

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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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
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Phone: 207-775-3032 Fax: 207-874-7514

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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.



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Monday: St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Advent Weekday
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Late Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Late Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Late Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
- Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th Christmas Eve:

4:00PM St. Patrick's

4:30PM St. PiusX

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

Midnight St. Patrick's

December 25th Christmas Day

7:00AM St. Pius X

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



ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK

December 13 – December 19

In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL MCKENNA

Season Flu Clinic at St. Pius X parish hall Tuesday, December 22 from 9AM-4PM.

ST. PATRICK'S



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR THE WEEK END OF December 6, 2009**

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,603.00
197 envelopes used**

**Fuel & Energy was \$1,237.00
114 envelopes used**

Second Collection next wk will be for Repairs & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity-God Bless

WEEKLY GOAL \$5,850.00

ST. PIUS X



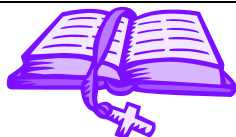
**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR THE WEEK END OF December 6, 2009**

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,432.22
183 envelopes used**

**Special monthly was \$1,863.61
142 envelopes used**

Thank you for your generosity-God Bless!

WEEKLY GOAL \$5,500.00



BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group with Fr. O'Brien, S.J. will meet **this, Monday, December 14th @ 7PM** at the St. Pius Rectory. Come, bring a Bible.



K.C. Council 101 – at St. Patrick's is having their **Annual Charity Supper**, this 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 & St. Patrick's – December 12/13, 2009. Members of St. Pius X Parish, K.C. Council 2983 & St. Patrick's K.C. 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

K. C. Council 2983 will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa @ St. Pius next Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 7AM – 10:30AM.** Come enjoy a delicious holiday breakfast & a visit from the big guy himself! Cost is \$6 adults & \$3 children 12 and younger. Along with the breakfast, Girl Scout Troop 1973 will be hosting a bake/wreath sale so you can purchase a little something to take home. Hope to see you there!

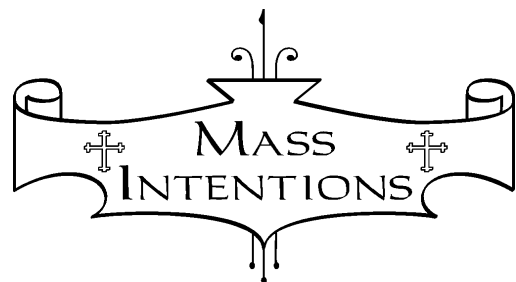


FLOWER DONATIONS

Women's Fellowship will be collecting for the Christmas Flowers after all the Masses next weekend, December 19th & 20th @ **St. Patrick's**. There will be special envelopes available for in memoriam donations

Envelopes for Christmas Flower donations are located in the basket on the table in the **St. Pius X** church entryway. The flowers adorn our Sanctuary on Christmas in memory of your loved one(s): your donations will be gratefully received. Please print clearly the information needed on the front of the envelope. If it is too difficult to read, the name will not be included on the list of names of those being remembered which will be displayed at all the Christmas Masses. Envelopes must be placed in the offertory basket by December 18, 2009 if you wish the name to be included in the display. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK'S



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

MONDAY, December 14, 2009

9:00 AM Rita Qualey by The Women's Fellowship

TUESDAY, December 15, 2009

9:00 AM Bruce Morris by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Aceto

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009

9:00 AM Rita Qualey by Mary Regan

THURSDAY, December 17, 2009

9:00 AM Rita Qualey by Mary Allen

FRIDAY, December 18, 2009

9:00 AM Dionicia Layug by the Family

SATURDAY, December 19, 2009

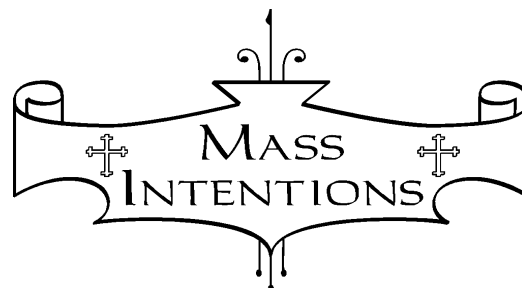
4:00 PM Bernard Deschanes by his wife Yvette

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:00 AM John Bourke by Bridget & Josh Moran

10:30 AM Margaret Russo by Bob Beecher & C. Karen Harris

ST. PIUS X



MONDAY, December 14, 2009

DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER

9:00 AM Leo Agurto Zapata by the Family

TUESDAY, December 15, 2009

9:00 AM Diane Bardwell by the Family

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009

9:00 AM Diane Bardwell by the Family

THURSDAY, December 17, 2009

9:00 AM Jack Welch by the Family

FRIDAY, December 18, 2009

DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER

9:00 AM Fheresa F. Grassi by Mr. & Mrs. John Rague

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

SATURDAY, December 19, 2009

4:30 PM Larry Laforge

SUNDAY, December 20, 2009

7:00 AM Alice E. Kelly by the Family

9:00 AM Alice E. Kelly by the Family

Reminder: St. Patrick's Cash Calendars are on sale now. The parish is beginning a Winter fundraiser to help off-set the subsidy for St. Brigid's Parish School.

