

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday April 1
HC 4:00PM John O'Malley by Family
SJ 5:30PM Jack & Tom Bartley by Rod, Patti, Tanner, & Rori Sutkowski

Sunday April 2
HC 7:30AM Margaret Walsh Coppinger by John J. Coyne
SJ 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
HC 10:30AM Jeanette Goucher by Family

Monday April 3
SJ 12:00Noon Joseph Donald Malia by Francine & Richard Gillooly

Tuesday April 4
HC 7:30AM Mary Hanson by Bob & Barbara Kritzer

Wednesday April 5
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday April 6
SJ 12:00 Noon Donna Mucci by John "Skip" Conley

Friday April 7
HC 7:30AM Randy Parker by Lilly Hanlon

Saturday April 8
HC 4:00PM Katherine & Gertrude Niles by the Niles Family.
SJ 5:30PM Anthony Varanelli, Sr. by Family

Sunday April 9
HC 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 9:00AM Edward Nee by Bob Flynn & Ma Cook
HC 10:30AM Seamus Nee by Mom, Dad, Billy, Patrick, Bridie, Mary, Coleman and Annie Nee



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Elizabeth T. Komich

Requested by Debbie, Ryan, Kelsey & Michael Komich

And

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

Patricia Fletcher

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bourassa



Just to let you know

I will be away this weekend giving a workshop at the Christian Life Center in Frenchville, ME. Fr. Don McAllister will be celebrating with you this weekend.
 Fr. Mike

HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 3/26/06	\$6,587.00
Building Fund-	
Pledge and 2 nd Collection- March Total	\$20,007
(Includes \$15,000 anonymous contribution to the Building Fund)	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 3-26-06	\$3,640.00
Fuel - March Total	\$1,664.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday:	2:30PM	Holy Cross
Friday,	6:00PM	St. John's.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday April 3
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**
 6:00-9:00PM Echoes - **-Center**
 6:30PM Women's Council - Dble Rm.
 7:00PM Quilters- Activity RM 1

Tuesday April 4
 12:00-1:30 Co-Ed Bible Grp- **Sm.Conf.Rm**
 12:00-1:30 Me. Voc. - **Church Kitchen**
 6:00PM Faith Formation- **Center**
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church

Wednesday April 5
 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 April 6
 9:00AM Quilters- **Center**
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **Church Hall**
 6:30PM S.J. Choir-**S.J. Church**
 6:30PM H. C. Choir - **H.C. Church**
 6:30PM AA- **S.J. Center**

Friday April 7
 5:00PM Haddock Supper- **S.J. Church Hall**

NOTICE

In the So Portland area there has been an increase in vehicle break-ins. Last Sunday, during the 7:30AM Mass, a parishioners' car was broken into and her purse was stolen. For your safety and security, please do not leave valuables in your car. Even if you think you have secured your purse or valuables, and have locked your vehicle, these thieves have been known to break windows or use other means to enter and search your car. Please do not allow them the opportunity!

FAITH FORMATION ---CLIP & SAVE

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN

LAST SACRAMENTAL WORKSHOP ON April 16, 6:30PM @ H.C.

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
Friday, May 19 5:30PM at St. John's.

FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

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

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES

You must have the yellow Confirmation/First Eucharist candidate information card filled out by the April 6th meeting. If you did not pick one up, please do so at either Holy Cross School office or St. John's Office. Thank you.



SAVE THIS DATE: JUNE 26-30TH Fun filled activities for grades pre-K thru 5. The theme this year is **"FIESTA"**. Join us for a week of engaging activities for all ages. Children who are 6th. Graders and older may be junior counselors. FMI or to sign up, please call 773-8710. **DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!!!!**

****NOTE: There will be a meeting on Vacation Bible School on Sunday April 2nd 11:45AM. Anyone interested being on the committee is welcome to attend. FMI call 773-8710.**

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 Pastoral Council. Next week your host will be the Finance Committee. 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

WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 3rd, 6:30PM at St. John's Center. Our speaker will be Anne Marie Wong, speaking on **Identity Theft**. Our Refreshment Committee will be, Gwen Davis, Eileen Daicy And Jeanne Jackson.

All women of the parish are invited.

FUTURE SEARCH

Last Future Search meeting, Tuesday, April 4th 6:30-8:00PM at Holy Cross School grade four classroom. The Presenter will be Fr. Mike and the Topic "Faith"

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Friday, April 7, all are invited to spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
St. John's 1:00-5:00PM--Holy Cross 8:00-5:00PM
THE FOOD CUPBOARD

We are always so very gratified when school children collect food items for the Cupboard. Hopefully, it makes them aware that there are other children who are hungry and that their parents know they can come to the Cupboard and receive healthy food. Brown Elementary school conducted a wonderful food drive for us and the boys and girls at Memorial Middle School (the group that keeps on giving!) presented us with a framed, signed picture of the food items they collected and of the students. It is awesome and is on the wall in the Cupboard.

