

# 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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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James Lafontaine, S.J. ....	<i>Pastor</i>	Sr. Patricia Mooney, RSM .....	<i>RCIA</i>
Rev. John R. d'Anjou S.J. ....	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>	Sandra Litcher (St. Pius & St. Patrick's) .....	<i>D.R.E.</i>
Rev. Robert F. Regan, S.J. ....	<i>Pastoral Ministry</i>	Mary Gordon (St. Pius & St. Patrick's).....	<i>Program Coord.</i>
Rev., James C. O'Brien, S.J. ....	<i>Pastoral Ministry</i>	Linda McCormack .....	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:mccormack@maine.rr.com)  
 Mary Gordon ..... [mary@stpiusx-parish.org](mailto:mary@stpiusx-parish.org)

### BAPTISM OF INFANTS:

Pre-Baptism class for parents and godparents 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Lk 3:3

**Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday: St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor  
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: St. Juan Diego, hermit  
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Advent Weekday  
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: St. Damasus I, pope  
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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**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.

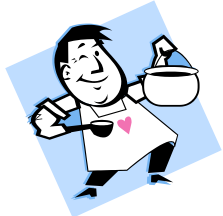


**GIVING TREE AT ST. PIUS X**

The gifts for our Giving Tree this year will be going to families who have recently arrived from Iraq and Somalia as part of the refugee resettlement program. These families arrive here with hardly more than the clothes they are wearing. Your generosity and support is appreciated. Gifts must be returned no later than **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**ST. PATRICK'S GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is at the entrance of the Church. 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. Ensure gift cards are activated at time of purchase. Gifts need to be dropped off by **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. They may be left under the tree or dropped off at the Rectory Mon. – Fri from 7AM – 3PM. Please place cash donations in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" & place in the collection basket. If you wish to help with this project, please call Linda at the Rectory 772-6325.



**Thursday, December 10th, 2009**

**SOUP KITCHEN**

**St. Pius X** night at the soup kitchen is this Thursday, December 10, 2009. Please bring baked goodies to the St. Pius parish hall by 3PM that day. **Volunteers are NEEDED now especially to help set up & bake goodies.** Volunteers also needed & welcomed to help with all aspects of this worthwhile ministry. Please make it one of yours. If you are able to volunteer at the soup kitchen, please be at the Preble Street Soup Kitchen by 5:30PM that evening. Thank you.

**ST. PATRICK'S**



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

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,182.50  
166 envelopes used**

**Camp. For Human Development was \$863.00  
93 envelopes used**

**Weekly Offertory for November 29 was \$4,176.50  
172 envelopes used**

**Parish Portion/St. Brigid School was \$992.00  
100 envelopes used**

*Second Collection next wk will be for Fuel & Energy*

**Thank you for your generosity-God Bless**

**WEEKLY GOAL \$5,850.00**

**ST. PIUS X**



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

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,335.50  
208 envelopes used**

**Camp For Human Development was \$1,294.05  
128 envelopes used**

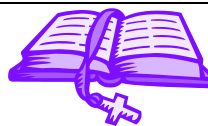
**Weekly Offertory for November 29 was \$4,566.55  
112 envelopes used**

**Thank you for your generosity-God Bless!**

**WEEKLY GOAL \$5,500.00**

**Women's Fellowship**

Our annual Christmas party will be held **this Tuesday, 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!



**BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study group with Fr. O'Brien, S.J. will meet again, **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve:**

**4:00PM St. Patrick's**

**4:30PM St. PiusX**

**7:00PM St. Patrick's & St. Pius X**

**Midnight St. Patrick's**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

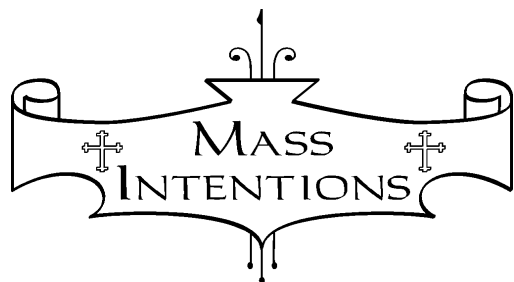
**7:00AM St. Pius X**

**9:00AM St. Patrick's & St. Pius X**



**T'is 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 or 1 book of 6 tickets for **\$5.00**. Tickets available at the St. Pius and St. Patrick's rectory offices, and in the back of the church @ St. Pius X following the weekend Masses.

