

Saint Joseph's Church

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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

- St. Joseph Parish Council Executive Committee: Tuesday, January 5th, 5:00 p.m., friary.
- St. Joseph's Women's Sodality: Tuesday, January 5th, 7:00 p.m., rosary in church, followed by meeting in friary meeting room.

SNOW REMOVAL

The second collection at Masses next weekend will help St. Joseph Parish defray the cost of snow removal this winter.



K OF C HOOP SHOOT

If you are a boy or girl aged 10-14 and like to shoot a basketball, come to the Fr. Hayes Center on Saturday, January 16th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., for the Knights of Columbus annual foul shooting championship! There will be winners in each age group: 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 for boys and girls. Each contestant will shoot 15 foul shots. The person with the most baskets wins. The winners can compete in the district and state competitions. Bring your friends and have some basketball fun! Every contestant receives a certificate! Refreshments will be served for all! FMI, contact Mike Pizzo (797-6376), or Peter Rovnak (797-0795).

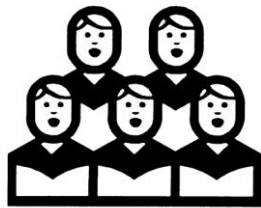
IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Your attention is called to the "SAFE ZONES" established in our parking lot shared with St. Brigid School. It is ESSENTIAL that all drivers adhere to the traffic flow restrictions indicated by the orange cones that are placed in the parking lot. The safety of St. Brigid students and St. Joseph Religious Ed students is dependent upon strict adherence to these driving restrictions. Also, St. Brigid School is seeking adult volunteers to help direct traffic in the school's drop-off area from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. FMI, call Mary Ann Russo (797-7073).

FINANCIAL PLANNING

St. Joseph's Women's Sodality will host a WISE FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR in the Fr. Hayes Center, January 14th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Chris Reilly, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Maine, will speak about socially responsible investing, values-based estate planning, and charitable planning. Chris has a strong background in financial, estate, and charitable planning. He is a certified financial planner, accredited asset management specialist, and a certified fund raising executive. This will prove to be a valuable seminar for all who attend.



YOUTH CHOIR

St. Joseph's Youth Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 10th.

HEALING SERVICE

Fr. John Bacevicius, O.F.M., will celebrate Mass followed by a healing service at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, January 10th, St. Anne Church, Gorham. FMI, call Kelly at 839-7727.



CHURCH SUPPORT

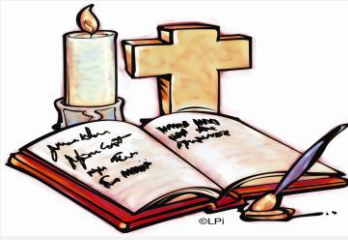
A total of 699 individuals attended Mass the weekend of December 19 – 20, and contributed \$8,325 to our church's offertory collection. **Thank you!** One year ago over the same weekend, 630 individuals attended Mass and contributed \$7,580 to the offertory.

We've reached the half-way mark of our fiscal year. Look to receive a complete rundown of where we stand year-to-date with our offertory collections compared to the previous year in next week's bulletin.

As we begin the second half of the current fiscal year, an anonymous parishioner has come forward with the intent of stimulating increased contributions to our weekly offertory collections. Each weekend that St. Joseph's offertory collection exceeds budgeted income, the anonymous parishioner will make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection. We wish to sincerely thank this anonymous parishioner and encourage all parishioners to contribute generously to the weekend collection, thereby, enabling us to achieve the needed budgeted offertory income.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF MAINE

Gifts of real property or your home (while you continue to live there for life) offer many benefits, including an income tax deduction, avoidance of capital gain tax, and the satisfaction of making a significant gift now (or later) to support St. Joseph Parish's endowment. FMI, contact Chris Reilly of the Catholic Foundation of Maine at 321-7820 or Christopher.Reilly@portlanddiocese.org.



Mass intentions

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

Monday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Peter Pellenz

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Victor Veazie

Thursday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Mary Johnson

Friday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Ann Forry

4:00 p.m. Joseph Casale

Sunday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Barbara & Robert Roukey

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

5:00 p.m. Robert Peck

CONNECTED CATHOLICS

Connected Catholics of Maine will meet this evening at 5:00 p.m., at Holy Martyrs Church, Falmouth. The group will also dine at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant, Portland on Saturday, January 9th, at 11:45 a.m. FMI, call Eileen at 829-6951.

A VOCATION VIEW

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister, or brother? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471,

Robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471,

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), or log onto www.capuchin/vocations.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S SODALITY

The January monthly meeting will be held on January 5th, with the rosary in the church at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting in the friary meeting room at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Larry Guertin, SFO, parish catechetical leader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Windham. Larry will discuss the Secular Franciscan Order.

Religious Education NEWS

REMINDER: There is an Informational meeting/workshop for parents of our second grade students and "catch-up" students on Wednesday, January 6th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fr. Hayes Center. If you are unable to attend this workshop, please contact Pam at 797-9509.

Did you know? The Twelve Days of Christmas start on Christmas Day and end on January 5th. Epiphany, January 6th, is the celebration of the wise men (The Magi) who visited Jesus and brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Epiphany signifies the end of the Christmas season.

CATHERINE MCAULEY

Catherine McAuley High School will be holding its final high school placement test for the class of 2014 on January 9th. Students who take this exam will be eligible for two academic scholarships. These scholarships are for the 8th grade students who have shown academic excellence by being the top ranking students, placing in the 97th percentile or higher nationally on the exam. Registration for the exam begins at 8:20 a.m., and the exam will end at 11:30 a.m. For further details, call the admissions office (797-3802). Walk-ins are welcome.



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1b-2

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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