St. Bartholomew's Faith Formation class collected a large amount of needed food items. Sunday, March 26th, at St. Maximilian Kolbe, two 6-7-year old girls Emma Hartl and Lexie Jamieson, who are about to make their First Communion, not only gave us the food they had collected for us but also over \$300! These girls did such a tremendous job, truly faith in action. A huge "Thank You and God Bless" to all of the children!

St. Bartholomew's Social Justice and Peace has given us \$1,500.00. Their tithing has always benefited the Cupboard and we are very grateful for the funds and collaboration.

We thank Mark Duval for the sturdy shelving units. They are already in use and are just what we needed.

We are always so very grateful for the many monetary donations that we receive each week. So many of you wish to remain anonymous and we appreciate that and thank you for your donations. Every bit helps, and all funds go for food and supplies for the Cupboard We thank the following: Lillian Frost, Rita Lambert, Glenna & Richard Goulet, Eileen Cullinan, Pattie & Norman Locke, Michael & Eileen Connolly (of Massachusetts) and the Wednesday Evening Bible Group in memory of Mary Fleming and in celebration of her life in our community.

The Cupboard needs: 18 oz size Peanut Butter, 18 oz size Strawberry jam and cans of Hash

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

CLUSTER FORUM SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006

Well over 300 parishioners from our 4 parishes, Holy Cross, St. Bartholomew, St. John, and St. Maximilian attended the informational forum on Sunday the 26th at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Parishioners viewed a power point slide presentation of who, what, why, and where we are currently. Following this presentation all gathered in the hall to express our "hopes" and "concerns". The Holy Spirit was truly with us as everyone asked pertinent questions, expressed their hopes for the future and were positive and encouraging regarding our tasks that lie ahead. These "hopes" and "concerns" will be printed and distributed in future bulletins. We thank everyone who attended. It was exciting and challenging.

NOTICE

The manager of the Maine Motel has requested we remind parishioners that parking at the motel is limited. They would appreciate it if those attending Mass and functions at St John's Church would refrain from parking in their lot.



Bake Sale

THIS WEEKEND



GROSSO CORNER

In conjunction with the children of the Faith Formation Program and Holy Cross School, the Capim Grosso Mission Committee Continues to offer our Annual Lent Fundraisers in the parish. This project includes the ongoing Rice Bowl change boxes And Capim Grosso Bake Sale, which will be held after all Masses All children in the parish are invited to participate in this important fundraiser. All proceeds from these efforts will, go directly to the MMM's to assist the school and families at the Mission. We hope you can generously support the efforts of the children of our parish.



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24



AUCTION

HOLY CROSS PARISH SCHOOL

Holy Cross School Auction is coming up Saturday April 8th. Donations can be dropped off at the school office Monday Thu Friday 799-6661. or after 10:30 mass at the school Cafeteria. You can also purchase tickets after all the Sunday masses, the parish & school offices; \$20.00 each or \$150.00 for a table of 8. If you have any question please call Mrs. Cianchette at 767-1329 or Mrs. Young at 767-4675.



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, 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, Judy King, Julie Melson, Al Tirabassi, Tom Mc Donough, Ann Marie Conley, Homer Brookes, Catherine Kneeland, Edie Dominicus, Ron Messoro, Natalie Rice and Evelyn Taylor.

There will be a **Centering Prayer Retreat** Saturday
April 8th Bay View Villa
FMI call 739-2891

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2006

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33; Scrutinies (Cycle A): Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

QUESTIONS & REFLECTIONS

First Reading [Jer. 31, Verses 31-34](#)

1. Discuss this analogy:
exterior observance is to stone
as conversion is to hearts.
2. The Gospel says, "I will place my law within them and write it on their hearts"? Pope Benedict says, "These charity workers need a 'formation of the heart': they need to be led to that encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others."* What is the relation between these two statements?

Second Reading

[Hebrews, Chapter 5, Verses 7-9](#)

1. Jesus utters "supplications with loud cries and tears." He knows our worst pain. How does that knowledge impact your own suffering? Do you have to endure suffering alone?
2. Jesus spent his life alleviating the suffering of others. Is he finished with that, or does he continue to care for suffering people today? If so, how? Are you a caretaker or are you cared for?

Gospel [John 12, Verses 20-33](#)

1. Is there any other way for the seed to bear rich fruit other than to die? What are you made for? What keeps you from becoming all that you can be?
2. What good thing happens to you when your self-centeredness dies?

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