

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
 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
 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.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Saint John of God, religious
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Saint Frances of Rome, religious
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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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.

St. Brigid's Annual Auction

is coming up soon!! Save the date of March 26th and join us for what promises to be our best auction ever!!

Casino Royale is this year's theme. Have fun dressing up for an exciting event and take part in bidding for hundreds of high quality items during our silent and live auction. Even take a chance at the Black Jack tables!!

Where: Italian Heritage Center

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 12:00 Midnight

Dinner (Full Buffet) / Cash Bar/ Dancing

Cost per ticket: \$32.00. Tables seat 8-10

Tickets are available through St. Brigid School

All proceeds benefit St. Brigid School.

Hope to see you there!!



ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK

March 7 – March 13

In Loving Memory of

DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

TOWN HALL MEETING

Reminder: There will be a Town Hall Meeting next Sunday, March 14th, 2010 @ 2PM at St. Pius X regarding the Cluster Mass Schedule changes and any other Cluster matters.

ST. PATRICK'S



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR THE WEEK END OF February 28, 2010**

**Weekly Offertory was \$3,952.00
157 envelopes used**

**St. Brigid's was \$1,097.00
93 envelopes used**

Second Collection next wk will be for Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generosity-God Bless

WEEKLY GOAL \$5,850.00

ST. PIUS X



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR THE WEEK END OF February 28, 2010**

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,555.00
206 envelopes used**

St. Pius X monthly collection is March 7, 2010

Thank you for your generosity-God Bless!

WEEKLY GOAL \$5,500.00

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

ON SATURDAY, **MARCH 13 AT 5:30 P.M.**, FOLLOWING THE 4 P.M. MASS, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 101 WILL SERVE A TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER IN THE ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AT \$10.00. FOR THE UNDER 12 SET, \$5.00. SEATING IS LIMITED, SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY.

COME JOIN THE FUN. ALL ARE WELCOME. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER MASS BEGINNING FEB. 20. FOR MORE INFO OR TICKETS CALL PHIL CONLEY 774-9456 OR TED BORDUAS 773-8569.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 7.



THOSE WHO WISH TO HELP WITH PEELING VEGGIES FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER, PLEASE BE AT THE ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL AFTER THE 9AM MASS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12. BRING YOUR TOOLS PLEASE.

Meeting

ST. Patrick's Pastoral Council will meet this week, Wednesday, March 10th @ 7PM in the Parish Hall.

**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	Helene Neal	William Legge
James Taylor	Jean Dwyer	Paul Gagnon
Deborah Hannigan	M. McCarthy	Jean Schwalbenberg
Jerome Davis	James Breunig	Gina Layug
Fr. O'Toole	Stephen Rice	Jordan Place
John C.	Jeffrey Landry	Joanne Zwolinskai
Bill Siedel	Skip Stacki	Phyllis Henderson
John Wirtz	Sally Gagnon	Tommy Nee, Jr.

CATHERINE MCAULEY OPEN HOUSE

Catherine McAuley High School, Maine's only college-preparatory school for young women, will be hosting its annual Spring Open House for prospective students and their families on Wednesday **March 10, 2010 at 6pm**. Young women of all faiths are invited to our campus at 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland, for a program that will feature faculty presentations as well as a student panel. After the formal presentation, guided tours will be offered and information on financial aid and scholarship programs will be available. Come find out about the McAuley advantage.

Cheryl M Dedian, Admissions Representative Catherine McAuley High School, 631 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME. 207-797-3802 ext, 2942.

