your sentiments and reasons? What are the benefits and challenges we face with regard to our Mission Statement? How can we better communicate our mission?* The town meeting is open to members of the school and parish community. We hope you will plan to attend and bring your constructive and creative suggestions.

**VOCATION HOLY HOURS**

Cluster parishes around the state have been asked to hold Holy Hours for Vocations to pray for an increase to vocations and also to recognize those who have devoted themselves to the consecrated life. Please check with surrounding parishes for the dates and times of the Holy Hours in your area. FMI on having a Holy Hour for Vocations, please contact Jeanne at the vocations office @782-8096 ext. 108



**CAPIM GROSSO CORNER**

Reminder to all parishioners and friends, the **BOTTLE SHEDS** at Holy Cross and Saint John's are in full operation. Please bring your returnable bottles and cans and drop them off at either shed before or after Mass. This is one great way for all of us to help raise the funds necessary to send off this first ever Mission to our sister parish in Brazil this coming June, and to support the efforts of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. Thank you for all of your support.

A special thank you to Saco-Biddeford Savings Institution for a recent very generous donation

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

**February 12, 2006**

Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute is pleased to announce that Bishop Richard Malone will celebrate a special Mass for married couples as part of World Marriage Day activities on Sunday, February 12, at 10:00AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland.



**Welcome  
Winter  
Visitors**

**Readings for the Week of January 22, 2006**

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

**QUESTIONS & REFLECTIONS**

**First Reading** [Jonah, Chapter 3, Verses 1-5, 10](#)

1. What do Jonah's and Jesus' announcements have in common? To whom were their announcements made?
2. What was God looking for in the Ninevites? What is God looking for in you? Does God call you to conversion once or over and over again? Why?

**Second Reading**

[I Corinthians, Chapter 7, Verses 29-31](#)

1. Does time seem to drag for you or does it go at the speed of light? How does either the urgency of time, or the transitory nature of life impact putting your security in the goods of this world?
2. Does your culture help or hinder your detachment from things? Explain.

**Gospel**

[Mark, Chapter 1, Verses 14-20](#)

1. What was it that allowed James and John, Simon and Andrew to let go of their nets so readily when Jesus called them?
2. Can you let go of the things that keep you from readily answering Jesus' call? What is it that you cling to?

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**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 Finance Committee. Next week your host will be the Social Justice & Peace Commission.. Join the parishioners at **Holy Cross** for *Hot Chocolate, Donuts, Bagels and Other Special Treats* in the school cafeteria immediately following the 10:30AM Mass



