

St. Pius X - A Stewardship Parish

492 Ocean Ave., Portland, ME 04103

St. Patrick's Parish - Community

1342 Congress St., Portland, ME 04102

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Louis Philippe (St. Pius)	<i>Music Director</i>	David Goulet (St. Patrick's)	<i>Music Director</i>

ST. PIUS X Mass Times:

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil of the Feast 7:00 PM / Holy Day 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:00 PM & by apt.

ST. PATRICK'S Mass Times:

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil of the Feast 5:30 PM / Holy Day 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday from 2:30 to 3:00 PM & by apt.

ST. BRIGID PARISH SCHOOL

695 Stevens Ave. Portland, ME 04103

Principal: Lori Lee; Administrative Assistant: Sharon Dadiego; Phone: 207-797-7073

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

492 Ocean Ave. Portland, ME 04103

Kindergarten	Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass
Grade 2:	Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass
Grades 1, 3, 4, 5:	Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass
Grades 6, 7, 8:	(9 weeks in Fall – 8 weeks in Spring): Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass
Grades 9 to 12:	Youth Ministry meets regularly; see Bulletin

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday 9:30 to 12:30
Sunday from 8:00 AM to Noon
Telephone # 207-775-2185 ext 213
Email: religioused@stpiusx-parish.org

PARISH DIRECTORY:

St. Patrick Parish Office
Phone: 207-772-6325 Fax: 207-772-6326
St. Pius X Parish Office & Jesuit Community
Phone: 207-775-3032 Fax: 207-874-7514

Email: mccormack@maine.rr.com
Mary Gordon mary@stpiusx-parish.org

BAPTISM OF INFANTS:

Pre-Baptism class for parents and godparents 3rd Tuesday of every month. Parents must be registered members of the Parish for at Least 6 months before attending Baptism class. Please contact Parish Office with questions and to sign up for class.

MARRIAGES:

By arrangement with pastor at least 6 months previous to date of proposed marriage. Must be registered member of the parish or have a written OK from home parish.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Please call if a member of the family is in the hospital or confined at home.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

Please call the office so that we can arrange to meet you and register you in the parish community. We want to help and serve you in every way.



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36

Welcome

To St. Patrick's and St. Pius Parishes.

If you are just visiting us, know how glad we are to have you with us for liturgy today. We wish you well on your journey.

If you are new to the Portland area, we would be delighted to have you join our community of faith. Please feel free to contact our parish offices to register or for more information.

God Bless you.



ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK

November 29 - December 5

In Loving Memory of DIONICIA LAYUG

Adoption . . . a beautiful way to give your child life and a loving family. Pregnant women facing unexpected pregnancies deserve to know about all their options. For an understanding ear and information on life affirming choices call Catholic Charities Maine Birthline, @ 871-7464 (Portland), Ext. 2670; toll-free at 1-800-CARE-002; or e-mail: psm@ccmaine.org All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: St. Andrew, apostle Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: St. Edmund Campion, S.J. & St. Robert Southwell, S.J. Prs. MM & comps. Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Advent Weekday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, S.J. priest Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: St. John of Damascus, priest & doctor Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Advent Weekday Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group with Fr. O'Brien, S.J. will meet again, THIS Monday November 30th 7PM at the St. Pius Rectory. Come, bring a Bible.



During the next several months St. Pius X Church will be collecting warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, & socks for our brothers & sisters that attend the soup kitchens in Portland. A donation box is located in the entryway of the church. Thank you.



St. Pius X 50/50 Winners:

Week 4: Ray Pomerleau (Special Thanksgiving drawing of \$300.00)

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for my mother, Emily Palacino. She is continuing to recuperate after suffering a stroke. My family wishes to express our appreciation for your kindness & concern. Laurene Dempsey

ST. PATRICK'S



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR THE WEEK END OF November 22, 2009**

**Weekly Offertory was \$ Next Week
envelopes used**

**Camp. For Human Development was \$ Next Wk.
envelopes used**

Second Collection next wk will be for Fuel & Energy
Thank you for your generosity-God Bless

WEEKLY GOAL \$5,850.00

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Women's Fellowship

Our annual Christmas party will be held on **December 8th**, starting with a **5:30 PM Mass** at St. Patrick's, followed by a dinner buffet in the parish hall. Ladies, please bring an unwrapped gift for the **McAuley House** and a wrapped gift for exchanging with others. The unwrapped gifts may be paper products such as paper towels, tissues, diapers, or personal items such as shampoo, hair conditioner, soap. Cleaning supplies such as mops, sponges, etc. are always welcome, too. Wrapped gifts in the past have included gift certificates to Shaw's or Hannaford, a bottle of wine, holiday dish towels, holiday jewelry, and the like. Use your imagination but do not spend a lot (five to ten dollars). This is a fun celebration so plan to attend!

