

# Mass Intentions

**HOLY CROSS/ST. JOHN'S**  
**Sept 9**  
**Saturday**  
**HC 4:00PM** Lawrence & James Niles by Niles family  
**SJ 5:30PM** Mother by Helga & Robert Wilson

**Sunday** **Sept 10**  
**HC 7:00AM** For the intentions of the people  
**SJ 8:30AM** Anne Stanley by family  
**HC 10:00AM** Kenneth & Mary Reid by family

**Monday** **Sept 11**  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Frank Graff by Francine, Rich & Janet

**Tuesday** **Sept 12**  
**HC 7:30AM** Grace Pittoni by Ellen & Frank Rocque & family

**Wednesday** **Sept 13**  
**HC 7:30AM** Communion Service  
**SJ 12:00Noon** Communion Service

**Thursday** **Sept 14**  
**SJ 12:00 Noon** John Scarola by Sutkowski family

**Friday** **Sept 15**  
**HC 7:30AM** Mr & Mrs Michael Iaconeta by family

**Saturday** **Sept 16**  
**HC 4:00PM** Vincent Zappia by family  
**SJ 5:30PM** For the intentions of the people

**Sunday** **Sept 17**  
**HC 7:00AM** Dorothy Maroon by family  
**SJ 8:30AM** Idola Charette by Mr & Mrs Donald Bourassa  
**HC 10:00AM** Gene, Tim & Juliene Page by family



## DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS

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

**James O'Leary**

Requested by Peg & family  
And

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

**Edmund Landry**

Requested by Elaine Landry

## PRAYER PETITION BASKET

St John's Church will now have a Prayer Petition Basket like Holy Cross has. Please feel free to fill a slip out before Mass and put in the basket. This will be brought to the altar before Mass begins by an usher. These will be burned after the weekend liturgies.

## HOLY CROSS



Weekly Goal	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 9-03-06	<b>\$7,232.06</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

## ST. JOHN'S



Weekly Goal	<b>\$3800.00</b>
Total Collection for W/E 9-03-06	<b>\$4,241.50</b>
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

Today there will be a second collection for the Building Fund at HC and Fuel & Energy at SJ.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Holy Cross/St. John's

#### Sunday, Sept 10

8:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word-SJ  
 9:30AM Coffee Hour-SJ **Church Hall**  
 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word-HC  
 11:00AM Coffee Hour/400 Club - **HC Café**  
 6:30pm Middle School YM catechist meeting - **SJ Center**

#### Monday, Sept 11

12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**  
 6:30PM All Commissions & Pastoral Council - **SJ Center**  
 6:30PM Women's Council - **S J Center**

#### Tuesday, Sept 12

12-1:30PM Kitchen in use- **SJ**  
 7:00PM HC Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **Holy Cross Church**

#### Wednesday, Sept 13

11:00-1:15 Church Kitchen & Hall In Use/SJ  
 4:00PM Church Kitchen & Hall In Use/SJ  
 6-7:30PM Girl Scouts - **S J Center**  
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

#### Thursday, Sept 14

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



### IT'S BACK!!!

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 Council. Your host for next week will be the Church Life.

**Holy Cross** Family Life Commission would like to invite our parishioners to come to the **Coffee hour** after the 10:30AM Mass for coffee, donuts, bagels, juice, and conversation.

### WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

The monthly meetings will resume on Monday, Sept 11 at 6:30PM. All women are invited to join us.

### FREE ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

We have lots of parts. Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7 Crane Place, Simsbury CT 06070. They will be repaired & returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old & broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired & sent on to the missions. Include a note indicating repair & return to me or this is a donation. Tel 860-658-6330; email [HoldenBnD@comcast.net](mailto:HoldenBnD@comcast.net)



### S J LECTORS

The lectors at SJ may pick up the new book of readings in the Sacristy at any time.

### LOBSTER LUNCHEON

Reminder: The lobster roll sign up is approaching soon. If your place of business would like to participate, please call Peg Furbush, 767-2897 or Barbara Nee, 773-8792. A minimum of 5 orders is needed.