ST. PATRICK'S



SATURDAY, March 6, 2010

4:00 PM James & Marion Vasile by Peter & Stella Brolis

SUNDAY, March 7, 2010

8:00 AM For Our Parish

10:30 AM Patricia E. Nueslein by Barbara & Don Smith

MONDAY, March 8, 2010

9:00 AM Catherine Rielly by the Kelly Family

TUESDAY, March 9, 2010

9:00 AM Frederick Gleason by Joe & Eleanor Delaney

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010

9:00 AM Josephine N. Caron by Arnold & Connie Rosario

THURSDAY, March 11, 2010

9:00 AM Frederick Gleason by Michael & Liz Walsh

FRIDAY, March 12, 2010

9:00 AM Special Intention for Frank by Mary Belino

SATURDAY, March 13, 2010

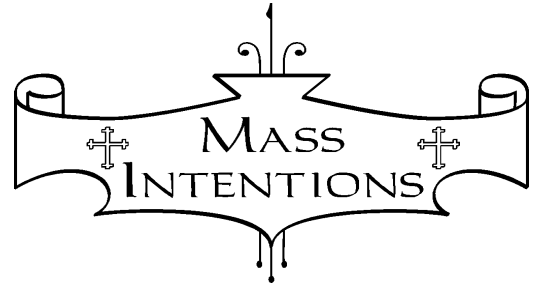
4:00 PM Josephine N. Caron by Camilla Burns

SUNDAY, March 14, 2010

8:00 AM Special Intention for Rocco Navarro by Mary Belino

10:30 AM Sharon Guimont McDermott by her Mother Alice

ST. PIUS X



MONDAY, March 8, 2010

DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER

9:00 AM Bob Pickett by Barbara & Terry Goodwin

TUESDAY, March 9, 2010

9:00 AM Edwards Boulos

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010

9:00 AM Kathryn Cousins by Pauline, Nancy & Pam

THURSDAY, March 11, 2010

9:00 AM Lillian Paszkiewicz by Andy & Sandy Litcher

FRIDAY, March 12, 2010

DEVOTION: 8:45 AM – MORNING PRAYER

9:00 AM Anne Marie Maloney

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

SATURDAY, March 13, 2010

4:30 PM Theresa D'Alfonso

SUNDAY, March 14, 2010

7:00 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Carl McCann Jr. by his Family

Don't go through divorce alone! You can find hope & healing in a "Divorce & Beyond" group. Our 8 wk. facilitated groups are a caring and compassionate place where you can share thoughts & feelings with others who are also experiencing the loss of a marriage. **A new group started Thursday night, March 4th in Falmouth and another group will be starting Tuesday night, March 16th in Cape Elizabeth.** Times are 6:30 – 8:30pm. For location, more information & to register for either group, call 871-7464, ext. 2672 (Portland area). E-mail: psm@ccmaine.org Pre-registration is required. For the comfort and confidentiality of our members, no walk-ins, please. Fee is \$25.00



**Eucharistic Adoration
at St. Pius**

More volunteers are presently needed to sign up for a regular weekly hour. If you can help, please call Mary @ 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 March 13, 2010

Eucharistic Ministers

*J. Lander
K. Joyce
T. Smith

Lector

M. E. Foley

8:00 A.M. Sunday March 14, 2010

Eucharistic Ministers

*P. Campbell
D. Levasseur
J. Morin

Lector

V. Goodwin

10:30 A.M. Sunday March 14, 2010

Eucharistic Ministers

*M. Arzigian
S. Richard
B. Smith

Lector

S. Orlando

ST. PIUS X

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. Saturday March 13, 2010

Eucharistic Ministers

A. Litcher
S. Litcher
A. Conroy

Lector

S. McGonagle

7:00 A.M. Sunday, March 14, 2010

Eucharistic Ministers

T. Donatelli
G. Donatelli

Lector

J. Grolley

9:00 A.M. Sunday, March 14, 2010

Eucharistic Ministers

R. Doman
J. Leonard
D. Lyons
B. Mack

Lector

A. Doman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner for the Women's Fellowship will be **March 9th @ 6PM** in the Parish Hall of St. Patrick's. All activities for the evening will take place in the Parish Hall.



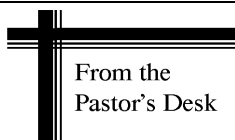
The St. Patty's Bake Sale by the Women's Fellowship will be March 13th after the 4PM Mass. Please drop off food donations prior to the 4PM Mass in the entrance of the Church at St. Patrick's. If you have any questions, please call Margo Conley at 761-0874.

