

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



HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S
August 26
 Andrew Flaherty by family
 Idola Charette by Lorraine Shevenell

Saturday
HC 4:00PM
SJ 5:30PM

Sunday August 27
 For the intentions of the people
 Peter Slavin by wife and family
 Yvonne Lamontagne by Leo & family

HC 7:00AM
SJ 8:30AM
HC 10:00AM

Monday August 28
SJ 12:00Noon Mary Bragdon by Arlene Batura

Tuesday August 29
HC 7:30AM Kathryn Kane by Susan & Tom Mardas

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

Thursday August 31
SJ 12:00 Noon Eleanor Krupski by Mr & Mrs Charles Boivin

Friday September 1
HC 7:30AM Judith Coyne by Bill & Beverly Wells

Saturday September 2
HC 4:00PM Albert Blanchette by Dick & Mary Pyne
SJ 5:30PM Patrick Foley by family

Sunday September 3
HC 7:00AM Don & Polly Abraham by family
SJ 8:30AM For the intentions of the people
HC 10:00AM Betsy Thompson by family



DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

Judy King

Requested by Pat Berry

And

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

Charlene Hewlett

Requested by husband

MARIAN HOLY HOUR

We meet to pray for non-believers, religious vocations, world peace and right to life issues at St John the Evangelist Church, Main St, Sept 2, 5-6AM. Please enter by parking lot back door. Those who cannot join us at Church are urged to pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for these intentions sometime during the day.

HOLY CROSS



Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 7-20-06	\$6,433.45
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

ST. JOHN'S



Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 7-20-06	\$3,459.00
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Holy Cross/St. John's

Monday, August 28

8AM-3PM HCS teachers mtg – **HC Church**
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**

Tuesday, August 29

8AM-3PM HCS teachers training – **HC Church**
12-1:30PM Church kitchen in use - **SJ**
 7:00PM HC Marian Cenacle Prayer Group – **Holy Cross Church**

Wednesday, August 30

11:00-1:15 Church Kitchen & Hall In Use/**SJ**
 4:00PM Church Kitchen & Hall In Use/**SJ**
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday, August 31

9am-Noon Food Cupboard – **SJ Church Hall**
 9:00AM Quilters- **SJ Center**
 6:30PM AA Mtg.- **S. J. Church Hall**

Friday, September 1

8AM-5PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament – **HC Church**
 1-5PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament – **SJ Church**

Saturday, September 2

2:30PM Confessions – **HC Church**



In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, Sept 7 at 6:30PM. All voice ranges are welcome. We meet in the choir loft at St John's Church.



Readings for the Week of August 27, 2006

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

URGENT NEED

The American Red Cross Blood Services in Maine is making a special appeal to the public. Please take the time and donate blood as soon as you can. Donors must be at least 17 years old (no upper limit!), 110 lbs, in generally good health and not have donated in the last 8 weeks. Most medical conditions and medications don't prevent you from donating. Please call 1-800-Give-Life with questions on eligibility and where to donate near you..

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Our annual lobster roll sale will take place on Fri, Oct 13. We will be delivering sign-up sheets on Sept 29 with a pick-up of orders and payment on Oct 6. This sale is aimed at businesses in the local area and a minimum order of 5 is required. If anyone would like to have us deliver a sign-up sheet to your place of business, please call Peg, 767-2897 or Barbara, 773-8792.

SCHOOL NEWS

This year Holy Cross School students will explore the impact of God on our lives. Using the lives of the Saints beginning with St Maximilian Kolbe we will examine how God works "Spend time everyday listening to what your dreams are trying to tell you!" (St Bartholomew). Call and give your child the opportunity to experience this gift 799-6661 or 831-0596 Deacon Steve or Teri Ledue.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We are looking for sponsoring families to mentor our inquiring members for this 2006-2007 liturgical year. This group of children and their families will be working towards Is God calling you to work with children in our Faith Formation classes? We are in need of catechists (faith sharers) for all grade levels. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. FMI 773-8710.

