



**Mass Intentions
Holy Cross and St.
John's**

Saturday, November 11

- HC 4:00PM John Kneeland Family
by Catherine Kneeland
SJ 5:30PM *For the Intentions of the People*

Sunday, November 12

- HC 7:00AM Joseph Eltman by His Daughter
SJ 8:30AM William "Jerry" Shea
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nigro
HC 10:00AM Helen Adams by Helen and Nora

Monday, November 13

- SJ Noon Gene Cote by Jane

Tuesday, November 14

- HC 7:30AM Beatrice Hutchinson by Her Family

Wednesday, November 15

- HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ Noon Communion Service

Thursday, November 16

- SJ Noon Hubert J. Hughes by His Wife and Family

Friday, November 17

- HC 7:30AM Judy King by the Radomski Family

Saturday, November 18

- HC 4:00PM Anthony Radomski by His Family
SJ 5:30PM Eleanor Hayworth by Her Family

Sunday, November 19

- HC 7:00AM *For the Intentions of the People*
SJ 8:30AM Carl Rivetto by Kathleen Meehan
HC 10:00AM Patricia Scott by the Rosary Society



Devotional Lights

A devotional light is burning this week at
Holy Cross in loving memory of:
Donald Keating
requested by His Family

A devotional light is burning this week at
St. John's in loving memory of:
Hubert J. Hughes
requested by His Wife and Family

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2006

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$ 7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 11/05/06	\$ 6,523.50
Building Fund for October	\$15,830.00
All Saints Day Collection 11/01/06	\$ 1,513.50
All Souls Day Collection 11/02/06	\$ 675.50
<i>Thank you for your continued support and</i>	

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,800.00
Total Collection for W/E 11/05/06	\$ 4,563.50
Energy Fund for October	\$ 1,559.00
All Saints Day Collection 11/01/06	\$ 789.70
All Souls Day Collection 11/02/06	\$ 522.00
<i>Thank you for your continued support</i>	

Congratulations to the Parish Community of St. John's for meeting & exceeding their weekly collection goal! Your ongoing commitment & support of the parish is truly appreciated. Thank You and God Bless!

*Today's Second Collection is for the
Building Fund at Holy Cross and
the Energy Fund at St. John's*

In Your Prayers

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, 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, 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 McDonough, Ann Marie Conley, Homer Brookes, Catherine Kneeland, Edie Dominicus, Ron Messoro, Natalie Rice, Evelyn Taylor, James Duane, Catherine Lee, Terry Bourassa, Ginny Carr, Frank Conroy, Kathy Lehman, Roberta Potvin, Jacques Chazaud, June Mosley, Helena Jones, Marie Stanley, Craig Wickham and Jason Steatson.**

Training Session

Pastoral Care Ministers Training Session
Tues, Nov 14, at 6:30PM
Please gather in the St. John's Parish Center Library.

Meeting Reminder

Combined Parish Councils of Holy Cross/ St. John's
and all Commissions (including Finance)
Mon, Nov 13 at 6:30PM St. John's Parish Center 2A-2B



It is **very important** for all commission members to attend this meeting as the agenda includes Council of Ministries Descriptions and Evaluations.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Cheverus Council

Mon, Nov 20 7PM at Holy Cross Church
Refreshments following Mass

AND

Dinner and Turkey Shoot Tues, Nov 21 Social at 6PM
Dinner at 7PM K of C Hall, Walnut St, South Portland.
FMI: Margaret at 799-7796 or Ed 799-1220.



Faith Formation



Faith Formation Commission Meeting Mon, Nov 13 at 6PM
in the SJ Library. *New Members Welcome!!*

Bible Growth Study Groups

What is the Bible Growth Study Group all about? It's about Faith Sharing and Fellowship through Bible Study in an effort to understand how scripture works in our daily lives.

Tues. at Noon ... Facilitator Bob Falconer 799-9568
Wed. 10 AM. ... Facilitator Marcia Theriault 799-7445
Wed. 6:30 PM...Facilitator Joanne Elkanich 883-0162

All groups will meet at St. John's Parish Center
All are welcome! FMI: please call any facilitator.



Mark Your Calendar

*It's hard to believe but Advent
is quickly approaching!
Advent begins on Sunday,
December 3.*

Our annual Advent Wreath Making Workshop will be held this year on Sat, Dec 2 from 2 to 3:30PM at the Holy Cross School Cafeteria. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish families to come together and share the gift of friendship. The cost for all materials needed to make one wreath is \$10. There will be a craft table for children & snacks will be provided. FMI: 773-8710

Holiday Prelude & Christmas Fair

Thornton Heights Methodist Church
Sat, Nov 18 8:30AM to -2:30PM

Holy Hour

Bishop Malone and the Sisters invite you to a Holy Hour for Vocations at the Monastery of the Precious Blood Sun, Nov 19 at 5PM. Come and Pray with us!

Annual Holy Cross School Christmas Fair

Fri, Nov 17 Noon to 8PM Senior's Hour 11AM to NOON
Lobster Lunch 11AM to 4PM Italian Supper 6 to 7:30PM
Sat, Nov 18 10AM to 5:30PM Chinese Supper 5 - 6PM
Raffle Drawings begin at 6:30PM.

All proceeds benefit Holy Cross School.

