

Devotional Lights

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

Stanley A. Komich

requested by Debbie, Ryan, Kelsey
& Michael Komich

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

Robert Fizell

Requested by His Wife Betty

HOLY CROSS	
Weekly Goal	\$ 7,100.00
No Report Available	
<i>Thank you for your continued support and generosity.</i>	

ST. JOHN'S	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,800.00
No Report Available	
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30

HC 4:00PM *For the Intentions of the People*
SJ 5:30PM Reynold Morin by the Morin Family

*Sunday, December 31 **Holy Family of Jesus***

HC 7:00AM Dorothy Maroon by Her Family
SJ 8:30AM Rosemary Hardison by
Dave & Laura Stevens
HC 10:00AM Mary L. & John S. Norton by Their Family

*Monday, January 1 **Happy New Year!***

SJ Noon Nancy Carroll by Bob Hewlett

Tuesday, January 2

HC 7:30AM Reggie Thompson by His Family

Wednesday, January 3

HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ Noon Communion Service

Thursday, January 4

SJ Noon Patrick Frick by Joe & Edna

*Friday, January 5 **First Friday***

HC 7:30AM Henry Mahoney by Pat Peasley

Saturday, January 6

HC 4:00PM Barbara Flaherty by Her Family
SJ 5:30PM Ruth Hopler Slavin by Cecilia, Alexander,
Charlie & Mark

*Sunday, January 7 **Epiphany of the Lord***

HC 7:00AM John F. Haley by His Family
SJ 8:30AM *For the Intentions of the People*
HC 10:00AM Elizabeth "Betty" Conley by Her Family

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Christmas Flower Envelopes



May be returned in any collection or
to the Parish Office, 29 Aspen Ave.



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, 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, Catherine Lee, Terry Bourassa, Ginny Carr, Frank Conroy, Kathy Lehman, Roberta Potvin, Jacques Chazaud, June Mosley, Helena Jones, Marie Stanley, Craig Wickham Jason Steatson, Doris Crowder, Eleanor Flaherty, Michael La Forgia & Robert Tuttle.



On behalf of the Office Staff we wish you a year for peace.

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2006

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

THE WEEK AHEAD

Holy Cross and St. John's

Sunday, December 31

No Children's Liturgy of the Word

No Faith Formation Classes

No Coffee & Donuts or "400 Club" at Holy Cross

9:30AM Coffee & Donuts – **SJ Hall**

*Monday, January 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

Noon Bridge - **SJ Center**

Tuesday, January 2

No Faith Formation Classes

Noon Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Library**

Noon –5:00PM Kitchen In Use - **SJ Kitchen**

7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
HC Church

Wednesday, January 3

10:00AM Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Library**

6:30PM Bible Growth Study - **SJ Center Chapel**

6:30PM Girl Scouts Troop 76 - **SJ Center 2A**

6:30PM Girl Scouts Troop 76 - **SJ Center 2B**

7:00PM Rosary - **SJ Church**

Thursday January 4

9AM-Noon Food Cupboard - **SJ Church Hall**

9AM-3:00PM Quilters – **SJ Center**

4:15-5:30PM Kitchen in use

6:30PM RCIA – **SJ Center**

6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - **SJ Church**

6:30PM AA Meeting - **SJ Church Hall**

6:30PM Choir Rehearsal **HC Church**

*Friday January 5 **First Friday***

3:45 Armata Bianca – **HC Church**

8AM-5PM First Friday Adoration – **HC Church**

1PM–5PM First Friday Adoration – **SJ Church**

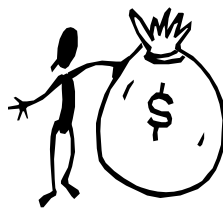
Saturday, January 6

2:30PM Confessions – **HC Church**

Parish Council Meeting Reminder

Combined Parish Councils of Holy Cross & St. John and all Commissions, including Finance, Mon, Jan 8 at 6:30PM St. John's Parish Center

"400 Club"



The "400 Club" was formed many years ago as a lottery to benefit Holy Cross School and its name comes from the total number of people in the game. If there were 400 members in the Club, we could raise \$13,600 a year for Holy Cross School! Each month, 10 prizes, for a total of \$700, are awarded. If you are already a member, it's *time to renew*. If you would like to *join* the "400 Club", yearly dues are \$55, and you can register easily at the Parish Office (772-7489), or by calling Sue Gillis (799-8879.)

