

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Disciples In Mission Reflection Evening:** Monday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m., friary meeting room.
- **Cluster 28 Transition Committee:** Monday, May 3rd, 7:15 p.m., St. Patrick Rectory.
- **St. Joseph Parish Council Executive Committee:** Tuesday, May 4th, 5:00 p.m., friary office.
- **St. Joseph Women's Sodality:** Tuesday, May 4th, 7:00 p.m., rosary in church, followed by meeting in friary meeting room.

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. All are invited to participate in St. Joseph's Mother's Day Novena of Masses, a series of nine Masses that will be celebrated in our church from May 9th to the 17th. Envelopes are available in the budget envelope packets and at the exits of the church.

2010 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

St. Joseph Parish's annual celebration of wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, May 16th. Parishioners who are observing a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary at any time during 2010 will be invited to renew their marriage vows during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Following the Mass, a festive breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus in the Fr. Hayes Center. Each couple may invite 10 guests to the breakfast. If you are a registered parishioner and your special anniversary occurs this year, please call the parish office (797-7026, ext. 201) before the May 9th deadline.



For our third and final year, Disciples In Mission will be holding an Evening of Reflection on **Monday, May 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, followed by a social half-hour. We will meet in the friary meeting room. **ALL ARE INVITED!** Please fill in a registration slip found at any of the church entrances or exits and drop it in the Evening of Reflection box located on the tables. **Thank you!**

**McAULEY 5K RUN FOR HOPE**

The 4th Annual 5K USATF Certified "Run for Hope" will take place on May 15th, at 10:00 a.m., at McAuley High School. A 2.5 mile walk will begin at 10:15 a.m. Pre-registration (\$15) closes May 13th. Registration on the day of the race is \$20. Proceeds benefit the Jim & Maxine Pouravelis Scholarship Fund. FMI or to register, call 797-3809 or log onto www.McAuleyhs.org.

**FUTURE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS**

The second collection at Masses next weekend is the special annual collection to fund the training and formation of future Capuchin Franciscan Friars in the Province of St. Mary. Proceeds will be added to the St. Joseph Parish, Portland Burse.

2010 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2010 Bishop's Appeal will commence the weekend of May 8th and 9th. Commitment weekend, when parishioners will have the opportunity to complete a pledge/donation card, is scheduled for the weekend of May 15th and 16th. The purpose of the Annual Bishop's Appeal is to fund the day-to-day operations of the Diocese of Portland. It should not be confused with the \$40 Million Capital Campaign, whose purpose was to endow major areas of Church life in Maine. St. Joseph Parish's goal for the 2010 Bishop's Appeal is \$50,000.

A VOCATION VIEW

"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother. 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, contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. (212-567-1300, brtimjones@yahoo.com), or log onto www.capuchin/vocations.org.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

A national day of prayer for our nation will be held at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Scarborough, on Thursday, May 6th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Beck

Tuesday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballatine

Thursday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Frederick Lesniak

Friday, May 7

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Dibiase

4:00 p.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

Sunday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Mother's Novena

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of May 2nd in memory of Robert Marley, Sr.

CHURCH SUPPORT



The offertory collections for the past two weekends totaled \$14,190. We are pleased to report that we successfully achieved our "challenge goal" of a 4% increase for last weekend's offertory. This is the eighth time since the first of the year that we've achieved our challenge. Outstanding!

As most of you are aware as regular readers of the church bulletin, 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 \$9,135.

Last weekend's second collection to benefit the Catholic Home Mission Appeal totaled \$1500. Thank you for your continued financial support of our church!



PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 2983 will sponsor a pasta and meatball dinner, complete with salad, coffee, tea, punch and dessert, Saturday, May 8th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., in the St. Pius X Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Avenue, Portland. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Program. FMI, call Eleanor or Lou Harrigan at 839-3078.



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Fresh carnations will be available on Mother's Day in recognition of the sacrifices of motherhood and in honor of the wonderful mothers in our parish! In addition to thanking moms for their gift of life, your participation in this program also helps promote a Culture of Life right here in Maine. Suggested donation is \$1 each. Proceeds benefit the Maine Right To Life Committee. Your generous support is greatly appreciated! **Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful Moms!**

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Joseph's Parish Family offers its prayerful congratulations to all who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist yesterday: *Joseph Baur, Elliott Bopp, Emily Broome, Braeden Bryce, Ella Candage, Lily Carrigan, Talia Casale, Jack Chaput, Antonio Ciccomancini, Elena Clifford, Antonio Custodio, Alexander Eisenhart, Miranda Eisenhart, Celia Ellis, Oliver Ellis, John Ennis, Alice Fernandez, Alexiis Fiore, Aisling Flaherty, Giovanni Fornaro, Luke Fournier, Gage Gruber, Blake Harrington, Joseph Harrington, Caitlin Kennedy-Jensen, Joseph Macaluso, Olivia Morgan, Zachary Morgan, Mikiya Morin, Angela Nguyen, Brian Riley, Liam Riley, Matthew Sarapas, Erin Schnupp, Nyome Baldinelli, Emily Bassford, Autumn Bournival-Booth, Michael Brown, Liam Cooledge, Sean Cunningham, Samson DeSalle, Caitlin DiRocco, Thomas Downey, Rafael Espineli, Meghan Flaherty, Ava Gaudet, Payson Harvey, Macklin Kelly, Angeline Le, Jacob Lufkin, Samuel Lufkin, Jack Martin, Joshua Mayberry, Tyler McAlister, Megan O'Neil, Kayleigh Parker, Marin Provencher, David Reilly, Annalise Rodrigue, Collin Rodrigue, Dominic Russo, Hannah Talon, Benjamin Theriault, Sean Tompkins, Margaret Walsh, Ashlynn White, Samantha White, Natalie Sheehan, Claire Sheehy, Cathryn St. Laurent, Alasdair Swett, Sarah Symalla, Nhung Thai, Matthew Violette, Augustus VonVogt, Noelle Walker, Sarah Wentworth, Hannah Woodford.*