

MEETINGS THIS WEEK



- ❖ Disciples In Mission small group meetings
Sunday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m., Fr. Hayes Center.

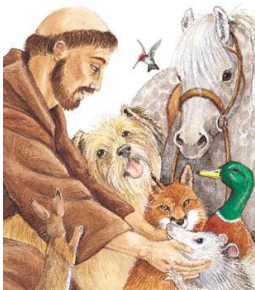
CENTENNIAL NOTE



Come celebrate 100 years of fidelity to the Gospel at St. Joseph's Parish Church. A Centennial Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Richard Malone on Sunday October 4th at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow immediately in the Fr. Hayes Center. At this time we will also be honoring the many volunteers of our parish. Please come and join us in this joyous occasion!

Attention Volunteers of St. Joseph's Parish: During the Centennial reception (immediately following the Mass) on October 4th, we want to honor the many people who volunteer their time and talents to our parish community. Please make an effort to attend this most important event and accept our heartfelt thanks!

As part of our Centennial Celebration, Fr. Jim Hammer has graciously agreed to host a *SAINTS AND ANGELS* tour of St. Joseph's Church. On Sunday, September 27th, at 11:00 a.m., Fr. Jim will share his knowledge and interpretation of the many fascinating details within the stained glass windows and carvings throughout the church. Join us for this fun and educational event! All are welcome.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS



The St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of Animals will take place next Sunday, October 4th, at 2:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of the friary. The blessing will take place rain or shine.



BLESSING OF EXPECTANT COUPLES

There will be a special blessing for couples expecting the birth of a child on Sunday, October 4th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Couples are asked to inform the parish office in advance by calling 797-7026, ext 201.

A VOCATION VIEW

“Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit on them.” All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org). If you are interested in the Capuchin Franciscan way of life, please speak with one of the friars here at St. Joseph’s or contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M., Cap.(212-567-1300, brotimjones@yahoo.com, www.capuchin/vocations.org).

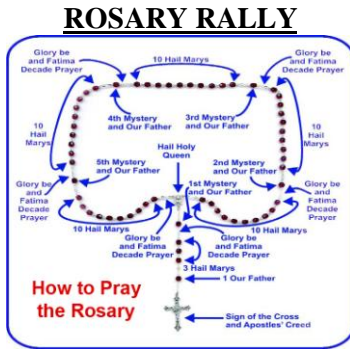
COME AND SEE RETREAT

If you think you may have a call to priesthood and/or religious life, “Come And See”. Retreat weekend: October 2-4, 2009, at Good Shepherd Capuchin Friary, New York City (assistance with transportation offered). FMI, please contact Br. Timothy Jones, O.F.M., Cap. at 212-567-1300 or brotimjones@yahoo.com.

LIFE CHAIN



On Sunday, October 4th, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., churchgoers of various denominations will line the sidewalks across the Longley Bridge in Augusta to pray for an end to abortion. Assemble at Falls Plaza parking lot at 2:00 p.m. FMI, call Ron at 782-7721.



There will be a public Rosary Rally at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 10th, in front of Portland City Hall on Congress Street. Please gather by 11:45 a.m. The purpose is to ask our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for our country. Last year there were over 3,500 such rallies throughout our country. FMI, call J. Muesse at 772-4071.

Mass Intentions

Among the intentions remembered at the Masses during the upcoming week are:

Monday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Michael Mazurkiewicz (Living)

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins & Their Benefactors

Thursday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballantine

Friday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Valerie McKague

Saturday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Valerie McKague
4:00 p.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

Sunday, October 4

8:00 a.m. John Powell
10:00 a.m. Joseph Tuttle
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

RCIA
BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Interested in making a difference in someone's life? Become an RCIA sponsor! Offer friendship and support to an individual seeking full membership in the Catholic faith. The experience may enrich your spiritual life, too! FMI, contact Julie Rice at 797-0145 or jurice99@gmail.com.

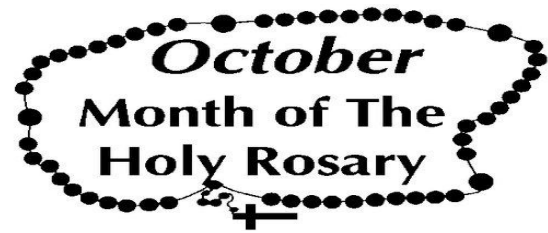
ST. JOSEPH



Welcome back to all our Religious Education students! Please pray that we have a good year of learning more about our faith and living it.

You may still register your child by contacting the Religious Education Office at 797-9509.

Thank you to our parishioners who generously gave to the collection for Religious Education.



ST. JOSEPH'S FINANCE COMMITTEE



A total of 707 individuals attended the four weekend Masses last weekend and contributed \$7,665 to the offertory collection. The second collection to benefit Catholic University totaled \$1,200. Last year's offertory collections over the same time period was \$7,640 and a total of 673 individuals attended Mass.

Did you know? The funds collected during the first collection at our weekend Masses is critical to the financial stability of our parish. It accounts for a whopping 86% of the entire revenue raised for the fiscal year and is the primary source we utilize for paying our "day-to-day" operating expenses. Your continued financial support is much needed and is **most appreciated!**



St. Joseph Parish Family is deeply thankful to Eduard Van Loenen who has completed service as a St. Joseph Parish representative to the St. Brigid School Finance Committee and to John LaPlante who has completed his service to the St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee. We welcome John Voyer to membership on the St. Brigid School Finance Committee and Maureen White to membership on the St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee.

ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S SODALITY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, October 6th

*Rosary – 7:00 p.m., church.

*Guest Speaker at 7:30 p.m., Fr. Hayes Center. **Bob Crowley** speaks about “**Making Waves**” (even without “Survivor”, Bob Crowley has a story to tell!) All parishioners are invited!

* Brief business meeting following speaker.

CENTENNIAL COOK BOOK SALE KICK-OFF: Sunday, October 4th. On sale after the Centennial Celebration Mass at 5:00 p.m.

FALL FOLIAGE TOUR: Thursday, October 8th. Enjoy a scenic tour of Naples, Bridgton, Evans Notch and Bethel, FMI call 797-6727 or 797-9509

WELLNESS FAIR: Saturday, October 31st, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fr. Hayes Center. Fair promotes well being, physical fitness, nutrition, and safety for families, children, teens, adults, and seniors. Open to the public. **Free Admission!**