It's the season! St. Pius X **Jingle Bucks Raffle** tickets are here. **First Prize-** Dinner for two at Bruno's Restaurant once a month for a year; **Second Prize-** \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Giroux Oil Service. \$1.00 per ticket 1 book of 6 tickets for \$5.00 Tickets available at St. Pius and St. Patrick's rectory offices and in the back of the church.



K.C. Council 101 – Monthly meeting this Wednesday, **December 2nd** @ 7Pm in the K.C. Room of St. Patrick's. All brother Knights are urged to attend.

Council 2983 – Meets the **1st Tues.** of the month – 7PM St. Pius X Parish Hall.

Backpack Weekend at St. Pius – December 12/13, 2009.

Members of **St. Pius X Parish, K.C. Council 2983 & St. Patrick's Council 101** are in need of your help in collecting new or good condition used backpacks for the homeless and less fortunate. As we have done in the past, all backpacks will be collected at all the masses and distributed to people in need at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. St. Vincent's also donates 100 blankets to be placed in each of the backpacks collected. Help make this successful by rummaging through your closets, basements & households, or purchasing a new one. Every backpack will make a difference. Help us help others by placing your donated backpack near the altar at the Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning masses on December 12/13. Please mark your calendars & Thank you in advance for your generosity.

K.C. 4th Degree – Meets the **2nd Tuesday** of the month 7PM – St. Pius

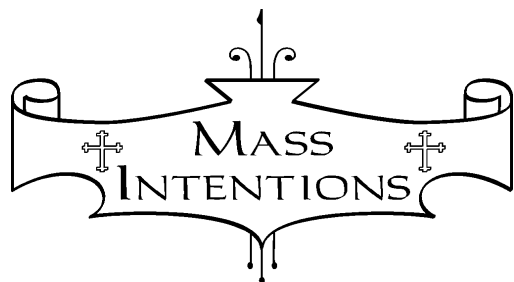


Just in time for the holidays!

ON A WING AND A PRAYER, the music group that sings under the direction of Louis Philippe at the 5 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's, has just released its second CD—Volume Two: **WE ARE CALLED**. The CD includes lots of favorite hymns along with some original songs—*We Are Called, Rain Down, Angels In The Background, Shine Jesus Shine, Many And Great, Remember Me, Unless A Grain Of Wheat, There Is A Longing, The Lord Is My Hope, Mary Did You Know, Merry Christmas And Glory Be, and On A Wing And A Prayer*. The CD costs only \$10 and makes a perfect Christmas gift. Anyone who wishes to get a copy of the new CD (or the first CD) can see Louis Philippe after the 4:30 & 9 @ St. Pius, or after the 5 @ St. Joe's, or call 857-9002 to place phone orders. Louis also has two solo CDs available, NOEL NOEL (a mix of traditional French Canadian favorites and English songs) and LA VIE EN ROSE (a tribute to Edith Piaf with songs in French and English).

