

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- St. Joseph Finance Committee: Monday, January 11th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, Tuesday, January 12th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- Financial Planning Seminar: Thursday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m., Fr. Hayes Center.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your attention is called to the "SAFE ZONES" established in our parking lot shared with St. Brigid School. It is ESSENTIAL that all drivers adhere to the traffic flow restrictions indicated by the orange cones that are placed in the parking lot. The safety of St. Brigid students and St. Joseph Religious Ed students is dependent upon strict adherence to these driving restrictions. Also, St. Brigid School is seeking adult volunteers to help direct traffic in the school's drop-off area from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. FMI, call Mary Ann Russo (797-7073).



K OF C HOOP SHOOT

If you are a boy or girl aged 10-14 and like to shoot a basketball, come to the Fr. Hayes Center on Saturday, January 16th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., for the Knights of Columbus annual foul shooting championship! There will be winners in each age group for boys and girls: 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Each contestant will shoot 15 foul shots. The person with the most baskets wins. The winners can compete in the district and state competitions. Bring your friends and have some basketball fun! Every contestant receives a certificate! Refreshments will be served for all! FMI, contact Mike Pizzo (797-6376) or Peter Rovnak (797-0795).

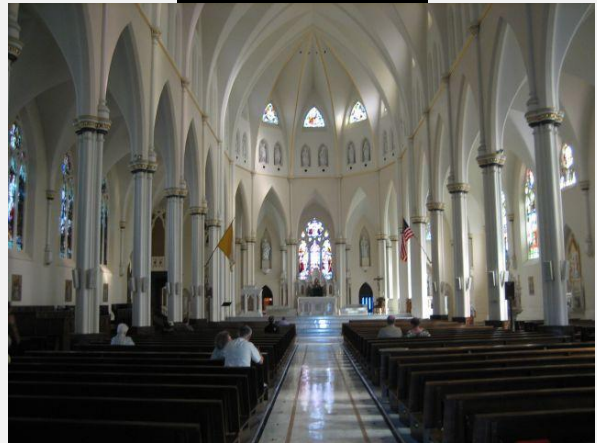
NEEDY IN OUR MIDST

Thanks to all who have donated to the St. Joseph's Fund for the Needy (December poor boxes) and to parishioners who have contributed gift cards in the weekend offertory collections. We are able to distribute Shaw's and Hannaford's gift cards totaling \$1,695. This is a tangible sign of the goodness that resides in the hearts of St. Joseph's parishioners and friends. Thank you!

A VOCATION VIEW

"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased". Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, religious sister, or brother? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, Robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, ritamaebissonnette@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.

ANNUAL MASSES

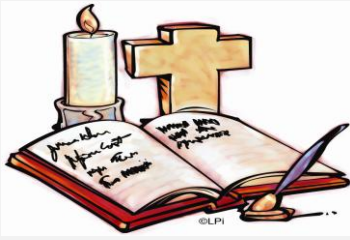


Bishop Malone will soon celebrate the following annual Masses:
***Mass for Consecrated Life:
 Saturday, February 6th, 4:00 p.m.,
 at the Cathedral in Portland.**
***Mass to honor and pray for all medical personnel:
 Sunday, February 7th, 10:00 a.m. at
 the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Lewiston**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The January monthly meeting for our Knights will occur this upcoming Tuesday, January 12th, at 7:00 p.m., in the friary meeting room. If you're an existing Knight that hasn't been a regular meeting attendee, please join us. You won't be disappointed! On the other hand, 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 will be more than happy to speak with you!





Mass intentions

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

Monday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 a.m. John Rose

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Mazurkiewicz (Living)

Thursday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Berry

Friday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Donahue

Saturday, January 16

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

4:00 p.m. Anthony Casale, Sr.

Sunday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Don McNaughton

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

5:00 p.m. Simonne Bisson



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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Religious Education NEWS

We want to thank everyone who so generously gave to the Sweetser Gift Tree this year. The boys and girls at Sweetser had a better Christmas because of you. Thank you!



CHURCH SUPPORT

Offertory collections for Christmas Masses, New Year Masses, and the weekend Masses of December 26th – 27th, and January 2nd – 3rd, totaled \$27,755. **Thank you!** One year ago over the same time period, a total of \$38,252 was contributed.

The second collections taken at the Christmas Masses to reduce the church's debt totaled \$5,435 and last weekend's collection to assist in the cost of snow removal totaled \$2,325. Thank you for your continued support of these important collections for our parish.

At the half-way point of our fiscal year, offertory collections through December 31st have totaled \$172,195. This is \$5,455 less than over the same time period as last year and \$12,560 behind the 4% increase our finance committee used in its calculations when putting together the church's budget.

As we begin the second half of the fiscal year, an anonymous parishioner has come forward with the intent of stimulating increased contributions to our weekly offertory collections. **Each weekend that St. Joseph's offertory collection exceeds its budgeted income, the anonymous parishioner will make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection.** We wish to sincerely thank this anonymous parishioner and encourage all parishioners to contribute generously to the weekend collection, thereby, enabling us to achieve the needed budgeted offertory income.



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