### COMBINED MEETING

In an effort to have open communication between the HC/SJ Parish Council and each of the commissions, including the finance commission and the HC School Board, this is to notify you that there will be a combined meeting of each of these entities on Mon, Sept 11 at 6:30PM to take place at the Parish Center on Aspen Ave. Additional combined meetings will be Nov 13, Jan 8, Mar 12 and June 11. Please keep in mind that these dates are subject to change because of the ongoing Cluster 22 planning and reorganizing process.

# Religious Education Program



### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is "Who do you say that I am?" It comes from Mark 8:27-35, the Gospel reading for the weekend of Sept 17. The question that Jesus asked his disciples so long ago is one that each of us must answer even today. How we respond to this question affects how we live, pray, make decisions and form relationships. It is a question that goes to the very heart of Christian discipleship. On Sat, Sept 16 our catechists will be commissioned by Fr Mike at the 4PM liturgy at HC. Father will also bless parents and children as they begin a new catechetical year. Congratulations to our Catechists who have completed the "Echoes of Faith" certification process. These Catechists have worked diligently over the past year to complete this 30 hour basic theology program. The Catholic Community of SP thanks you for your time and energy. They are: Mr Tim Baker, Mr John Donahue, Mr Bob Falconer, Mrs Elaine Falconer, Mrs Kelly Martin and Miss Tracy Rinaldi.

### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Home & School Association will hold the Annual Golf Tournament on Sun, Sept 17, 8:30AM at Nonesuch River Golf Club. Reservations are required and forms are located at the back of the churches. Cost: \$55 per player or \$220 per team. FMI call Mike & Michelle Cloutier, 7

### BOTTLE DRIVE/GIVING BOXES

The money received in the Giving Boxes and Bottle Drive shed go towards the Capim Grosso Mission. This is just a reminder that this continues throughout the year. Thank you to all those who continue giving.

*Thank You!*

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Frs. Mike and Knox, all my friends, relatives, children at HC School, Deacon Steve, Sr Annmarie and all the members of the HC & SJ parishes for all their masses offered, letters of wishes for good health, get well cards and especially for all your prayers. They obviously helped pull me through. Dick Pyne



**FROM  
THE  
PASTOR**

**Readings for the Week of September 10, 2006**

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35



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, 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 Messoro, Natalie Rice, Evelyn Taylor, James Duane, Catherine Lee, Terry Bourassa, Ginny Carr, Lenny Weiss, Frank Conroy, Eleanor Farmer, Kathy Lehman, Roberta Potvin, Carla Donnangelo and Jacques Chazaud.**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** With a new Catechetical year quickly approaching, we are in need of volunteers for our children's programs. H C Parish is looking for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) faith sharers during the 10AM Sunday Liturgy. We are also looking for classroom catechists and helpers for Tuesday evenings 6-7PM and Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30AM at SJ. Please contact Laurie, 773-8710. "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few" Matt 9:37-38

Registration will take place after all the Masses at both churches on the weekends of Sept 9/10 and Sept 16/17. FMI call Laurie, 773-8710.

**First Reading**

Isaiah, Chapter 35, Verses 4-7

1. What lines in the reading God will heal but also transform all of nature? How does this promise of a new age relate to the coming of Christ? What in the world of nature can you help transform?
2. Isaiah writes about the hope of deliverance from exile. Do you need to be liberated from suffering sometimes? How does Isaiah's message of hope speak to you?

**Second Reading**

St. James, Chapter 2, Verses 1-5

1. How is it that some people are financially poor but very happy, and some are wealthy but despondent? What makes a person poor? Do you think everyone is "poor" at some time in his or her life?
2. Disabled people receive the blessings in the first reading and the poor are the chosen heirs in the second. How do these readings make you feel about poverty in your life?

**Gospel**

Mark, Chapter 7, Verses 31-37

1. Do you think this miracle was performed simply to provide a cure for the deaf mute, or could it have been performed to teach a lesson? What could the people of Israel, the Church today or you personally learn from it?
2. If the message of this miracle went beyond physical hearing, what could "Ephphatha, Be opened!" mean to the Israelites? What could it mean to you?

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