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. PATRICK'S



SATURDAY, November 28, 2009

4:00 PM Abraham Shapazian by Patricia Shapazian

Sunday, November 29, 2009

8:00 AM For Our Parish

10:30 AM Theresa McDonough Foley by the Family

MONDAY, November 30, 2009

9:00 AM Phillip Caulfield by Bruce Corkrey

TUESDAY, December 1, 2009

9:00 AM Lorraine Shevenell by Ted & Sue Borduas

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2009

9:00 AM John B. Cottrell IV by Ted & Sue Borduas

THURSDAY, December 3, 2009

9:00 AM David Leblond & his Grandparents by the Family

FRIDAY, December 4, 2009

9:00 AM Josephine Caron by Ted & Sue Borduas

SATURDAY, December 5, 2009

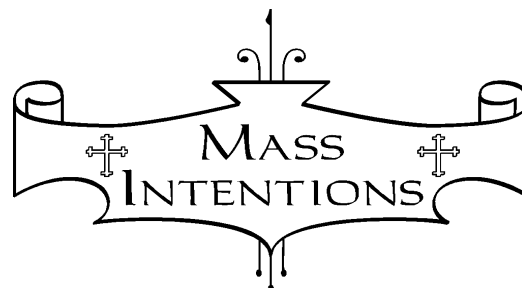
4:00 PM For Our Parish

Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:00 AM Fred Gleason by the Welch Family

10:30 AM Catalina & Felix Atienza Sr. by the Family

ST. PIUS X



MONDAY, November 30, 2009

DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER

9:00 AM Emily Pirone

TUESDAY, December 1, 2009

9:00 AM Theresa Baudone D'Alfonso by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sbardella

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2009

9:00 AM Leo Agurto Zapata by the Family

THURSDAY, December 3, 2009

9:00 AM Shirley DiMatteo by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Griffen

FRIDAY, December 4, 2009

DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER

9:00 AM Robert Peck

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30 AM
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – 4:45 PM*

SATURDAY, December 5, 2009

4:30 PM Maurice McCarthy by Judy

SUNDAY, December 6, 2009

7:00 AM Helen Gaudet by the Family

9:00 AM Sylvester & Mary Axmacher by Frank Paul Jr.

CATHERINE McAULEY

Catherine McAuley High School will be holding its second **High School Placement Test** for the class of 2014 on **December 5, 2009**. Students who take this exam will be eligible for an Academic Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship is for the 8th grade student who has shown academic excellence by being the top ranking student and has ranked in the 97 percentile or higher nationally on the exam. This student will be awarded full tuition. Registration for the exam begins at 8:15am and the exam will end at 11:30am. For further details, call the admissions office today at 797-3802. Walk-ins are welcome.



**Eucharistic Adoration
at St. Pius**

More volunteers are presently needed to sign up for a regular weekly hour. The Hours of 11 – 12 Noon & Noon – 1PM are the hours that are most needed now. If you can help, please call Mary at 775-3032 X201. Adoration takes place on Fridays from 9:30AM to 5PM in the church. Please join us.

ST. PATRICK'S

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:00 P.M. Saturday December 5, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

T. Smith
K. Joyce
M. A. Weston

Lector

S. Walker

8:00 A.M. Sunday December 6, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

D. Levasseur
B. Welch
K. Welch

Lector

M. Foley

10:30 A.M. Sunday December 6, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

M. White
L. Savard
M. Arzigian

Lector

L. Savard

ST. PIUS X

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. Saturday December 5, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

I. Dempsey
A. Conroy
S. Litcher
A. Litcher

Lector

S. McGonagle

7:00 A.M. Sunday, December 6, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

D. Desimone
G. Donatelli
T. Donatelli
Sub Needed

Lector

J. Desimone

9:00 A.M. Sunday, December 6, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

E. Tosi
J. Austin
J. Austin
E. Desmore

Lector

J. Beal

***Prayer Requests for both
St. Pius and St. Patrick's***

Please remember these people in your prayers

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Maureen Foley-Bolling	Shelley Hamilton Masters	Michelle Whitten Sawyer
Michael Monsivais	Lisa Savard	Bonnie Peteillo
Carolyn Cabral	Bob Beecher	William Legge
Marion Stevens	Jean Dwyer	Paul Gagnon
Deborah Hannigan	M. McCarthy	Jean Schwalbenberg
Michael Davis	Emily Palacino	Gina Layug
James Taylor	Stephen Rice	Martin Jennings
John Wirtz	Jeffrey Landry	Joanne Zwolinskai
John Lynch	Jordan Place	Raymond Pinkerton



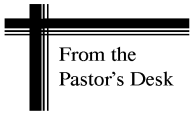
**HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
OF REMEMBRANCE**

Please join us for a special service for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year on **Sunday, December 6th @ 2PM** at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. There will be light refreshments at the conclusion of the service. Sponsored by Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes & Cremation Services. Guest speakers at this year's service will be the V. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Henchal, Pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and the Rev. Philip Shearman, Retired Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Gorham. Music will be provided by Judith James, Musical director at St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Maximilian Kolbe's choir. If you plan to attend, please call 773-6511 or e-mail at info@ctcrawford.com with the number of family members who will be joining us, as well as the name of your deceased loved one.

