

## Devotional Lights

A devotional light is burning this week at **Holy Cross** in loving memory of **T. J. Michaud** requested by Pepere & Grammie.

A devotional light is burning this week at **St. John's** in loving memory of **James Landry** requested by Dorothy & Diane Landry.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24

HC 4:00PM Michael Kane by His Wife & Family  
 SJ 5:30PM Edward Nee by Ken Coolidge

Sunday, February 25 **\*\*First Sunday in Lent\*\***

HC 7:00AM Patrick E. Carroll by Thomas Connolly  
 SJ 8:30AM Edward Nee by His Family  
 HC 10:00AM *For the Intentions of the People*

Monday, February 26

SJ Noon Eleanor Krupski  
 by Mr. & Mrs. George O'Donnell

Tuesday, February 27

HC 7:30AM Clyde Cottrell by Stuart & Terry Orr

Wednesday, February 28

HC 7:30AM Communion Service  
 SJ Noon Communion Service

Thursday, March 1

SJ Noon William "Jerry" Shea  
 by Mae & Lillie Hanlon

Friday, March 2 **\*\*First Friday\*\***

HC 7:30AM Richard Millington by Robert Hewlett

Saturday, March 3

HC 4:00PM John Harper by Simone Blanchette  
 SJ 5:30PM Concetta Palanza by Her Daughter

Sunday, March 4

HC 7:00AM Ida Nilsen by Phyllis Reardon  
 SJ 8:30AM *For the Intentions of the People*  
 HC 10:00AM Ann V. Folan  
 by Steve & Mary Catherine Martin & Family



*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. - Lk 4:1-2*

## Weekly Offertory

### HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>
Offertory Week Ending 02/18	\$ 5,795.78

### ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	<b>\$ 3,800.00</b>
Offertory Week Ending 02/18	\$ 3,740.50

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*



*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, 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, Helen Bernier, Paul Lavangie, Ann Marie Conley, Homer Brookes, Catherine Kneeland, Edie Dominicus, Ron Messoro, Natalie Rice, Catherine Lee, Terry Bourassa, Ginny Carr, Frank Conroy, Kathy Lehman, Roberta Potvin, Jacques Chazaud, June Mosley, Marie Stanley, Craig Wickham Jason Steatson, Doris Crowder, Eleanor Flaherty, Michael La Forgia, Robert Tuttle, Bill Cyr, Maureen Harper, Janine Elkanich, Bernadette Meserve, Jane Ingersoll, Clement Bouchard, and Bob Hewlett.**

### Readings for the Week of February 25, 2007

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15p
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION MARCH 2

*Holy Cross 8AM-5PM St John 1PM-5PM  
 Please stop by during the day, at either church for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Holy Cross and St. John's

#### Sunday, February 25

- 8:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word – SJ  
9:30AM Coffee Hour – SJ Hall  
9:30-10:30AM 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  
10:00AM Faith Formation & Capim Grosso Team  
– SJ Hall  
6:30PM Faith Formation Middle School Youth Ministry  
– SJ Teen Center  
8:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – SJ Church Hall

#### Monday, February 26

- Noon Bridge – SJ Center  
6:15PM Brownies – SJ Center Rm 1

#### Tuesday, February 27

- Noon Bible Growth Study - SJ Center Sm. Conf.  
Noon-5:00PM Kitchen In Use – SJ Kitchen  
6:00-7:00PM Faith Formation Gr. K-5 – SJ Center  
6:30PM Faith Formation & Matt Michaud - SJ Hall  
7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group – HC Church  
7:00PM Knights of Columbus Calvary Council #8144  
– SJ Church

#### Wednesday, February 28

- 10:00AM Bible Growth Study – SJ Center Chapel  
6:30-7:30PM RCIA – SJ Center Library  
6:30PM Girl Scouts Troop 76 – SJ Center 2A  
6:30PM Girl Scouts Troop 76 - SJ Center Rsrce Rm  
6:30PM Girl Scouts Troop 50 – SJ Center 2B  
7:00PM Rosary – SJ Church

#### Thursday March 1

- 9AM-Noon Food Cupboard – SJ Church Hall  
10AM-3:00PM Quilters – SJ Center  
4:00-6:00PM Kitchen In Use  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal – SJ Church  
6:30PM AA Meeting – SJ Church Hall  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal – HC Church  
6:30PM RCIA Families – SJ Center 2A&2B

#### Friday, March 2 \*\*First Friday\*\*

- 8AM-5PM First Friday Adoration – HC Church  
1PM-5PM First Friday Adoration – SJ Church  
All Day Kitchen in Use – SJ Church Hall  
3:45 Armata Bianca – HC Church  
5:00-6:30PM K of C Lenten Haddock Dinner –  
SJ Church Hall

#### Saturday, March 3

- 2:30PM Confessions – HC Church

### Mass with Bishop Malone

Holy Cross School invites all members of Cluster 22 to attend mass celebrated by Bishop Malone on Tues, Feb 27, 9:15AM at Holy Cross Church.