Shaws Community Rewards Program Up-Date for St. Pius X Parish.

The quarterly report for January 2010 is \$114.91! Total amount of money raised for St. Pius X Parish since our participation in the program is \$231.68. All that money was raised simply by grocery shopping. If you would like to sign up and participate in this program to help earn money for St. Pius X Parish go to <http://www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws/> and register. You will need your orange shopper card number (if you do not have a Shaws shopper card you can get one at the service desk at any Shaws Supermarket) and your phone number. Then shop at Shaws on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and a percentage of your bill goes into the St. Pius X Rewards account. At the end of the quarter Shaws sends the church a check!

If you have any trouble registering, call the customer rewards team at 1-877-742-9767.

If you do not have computer access but would like to register, call Mary @775-3032 ext. 201, in the parish office and she will help get you set up. Thank you to everyone that is participating in the Shaws Rewards Program for St. Pius X Parish!



Religious Education

Our students have been busy this winter in the Religious Education classes.

All the children in grades K through 8 made "Spiritual Bouquets" for our wonderful priests, to help celebrate the "Year of the Priests". Their awesome cards are on display on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

The K – grade 1 students have been enjoying their Promise leaflets that help them learn how to follow Jesus. There is usually a little project to go along with the lesson.

Grade 2 students have completed a section on Confirmation. They are learning about the mass with Father Lafontaine during two Sunday classes. A workshop on Baptism and Confirmation is scheduled on Saturday March 13th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the parish hall.

Students in grades 3 through 8 are reviewing the sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance with their catechists. They will be able to go to confession during regular class time on Sunday March 14th.

Valentine cards were made for our parish shut-ins by students in grades 3 through 5. I often hear from the people, how much they enjoy the cards the children made for them.

Our catechists all work so hard to make the classes interesting and fun as they share their faith with your children. Our parishes are very blessed to have these wonderful people volunteer for our program.

In closing, I wanted to quote an excerpt from a homework assignment of third grader Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, CA, who had to explain God. "One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He just leaves that to mothers and fathers."

God Bless,
Sandy Litcher



K.C. Council 101 – The Knights of Columbus, Council 101 will have their monthly **BOTTLE DRIVE** next weekend, March 13th & 14th. Please leave all bottles & cans in the vestibule of St. Patrick's church. The Knights thank you for helping them to support our local charities.

Council 2983 – The Knights of Columbus, Council 2983 meets the **1st Tuesday** of the month @ 7PM in the St. Pius X Parish Hall.

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

K.C. Council 11257 – The Knights of Columbus, Council 11257 meets the **2nd Tuesday of the month** @ 7PM in the Friary Room @ St. Joseph's.

Your Knights of Columbus, **Council #101**, will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses at St. Patrick's this weekend.

These are our annual **Charity Fundraiser Raffle Tickets**. All Money raised from this raffle is donated back to local charities.

This past year we were able to award over \$10,000 to local charities from this fund.

We only sell 200 tickets, so your odds of winning are good.

Tickets are \$100 each.

First prize is \$5,000; Second prize is \$1,500; Third Prize is \$1,000.

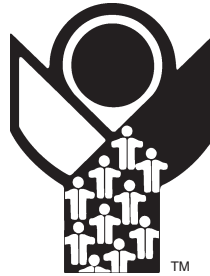
The drawing will be held at our annual St. Paddy's Day Corned Beef Dinner on March 13th @ 7PM.

We thank you in advance for helping us assist the local Portland Charities.

SEA DOGS TICKETS

Council #2983 at St. Pius X will be selling Sea Dogs tickets, 5 for \$20.00. This is a \$15.00 savings to the customer. It is good for any game other than July 5. This is a great way to get the family out and enjoy the Sea Dogs. If interested, please contact Mike Matthes at 878-3017, Andy Chapman at 879-0069 or any Knight from Msgr. Houlihan council #2983.