St. Pius X and St. Patrick coordinators for the annual **Portland Interfaith Walk for Habitat for Humanity!** Join with representatives from other Portland Faith Communities to plan and promote the 2010 walk, to be held on **Sunday, May 16th** and hosted by St. Pius X. Three evening meetings max, between January and May (plus at least one social evening to celebrate certain success!).

Adults and High School students welcome (earn community service hours!) Learn about Habitat, meet new and interesting folk from other faith communities, all the while building community, having fun and serving a good cause!

FM! call Mary Gordon @ 207-775-3032 or Email: mary@stpiusx-parish.org



From the
Pastor's Desk

ADVENT

John the Baptist was a powerful preacher of his day. He did not settle for words. John's ritual was dramatic: confess your sins, walk into the river, be submerged and come back up ready for a whole new life. It was the beginning of a journey, and they had a long way to go. We all have valleys and hills in our lives. On the road to Christmas, Jesus wants us to prepare for his coming by filling those valleys and clearing those hills. Some of the valleys are called laziness, selfishness and irresponsibility. John told people what was deep down in their hearts. But he told them it was not about him, but about someone far greater than they could imagine.

Advent, the time for preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ, will pass quickly. If you want to move beyond shopping lists in getting ready for the great event, listen to John the Baptist.

Fr. Bob

Christmas Pageants

The **4:30 PM** Mass at St. Pius on Christmas Eve is a Children's Mass. The children present the story of Jesus' birth in a pageant. We are in need of a parent to organize the pageant and several parents to assist the parent in-charge. This has always been a parent-organized event. The Gospel story, costumes, etc are available in my office. If you would like to help with our pageant please call the religious education office at 775-2185 EXT 213 or email at religioused@stpiusx-parish.org. Rehearsal would be at 11:00 AM on the first three Sundays in December.

Thank You. Sandy Litcher

Any child of St. Patrick's Church, who would like to participate in the nativity pageant at St. Patrick's church on Christmas Eve at the **4PM** Children's Mass, please contact Cynthia McGarry at clkmcgarry@yahoo.com or call the Rectory at 772-6325 and leave your name & number with Linda.

It will be necessary for the participating children to attend a rehearsal at St. Patrick's church **December 23rd** at **3:30PM**.



GIVING TREE AT ST. PIUS X

Parishioners, we will again be collecting gifts for some of the resettlement families here in Portland. Look for the Giving Tree on the first Sunday in Advent.

ST. PATRICK'S GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be at the entrance of the Church starting this weekend. We are adopting our parishioners residing in local nursing homes, as well as others in the Portland area. Select a tag from the tree, purchase the item requested and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached. Gifts need to be dropped off by Sunday, December 13th. Gifts may be left under the tree or dropped off at the Rectory, Mon. thru Fri. from 7AM – 3PM. Please Put cash donations in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and place in the collection basket. If you wish to help with this project, please call Linda at the Rectory at 772-6325.

Need a Christmas gift for the hard to buy person on your list? St. Patrick's Church has the answer.....A Cash Calendar!

The **Cash Calendar Raffle** is back and will begin January 1st and run through March.

The Cash Calendar Raffle will be sold after all masses this weekend, and will be on sale again Dec.5th through Dec. 20th. The prizes are \$20 each weekday and \$40 on Sunday and even more on holidays, Palm Sunday will be worth \$250. Remember this raffle places everyone's name back in so you can win multiple times.....we have all seen this happen too.....maybe you saw it happen to other people in the past, but maybe this could be your year to win multiple times?! Winner's names will be announced in the bulletin each week and the winners will be automatically sent their winnings in the mail. The cost is \$20 and checks can be made to St. Patrick's Church- FMI contact Ellen Pirone 871-8049 or pfd33@maine.rr.com.....A **BIG THANK YOU** to the following sponsors of the Cash Calendar Raffle... Anania's, Canteen Services, Eyes on Rosemont, Berry- Dunn,-McNeil & Parker & Whole Performance.