

Saint Joseph's Church

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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Portland, Maine 04103

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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

- Disciples In Mission Small Group: Monday, March 8th, 6:30 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Brigid School Board: Tuesday, March 9th, 6:45 p.m., school library.
- St. Joseph Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

IRISH BREAD SALE

St. Joseph's Women's Sodality will hold an Irish Bread Sale in the vestibule of the church after the Masses next weekend.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend is the annual collection to support the work of Catholic Relief Services throughout the world.

Welcome!

St. Joseph's Parish Family welcomes Fr. Jim Lafontaine, SJ, who will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass today. Fr. Jim will also celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 21st.

OPEN MEETING: MASS TIMES

There will be an important open meeting next Sunday, March 14th, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Pius X Church to discuss the proposed revised Mass times for the churches of our cluster. All are invited.

MCAULEY OPEN HOUSE

Catherine McAuley High School, 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland, will host its annual Spring Open House for prospective students and families on Wednesday, March 10th, at 6:00 p.m. After the formal presentation, guided tours will be offered and financial aid and scholarship program information will be available.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lighthouse Catholic Media, the largest distributor of Catholic talks on CD and DVD, is looking for motivated account managers who are energetic, organized, and enthusiastic about sharing their Catholic faith. FMI, contact Susan Daigle at Susan4Lighthouse@gmail.com, 316-5792, or log onto www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.org.

FR. BERNARD SMITH, OFM CAP

We have received the sad news that Fr. Bernard Smith, OFM Cap. died suddenly on Monday, March 1st, at St. Joachim Friary, Beacon, NY. Fr. Bernard was the first Capuchin Franciscan pastor of our parish (1977-1981). He also served as provincial minister of the Capuchin Province of St. Mary from 1996 to 2002. Fr. Bernard last visited St. Joseph's on the occasion of our centennial observance last October. The funeral was celebrated on Friday, March 5th at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers, NY. Burial followed in the friars cemetery in Yonkers. May he rest in peace!

**THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL MASS
MONDAY, MARCH 8 at 7:00 PM**

CHURCH SUPPORT

A total of 692 individuals attended our four Masses last weekend and contributed \$7,245 to our offertory. This was \$1,020 less than what was collected last year over the same weekend and as a result, we were unsuccessful in achieving our "challenge goal". As a reminder, an anonymous parishioner has agreed to make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection from now through June 30 for each week that we exceed our "challenge goal" of a 4% increase in our weekly offertory over last year. This week's offertory challenge goal is \$7,645.

Did you know? We have reached the 2/3 mark of our church's fiscal year that runs from July 1st through June 30th. Thus far, offertory collections have totaled a whopping \$300,725. This amount is \$1,185 higher than during the same period last year. Your continued financial support of our church is **most appreciated. Thank you!**

RETREAT NOTICES

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center (284-5671) will offer the following retreats:

- March 6th – "Pathways to Prayer for Young Adults", with Sr. Linda Mae Plourde, PM and a team of presenters.
- March 19th – 21st – "Walking in the Bright Darkness of Faith: Keeping Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus", with Sr. Susan Frederick, PM and Sr. Sylvia Genesse, PM.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

A parishioner has recently inquired about the availability of securing transportation to and from weekend Mass. The parishioner lives in the Princeton Pines Apartments on Forest Avenue, Portland. Please call the parish office (797-7026, ext. 201) if you are able to provide this service



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

Monday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Francis Colburn

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 10

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Thursday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Oliver Ryan

Friday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 p.m. Robert Carrigan

Sunday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Evangeline Deroche

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins
& Their Benefactors

DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of February 25th, \$341,180 has been donated/pledged to the diocesan capital campaign here at St. Joseph Parish. Using the formula that 25% of funds raised will be returned to the parish, \$85,295.00 will be received here at St. Joseph's if all pledges are fulfilled. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the capital campaign. Your thoughtful generosity is very much appreciated. Sincere thanks to the volunteers who contacted and visited parishioners on behalf of the capital campaign. Without your help, the campaign would not have been fruitful. Sincere thanks to our parish staff who promoted the capital campaign and performed all the necessary clerical work. The Church of Maine, as well as St. Joseph Parish, have been blessed by your efforts!

Religious Education NEWS

THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE!!

There is NO Youth Mass on March 14th. The Youth Mass has been rescheduled for March 21st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

The Youth Choir will meet at 9:15 a.m. on March 21st to practice before Mass.

FLU PROTOCOLS AT MASS TO BE LIFTED

Bishop Malone, in consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and his own staff, has decided to lift the temporary H1N1 protocols at Mass effective Palm Sunday weekend (March 27/28, 2010). As of Palm Sunday weekend, the liturgy will be celebrated according to the usual norms that include the invitation to exchange the sign of peace and to share the Precious Blood at Holy Communion. Parishioners or those who exercise ministry during the liturgy are urged to stay home if they are ill, for their own health and that of others. However, if they do attend Mass, they should refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace or receiving from the chalice at Holy Communion.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The month of March has been designated as new member "recruitment month" for our Knights! If you've ever had an interest in joining this wonderful organization, but are not sure how to go about it, give Mike Pizzo a call at 797-6326. Mike would be more than happy to speak with you and answer all of your questions.

Our Knights are guided by four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They are an 80 member volunteer organization that meets the second Tuesday of each month throughout the school year.

ST. BRIGID'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Is coming 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 change 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!!



This is the third and final year of Disciples in Mission during Lent and we definitely have to be thankful for all the participants in St. Joseph's, St. Pius and St. Patrick's parishes who are participating in this evangelizing experience. Thank you to all and a special thanks to all our group leaders. If it weren't for you sharing your time and talents this missionary experience would not be possible. Please pray for your fellow parishioners as they continue to partake on this spiritual journey during Lent.



S T. JOSEPHS WOMENS SODALITY IRISH BREAD BAKE SALE



Saturday, March 13th after the 4:00 PM mass.

and

Sunday, March 14th after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM masses

**Proceeds from this fund raiser is used to fund
Community Outreach charitable events.**