



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2

**HC 4:00PM** Martin McLaughlin by His Family  
**SJ 5:30PM** William "Jerry" Shea by  
 Janet, Francine & Rich

Sunday, December 3 **\*\*First Sunday of Advent\*\***

**HC 7:00AM** For the Intentions of the People  
**SJ 8:30AM** Phil Anastasio by the Sutkowski Family  
**HC 10:00AM** Polly Abraham by Her Family

Monday, December 4

**SJ Noon** Vivian Williams by Janice & Wayne Ryder

Tuesday, December 5

**HC 7:30AM** Edmund Aceto by Rose Sinclair

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

**SJ 6:30PM** Veronica Marquis by Bob Hewlett

Friday, December 8 **\*\*Immaculate Conception\*\***

**HC 7:30AM** Paula Eltman by Her Daughter  
**HC 9:00AM** Benefactors of Holy Cross School

Saturday, December 9

**HC 4:00PM** Lenore Higgins by Her Husband  
**SJ 5:30PM** Clinton W. Hatt Jr. by His Family

Sunday, December 10

**HC 7:00AM** Margaret McCallum  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Earley  
**SJ 8:30AM** For the Intentions of the People  
**HC 10:00AM** Mary Norton by Her Family



### Devotional Lights

A devotional light is burning this week at  
**Holy Cross** in loving memory of:  
**Martin McLaughlin**  
 requested by His Family

A devotional light is burning this week at  
**St. John's** in loving memory of:  
**Frances Verocchi**  
 requested by Her Family

### Important Calendar Update

The Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection  
 scheduled for Monday, Dec 4, 11 & 18  
 are cancelled.

### HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$ 7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 11/19/06	\$ 6,032.65
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 1,367.00
Total Collection for W/E 11/26/06	\$ 5,956.35

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

### ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,800.00
Total Collection for W/E 11/19/06	\$ 3,755.50
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 562.00
Total Collection for W/E 11/26/06	\$ 3,307.50

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

*The Second Collection next week will be for  
 Retired Religious, the Building Fund at Holy Cross  
 and Fuel and Energy at St. John's.*

### "Heritage of Faith"

This is a reminder to anyone who might be considering  
 giving funds towards their original pledge to the "Heritage  
 of Faith" Capital Campaign at Holy Cross Church to do so  
 whenever you can. Thank you for your generous support!

### 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  
 Jason Steatson and Doris Crowder.**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*St. John's Women's Council*

### Ninth Annual "Light Up The Grove"

Help us light up the grove of trees next to St. John's Church for the Christmas Season! Tree lights may be purchased for \$3 each in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, relative or friend. Names will be published in an easy to read format on red bows at the back of the church. The first *Tree of Light* will be sponsored by the Women's Council in honor and memory of all council members. Dedication forms are available in the bulletin, at the back of the church or from the Parish Office. FMI: Pat Cook 772-1136  
All proceeds benefit St. John's Church.

### November Message from Medjugorje

"Dear Children! Also today I call you to pray, pray, pray. Little children, when you pray you are close to God and He gives you the desire for eternity. This is a time when you can speak more about God and do more for God. Therefore, little children, do not resist but permit Him to lead you, to change you and to enter into your life. Do not forget that you are travelers on the way toward eternity. Therefore, little children, permit God to lead you as a shepherd leads his flock. Thank you for having responded to my call."

### Women's Council

Annual Christmas Party & Meeting Mon, Dec 4 at 6:30PM. In lieu of gifts, please bring a donation for the Food Cupboard. Entertainment by Diane Procida & Co. Refreshments by: Peg Furbush, Jeanne Jackson, Anne Andrews & Anne Bain

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule  
Thurs, Dec 7 at 6:30PM at St. John's  
Fri, Dec 8 at 7:30AM at Holy Cross  
Fri, Dec 8 at 9:00AM at Holy Cross



Immaculate Conception

*Please Note: no noon mass on Thurs, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.*

### GIVE AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

Donate \$10 to Holy Cross Church and you will receive a beautiful 8x10 print from an original water-color painting! Your print will be titled and hand signed by the artist & ready to frame. Large assortment available & all proceeds will benefit Holy Cross Cash/Check/Charge accepted  
Sat, Dec 2 after the 4:00PM Mass and  
Sun, Dec 3 after the 10:00AM Mass

### Funeral Ministry Help Wanted

We are in need of women and men who would be willing to serve at Funerals at Holy Cross and St. John's. This is an important ministry and would encourage our retired parishioners to consider sharing their time and talent with the bereaved. FMI: Parish Office at 772-7489

### Knights of Columbus Calvary Council

Baked Haddock Dinner Fri, Dec 8 from 5:00-6:30PM  
Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Children \$3, Family \$20  
(2 Adults and 3 Children)

### Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

*(for Cluster 22)*

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23

4:00 PM at Holy Cross  
4:30 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe  
5:30 PM at St. John the Evangelist  
6:00 PM at St. Bartholomew  
  
