

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



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

**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

**Monday April 17**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Donna Mucci by Women's Council, S.J.

**Tuesday April 18**  
**HC 7:30AM** Kathryn Kane by Jo Gaccetta

**Wednesday April 19**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service

**Thursday April 20**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** Raymond Carr by Ginny Carr

**Friday April 21**  
**HC 7:30AM** The Malangone Family by Jennie Mahoney

**Saturday April 22**  
**HC 4:00PM** Robert Smart by Pritchard Family  
**SJ 5:30PM** Domenic DiBiase by Anna DiBiase

**Sunday April 23**  
**HC 7:30AM** Rose Frustacci by Family  
**SJ 9:00AM** Rita Colucci by M/M Jules Frenette  
**HC 10:30AM** For the Intentions of the Parishioners



**DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS**

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

**Jerry Ahern**  
 Requested by Family  
 And

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

**Dottie Phillips**  
 Requested by Jeannie Jackson

**MARIE JOSEPH SPIRITUAL CENTER RETREAT**

The weekend of April 21-23, 2006, Fr. William Jarema will be offering an in depth review of the adult life skills that are given by our mother and father. "There's a Hole in my Chest", healing the Mother and Father wound. There will be a time for prayer, small group discussion and Mandela assessment. The weekend will conclude with creating your personal Health Care Plan, so that you can "live life to the full". (John 10:10) Cost \$150.00 Commuters \$110.00 Arrival time: 6:30PM Friday Departure 1:00PM Sunday.

**HOLY CROSS**

Weekly Goal	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 04-09-06	<b>\$7,840.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$3,577.85</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**ST. JOHN'S**

Weekly Goal	<b>\$3800.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 04-09-06	<b>\$4,138.00</b>
<b>Fuel &amp; Energy Fund</b>	<b>\$1,502.00</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**Come Journey with Me**

Each of our lives is a journey with the Kingdom of God as our final destination. We have many companions on this journey, and the most important is our Lord, who promised us that he would always be with us. How is your journey progressing? Are you taking baby steps or giant strides? Do you feel like you need a map?

Come gather with us for an afternoon of reflection on your spiritual journey. **Come Journey with Me** will be a retreat open to all and sponsored by the Bible Growth Groups of Holy Cross and St. John. It will take place on Sunday, April 30, from 1-4 in the afternoon at the St. John Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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| <b>Monday</b><br>12:00Noon  | <b>April 17</b><br>Bridge - <b>SJ Center-Dble Rm.</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>12:00-1:30<br>12:00-1:30<br>6:00PM<br>7:00PM    | <b>April 18</b><br>Co-Ed Bible Grp- <b>Sm.Conf.Rm</b><br>Me. Voc. - <b>Church Kitchen</b><br>Faith Formation- <b>Center</b><br>Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -<br><b>At HC Church</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>10-11:30AM<br>6:30-8:00PM<br>6:30PM<br>7:00PM | <b>April 19</b><br>Ladies Bible Group- <b>Library-Ctr./Last mtg.</b><br>Co-Ed Bible Grp. - <b>Resource Rm</b><br>Scouts Mtg. - <b>Act. Rm. 1</b><br>Rosary- <b>SJ Church</b>        |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>10:00AM<br>9:00AM<br>6:30PM<br>6:30PM          | <b>April 20</b><br>Quilters- <b>Center</b><br>Food Cupboard- <b>Church Hall</b><br>AA- <b>S.J. Center</b><br>Catholic Charities – <b>Act. Rm. 2B</b>                                |

**EASTER SUNDAY**



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, Mary Crowley, Catherine Lee and Raymond Landry.**



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 will be the Social Justice & Peace Commission. Next week your host will be the Choir. 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

**400 CLUB DRAWING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Prize	\$200	# 95	Helen & Nona Gillis
2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	\$100	# 24	Kim Bryant
3 <sup>rd</sup> "	\$100	#396	Jim, Dan & Laura Harrington
4 <sup>th</sup> "	\$100	#378	Catherine Broihier
5 <sup>th</sup> "	\$ 75	#230	Kathy Curry
6 <sup>th</sup> "	\$ 25	#157	Elizabeth Honan (To benefit H.C. School)
7 <sup>th</sup> "	\$25	#362	Theresa Cielezsko
8 <sup>th</sup> "	\$25	#280	Marc Owen
9 <sup>th</sup> "	\$25	#352	Barbara Arnoldo
10 <sup>th</sup> "	\$25	\$ 65	Richard Campbell

\$100.00 Profit for Holy Cross School



**FOR THE NUN RUN**

Single Women 18-30 yrs. old are invited to a 24 hour day exposure to Religious Life. Begins Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. From Friday evening to Saturday evening, you will have the opportunity to meet Sisters from 6 different communities living and involved in various ministries in Biddeford, Saco and Portland. Transportation will be provided from each location.

