

# Saint Joseph's Church

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## Parish Directory

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And by appointment

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

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695 Stevens Avenue

Portland, Maine 04103

207-797-7073

Ms. Lori Lee – Principal

## New Parishioners:

Welcome! We invite you to the St. Joseph Parish Family. Please Register by calling the friary.

## Departing Parishioners:

Please inform the friary office prior to moving from the Parish.

## Knights of Columbus, Council 11257

Bishop Amedee Prouix

FMI Contact: Grand Knight Michael Pizzo (207-797-6326)

## St. Joseph's Women Sodality

FMI Contact: 207-797-9509



**673 Stevens Avenue  
Portland, Maine 04103**

*Established 1909*

## Liturgical Life

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

### Holy Days:

Vigil of Feast: 7:00 PM, Feast Day: 8:00 AM and 12 Noon

### Weekdays:

Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM

### Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 2:30 PM and by appointment.

**Baptism:** Please call friary office.

Baptism is customarily celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the friary office at least 6 months in advance.

Please notify the friary office if a family member is hospitalized or if a home visit is desired.

Mass cards and enrollments for the living and deceased are available in the friary office.

*“Lord make me an instrument of thy peace”*

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

- Cluster 28 Transition Committee: Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., St. Patrick rectory.
- St. Brigid Finance Committee: Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., school.
- St. Joseph Bible Study: Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, [Robert.Vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Robert.Vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org)) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, [ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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, contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. (212-567-1300, [brtimjones@yahoo.com](mailto:brtimjones@yahoo.com)), or log onto [www.capuchin/vocations.org](http://www.capuchin/vocations.org).

**CHEVERUS INFORMATION NIGHT**

You are invited to a Cheverus High School Information Night and Reception at the Amberson Family home, 27 Chadwick Street, Portland, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. All will have the opportunity to meet Fr. William Campbell, SJ, Cheverus President, Mr. Jack Dawson, Director of Admissions, and several Cheverus students. RSVP: Kate Luke-Jenkins at 774-6238, ext. 25, or [Luke-Jenkins@cheverus.org](mailto:Luke-Jenkins@cheverus.org).

**PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**



A representative of Liturgical Publications, Inc., will visit our area the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> to solicit renewals and new ads for our parish bulletin. This is an opportunity to reserve space for our new publication year. We are deeply grateful to the advertising sponsors who make it possible for St. Joseph Parish to publish our weekly parish bulletin.

**HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year are invited to a Candlelight Service of Remembrance on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. Please call 773-6511 or email [info@ctcrawford.com](mailto:info@ctcrawford.com) with the name of your deceased loved one and the number of persons who will attend. This service is sponsored by Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes & Cremation Services.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**



A total of 716 individuals attended our Masses last weekend. The offertory collection totaled \$8,150. The second collection to reduce the parish debt totaled \$3,000. Last year, during the same weekend, the collection totaled \$7,870 and the debt reduction totaled \$3,085..

Thus far for the month of November, offertory collections have totaled \$15,965. We have achieved 37% of our month of November goal of \$42,700 (a 4% increase from last year’s November offertory collection total of \$40,700. Look to continue to receive updates on our progress each week in the church bulletin.



- St. Brigid School students will be present at the 8:00 a.m. parish Mass on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, for their Thanksgiving Day Mass.
- On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, our parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.
- We ask all who attend the Mass to bring some non-perishable food items for distribution to Project Feed, and at the offertory all will be invited to bring these items to the altar.
- A collection will be taken at the Mass, proceeds going to St Joseph’s Fund for The Needy.
- We ask that you bring some food items you will use at your Thanksgiving Day dinner. These will be blessed at the Mass.
- The friary office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**WOMEN’S SODALITY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PIE/BREAD SALE**



Home-made pies and various breads will be on sale at each of the Masses on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Proceeds received from this sale are used to fund various good causes.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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

### Monday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Patricia Monahan Scott

### Tuesday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Matthew Hooker

### Wednesday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, November 19

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

### Friday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, November 21

8:00 a.m. Bessie Pearl Greenier

4:00 p.m. Rosemary Ricker

### Sunday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Richard & Elizabeth Fogg

10:00 a.m. James Volger

5:00 p.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bishop Malone has asked that we make the following announcements out of concern for the health of individuals and the public safety:

