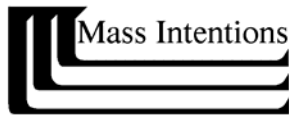


HOLY CROSS & ST. JOHN'S PARISHES, SOUTH PORTLAND, ME



Saturday February 18
HC 4:00PM Josephine McDougall by John McDougall
SJ 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday February 19
HC 7:30AM Dorothy Maroon by Family
SJ 9:00AM Steven Daicy by St. John's Bowling League
HC 10:30AM Mark Gillis by Helen & Nona Gillis

Monday February 20
SJ 12:00Noon James F. Clark by M/M George O'Donnell

Tuesday February 21
HC 7:30AM Randy Parker by Mae Hanlon

Wednesday February 22
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday February 23
SJ 12:00 Noon Eva Wolff by Anne Bain

Friday February 24
HC 7:30AM John Kneeland Family by Catherine Kneeland

Saturday February 25
HC 4:00PM Jeannette Fournier by Jackie & Armond Theborge
SJ 5:30PM Brian W. Souza III & Lillian R. Souza by M/M John Quirk

Sunday February 26
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM Sandra Louise Souza by K of C #8144
HC 10:30AM Deceased members of the Mahoney Family By Henry Mahoney

HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 02-12-06	\$5,495.00
Bldg. fund	\$2,016.95
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 02-12-06	\$4,163.00
Fuel & Energy	\$2,359.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S



President's Day

DAY

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday February 20
Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**

Tuesday February 21
 12:00-1:30 Co-Ed Bible Grp- **Sm.Conf.Rm**
 12:00-1:30 Me. Voc. - **Church Kitchen**
 9:00-3:00PM Scouts - **Rm 2A & 2B**
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **At HC Church**

Wednesday February 22
 10-11:30AM Ladies Bible Group- **Library-Ctr.**
 6:30-8:00PM Co-Ed Bible Grp. - **Resource Rm**
 6:30PM RCIA-Center
 6:30PM Scouts Mtg. - **Act. Rm. 1**
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday February 23
 9:00AM Quilters- **Center**
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **Church Hall**
 4:15PM Me. Voc- **S.J. Church Kitchen**
 6:30PM S.J. Choir-**S.J. Church**
 6:30PM H. C. Choir - **H.C. Church**
 6:30PM Baptismal Prep.- **Library**
 6:30PM AA- **S.J. Church**

DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

T. J. Michaud
 By Family



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 Church Life Commission**. Next week your host will be The Women's Council. 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

TO ALL CATECHISTS



For those of you who could not make the weekly meeting of "Echoes" (our catechist certification program) we will offer a half day retreat on Saturday, March 4th from 8:30-2:30PM. We need 4 or more people for this program to be offered. If interested please call Laurie in the Faith Formation Office @773-8710

CLIP & SAVE

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN

Attendance at the last two sacramental workshops is imperative. We will focus on Eucharist and have planned engaging activities to help us better understand the beautiful sacraments your children will receive in the spring. The dates are:

March 9 th	6:30PM	St. John's
April 6 th	6:30PM	Holy Cross

CALENDAR REMINDER FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:

BREADMAKING: April 25th Tues. evening 6-7:30PM @ S. J.
OR April 27th Thurs. afternoon 3:15-4:30PM@H.C.

PRACTICE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Monday, May 1st	5:30PM at Holy Cross
Tuesday, May 16	5:30PM at St. John's.

FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

Sunday, May 7 th	10:30AM	Holy Cross
Sunday, May 21 st	9:00AM	St. John's

BOOK CLUB NEWS:

The book club recommends: **"The Return of the Prodigal Son"** by Henri J.M. Nouwen. A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's famous painting The Return of the Prodigal Son catapulted Henri Nouwen on a long spiritual journey. The inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story evoking the drama of the parable is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy or anger.

Our next book club meeting will be **Thursday, March 2nd at 12:30PM in the Library.** Any questions please call 773-8710.



CATHOLIC SCOUTING RETREAT

All levels of Girl Scout and Cub Scouts through the Webelos level are invited to attend a day long retreat being held at St. John's in South Portland on February 21st from 9:00-2:00PM The program differs for girls and boys and some activities will apply to the Religious Emblems. FMI and registration material please contact the Scouting Office at 782-8096 ext. 108 or e-mail imailhot@aubcath.org

RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN AA

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford will host a program given by Ann Harriman and Sharon St. Amand the weekend of March 24-26, 2006. There will be readings from **THE BIG BOOK** (AA) with selections from Scripture. FMI contact the retreat secretary @284-5671.

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

During Catholic Schools Week our Holy Cross Students collected specific food items we needed for our shelves and we thank them all! They did a super job and we received exactly what we needed!

Thank you also to Mary Margaret Reid (Chair) and her fellow Social Justice and Peace members for once again this year, organizing the Super Bowl Sunday collection. The Food Cupboard is honored to be the recipient of the \$1,428.00 collected at both churches from this effort. **We thank the Social Justice & Peace Commission for their continued support.**

The Cumberland County Teachers Federal Credit Union, in Falmouth, has made a donation to the Food Cupboard in response to a fundraising letter we sent to all Credit Unions in November. The Credit Unions raise money specifically for ending hunger and the Cumberland County Teachers gave us a donation of \$503.30. We are very pleased and are hopeful that donations from other credit unions will follow.

