

Saint Joseph's Church

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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Parish Directory

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

Ms. Pamela Fogg - Director

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School Website : www.sbrigids.com

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. Brigid Finance Committee: Monday, February 22nd, 6:45 p.m., school.
- St. Joseph Parish Council: Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:30 p.m., friary meeting room.
- Capital Campaign Volunteer Meeting: Thursday, February 25th, 7:00 a.m., friary meeting room.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

A VOCATION VIEW

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priest, deacons, and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, Robert.Vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, Ritamae.Bissonnette@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, or contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. (212-567-1300, brtimjones@yahoo.com), or log onto www.capuchin/vocations.org.



From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you who gave so generously to the special collection for the earthquake survivors in Haiti. Through the collection and direct donations to our Catholic Relief Services office, you have donated a total of \$424,200 to date (February 5) – one of the largest, if not the largest contributions for Haiti by a group of Maine people. 100% of the money donated will be used for emergency and ongoing assistance there.

You consistently live out the Gospel message of acting with compassion for the poor, in this case, the poorest of the poor, in Haiti. My gratitude and prayers go out to you every day.

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Portland

ST. BRIGID TAG BOARD

Take a look at the new St. Brigid Tag Board, located in the vestibule of the church, near the large bulletin board. The tag board offers opportunities to St. Joseph's parishioners to support our cluster school by offering service and/or donations or materials needed for the classrooms. Take a tag, perform the service or provide the needed supplies directly to the school office.

VERITAS

Veritas, Greater Portland's Adult Ministry serving ages 18-39, is hosting the following up-coming events:
*Veritas Planning Meeting: Monday, February 22nd, 6:30 p.m. at the Guild Hall behind the Cathedral on Congress Street.
*Casual Tuesday, February 23rd, an evening of young adult fellowship, 7:30 p.m., Gritty McDuff's on Fore Street, in the Old Port.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

This year's Parish Lenten Project urges us to practice almsgiving in a meaningful way. Our Parish Lenten Project will focus our almsgiving on the crisis in Haiti. Please take a mite box today. We ask that you drop your loose change in it. Return your mite box on Palm Sunday weekend (March 27/28). We will also designate donations to our church poor boxes during Lent for this purpose. All proceeds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

CLUSTER RETREAT

All are invited to attend a Cluster Retreat: Tuesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00 p.m., at St. Pius X Church, Ocean Avenue, Portland. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be available at the Wednesday, March 3rd service.

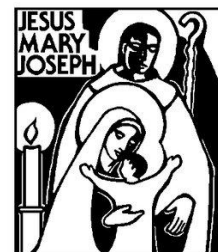
CHEVERUS HIGH SCHOOL

Cheverus High School will hold a Prospective Parent Information Night: Wednesday, March 3rd, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., topics to be presented: curriculum, financing a Cheverus education, college advising, Cheverus student panel. FMI, contact Kate Luke-Jenkins, 774-6238, ext. 35, email Luke-Jenkins@cheverus.org.

**PREBLE STREET/WAYSIDE
EVENING SOUP KITCHEN**

As of March 1st, Preble Street will serve all three meals a day at the soup kitchen, located at the Preble Street Resource Center. St. Joseph Parish volunteers have participated in the past on the first Wednesday of the month. This association, it is hoped, will continue. Dinner volunteers are needed from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., to help with the meal preparation, service and clean-up. There will always be a kitchen manager and social worker on hand at every meal to provide support. FMI, contact Kristin Rieff at krieff@preblestreet.org, or 775-0026, ext. 162.

**February
Month of
The Holy
Family**





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

Monday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Edward & Margaret Malone

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Virginia Lemieux

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Mary Sheridan

Thursday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins & Their Benefactors

Friday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Richard & Elizabeth Fogg

Saturday, February 27

8:00 a.m. G. Robert Pielmeier

4:00 p.m. Amanda Jeannotte

Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Evangeline Deroche

10:00 a.m. Andrew McCarthy

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family



CHURCH SUPPORT

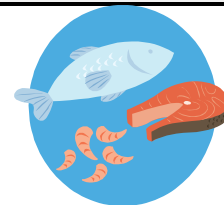
The weekend offertory collection last week totaled \$7,110. Although \$80 higher than last year over the same weekend, this was a bit short of \$280 increase that we required for us to achieve our "challenge goal". As most of you are sure to know by now, an anonymous parishioner has agreed to make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection from now through June 30th for each week that we exceed our "challenge goal". This week's offertory challenge goal is \$7,645.

Last weekend's second collection in support of our church's maintenance fund totaled \$2,535. Combining this amount with the amounts collected from two previous collections held this fiscal year, we accumulated a whopping \$8,475 of funds for use to maintenance related church projects. Outstanding! Two more collections for this special purpose are scheduled for later this year...the weekends of March 27-28 and May 22-23.

Did you know? Similar to other property owners throughout Portland, our church earlier this month received from the City of Portland its second half invoice for the 2010 real estate property tax. Although the church is tax-exempt, our friary is not. The invoice totaled \$5,640 with payment due early in March.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to attend a series of preparatory classes on Sunday evenings, beginning February 28th. The classes will be conducted by Deacon John McAuliffe at 7:00 p.m., on five consecutive Sundays during Lent, in the friary meeting room. The final class will be March 28th. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. Applicants must register in advance by contacting Fr. Don Bosco at 797-7026, ext. 203. Registration deadline: February 24th.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES SODALITY

will be hosting a Baked Haddock Dinner on Friday evening February 26th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., at the Fr. Hayes Center. The dinner will consist of baked haddock, mashed potatoes, roll, salad, dessert, water and/or coffee. Cost is \$7.00 per person (\$4.00 for children age 5 and under.) The proceeds will be shared by both groups so that they may continue their good works for the parish. Join us in community on this Lenten Friday. Please call in your reservations to the friary at 797-7026 before February 25th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

At the February 9th monthly meeting of our Knights, Kevin Dickinson and James Merrill were welcomed as the newest members of our church's Knights of Columbus. If your paths should cross with Kevin and James, please be sure to both congratulate and thank them for becoming part of an organization that does so many good deeds for our church and surrounding community.

Religious Education NEWS

Reminder: The First Eucharist Enrichment Day is on Saturday, March 6th.

