

# 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.



Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1: 41, 42, 45

**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**

**December 20 – December 27**

**In Loving Memory of**

**DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

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

**Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009**

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
- Monday: St. Peter Canisius, S.J., priest & doctor  
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday  
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday: St. John of Kanty, priest  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday: Late Advent Weekday  
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
- Friday: Nativity of the Lord / Christmas  
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Saturday: St. Stephen, first martyr  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- Next Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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**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**

**ST. PATRICK'S**



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP  
FOR THE WEEK END OF December 13, 2009**

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,371.50  
175 envelopes used**

**Retired Religious was \$1,400.00  
115 envelopes used**

**Immaculate Conception was \$628.00**

*Second Collection next wk will be for Parish Portion St. Brigid's*

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

**WEEKLY GOAL \$5,850.00**

**ST. PIUS X**



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FOR THE WEEK END OF December 13, 2009**

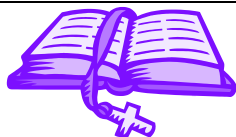
**Weekly Offertory was \$5,326.40  
244 envelopes used**

**Retired Religious was \$1,707.77  
124 envelopes used**

**Immaculate Conception was \$734.75**

**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 **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM** at the St. Pius Rectory. Come, bring a Bible.



**FLOWER DONATIONS**

Women's Fellowship will be collecting for the Christmas Flowers after all the Masses **this** weekend, December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> @ **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 20, 2009 if you wish the name to be included in the display. Thank you.

**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



**K.C. Council 101** – Meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month in the K.C. Room at St. Patrick's.

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

**K. C. Council 2983** will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** @ St. Pius **this** 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!

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

**ST. PATRICK'S**



**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

**MONDAY, December 21, 2009**

9:00 AM Rita Qualey by Louis Savard

**TUESDAY, December 22, 2009**

9:00 AM Rita Qualey by Bob LaFlamme

**WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2009**

9:00 AM Kay Rielly by Jim & Margo Conley

**THURSDAY, December 24, 2009**

9:00 AM Roger Gagne by the Family  
4:00 PM Eleanor O'Connor by Margaret Locke  
7:00 PM John Shevener by Ted & Sue Borduas  
Midnight In Thanksgiving for our wonderful Parish Priests,  
Fr. Lafontaine, S.J., Fr. John d'Anjou, S.J., Fr. James O'Brien,  
S.J., Fr. Robert Regan, S.J., & Fr. Matthew, S. J.

**FRIDAY, December 25, 2009**

9:00 AM Rita Qualey by Robert Gillis

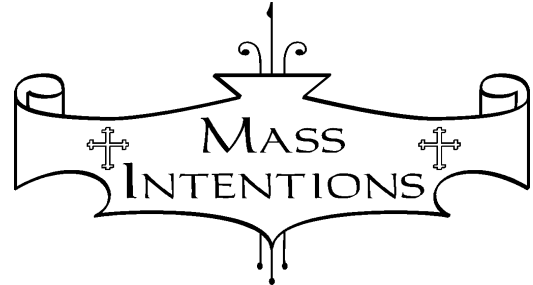
**SATURDAY, December 26, 2009**

4:00 PM Special Intention for Alex by his Aunt Mary

**Sunday, December 27, 2009**

8:00 AM Catherine Rielly by K.C. Council 101  
10:30 AM Theresa McDonough Foley by the Family

**ST. PIUS X**



**MONDAY, December 21, 2009**

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

9:00 AM Leo Agurto Zapata by the Family

**TUESDAY, December 22, 2009**

9:00 AM Emilie Bennett by her daughter Christine

**WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2009**

9:00 AM Leo Agurto Zapata by the Family

**THURSDAY, December 24, 2009**

9:00 AM Priest's Intention  
4:30 PM Ralph Troiano love wife Anna  
7:00 PM John E. Carlson by Margaret Locke

**FRIDAY, December 25, 2009**

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

7:00 AM Dorothea G. Mulkern  
9:00 AM Thomas McDonough by Joyce & Family

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

**SATURDAY, December 26, 2009**

4:30 PM Veronica & Roy Anderson by Jim & Pam Selbert

**SUNDAY, December 27, 2009**

7:00 AM Theresa F. Grassi  
9:00 AM Our Parish Family



The 2010 budget envelopes have arrived for St. Pius X. They will be located in the church entryway for you to pick up until December 20<sup>th</sup>, after that time they will be available in the parish hall. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to, please call Mary at 775-3032 x 201. This is the way the office tracks for income tax contributions.