Are You Longing To Be Part Of An Extended Family?

If you are interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church by completing the initiation process, (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) please call Laurie, 773-8710. On Wed evening, Sept 20, 6:30-7:30PM our adult initiation team will meet at St John's Center in the Library. We are excited to offer a new children and family initiation process this year at St John's/Holy Cross. FMI call above #.

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

VNA Home Health Care will be holding training classes covering volunteer hospice care and end-of-life issues of 8 four hour sessions on Mondays from 1-5PM beginning Sept 18. All sessions will be held at our office at 50 Foden Rd, So Portland. A pre-training interview is required. Please call Linda Hopkins for application material and to schedule an interview.780-8624 or 1-800-757-3326 email hopkinsl@vnahomehealth.org

LOBSTER FEST 2006

The annual Lobster Fest sponsored by K of C Council #8144 will be held Sept 10, 1-2:30PM at St John Church. We will be serving:

- Lobster dinner \$12
- Extra lobster \$6
- Steak dinner \$12
- Hamburger/hot dog dinner \$5

Limited tickets available at the church office.



SHARE THE WORD

St John's Parish family needs volunteers to share the Good News with our 4,5 & 6 year olds during Mass. This is an easy and rewarding opportunity to get involved with our children's liturgy. It is up to us to share the joy. Please call Laurie, 773-8710 FMI



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, 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, Karen Hastings, Brady Wasina, Buddy Cohen, Wayne Carter, Bob Wilson, Robert Belanger, Helen Bernier, Paul Lavangie, Tom Mc Donough, Ann Marie Conley, Homer Brookes, Catherine Kneeland, Edie Dominicus, Ron Messori, Natalie Rice, Evelyn Taylor, James Duane, Catherine Lee, Dick Pyne, Terry Bourassa, Ginny Carr, Lenny Weiss, Frank Conroy, Eleanor Farmer, Kathy Lehman and Roberta Potvin.**

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

It is that time of year when we lose our wonderful summer help. As we have said before, the young boys and girls (ranging in ages from 7-12), and our older girls, that have volunteered to help us in this ministry this summer have served with diligence, kindness and commitment. It was a demonstration of respect and caring that our visitors and volunteers loved. Not mentioned previously, Gloria Ahern's granddaughter Amelia, and Karen Palin who has volunteered all summer and is going back to school. Behind the scene, Taylor & Olivia Locke have helped their Mom on Tuesdays mornings at 7:30 with pick up's at Hannaford. We thank all of you, you made our summer very special! Imagine taking photographs, nicely framing them, setting up a booth at Art in the Park, earning \$178.00 in sales, and donating the \$178.00 to the Food Cupboard. Well, that is just what Jim Gorham did! We were speechless and very grateful. Thank you Jim!

We are very thankful to the following for their monetary donations in memory of John Harper: Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Martin, Doris Cook, Simone Blanchette, Patricia Peasley, Anne & Caleb Mason, Dick & Mary Pyne and Myles Altimus IV. **The Cupboard needs: Baked beans and Peanut butter. Thank you!**

FROM THE PASTOR

First Reading

[Joshua, Chapter 24, Verses 1-2, 15-17, 18](#)

1. God could have created us as perfect people if he had not given us free will. Why give us the power to make choices when those choices can and do create such chaos?
2. In which do you have more invested, a decision you made or a decision someone else made for you? What are the implications for your family, church, job and community?

Second Reading

[Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verses 21-32](#)

1. Compare and contrast a wife having a difficult childbirth and the Church with the birth of new ideas.
2. What do mothers and the Church learn from their wayward children? What do sorrow and brokenness teach?

Gospel

[John, Chapter 6, Verses 60-69](#)

1. Compare Joshua in the first reading and Peter in the Gospel. What good leadership qualities do you find in these readings? Can you bring these to the Church today?
2. Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you also want to leave"? If you were there would you have returned to your former way of life? Or would you have stayed with Jesus? Is there any middle ground here? Discuss.

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