- If you are at risk for complications because of chronic health issues or compromised health or are susceptible to infections or if you already have any type of cold or flu-like symptoms, you are asked to stay home, both for your well-being and that of others. When individuals are ill, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- Ushers, greeters, and those who take up the offertory collection or distribute parish bulletins should use verbal greetings only and not shake hands with parishioners. They are strongly encouraged to sanitize their hands prior to and after exercising their particular ministry.
- The Sign of Peace should be offered without shaking hands or any other physical contact.
- Do not hold hands during the praying of the Our Father during Mass.
- All ministers of the Eucharist must sanitize their hands prior to and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Communion in the hand is encouraged.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood by drinking from the cup is suspended.

These directives were effective Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, and remain in effect until further notice. We thank you for your

understanding and support of these directives, which aim to protect the health of all.

## Religious Education NEWS

### ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING

Advent is a Christian tradition which invites us on a four week journey. It is a time for families to "Prepare the Way of the Lord". To help us get ready for Christ's arrival, we will have an **Advent Family Gathering on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We'll meet at the Fr. Hayes Center at 3:00 p.m. We'll have four family activities that are a part of our Catholic heritage: the Advent Wreath; the Jesse Tree; the Advent Chain/Calendar; and the Crèche. At the activities we'll learn the meaning of each tradition and make keepsakes. The afternoon will end with a light supper. We ask that you register by calling 797-9509; this way we'll have enough materials for everyone. We look forward to having you join us.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Our Knights are working closely with Catholic Charities to supply a number of families with complete dinners with all the trimmings for Thanksgiving Day. A similar offering is planned for another group of families for Christmas Day.

The Knights are coordinating the collection of donations of any amount to support this most worthy cause. If you would like to make a contribution, make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 11257" and mail by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to David Haverty at 81 Haverty's Way, Portland, ME 04103. David has volunteered to be the Knight's "point person" heading up this important project for our Knights.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Women's Sodality will again be sponsoring the memorial Christmas Lights that decorate our church during the Christmas season. Each light signifies the remembrance of a departed loved one or the honor of a special individual. Enrollment tickets will be available in the church pews this weekend. A donation of \$2.00 per light is requested. Tickets may be returned in the collection basket or to the friary office. Please mark your envelope as "Christmas Lights". FMI, contact Julie Cannon (772-4306).



*"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." - Mk 13:26-27*

**Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009**

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| Sunday:      | Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32            |
| Monday:      | 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/<br>Lk 18:35-43 |
| Tuesday:     | 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10                           |
| Wednesday:   | 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28                       |
| Thursday:    | 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44                          |
| Friday:      | 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48                   |
| Saturday:    | 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40                           |
| Next Sunday: | Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37                  |

## **CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

BY FR. JIM LAFONTAINE, SJ

As you know, we have worked hard to communicate transparently with you these past months about our work in bringing the school and parishes together into a single cluster. Thus far, however, our communication has been mostly one-way – we have presented these regular written reports to you. While we have invited individual response and feedback from you, something that is always welcome, we are aware of the need to provide some more public forums where we can meet with groups of parishioners and parents to allow questions and concerns to be raised more directly. As we have already noted, we plan to hold a town hall meeting, probably in early February, for interested parties in all four institutions to come together and discuss the Mass schedule which will need to be adjusted to allow for fewer priests.

At our last meeting, we also decided that during the month of January, members of this committee will attend the Pastoral Council meetings of the three parishes and the School Board meeting so that those leadership groups can participate in our planning for the transition. As we continue to plan more concretely how the cluster will be structured, we hope to have additional focus group meetings at all sites to allow for more direct communication with us about specific issues of the transition. Possible topics for these focus groups might include the organization of the business and pastoral offices, religious education, the appropriate use of our buildings and properties, repair and maintenance issues, and the spiritual nourishment and re-evangelization of our community. We hope many of you will use these opportunities to join the conversation.

In our ongoing effort to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning, we will continue to utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as our first means of our communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.