## Bulletin Advertisers

Interested in advertising your business or service in the Sunday bulletin at St John/Holy Cross? Vern Deprey from Liturgical Publications (our bulletin publisher) will be available at the St. John's Parish Center the week of Mar 12. To place an ad, please contact the Parish Office at 772-7489. We would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to our present advertisers and those who have supported them. These advertising sponsors make this publication possible with their generous support.

## Connection Parenting

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St. Joseph's presents a special fundraising program with Pam Leo, parent educator and author of "Connection Parenting" Thurs, Mar 8 at 7PM at Catherine McAuley High School. Ms. Leo's talk will focus on how we can build and maintain a stronger connection with children when we learn to listen to, accept, validate, and provide outlets for their feelings. FMI/Ticket Info please call Barbara Jerome at 797-5502

## Women's Council

The St. John's Women's Council will meet on Mon, Mar 5 at 6:30 at SJ Parish Center. Auralee Bussone will be speaking about her Capim Grosso trip. Refreshments will be served by Sally Lessard, Getrude LaBrie and Eileen Daicy.

## Holy Cross School Auction

Annual Spring Dinner and Auction, Sat, Mar 24 at Sable Oaks Marriott in South Portland. Please consider a donation of services, new or hand-crafted items, gift certificates or loan of a vacation home to benefit HCS. Volunteer opportunities include soliciting donations, selling tickets after Mass and helping to set up the auction. Tickets are \$30 per person and will be on sale after all masses beginning Mar 3/4. FMI: Chris Sinclair at 450-5107

## Retrouaille

Are you experiencing stress or difficulties in your marriage? Contemplating separation or divorce? Have you heard about Retrouaille? It's a program designed to help heal and renew troubled marriages. The next Retrouaille weekend will be Mar. 23-25 in Massachusetts. FMI: 1-800-470-2230 or [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org). All inquiries are confidential.

## Marian Holy Hour

Marian Holy Hour to pray for non-believers, religious vacations, world peace and right to life issues. Fri, Mar 2 from 5-6:00AM at St. John's Church. 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



**First Reading** [Deuteronomy, Chap 26, Ver 4-10](#)

1. This is the faith story of a people. In what way is your faith story like this one?
2. What good things came out of the Israelites' desert sojourn? Was there any other way for them to get to the Promised Land? Metaphorically speaking, is the desert a place to fear or do you find its mysteries attractive?

**Second Reading** [Romans, Chapter 10, Verses 8-13](#)

1. How do you proclaim that Jesus is Lord on all the small stages where you live your daily life (in the parish, at work, with friends)? Do your proclamations require words?
2. If you love someone, is most of what you do colored by that love? The Word who is "near you, in your mouth and in your heart" is Christ. What are the implications for you?

**Gospel** [Luke, Chapter 4, Verses 1-13](#)

1. Jesus took our sins. Do you think he wanted to experience our temptations too? Do you think there is any part of any sin or temptation that he does not understand? How does this make you feel about your own temptations?
2. When an athlete starts to get out of shape, he or she exercises to get back. Is there an analogy here for your spiritual life? How do you exercise to get into shape spiritually? What would a "out of shape" spiritual life look like? How does yours look now?

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"A Time for Mending"

Please Add:

Sat, April 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil 8PM HC Church

Please Change:

Tenebrae Service is rescheduled *from* Tues, Apr 3  
*to* Mon, Apr 2 7:00PM SJ Church

By now, every registered family in the Catholic Community of South Portland should have received mail from the Parish Office containing a letter from Fr. Mike and the Lent 2007 Parish Schedule of Events. If you did not receive your copy, please let us know by returning the form below to the office. If you received your mailing but something was wrong with the address, or you have update information for the office, please fill out the form below and we will fix it.

*Thank you! Rita and Barb*

**The Great Database Update Project**

Please help us keep the parish database complete and accurate. If you have any updates/additions/deletions/corrections to your census information, please fill out this form, clip it out of the bulletin and return it to the parish office (drop off/mail/put in collection basket.) Thank you!

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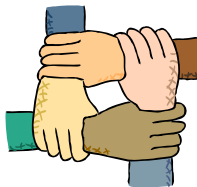
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Information Change:

2nd Grade Sacramental Family Corner  
*Find God's Grace in Service to Others.*



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to someone in need!

