

# 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

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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.



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Savings Time
Monday: Lenten Weekday
Tuesday: Lenten Weekday
Wednesday: Saint Patrick, bishop
Thursday: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the church
Friday: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: Lenten Weekday
Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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.

TOWN HALL MEETING

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



ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK

March 14 - March 20

In Loving Memory of MARTIN JENNINGS

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**



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP  
FOR THE WEEK END OF MARCH 7, 2010**

**Weekly Offertory was \$5,414.00**  
*174 envelopes used*

**Fuel & Energy was \$1,215.00**  
*119 envelopes used*

*Second Collection next wk will be for Repairs & Maintenance*

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

**WEEKLY GOAL \$5,850.00**

**ST. PIUS X**



**YOUR GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP  
FOR THE WEEK END OF MARCH 7, 2010**

**Weekly Offertory was \$4,965.00**  
*230 envelopes used*

**Special monthly collection was \$2,076.65**  
*171 envelopes used*

**Collection for Fuel & Energy will be next  
weekend 3/21/2010**

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

**WEEKLY GOAL \$5,500.00**



**ST. PATRICK'S CASH CALANDER WINNERS**

- February 13, 2010 – **CHRIS NOYES** - \$20.00
- February 14, 2010 – **PAULINE HONTZ** - \$50.00
- February 15, 2010 – **ROMEO & BELEN CUSTODIO** - \$20.00
- February 16, 2010 – **ROBERT CONNOLLY** - \$20.00
- February 17, 2010 – **MARY JOYCE** - \$100.00
- February 18, 2010 – **JERRY CONLEY** - \$20.00
- February 19, 2010 – **BELEN & ROMEO CUSTODIO** - \$20.00
- February 20, 2010 – **LINDA C'ORCORAN** - \$20.00
- February 21, 2010 – **RAYE & LARRY LAUZE** - \$40.00
- February 22, 2010 – **MARGARET M. FOLEY** - \$20.00
- February 23, 2010 – **JOHN BROWN** - \$20.00
- February 24, 2010 – **JIM CURRAN** - \$20.00
- February 25, 2010 – **LEONA ARSENAULT** \$20.00
- February 26, 2010 – **LORRAINE M. AFTHIM** - \$20.00

**Reminder:** There will be a big \$250 drawing this month & anyone is still welcome to purchase a calendar. You can contact Ellen Pirone or get one in the back of the church and put the \$ & stubs in the collection basket.

**Prayer Requests for both  
St. Pius and St. Patrick's**

**Please remember these people in your prayers**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

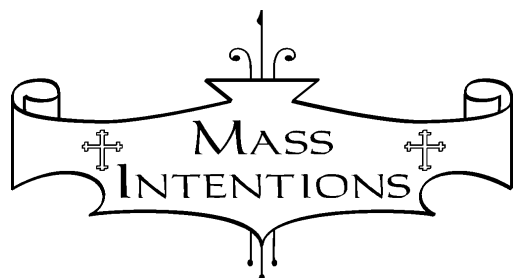
Maureen Foley-Bolling	Shelley Hamilton Masters	Michelle Whitten Sawyer
Michael Monsivais	Lisa Savard	Bonnie Peteillo
Carolyn Cabral	Helene Neal	William Legge
James Taylor	Jean Dwyer	Paul Gagnon
Deborah Hannigan	M. McCarthy	Jean Schwalbenberg
Jerome Davis	James Breunig	Gina Layug
Fr. O'Toole	Stephen Rice	Jordan Place
John C.	Jeffrey Landry	Joanne Zwolinskai
Bill Siedel	Skip Stacki	Phyllis Henderson
John Wirtz	Sally Gagnon	Tommy Nee, Jr.



**St. Pius X & St. Patrick's Parishes -**

If you would like to give a donation towards the Easter Flowers that adorn our Sanctuary on Easter in memory of your loved one(s), envelopes will be available in the basket on the table in the church entryway. You may put your Easter Flower envelope in the offertory basket or mail it to the parish office. We will list the names of those being remembered on the church bulletin board Easter Sunday. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**ST. PATRICK'S**



**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

**MONDAY, March 15, 2010**

9:00 AM Edward S. Boulos, Jr. by Mary Regan

**TUESDAY, March 16, 2010**

9:00 AM Ralph Larochele by the Lake Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2010**