**Friday:** Sisters of the Presentation of Mary/ prayer visit & sleep  
**Sat 8:30-** Good Shepherd Sister/ Mass, breakfast, visit & sharing  
**Sat 11:30-** Holy Rosary Sisters/ Lunch, visit & sharing  
**Sat 1:15-** Diocesan Sisters of Mercy/ dessert, visit & sharing  
**Sat 2:30-** Sisters of the Precious Blood- Holy Hour, visit, sharing  
**Sat 4:45** Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, dinner, visit & sharing  
**After Dinner return home or return to a convent for overnight**  
 FMI call Sr. Carole Lappa, RSR Phone #207-774-3756,



**SAVE THIS DATE: JUNE 26-30<sup>TH</sup>** 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**FAITH FORMATION ---CLIP & SAVE**

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN**

**CALENDAR REMINDER FOR CONFIRMATION/ FIRST EUCHARIST:**

**BREADMAKING:** April 25<sup>th</sup> Tues. evening 6-7:30PM @ S. J.  
**OR** April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>TH</sup>..**

**FIRST EUCHARIST DATES**

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM Holy Cross**

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00AM St. John's**

**FOOD CUPBOARD**

The South Portland CURVES once again offered a discount to new clients donating canned goods to the Food Cupboard. We appreciate their continued support.

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs! Just in time for Easter the family in Standish that has chickens once again brought these fresh, healthy food items to the Cupboard. Delceno, (don't know his last name yet) tells us that his chickens are laying so many eggs he does not have enough containers to put them in. On Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, he brought us well over 15 dozen eggs with more to come this week! We have them in baskets protected with Styrofoam peanuts in the refrigerator. Now the trick will be to find containers to fill so that we can give them out for Easter. This is such a special donation and we thank Delceno and his chickens very much.

Thornton Heights United Methodist Church collected \$181.00 from their Lenten Service for the Cupboard. The Methodist churches, Thornton Heights, First Methodist and Elm Street collect food for us every week also. We are grateful for their donations and association with the Cupboard.

We thank the following for their recent donations, some of which were very substantial. It has helped with our Easter food items and children's Easter baskets: Jean Gaudreau, Rita Lambert, Bill Keniston, Al McDonough, and Bob Hewlett (in memory of Carlene, Dick, all widows & widowers, Holy Souls, & all the sick in our families), and anonymous.

**The Cupboard needs: Egg cartons!**

Thank you!



**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The book club recommends: **8 Spiritual Heroes: Their Search for God** by Brennan R. Hill.

With stories and historical and theological sources, Brennan Hill profiles eight modern religious heroes and their search for God. these heroes are diverse: and Indian Hindu, a German Jewish woman who converted to Christianity, and African American Baptist minister, and American woman who came to religion only after years of atheism, a Salvadoran archbishop, two Jesuit priests one French, one American and an Albanian nun. Politics, culture, gender, faith tradition shape and change a person's view of God. Brennan Hill asks each one of us: What face has my God shown to me?

**AN EVENING OF SONG**

There will be a benefit concert to help support the Good Shepherd Food Bank on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland. There will be four outstanding choral groups from across the state of Maine as well a guest soloist Don Campbell and Shannon Selig. Tickets begin at \$15.00 available at PortTix 207-842-0800.

The Good Shepherd Food Bank serves the entire state of Maine. Thanks to generous donors like you, the bank serves 70,000 people each month by providing food to over 500+ pantries, soup kitchen, homeless shelters and crisis programs. FMI visit [www.gafb.org](http://www.gafb.org).

**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  
**Time:** 9:00AM-3:00PM

**CLUSTER NEWS**

**THERE IS NEW CLUSTER INFORMATION IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY.**



**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS. MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**

**Readings for the Week of April 16, 2006**

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  
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18  
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35  
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48  
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14  
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15  
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

**First Reading** [The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10, Verses 34, 37-43](#)

1. What is the significance of the word “witness,” in this reading, which Peter uses three times both as a noun (meaning “observer”) and a verb (meaning “corroborate,” “testify”)?

2. What are some of the ways you can bear witness in your life? Should you witness with more than words?

**Second Reading**

[Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 1-4](#)

1. “Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above.” Paul tells us what is “above” later in chapter 3 of Colossians. He says that we should put on heartfelt compassion. What does compassion look like in your immediate world and in the larger one?

2. One of Paul’s last directives is to let the peace of Christ control your hearts. How do you do that when you’re feeling confused, or paralyzed with fear, or depressed? Where do you find help?

**Gospel**

[Mark, Chapter 16, Verses 1-7](#) (Vigil)  
[John, Chapter 20, Verses 1-9](#)

1. “Who will roll back the stone for us?” The same women who were with Jesus when he died came to anoint his body in the morning. Were they deterred from their task by an immovable stone or by fear? Compare and contrast their behavior with some of Jesus’ other disciples’ actions. Looking at all the disciples during Jesus’ last hours, whose behavior would you like to emulate?

2. What is it that allowed John to “see and believe”? to have this kind of clarity? What does love have to do with knowledge about a person, or insights into a person’s behavior? In John, Ch 14, Vs. 12 Jesus says “Whoever loves me....I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her).” Is there a connection between Jesus’ statement and John’s “seeing and believing”?

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