DISCIPLES IN MISSION SERVE OTHERS IN LOVE



LENT ASKS US TO LOOK INTO OUR HEARTS. IT ISN'T ONLY CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO ENTER THE CHURCH WHO SHOULD LOOK INTO THEIR HEARTS. WE ALL SHOULD. OUR HEARTS, AFTER ALL, EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST JOY WHEN OUR IDEALS ARE HIGH AND OUR MOTIVATIONS PURE. WHAT KIND OF "SCRUTINY" IS GOD ASKING OF ME THIS LENT?

Expectations

Sometimes we are pleasantly surprised.

Although we expected the runaround, we didn't get it. Although we expected to stand in line for a long time, it didn't happen. Although we rushed someplace during our lunch hour, worried that the official we needed to see would be out, the official wasn't. When we were sure the salespeople would be least helpful, we were surprised: we were advised so well that we left the store knowing we got exactly what we wanted and needed.

Our needs have so often been slighted by people who put themselves first that we are surprised when this doesn't happen. We are pleasantly surprised when people actually take our needs into consideration—when they see our satisfaction as their mission.

Motivations

When it's so easy to be cynical about the motivations of other people, we believers, especially, need to understand our own. Either we are out to serve ourselves or we are out to serve another person in his or her true needs. Often it is easy for us, particularly in the name of evangelization, to stereotype someone who's right in front of us, rather than truly engaging that person and discovering what the Spirit of God may be doing in his or her heart.

The Church asks us to be very clear about our motivations, particularly in the light of our sometimes-checked history.

We evangelize not to increase our membership, not to prove we are right and others wrong, not to make ourselves look good, not to conquer and not to shame. These, and

other, similar, objectives, do not have the Gospel or the other person as the objective. They are all self-serving.

We evangelize in order to serve the other in love with God's Good News.

The U.S. bishops, when they drew up *Go and Make Disciples*, placed special emphasis on our motivation. In the light of how easily the motives for evangelization can be questioned, the bishops wanted to make sure that Catholics would operate out of unquestioned motivation. (See pp. 4-5.)

- The first motivation comes not from ourselves, but from Jesus Christ who, because of God's desire to bring everyone into his fullness, came to reach out to all people. We follow Christ's command.
- We evangelize so people can come to realize in a full and explicit way the tug of grace, which is part of every life. When even believers often find themselves resisting God, what about those who do not have the help of revelation, the sacraments, and God's teaching?
- We evangelize because God's word is wisdom and truth. Through it God would bring enlightenment to all, that we may know the purpose of our existence, the destiny to which we are called, and the path God gives us to follow.
- We evangelize because God calls all humans to union with his divine life.

● We evangelize because we know that Jesus is God's unique revelation. He is the One sent by God, who embodies grace and life.

● Most of all, we evangelize because of our love for other people and our desire to help them receive the priceless gift that God has given us: faith. Our experience of the love of Christ makes us want to share it.

Love is the Way

These motivations that the bishops explore can only be pure if we act out of true love for the other person. Love respects, listens, sympathizes and puts the other person first. It does not operate from power, nor does it manipulate or dismiss the experience of another.

Love, rather, places the other in the center and trusts God's grace so much that when we invite, when we share, when we explain, the other sees God rather than our own egos. Since people in our society sometimes feel used by religion, keeping our egos and interests out of faith is all the more important.

With all the games going on in the name of religion, we can surprise others by not playing any of them ourselves.

Reflection

Recall the best religious discussion you ever had. Try to identify the reasons why the sharing was so effective.

Action

Look over the motivations for evangelization listed by the bishops. Which ones resonate most deeply with your own experience?

Prayer

FOR GOD IS MY WITNESS, HOW I LONG FOR ALL OF YOU WITH THE AFFECTION OF CHRIST JESUS. AND THIS IS MY PRAYER: THAT YOUR LOVE MAY INCREASE EVER MORE AND MORE IN KNOWLEDGE AND EVERY KIND OF PERCEPTION, TO DISCERN WHAT IS OF VALUE, SO THAT YOU MAY BE PURE AND BLAMELESS FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST.

(PHILIPPIANS 1:8-10)