9:00 AM Edward Allen Edwards by David Allen

**THURSDAY, March 18, 2010**

9:00 AM Thomas DeCoursey by Wallace v. DeCoursey

**FRIDAY, March 19, 2010**

9:00 AM Kathleen DiBiase by Elaine King

**SATURDAY, March 20, 2010**

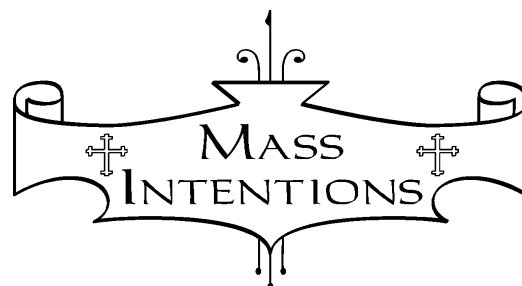
4:00 PM Josephine N. Caron by Judy Pasquali

**SUNDAY, March 21, 2010**

8:00 AM Shirley Colton by John Brown & Family

10:30 AM Mark Werden by Christopher & Ellen Pirone

**ST. PIUS X**



**MONDAY, March 15, 2010**

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

9:00 AM Theresa Baudone D'Alfonso by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hebert

**TUESDAY, March 16, 2010**

9:00 AM Theresa F. Grassi by Midge Eldridge

**WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2010**

9:00 AM Jack Welch by Family

**THURSDAY, March 18, 2010**

9:00 AM Leo Agurto Zapata by Family

**FRIDAY, March 19, 2010**

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

9:00 AM John J. Messina by John & Rosaria Walsh

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30 AM*

*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – 4:45 PM*

**SATURDAY, March 20, 2010**

4:30 PM Margaret Goodine by Her Loving Husband

**SUNDAY, March 21, 2010**

7:00 AM Robert Pickett by Frank & Susan Gardiar

9:00 AM Our Parish Family



**St. Brigid's School:** This Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Brigid's School students, grades 3-8<sup>th</sup>, will be attending the 9AM Mass @ St. Patrick's Church. A reception for parishioners and students will be held in the parish hall immediately following mass. Please join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



**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 20, 2010

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
*P. Conley	J. Hall
S. Conley	
M. A. Weston	

**8:00 A.M.** Sunday March 21, 2010

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
*B. Green	P. Leblond
J. Brown	
M. Whitney	

**10:30 A.M.** Sunday March 21, 2010

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
*T. Borduas	N. Ouellette
S. Borduas	
L. Savard	

**ST. PIUS X**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**4:30 P.M.** Saturday March 20, 2010

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
S. Heald	D. Reese
J. Selberg	
V. Stratchko	
C. Perillo	

**7:00 A.M.** Sunday, March 21, 2010

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
D. Desimone	J. Desimone
L. Landry	

**9:00 A.M.** Sunday, March 21, 2010

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sr. Claire	C. Terracciano
S. Capriola	
E. Tosi	
Z. Paul	



**RUMMAGE SALE** The Women's Fellowship & Knights of Columbus 101 of St. Patrick's will have their Rummage Sale on **APRIL 16th and 17th, from 9AM – 1PM** in the Parish Hall of St. Patrick's. We request donations of **clean** salable clothing, household items & lines, small appliances in working order, dishes, glasses, etc. We love Books too, but **NO** Text Books or Encyclopedias, **PLEASE**.



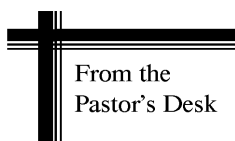
Sorry, but we cannot accept outdated computers, TV's & large furniture (due to more restrictive disposal rules). If you have any questions about donations, please call Margaret or Kent @ 773-3610 or Pat @ 774-6820. Items may be dropped off at St. Patrick's Parish Hall from 9:30AM – 4PM weekdays starting April 12<sup>th</sup> **or** by appointment if you call Linda @ 772-6325. Parish Hall will be **open April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 4PM for drop off as well.**

**Looking forward to seeing all our faithful & hard working volunteers.**

**Shaws Rewards Program.** 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 Mary, 775-3032 ext. 201. She'll be happy to help you. Your support is appreciated.



**HELP! St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen has NO men's trousers in their store room! They need men's work trousers or blue jeans, sizes 32 through 42 waist, as quickly as possible. Please, no dress or fancy pants! Thank you for your help.**



A Prayer of Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

- No statement says all that could be said.
- No prayer fully expresses our faith.
- No confession brings perfection.
- No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
- No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
- No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

- We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
- We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
- We lay foundations that will need further development.
- We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Fr. James Lafontaine, S.J.

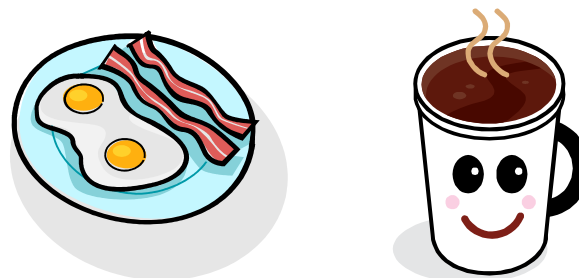


**K.C. Council 101** – The Knights of Columbus, Council 101 meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of the month @ 7PM in the KC Room at St. Patrick's.