Tutoring Available

Sr. Dorina Chasse of St. John's Convent will be available to tutor 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade students who have difficulty reading. Sessions will start in January and take place at St. John's Parish Center. FMI: Call Sr. Dorina at 775-1128

Holy Cross Choir

"Thank You" Auralee Bussone and Barbara Ryland for all you do at Christmas and throughout the year. Also, to our wonderful choir, "Thank You" for your devotion to our ministry and the glorious work and prayerful music you made for Christmas. Lastly, "Thank You" to Brian Franck for his musical gifts. I am proud of all of you!
Sally Page, Choir Director

Pilgrimage

St. Anne's Parish in Gorham will be celebrating its Fortieth Anniversary in 2007 and will be holding a pilgrimage to Ireland and Rome from June 17 to June 30, 2007. FMI/Brochure: call St. Anne's Parish Office 839-4857 or Dube Travel 1-800-698-6720.

Funeral Ministry

Our Parish Community is in need of women and men who would be willing to serve at funerals at Holy Cross & St. John. This is an important ministry and I would like to encourage our retired parishioners to consider sharing their time and talent with the bereaved.
God Bless, Fr. Mike
FMI: Parish Office at 772-7489



Marian Holy Hour

Marian Holy Hour to pray for non-believers, religious vocations, world peace and right to life issues at St. John the Evangelist Church on Tues, Jan 2 from 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 & Glory Be* for these intentions sometime during the day.



Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Skiing at Sugarloaf or Saddleback? Vacationing in the Rangely area? Eucharist is celebrated at:

- Sat 4:30PM Bell Chapel at Sugarloaf
- Sat 6:00PM St. John Church, Stratton (Rte 27)
- Sun. 7:30AM St. Luke, Rangely (Lake St.)
- Sun. 9:00AM St. Luke, Rangely (Lake St.)

FMI: Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Office at 864-3795

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

~Leaving a Legacy of Faith~

Your Last Will & Testament ensures that those you love and the institutions you care about receive a portion of your estate. Please consider Holy Cross Church, St. John the Evangelist Church or Holy Cross School as you prepare your will. For more information on how you can gift the church or school with a bequest, contact the Catholic Foundation of Maine, Diocese of Portland Chancery Office 773-6471.

Catholic Charities Maine

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers at the Therapist Search Line to file, take calls, enter data or assist in responding for information. This is a flexible opportunity in Portland at 250 Anderson St. (behind U-Haul.)

FMI: Sr. Joanne Roy 523-2746



Rosary Repair Service

Free Service to repair your favorite rosary. Send your rosary, with instructions, in a padded envelope to Betty & Dick Holden, 7 Crane PL, Simsbury, CT 06070. Donations of old, broken rosaries are accepted. They will be repaired and sent on to the missions. FMI: 860-658-6330

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated within the context of our parish's Eucharistic Celebration ~ our time of gathering as the Body of Christ. Baptism of infants and children will be celebrated the Second Sunday of every month during the weekend masses (4PM, 5:30PM; 8:30AM & 10AM) Participation in a Baptismal Preparation class is required. FMI: Parish Office at 772-7489

From the Pastor's Desk

First Reading [First Samuel, Chap 1, V. 20-22, 24-28](#)

1. Which Holy Family does this feast celebrate? Jesus, Mary and Joseph or the family of God that we all became on Christmas? Explain.

2. By uniting each of us to himself, God unites all of us to each other. Discuss. Does knowing that God loves someone intensely help you to love that person?

Second Reading [First John, Chap 3, V. 1-2, 21-24](#)

1. What does the term "children of God" imply about God? St. John says we can have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask. For what kinds of things do you ask?

2. St. Paul gives some ideas in Colossians about how we can love each other and live together...compassion, kindness, humility, patience, bearing with one another, forgiving each other. Is this easy? How are we doing with this assignment as Church? How are you doing with it in your life?

Gospel [Luke, Chap 2, V. 41-52](#)

1. Did family life have some rough spots even in the Holy Family? What lesson is there here for you in all the families you are part of?

2. Imagine Mary's and Joseph's anxiety when they were looking for Jesus for three days. And imagine what kind of long-term anxiety his words must have caused Mary. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" How do you think Mary handled this problem? How do you handle your problems of this nature?

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Catherine McAuley High School

McAuley HS, Maine's only college-prep school for young women, will be holding their final Placement Exam for the class of 2011 on Sat, Jan 6. Young woman of all faiths are required to take the exam & schedule a shadow day to begin the admissions process. Registration for the exam begins at 8:15AM and the exam will end at 11:45AM. Walk-ins are welcome! FMI: Admissions Office 797-3802.

M.S.Y.M.

The Middle School Youth Ministry meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2007 has been cancelled. The next MSYM meeting is scheduled for Sun, Jan 21 at 6:30.