**ST. PIUS X Rectory will be CLOSED this Thursday, December 24, 2009. Mary will be at St. Patrick's. Both St. Pius & St. Patrick's Rectory offices will be closed December 25, Christmas Day.**

**ST. PATRICK'S**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**4:00 P.M.** Saturday December 26 , 2009

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
P. Conley	J. Hall
S. Conley	
B. Haley	

**8:00 A.M.** Sunday December 27, 2009

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
B. Green	M. Tole
C. Noyes	
S. Noyes	

**10:30 A.M** Sunday December 27, 2009

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
L. Savard	D. LaPointe
S. Richard	
M. Arzigian	

**ST. PIUS X**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**4:30 P.M.** Saturday December 26, 2009

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
A. Conroy	K. Lee
C. Battelli	
I. Demsey	
S. Jackson	

**7:00 A.M.** Sunday, December 27, 2009

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
J. Landry	F. Mack
J. McKew	
Sub Needed	
Sub Needed	


**9:00 A.M** Sunday, December 27, 2009

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
E. Tosi	G. Terricciano
K. Stokes	
B. Mack	
D. Lyons	


**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](mailto:pfd33@maine.rr.com) .




For **St. Pius X & St. Patrick's** soup kitchen night. Thanks to all of you who helped at the soup kitchen whether you prepared the meal, set up tables, served the food, baked the goodies, donated warm items for the cold weather, or did other tasks that were needed. Thank you, you are all so appreciated.



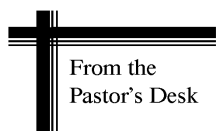
**Fuel & Energy Collection**  
The next collection for Fuel & Energy at St. Pius X is **this weekend, December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.**



**St. Pius X 50/50 Winners:**  
**Special Christmas Drawing: Anne Sears**



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.



### Silence or Socializing?

A confusion/tension exists in the Church in America these days, and we are no strangers to it at St. Pius and St. Patrick. Since coming to Portland, I have had occasional complaints about the socializing that often takes place before Mass. Those voicing them desire silence so that they can focus on their prayer. I always have mixed feelings about how to answer their concerns.

When I was a child, as you entered a church, you immediately fell silent. It was understood that the church itself was to be a place of quiet and prayer. Socializing with others in the community was saved for those many activities that surrounded the life of the Church in those days: sodalities, socials, dinners, and the Catholic Youth Organization, to name but a few. People informally hung around the church more often and more naturally as well. As times changed, because of the increasing pace of life in our cities – the demands of work, school and recreation – people more and more came to church only on weekends for Mass (if then).

Churches are no longer the centers of neighborhoods and communities. The times for socializing have become rare indeed. No wonder then that people feel the need to catch up a little when they see friends and neighbors they have known for years when they come to Mass. This is a healthy need and it strengthens our community when people keep alive the bonds of friendship which can be so tenuous in our lives these days. In my mind, our relationships with each other are an important part of our lives as Christians. I want to encourage people to talk to each other whenever they have the opportunity; at the same time, I want to respect those who want to pray.

So perhaps we can live together on this issue by a little compromise. Let the greetings and catching up with each other continue, but let us keep it subdued when we can so as not to disturb too much the prayer of others before Mass. Those who would rather pray can perhaps just keep reminding themselves when distracted by conversation of how good it is to be in a community of faith where people take so seriously not only their relationship with God, but with each other. –

Fr. Jim Lafontaine

### Cluster 28 Transition Committee

*As we approach Christmas and the mid-point of our year of planning for the future of Cluster28, we wish to thank all of you who have read these little reports the past months and have given us your support and feedback. We are especially grateful for your continued prayers as we have worked to face the issues before us. These reports will continue in the New Year along with a number of meetings to allow more members of our community to become involved in this conversation about our future.*

*In the meantime, we wish all of you the best of holidays. May you and your families be safe, be at peace, and be renewed in the hope that Our Lord's coming brought to the whole world. That hope, that belief in the future, is what must motivate all our work as individuals and as a community of faith. Merry Christmas!*  
*Fr. James Lafontaine, S.J.*

**Shaws Rewards Program** third quarter report for St. Pius X Parish: For the quarter ending October 31, 2009 St. Pius had **38 participants** and raised **\$97.47!!!** That is up 8 participants from last quarter and \$14.15 more than last quarter. We are going in the right direction but I bet we can do better, especially with the holiday season upon us. If you have not joined the Rewards Program at St. Pius yet and would like to do so visit [www.shaws.com/communityrewards](http://www.shaws.com/communityrewards) and register your Shaws orange Rewards Card (if you do not have one visit the customer service counter at your local Shaws)—you will need the number on your Shaws card and the St. Pius organization number which is: **49001020746** to register. Once you have registered, every time you shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and use your shopper card, 1% of your total purchase will be put into the St. Pius account. You will be earning money for your parish without doing anything extra. How convenient is that? If you do not have access to a computer or have trouble registering on-line please call me, 775-3032 ext. 201 and I'll be happy to help. Your support is appreciated. Be sure to check the church bulletin board for information and up-dates to the Rewards Program.

For those from St. Patrick's & St. Pius that are participating in the Shaws Reward Program to benefit your parish & would like to know what your individual donation amount is you can go to [www.Shaws.com](http://www.Shaws.com) and follow these directions:

- 1) Click **Community Rewards**
- 2) **Log in** using your Rewards card number & your phone Number (including the area code)
- 3) Go to **My Account**
- 4) Go to **My Report**
- 5) Click the **arrow** & chose which **report** date you want **Mary**