9:00 AM at St. Bartholomew  
9:00 AM at Holy Cross  
10:30 AM at St. Maximilian Kolbe

#### Christmas Eve Sunday December 24

4:00 PM at St. Max -Children's Mass  
4:00 PM at St. Bartholomew  
4:00 PM at Holy Cross  
4:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist  
6:00 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe  
7:00 PM at St. Bartholomew  
7:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist  
9:00 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe  
10:00 PM at St. Bartholomew  
10:00 PM at Holy Cross

#### Christmas Day Monday December 25

9:00 AM at St. Maximilian Kolbe  
9:00 AM at Holy Cross  
10:00 AM at St. Bartholomew

### ✠✠ Faith Formation ✠✠

A great big "THANK YOU" to all of our Middle School Youth Ministry Teens and Catechists who participated in the South Portland TRIAD Leaf Raking Project on Nov 18. It was a beautiful and productive fall day and 68 leaf bags were filled! May God bless our teens as they continue to journey in faith!

*Just a Reminder that our second grade sacramental group will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Thurs, Dec 14 at 6:30PM at Holy Cross Church. Refreshments immediately following the ceremony in the Holy Cross Cafeteria.*

Winter Weather is on its way! Cancellations for Faith Formation classes may be viewed on Channels 6, 8 and 13. The following radio channels will also be broadcasting updated class cancellations: WGAN (560AM), WMGX (93.1FM), WPOR (101.9FM) and WYNZ (100.9FM)

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

*Holy Cross and St. John's*

*Sunday, December 3*

- 8:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - **SJ**
- 9:30AM Coffee Hour - **SJ Hall**
- 9:30-10:30 Faith Formation Gr. K-5 – **SJ Center**
- 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word – **HC**
- After 10AM Mass Coffee Hour/400 Club - **HC Café**
- 6:30PM FF Middle School Youth Ministry Gr.6-8  
**SJ Teen Center**

*Monday, December 4*

- Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**
- 6:30PM Women's Council – **SJ Center**

*Tuesday, December 5*

- Noon Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Library**
- Noon –5:00PM Kitchen In Use - **SJ Kitchen**
- 6:00-7:00PM FF Gr. K-5 – **SJ Center**
- 7:00PM HC Marian Cenacle Prayer Group –  
**HC Church**

*Wednesday, December 6*

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

*Thursday December 7*

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

*Friday, December 8*

- 5:00PM Knights of Columbus Haddock Dinner – **SJ Hall**

*Saturday, December 4*

- 9:00AM Breakfast with St. Nick – **SJ Hall**

**The Food Cupboard**

Donations of canned goods have been received from: So. Port HS, Memorial MS Builder's Club, UnumProvident, St. Bart's Youth Ministry, the Knitting Group at the Cancer Comm. Center, the Cafeteria Staff at So. Portland HS and Matt & Ryan Pelletier, Thomas & David Hodkins and Max Knutsen (who collected in their neighborhood!) We are very grateful for all these generous donations.

The Social Justice & Peace Commission & Parishioner's of St. Bart's Parish have donated \$1500. We gratefully acknowledge this outstanding gift.

**The Food Cupboard Needs  
Coffee, Cocoa and Pancake Mix**

*From the Pastor's Desk*



**First Reading** [Jeremiah, Chapter 33, Verses 14-16](#)

1. Advent is looking back at Christ's birth and the fulfillment of his kingdom on earth. What does Advent awaken in you? Does anything in your daily life interfere with your spiritual Advent preparation?

2. Why is Advent called the season of hope? Is hope vital to your life? What would your life be like without hope? What can you do to bring hope in God's promise to people you know?

**Second Reading**

[1 Thessalonians, Chapter 3, Verse 12 - Chapter 4, Verses 29](#)

1. St. Paul says that the same Jesus who lived and died and rose from the dead is present and active among us now, making us increase (in numbers) and abound in love for one another and for all. How do you think "increasing in numbers" correlates with "abounding in love for one another and for all"?

2. St. Paul said he "abounded in love" for the Thessalonians to strengthen their hearts. Discuss "abounding in love" as an effective method of strengthening hearts or eliciting change of any kind. Do you think great change or growth ever happens without love?

**Gospel** [Luke, Chapter 21, Verses 25-28, 34-36](#)

1. Jesus tells us to pray for strength. Do you believe that if you ask for strength you will receive it? Could God send it through other people? Could you be a source of strength for others?

3. Christ's Incarnation, Jesus, is God's final Word to us. Discuss this idea.

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**November 2006 "400 Club" Drawing**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$200	#095	Helen & Nona Gillis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$100	#322	Richard Page
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$100	#175	Albert Caseiro
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$100	#189	Johanna & Jason Dresser
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 75	#084	Tony Silva
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 25	#144	Carol Harrington
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 25	#083	Morgan & Meredith Wheeler
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 25	#264	Rita Thompson
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 25	#036	Joseph Sullivan
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 25	#114	Tom LaPointe

*\$100 Profit for Holy Cross School.*