We are losing one of our faithful volunteers to Texas. Mary Lou Hayes has been one of our most caring, efficient interviewers and we will miss her terribly. However, we wish Mary Lou and Charlie the best of luck in their new home and look forward to the time they move back to Maine.

We thank the following for their recent monetary donations: Rita Lambert, Bill Keniston, and Angela Nobile (in memory of her Dad, and our not forgotten volunteer John Dominicus)

The Food Cupboard needs: Shampoo, Saltines, Crackers

BAPTISM



For any parent (s) that would like to have their child baptized must attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class The next class will be on **February 23, at 6:30PM in the Center..**

Please call the office to register
#772-7489.



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, , Judy King, Julie Melson, Kaye Kane, Lee Green, Al Tirabassi, Tom McDonough Ann Marie Conley & Ginny Goodwin..**

CONGRATULATIONS TO MADDIE HASSON FOR WINNING THE BEAUTIFUL BASKET OF HANDMADE VALENTINE CANDY MADE BY OUR OWN "GLENNA GOULET".

The raffle raised \$179.00 and this was donated to St. Johns



K OF C #8144
FAT TUESDAY DINNER
 ST. JOHN'S
 FEBRUARY 28, 2006
 5:00-6:30PM

MENU: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Stuffing, Gravy, Pasta and Desserts by" Glenna".

Adults \$7- Seniors \$6 Children \$3 Family \$20
 Family (2 adults – 3 children (5))

**Join
 The Fun!**



CHEVERUS HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

Saturday, March 4th will be the **LAST** placement exam for 8th graders only. Arrive @ Cheverus Gym 9:00AM. Exam ends at noon. Dress is casual, snacks & juice provided as well as pencils & exam materials. No calculators please. FMI call 774-6238.

SUPER "SOUPER BOWL" RESULTS!

Super Bowl Sunday was a huge success, especially right here in South Portland! The Food Cupboard was the real winner, receiving **\$1,428.00** from both Holy Cross and St. John's generous souls. The young children of the parish and the 8th graders from the school held soup pots proudly at all the masses. Nationally, this endeavor has reported raising 2.8 million thus far, not to mention all the can good donated to area Food Pantries as well. Thank you all!

WORKSHOP/FR. MARC CARON

Msgr. Marc Caron, Chancellor of the Diocese, will be presenting a workshop on the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (G.I.R.M) and how we might more clearly conform and refine our Liturgical practices during the Mass.

This workshop is to be presented at Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Parish, 80 Sherman St., Portland, Saturday, March 25 from 10:00am until 12:00 noon. All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, Sacristans, and Worship Spirituality Members are encouraged to attend. Please call (772-6182) or e-mail (tsacredh@maine.rr.com) the parish office at with the number attending. This is a great occasion to reflect on why we do what we do during the Sacred Liturgy and to deepen our spirituality

Cluster 22 Planning Committee Update

The January notes of our cluster meeting are available in the Narthex. We will have an "all parish "meeting in the future, but in the interim we have placed **marked** boxes in the Narthex. These are for your questions, suggestions etc. Now that you have had 2 copies of meeting notes, let us know what you are thinking.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Dominic's Grammar School 2nd Annual Reunion
 Saturday, June 24, 2006, 12 - 4 pm
 Maine Irish Heritage Center (formerly St. Dominic's Church)
 Invitations to Follow with Cost and Information
 FMI call 780-0118
 "All Years Are Welcome"

PLEASE NOTE: K OF C SUPPER AT HOLY CROSS THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21ST HAS BEEN CANCELED!

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2006

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/ 2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/ Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/ Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12/ Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/ Mk 10:13-16
 Next Sunday: Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22/ 2 Cor 3:1b-6/ Mk 2:18-22

QUESTIONS & REFLECTIONS

First Reading [Isaiah, Chapter 43, Verses 18-19, 21-22, 24-25](#)

1. Compare and contrast parents forgiving and wiping out the wrongdoings of their child for the parents' own sake, with the words in the reading, "It is I, I, who wipe out for my own sake, your offenses."
2. "Your sins I remember no more." How does it make you feel to know that God isn't keeping track of all your evil deeds, but forgets them all instead? How are you at forgetting other people's transgressions against you?

Second Reading

[2 Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 18-22](#)

1. What has God given you to help with the Spirit of yes-saying?
2. What does a "first installment" of the Spirit imply? Discuss what "paid in full" might mean. What does it mean to you to have the Holy Spirit as close to you as your breath, ready to help you in any and every circumstance of your life?

Gospel [Mark, Chapter 2, Verses 1-12](#)

1. What were the obstacles preventing the men from taking their paralyzed friend to see Jesus? Did these difficulties stop them? Do they stop you? What allows you to do the impossible?
2. The writer Willa Cather said, "Where there is great love, there are miracles." Whose love was it that saved the paralytic—Jesus' love or that of the friends? And why did Jesus first forgive the man's sins instead of curing his crippled legs right away?

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