

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday April 10
SJ 12:00Noon Marty Wendell by Kevin & Gretchen Roy &
 Family

Tuesday April 11
HC 7:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

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

Thursday April 13 (HOLY THURSDAY)
SJ 8:00PM Mary Powell by June & Philip Mosley

Friday April 14(Good Friday Service)
HC 7:00PM Lord's Passion

Saturday April 15(Easter Vigil)
HC 8:00PM Walter Feeney by Edward & Mary Medairos

Sunday April 16 (Easter Sunday)
HC 7:30AM Dorothy Maroon by Family
SJ 9:00AM Frances Verocchi by Family
HC 10:30AM John & Florence Dougherty by Family
SJ 11:00AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
PLEASE NOTE EXTRA MASS AT SJ EASTER SUNDAY



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Florence & John Dougherty

Requested by Family
 And

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

The Shea Family

Requested by Jerry & Pat Shea

HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 04-02-06	\$7,751.00
Flowers	\$1,466.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 04-02-06	\$3,661.00
Flowers	\$659.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment to the public began on March 27th. If you would like to visit Holy Cross School, tour the facilities and meet the staff, you can call the school and schedule a visit or if you wish to enroll your child (ren) in Holy Cross School for the Academic Year 2006-2007, please contact Teri @799-6661.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday April 10
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**
 7:00PM Tenebrae-S.J. Church

Tuesday April 11
 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 12
 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 13
 9:00AM Quilters- **Center**
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **Church Hall**
 6:30PM AA- **S.J. Center**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the second quarter (April-June) have been mailed. The pre-addressed white envelopes are for your convenience in sending in envelopes when you are unable to attend mass at Holy Cross or St. John's. If you have any questions, (name changes, address changes, didn't receive envelopes etc) please call the parish office @772-7489.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

FAITH FORMATION ---CLIP & SAVE

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN
CALENDAR REMINDER FOR CONFIRMATION/ 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 Confirmation/First Eucharist

Monday, May 1st 5:30PM at Holy Cross

****PRACTICE DATE, ST. JOHN'S, Friday, May 19, 5:30PM
NOT TUESDAY MAY 16TH..**

FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

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



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!!!!**

Anyone interested in volunteering please call.



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

GETTING TO KNOW MY CHILDREN BETTER

This **workshop** will help you to understand what goes on in the inner world of your children and help you experience a truly educational parental relationship with your children. Learn how to listen to and observe your children so as to know them better. Learn how you can help your children to understand him/her. Discover the conditions required to improve your awareness of who your children are in order to have a true parental relationship with them. Registration fee: sliding scale \$70-60 or pay according to your financial means.

Session date: April 29, 2006
Place: Pastoral Center/ St. John's
Presenter: Sr. Irma Gendreau, pfm

NOTE:

Bring bells for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday Masses to be rung during the Gloria.

NOTE: The Cheverus Council of the Knights of Columbus will NOT be holding their monthly supper in April so that they may focus on hosting a Family Dinner for all Confirmation/First Eucharist Families.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday April 10
Tenebrae 7:00PM S. J.

Thursday April 13
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM-SJ

Friday April 14
Good Friday 7:00PM -HC

Saturday April 15
Easter Vigil 8:00PM -HC

Sunday April 16
Easter 7:30 & 10:30AM - HC
9:00 & 11:00AM -SJ



EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

You will note that in your package of budget envelopes there is an envelope for the Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one. Please print clearly.

If you do not use budget envelopes, there are some Flower envelopes at the entrances of each church that you may use. These envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket along with your regular budget envelope.

FOOD CUPBOARD

We started giving out Easter Baskets and stuffed bunnies this past week. We only have 2 more weeks until Easter and we wanted to reach as many children as we could. We had 2 McAuley seniors, Erin Smith and Jennifer Roberge, volunteer to do their community service with us. Unfortunately Erin came down with the flu but Jennifer not only made up all the Easter baskets; she helped with so many other chores. It was a joy to have her and we look forward to helping Erin fulfill her community service when she is well.

The Scarborough Kiwanis along with the Key Clubs of South Portland and Scarborough donated the raisins, cup cakes, pudding, Cadbury eggs and grass for the baskets. This was a tremendous help and we thank them for their efforts.

The Broadway Irving station conducted their biannual inventory and donated over \$1,200 worth of miscellaneous products to the Cupboard. There were household cleaning products, personal care items, canned and packaged food, and other gadgets. This was a surprise and we appreciate their donation.

We thank the following for their monetary donations: Marjorie Galgay, Steve Curran, Mary Cash and Connie Scully.

The Cupboard needs: Peanut butter, Strawberry jam, and Marshmallow. Thank you



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, Evelyn Taylor, James Duane, and Mary Crowley.



CAPIM GROSSO CORNER

The Capim Grosso Committee is please to announce plans for an upcoming Parish-Wide **CAPIM GROSSO YARD SALE!** This fun and exciting fundraiser will be open to all parishioners and will be held in support of our mission team heading to Brazil in June. At this time we are planning to hold this event in May. So clean out those closets and dust off those old treasures. The yard sale will be in need of **Quality** household items, furniture, tools, games etc. **More details to follow.**

EASTER DUTY: In the Dioceses of the United States, the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the first Sunday of Lent (March 4/5) to Trinity Sunday (June 10/11). For a just cause, the Easter duty may be fulfilled at some other time of the year. (canon 920).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE CHEVERUS K OF C ST. PATRICKS DAY RAFFLE!

Cecelia Hussey, David Stevens, Bobbi Henderson, Dick Pyne, Ed Kane and Suzanne Droudus.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF GREATER PORTLAND

Meeting Monday, April 10, 2006 at Clark Memorial United Methodist Church, 15 Pleasant Avenue, Portland. Time 11:30AM FMI call Geraldine Brewer @878-8912.



The 8TH AND 1ST GRADE STUDENTS OF Holy Cross School will be offering a brunch following the 10:30AM Mass this Sunday in the cafeteria. Children and Seniors - \$3.00, Adults - \$6.00. \$14.00 for a family of four.

Cluster 22 Planning Committee

The "notes" from the March 16th planning committee are available in the narthex of both churches for your review. For those of you who did not attend the Forum on the 26th, and have computers, the Presentation is on our web site hesj.org.

Readings for the Week of April 9, 2006	
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
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9, or Mk 16:1-7

QUESTIONS & REFLECTIONS

First Reading [Isaiah 50, Verses 4-7](#)

1. Name some people who have spoken on God's behalf and have "set their faces like flint" when confronted by injustice. What injustice do you feel strongly about? What can you do to help make it right?
2. Discuss all the ways God opens your ears. Give some reasons why God would come to you with messages "morning after morning".

Second Reading [Philippians 2, Verses 6-11](#)

1. Going from his birth to his death describe the "emptying" in Jesus's life. Wherein is the power of emptiness?
2. Is there anything in your life that helps you imitate Jesus in this respect? On the other hand, are there desires that make you regard equality with God as something to be grasped?

Gospel [The Passion Mark 14:1 – 15: 47](#)

1. How was Mary's "wasting" expensive perfumed oil on Jesus a foreshadowing of God's self-wasting love on humankind? Does your busy schedule allow time to "waste" on love?
2. Who stayed and who didn't stay with Jesus through his passion? With which group would you have been? Jesus felt abandoned by the one he loved most. What does the fact that Jesus experienced humankind's worst possible suffering say to you?