**ST. PATRICK'S**



**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

**MONDAY, December 7, 2009**

9:00 AM Josephine Caron by Leigh & Edna Sellick

5:30 PM Special Intention for Alex

**TUESDAY, December 8, 2009**

9:00 AM Jim by his Wife

**WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2009**

9:00 AM Catherine Scanlon by the Scanlon Family

**THURSDAY, December 10, 2009**

9:00 AM Charles Keogh by Phil

**FRIDAY, December 11, 2009**

9:00 AM Josephine Caron by Tom & Maryanne Connolly

**SATURDAY, December 12, 2009**

4:00 PM Josephine Caron by John & Marion Murphy & Family

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

8:00 AM Fred Gleason by Mary DiMatteo

10:30 AM Sharon Guimont-McDermott by Diane & Mark LaPointe

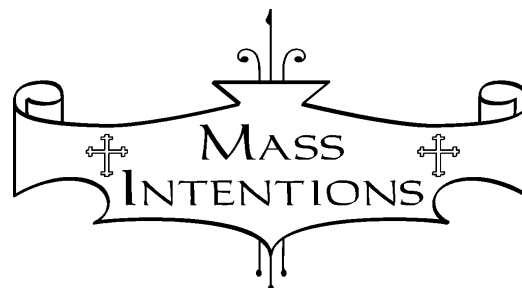
St. Patrick's NEXT Pastoral Council meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 2009 @ 7PM in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



**December 12<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Tourtiere (Pork) Pie Supper** @ St. Pius Parish Hall from 5 – 6:30PM. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and younger. Come join in on the holiday tradition!

**ST. PIUS X**



**MONDAY, December 7, 2009**

**DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER**

9:00 AM Theresa F. Grassi by Michael & Susan Russo

7:00 PM Eleanor Doherty by the Family

**TUESDAY, December 8, 2009**

9:00 AM Leo Agurto Zapata by the Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2009**

9:00 AM John J. Walsh, Jr.

**THURSDAY, December 10, 2009**

9:00 AM Edward T. Devine

**FRIDAY, December 11, 2009**

**DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER**

9:00 AM Michael Hayden by the Family

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

**SATURDAY, December 12, 2009**

4:30 PM Dorothea G. Mulkern

**SUNDAY, December 13, 2009**

7:00 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Michael Hayden by the Family



**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 12 , 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

G. Hubner  
R. DiDonato  
J. Lander

Lector

Sr. M. Coyne

**8:00 A.M.** Sunday December 13, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

J. Brown  
B. Green  
C. Noyes

Lector

V. Goodwin

**10:30 A.M** Sunday December 13, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

B. Smith  
M. Solak  
M. Conley

Lector

S. SaVaun

**ST. PIUS X**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**4:30 P.M.** Saturday December 12, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

K. Lee  
J. Selberg  
C. Battelli  
V. Stratchko

Lector

D. Reese

**7:00 A.M.** Sunday, December 13, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

J. Landry  
J. McKew  
Sub Needed

Lector

D. Hunter

**9:00 A.M** Sunday, December 13, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

L. Lefebvre  
J. Leonard  
L. Morris  
Sr. Claire

Lector

R. Hughes

***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
Fr. O'Toole	Stephen Rice	Martin Jennings
John Wirtz	Jeffrey Landry	Joanne Zwolinskai
John Lynch	Jordan Place	Raymond Pinkerton

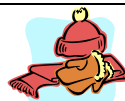
**Christmas Pageants**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **3:30PM**.

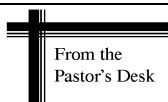


**MITTEN MASS SUCCESS ST. PATRICK'S**

I wish to thank **All** St. Patrick's parishioners for your support of the Mitten Mass Project at St. Patrick's. Almost 100 items, ie, mittens, gloves, knitted slippers, hats, scarves, & stockings were donated.

The children's items were distributed by the Salvation Army clothing store & the adult items were given to both the Wayside Soup Kitchen & the Preble St. Resource Center. A special THANKS to Mary McCarthy who coordinated the knitting project.

**Well done.** Louis G. Bove



True Meaning of Christmas

The Advent season is here! The decorations are starting to appear. The lists are being filled; the energy of the season is palatable. Every year I do my best to keep the reason for the season in its proper place-at the forefront. Any every year it is a challenge – A friend of mind gave me a little list of reminders to help make this challenge a bit easier. I hope you find it does the same for you. I add these reminders to my Christmas cards and to the gift tags on presents. I'm sure you can find creative ways to add them into your Christmas festivities.

The FIR TREE – the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven.

The STAR – was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise.

A CANDLE – Symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light, we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.

The WREATH – Symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

An ORNAMENT of SANTA – Santa Claus symbolizes the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December.

HOLLY LEAF – the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red berries represent the blood shed by Him.

A GIFT – "God so loved the world that he gave his begotten son." Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

The CANDY CANE – represents the shepherds' crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper.

An ANGEL – the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men.

A BELL – lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.

Remember the true meaning of Christmas and do not put Santa in the center. Santa is but a humble servant of the One that is, let us all bow down to worship him, our LORD, our GOD. Mary Gordon



K.C. Council 101 – at St. Patrick's is having their Annual Charity Supper, Wednesday, December 16th @ 6PM in the Parish Hall. There is no charge. Come One, Come All.

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 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).



St. Pius X 50/50 Winners:

Week 5: Marymargaret McCann (\$200.00)

December 19th & 20th is the next scheduled collection for Fuel & Energy @ St. Pius X.