This Winter event will feature a "Cash Calendar Raffle." For the months of January, February, and March there will be daily drawings. Each day someone will win a cash prize. The amount of the prize will vary from \$20 to \$250 on Palm Sunday. On weekdays the

Prize amount will be \$20, on Sundays \$40 and on special days & holidays during the three months, higher amounts will be awarded.

The winners will be mailed a check & their names will be posted in the parish bulletin weekly. All winners' names will be re-entered, so there will be multiple chances to win. Cost for the calendar is \$20. Calendars on sale after all the Masses through December. **Good luck.** Thank you. Any ? call Ellen @871-8049 or Email: pfd33@maine.rr.com .

ST. PATRICK'S

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:00 P.M. Saturday December 19 , 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

T. Mikkelsen
M. Doyle
B. Willey

Lector

M. E. Foley

8:00 A.M. Sunday December 20, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

P. Campbell
A. Campbell
J. Morin

Lector

P. Leblond

10:30 A.M Sunday December 20, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

T. Borduas
S. Borduas
S. Richard

Lector

N. Woodward

ST. PIUS X

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. Saturday December 19, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

M. Vessey
C. Perillo
R. McKeough
J. McKeough

Lector

F. Egan

7:00 A.M. Sunday, December 20, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

D. Desimone
G. Donatelli
T. Donatelli
Sub Needed

Lector

J. Grolley

9:00 A.M Sunday, December 20, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers

Z. Paul
C. O'Brien
R. Doman
K. Masse

Lector

R. O'Brien

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



Fuel & Energy Collection

The next collection for Fuel & Energy at St. Pius X is **next weekend, December 19th & 20th.**



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.

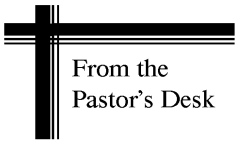


Anne McCarthy, a parishioner at St. Pius X, has knit 100 hats for the Wayside Soup Kitchen at Preble St. The clients at Wayside are so appreciate of the beautifully crafted gifts. **THANK YOU** so much Anne. It is wonderful that you minister to those less fortunate.



St. Pius X 50/50 Winners:

Week 6: Margaret Haverty



From the
Pastor's Desk

Religious Education

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is such a busy time for all of us. Our third (3rd) grade class made Thanksgiving cards for our parish shut-ins. Grades two (2) through five (5) will make Christmas cards and I will mail them during the month.

We had nine (9) families who participated in our Advent wreath project. Each family made a wreath and Father Lafontaine blessed each one. We enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies after the wreaths were completed.

The children's Christmas pageant and choir will be held @ **St. Pius X** on December 24th at the 4:30 PM mass. Christina McClusky will be coordinating the pageant and Dianne Procida will lead the children's choir. Parents have volunteered to help with the program as well. Our rehearsals will be held on December 13th and 20th at 11:00 AM in the church.

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.**

The middle school program has been busy learning about scripture in the different books in the Bible. Their safety program was presented by their catechist Sr. Margaret. They have also learned about Advent and preparing for Jesus' birth. It is so nice to have fourteen (14) of our middle school youth participate in the program.

On Saturday, December 5th our sacrament class received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They will begin their preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist in the winter.

Our religious education program is helping our youth grow in their faith. We are also thankful for all the wonderful catechists and parents who help make this possible.

God Bless

Sandy Litcher

Cluster 28 Transition Committee

The question I have been most asked these past few weeks in conversations about the clustering process is whether we will be closing one of our churches. The recent closing of two churches in Auburn-Lewiston Cluster and previously in other parts of the diocese make this a natural concern for all of us in these times. But I want to assure you that we are not considering this possibility as a part of the current clustering process. As I told you early on, all three parishes at this point are viable both in terms of finances and the number of parishioners. Thus when we come together as a single cluster next summer, we will come together as three parish families and our cluster school.

Of course, our joining each other as a single community of faith next summer is only the beginning of our work in facing the future. A part of cluster transition planning for us must be to establish a long-range planning process that will grow directly out of the cluster transition. Those entrusted with that process will need to work very hard to develop a three to five year plan for the cluster. There are hard questions to be faced as a part of that process, including the issue of the long-term viability of the parishes as individual entities. Aging and diminishing demographics, the economy, and the care of our buildings are significant challenges we still face going forward.

Well, one step at a time. For the moment, let us put aside our worries about this more distant future (we can let God worry about that for now) and focus on the moment: coming together this summer in as positive a way as we can manage. Change is never easy, but if we share our strength and faith with each other, there will be more than enough to sustain us all.

As always, we pledge to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning. 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. - **Fr. Jim Lafontaine**

THANKS, EVERYONE! The St. Patrick's Bazaar raised **\$15,400 – NET!** Congratulations to our Big Raffle winners:
\$1,000 cash – Maria Peverada
iPod iTouch – Gina McLaughlin
37" HD flat screen TV – Mary Ellen White
Hand-knit Irish (Aran) Sweater – Don & Pauline Hontz



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Make Plans To Attend
Council 101's
Annual Charity Supper
Wednesday
December 16th At 6:00 p.m.

Council 101 is putting on a Bowl of Soup and a Piece of Bread Supper
in the St. Patrick Parish Hall

As a result of our fantastic raffle ticket sales last year, we will be presenting charitable checks to several local deserving organizations. Please bring your family and come help us show our gratitude to these people for what they do.

There is no charge for the supper, and your attendance will be greatly appreciated .

Come One, Come All
Join In The Fun