DONATIONS NEEDED

"Like New" Household, Sporting Goods & Electronic items and items for "My Sister's Attic" will be accepted after all weekend masses starting Nov 4 & 5 and Mon thru Fri 8AM to 5PM in the basement of Holy Cross Convent. Please follow the signs! Donations of Baked Goods will be taken on the day before the fair. FMI: Rafina 767-4675

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

In his first encyclical letter, *God is Love*, Pope Benedict XVI stated that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time. Within our community of believers we do make a difference when we support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to the CCHD appeal next weekend. Visit povertyusa.org to learn more.

The Second Collection on Nov 18/19 will be for CCHD.

Cheverus Tree Sale

Cheverus High School, 267 Ocean Ave Portland, will hold a Christmas Tree Sale from 10AM to 4PM on Dec 2 & 3 to benefit the Cheverus Haiti Solidarity Club. A limited supply of interesting crafts and cards will also be available. FMI: Jody Lamscha 774-6238 x 25

Grateful Appreciation

Thank You to our parish family for your compassionate prayers and support for our son, Michael. Your prayers have meant more than you will ever know. May His peace and all blessings be with you always, Joe & Anne La Forgia

Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes for 2007 will continue to be mailed quarterly to registered parishioners of both parishes. If you have a change of address (temporary or permanent) please notify the Parish Office, by phone or in writing, as soon as possible. Our mailing list must be submitted to the envelope company before November 20th.



Chocolate or Vanilla?

Calling all Cupcake Bakers! St. John's turn at the Soup Kitchen is Thurs, Nov 16th. ☺ Thank You ☺

THE WEEK AHEAD

Holy Cross and St. John's

Sunday, November 12

8:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - **SJ**
 9:30AM Coffee Hour - **SJ Hall**
 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - **HC**
 After 10AM Mass Coffee Hour/400 Club - **HC Café**
 1:30-4:30 Marian Cenacle Prayer Group - **SJ Center**
 6:30PM FF Middle School Youth Ministry Gr 6-8
SJ Teen Center

Monday, November 13

Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**
 6:00PM Faith Formation Commission Meeting
SJ Library
 6:30PM Parish Council (Combined) Meeting
SJ Center

Tuesday, November 14

Noon Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Library**
 Noon-5:00PM Kitchen In Use - **SJ Center**
 6:30PM Pastoral Care Ministers Training Session
SJ Center Library
 6:00-7:00PM FF Gr K-5 - **SJ Center**
 7:00PM HC Marian Cenacle Prayer Group
HC Church
 7:00PM Knights of Columbus - **SJ Church Hall**

Wednesday, November 15

10:00AM Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Library**
 11:00-1:30PM Church Kitchen & Hall In Use - **SJ**
 6:00-8:00PM AFG - **SJ Center**
 6:30-7:30PM RCIA - **SJ Center Parish Library**
 6:30PM Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Library**
 7:00PM Rosary - **SJ Church**

Thursday, November 16

9AM-Noon Food Cupboard - **SJ Church Hall**
 9AM-3:00PM Quilters - **SJ Center**
 4:15- 5:30PM Church Kitchen & Hall In Use - **SJ Kit**
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - **SJ Church**
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - **HC Church**
 6:30PM AA Meeting - **SJ. Church Hall**
 6:30PM RCIA Adapted for Children - **SJ Center**

Friday, November 17

Noon-8PM Holy Cross School Christmas Fair - **HCS**

Saturday, November 18

9:00-3:00PM Holy Cross School Christmas Fair - **HCS**
 9AM-3:00PM Quilters - **SJ Center**

Blessed Sacrament

Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament every Wed at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Black Point Rd, Scarborough immediately following Mass until 9:30AM. Led vocal prayer (for 10 minutes) followed by quiet prayer and reflection. FMI: St. Max Parish Office 883-0334

From the Pastor's Desk



First Reading [1 Kings, Chapter 17, Verses 10-16](#)

1. In order to receive the jar of flour that doesn't ever go empty, the widow is asked to give away her last bits of flour with which she was going to prepare a final meal. What kind of a leap of faith would that require? Can you relate to this situation? Explain.

2. How did God reward the widow in this reading? What kinds of rewards are there for giving? How do you develop a habit of giving? How would you rate your ability to give on a scale of one to ten?

Second Reading [Hebrews, Chapter 9, Verses 24-28](#)

1. Compare Christ's sacrifice with the sacrifices of the widows in the two readings.

2. What was the God the Father's sacrifice?

Gospel [Mark, Chapter 12, Verses 38-44](#)

1. Why does Jesus direct the disciples attention to this widow? Is reward mentioned in this reading? Discuss what her reward might be.

2. Did the quiet little widow understand Jesus' message? Or had Jesus reached out to her heart before she even knew of him? Does he reach out to your heart?

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Notes from the Parish Office

We have received many requests for Masses and Devotional Lights in honor or memory of loved ones. Please don't forget to submit your payment either to the Parish Office or into the collection basket at Mass (clearly labeled, please) The donation for one Mass, or Devotional Light for one week, is \$10. FMI: Barb or Rita at 772-7489

Calendar Reminder

Fri. Nov 10 [Veteran's Day](#) Parish Office Closed
 Thurs. Nov 23 [Thanksgiving Day](#) Parish Office Closed
 Fri. Nov 23 [More Turkey, Please](#) Parish Office Closed

Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men

"Feast of Christ the King"

Sun, Nov 26 Mass at 8:30AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Annual Communion Breakfast 10AM, at the Italian Heritage Center. Tickets are \$7 for Adults, \$4 for Students, \$10 for Patrons and \$25 for Golden Patrons. Tickets will be sold after all masses during the month of November.

FMI: Jim Welch 799-0333 or John Curran 883-5437.