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

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

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



- **Knights of Columbus Council 2983 will be hosting a parish breakfast at the St. Pius Parish hall on Sunday, March 21. Cost is \$6 Adults & \$3 Children 12 & younger.**
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**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 PLAN TO EVANGELIZE



THIS FOURTH WEEK OF LENT, PARISH MINISTERS ARE INCREASING THEIR EFFORTS AND PLANNING FOR EASTER. THE MUSIC, THE SERVICES, THE FINAL PREPARATION OF THOSE WHO WILL ENTER THE CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL—ALL THIS AND MORE MUST BE DONE FOR THE GREAT FEAST.

## Building the Kingdom with Plans

The pastor looked around the room. It was late on a Saturday afternoon and the pastoral council had spent several hours talking about the future of the parish.

“Well,” he said, “it seems very clear that if we continue doing the same things, we are going to keep getting similar results. If we want to do and be something different, then we have to try new and different things.”

While most of us want our parishes—like the rest of life—to become better, we also want them to remain the same. We don’t want to face the changes that are necessary for improvement. So change doesn’t seem to happen at all, or it happens only with much stress. Or, worse yet, when changes come, they are not good ones.

Perhaps our problem is that we don’t really believe that parishes need to develop and follow the same planning processes that other organizations do. We think that church happens without planning.

And then we’re surprised when nothing changes for the better.

## The Power of Planning

We all admire people who have the capacity to get things done. “How do you do it all?” we ask. Invariably, they say it’s planning: the ability to look ahead, see what’s required, estimate the resources that are necessary, and then bring people and resources together to a desired end.

A pastor, for example, realized that his parish had to do new things to reach new people. He and his evangelization team realized that young people in the neighborhood, because of drugs and other urban plagues, were hurting badly. The team and the pastoral council organized a healing Mass. The team made posters; parishioners spread the word. Scores of young adults came that spring Sunday, to be prayed over and receive a sign of hope.

All parishes need planning. The pastoral council that absolves itself from planning will be the pastoral council that merely maintains—if it’s lucky—the status quo. The major efforts of a parish, particularly in worship and education, require careful planning. So do finances and a host of other parish activities.

This is all the more true when it comes to evangelization. Although it is the fundamental mission of the Church, parishes are so unaccustomed to evangelizing that, without plans, nothing new is likely to happen. And new things *need* to happen. Right within the parish's boundaries are people searching for the Gospel, people thinking about returning to the Church, uninvolved youth needing to be formed in the faith, and parishioners looking for a deeper experience of the Gospel. Often parishes, with their usual planning, or lack of it, don't reach these very people.

Only planning can make these and other activities possible. Of course, plans by themselves will do nothing. A parish community empowered by the Holy Spirit, centered on Christ and living for God's kingdom, must first be formed. Only then can the Church's mission be carried out. But planning, too, is essential.

The bishops highlight planning in *Go and Make Disciples*: "We envision groups of Catholics reading this plan together, discussing its implications, and being stimulated by the range of suggested strategies. We see these groups seeking to do things, both within and beyond their

own Catholic communities, in ways that make sense for their locale and situation" (p. 11).

## Steps

Planning helps a parish translate its vision into practical steps. It lays down goals, objectives to help attain those goals, strategies to move toward those objectives, and tasks for committed parishioners to work on together in a system of sharing, support, and accountability.

Even the most difficult programs come down to the same thing: understanding and carrying out the steps involved.

*Disciples in Mission* asks your parish to plan for evangelization. Discussion, preaching, reflection, and prayer create the basis on which a parish plans evangelizing activities. These activities build new relationships that provide the resources for parish planning.

As you grasp what evangelization means, grasp as well what planning for evangelization can mean in your own parish community.

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## Reflection

Read Luke 14:28-32. Reflect on how planning plays a part in these parables.

## Action

Try to plan one change in your personal life. Write out a goal, develop some objectives and strategies, and form a schedule to carry them out. What are the results?

## Prayer

THE LORD ANSWER YOU IN TIME OF DISTRESS, THE NAME OF THE GOD OF JACOB DEFEND YOU! MAY GOD SEND YOU HELP FROM THE TEMPLE, FROM ZION BE YOUR SUPPORT. MAY GOD REMEMBER YOUR EVERY OFFERING, GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT YOUR HOLOCAUST, GRANT WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART, FULFILL YOUR EVERY PLAN. MAY WE SHOUT FOR JOY AT YOUR VICTORY, RAISE THE BANNERS IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD.

(PSALM 20:2-6)