

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.

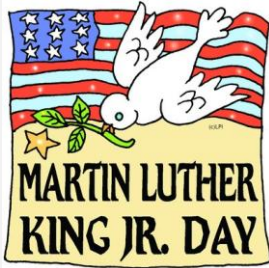
Please notify the friary office if a family member is hospitalized or if a home visit is desired.

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

- ❖ St. Brigid Finance Committee: Tuesday, January 19th, 6:30 p.m., school.



Monday, January 18th, is Martin Luther King Day, a legal holiday. Our Parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. The friary office will be closed for the holiday.

MASS TIME CHANGES

The Cluster 28 Transition Committee will host an open meeting to consider changes in the times of Masses at our three cluster churches. The meeting will be held next Sunday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m., in St. Pius X Church, 492 Ocean Avenue, Portland. This is an important meeting. All are urged to attend.

A VOCATION VIEW

“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? 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.



The third and final year of Disciples In Mission Lenten meetings will begin on Sunday, February 14th, (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday). Registration slips will be available at the church exits this weekend and in the pews beginning Friday, January 29th. Register early so the small groups can be formed in accordance with your preference.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2009

If you wish to receive a written statement of your 2009 contributions to St. Joseph's Church, please send a stamped, self addressed envelope with your request to the parish office.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to attend a series of preparatory classes on Sunday evenings, beginning February 28th. The classes will be conducted by Deacon John McAuliffe at 7:00 p.m., on five consecutive Sundays during Lent, in the friary meeting room. The final class will be March 28th. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. Applicants must register in advance by contacting Fr. Don Bosco at 797-7026 ext. 203.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

A total of 681 individuals attended one of our four weekend Masses and contributed \$9,105 to the offertory. Last year, over the same weekend a total of 604 individuals attended church and contributed \$6,590.

Thus far for the month of January, offertory collections have totaled \$17,175. Last year's month of January offertory collection totaled \$45,860.

**TO ITALY AND SWITZERLAND**

Fr. Louis Phillips, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, will be chaplain on a trip to Italy and Switzerland, May 1st – 13th, 2010. FMI, contact Anthony Nacheff at 1-877-994-8259, Anthony@Proximotravel.com, or www.Proximotravel.com.

BOTTLE AND CAN FUNDRAISER

Sincere thanks to Trish and Tim Boutot who organized the December fundraiser to redeem bottles and cans. A total of \$208.44 was received to assist St. Joseph's Parish. Many thanks to all the parishioners who participated.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The week of January 31st is Catholic Schools Week. Many special activities are planned at St. Brigid School during the week. Bishop Richard Malone will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. parish Mass here at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, February 2nd, in conjunction with his annual visit to St. Brigid School. A special collection will be taken at the Masses in each of the parishes in our cluster on the weekend of January 30-31. Plans are being made for members of the St. Brigid School Board to speak at each Mass in our cluster parishes the weekend of January 30-31.



Mass intentions

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

Monday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Maurice Mazzarella, Jr.

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 20

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

Thursday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Nancy Carleson

Friday, January 22

8:00 a.m. George Piacentini

Saturday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Jason Laferriere

4:00 p.m. Caroline Casale Piscopo

Sunday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Anne & Bob LaFortune

10:00 a.m. Michelle Smith

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Our Knights recently sponsored an essay contest for the 8th grade class of St. Brigid's School. Students were challenged to write a 500 word essay on the topic entitled "What St. Brigid School Means To Me." Twenty-one students took part in the contest and each was awarded a certificate of appreciation.

The first place winner was **Allie Walker**. First runner up was **Tim Jerome**. Second runner up was **Julie Cornell**. Honorable mentions were **Maggie Shellene** and **Rachel Dalton**. Awards were presented at a school assembly on Decembert 18th by Grand Knight Michael Pizzo and contest coordinator Dewayn Marzagalli.

The papers were graded utilizing a 100 point scale, with points being awarded for overall impression (20 points), content (40 points), and grammar (40 points). A \$100 savings bond was awarded to the winner, \$50 savings bond awarded to the first and second runner ups, and reading books awarded to two honorable mentions.

Congratulations to the winners and the entire 8th grade class.

CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

I was over at St. Brigid School today for a couple of hours and was reminded once again of how important the school is to the life of our Cluster. Not only is it a place where many of our children can receive a good education that is faith-based, the school is a magnet and invitation for families to rejoin or participate more deeply in the life of our parishes. The school right now has a strong enrollment and is financially stable, but we still have plenty of work to do keeping it growing and flourishing.

For one thing, the school is bursting at the seams in terms of space. Looking towards the coming year, we find we will need an additional classroom to accommodate the growing enrollment in the upper grades. Already this year, the hard-working teachers have been squeezed out of a more commodious room that served as a teachers' room into a much smaller space. Conceivably, part of the friary building would serve to provide office and teacher space, alleviating some of this pressure. Of course I say this with the sadness of knowing our Capuchin brothers will no longer be in residence there after the end of next summer – that day is too rapidly approaching. We also hope that the cluster office will be able to bring some small relief to the over-taxed school administration by taking over some business aspects of managing the school.

Let me end by reminding you of *the Cluster-wide town hall meeting next Sunday, January 24th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Pius X* to discuss together the challenge of adjusting the Mass schedule for the coming year. I hope many of you will join us for that important conversation. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Fr. Jim Lafontaine

THE ABBEY CATHOLIC BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Join Msgr. Charles Murphy for a discussion and book signing of his new book, **The Spirituality of Fasting (Rediscovering a Christian Practice)**, on Saturday, January 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. , at The Abbey Catholic Book & Gift Shop, US Route One, Dunstan Corner, Scarborough, ME. Call to reserve a copy 885-5813.

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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