



**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

- St. Joseph Parish Council Executive Committee: Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Brigid Finance Committee (postponed from January 19<sup>th</sup>): Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m., school.
- St. Joseph Women's Sodality: Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the church, followed by meeting in the friary.
- St. Joseph Bible Study: Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.



This week is Catholic Schools Week. Many special activities are planned at St. Brigid School this week. Bishop Richard Malone will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Parish Mass here at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, in conjunction with his annual visit to our cluster school. A special collection to benefit St. Brigid School is being taken at each of our cluster parishes this weekend. A special insert about the value of Catholic schools is included in this weekend's parish bulletin.

**ST. BLASE BLESSING OF THROATS**

The St. Blase Blessing of Throats will be administered at the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Parish Mass on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The second collection at Masses next weekend is the annual special collection to defray the cost of heating fuel for the church and friary. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

At the January monthly meeting of our Knights, District Deputy Ted Borduas presented council members the 2008-2009 Columbian Award plaque for service programs. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon those councils located throughout North America who have performed a minimum of four projects in five different areas involving the church, community, council, family and youth activities.



**CHURCH SUPPORT**

A total of 796 individuals attended one of our four weekend Masses last week and contributed \$7,435 to the offertory collection. This amount was \$1,680 less than what was collected last year over the same weekend and below our "challenge goal" of a weekly 4% increase. As you might recall, an anonymous parishioner has agreed to make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection from now through June 30<sup>th</sup> for each week that we exceed our goal. This week's offertory goal is \$8,485.

The second collection to benefit the Church in Latin America totaled \$1,730.

**Did you know?** Our finance committee has budgeted \$32,500 for oil to heat our church and friary this year. Next week's second collection for oil will be used to offset this huge expense. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

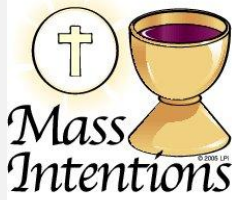
Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to attend a series of preparatory classes on Sunday evenings, beginning February 28<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be conducted by Deacon John McAuliffe at 7:00 p.m., on five consecutive Sundays during Lent, in the friary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

**CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF MAINE**

Connected Catholics of Maine is a group of single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholic men and women who gather to share their faith journeys and celebrate life, and who want to participate in their church, grow in faith and build a better life in their communities. Up-coming events:

- Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Muddy Rudder Restaurant, Route One, Yarmouth, FMI call Mary Jane (318-6032).
- Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Cribbage, FMI call Eileen (829-6951).
- Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Book Club, 11 Caron St., Portland, FMI, call Gert (797-5251)
- Wednesdays, February 10<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Hour of Power, St. Peter's Church, Federal St., Portland, FMI, call Mary Dexter (727-3907)





**Mass intentions**

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

**Monday, February 1**

8:00 a.m. Peter Pellenz

**Tuesday, February 2**

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, February 3**

8:00 a.m. Colombe Aceto

**Thursday, February 4**

8:00 a.m. Mary Brugger

**Friday, February 5**

8:00 a.m. Joanne Arturo

**Saturday, February 6**

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Delaney

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Casale Family

**Sunday, February 7**

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Theresa Grassi

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



**CHRISTIAN UNITY**

You are cordially invited to pray for Christian unity during a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word on **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland**. Bishop Richard Malone and Bishop Brian Marsh of the Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC) will lead the prayers and clergy from both traditions will be participating. The Liturgy will specifically mark the progress toward unifying the TAC with the Roman Catholic Church. The Liturgy will begin at **7:00 p.m.**



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Women's Sodality will host its Annual Valentine's party for patients at the Barron Center. Musicians, Bob Parrott and Mark Sanborn (two of Maine's all-time favorite musicians) will present a program of *easy listening music from the 50s on up* including the always popular Sing-A-Long standards. Family members and friends of the patients are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



**LAST CALL**

**SIGN UP WEEKEND for Disciples in Mission**

**Follow Jesus.....Spread the Good News!**

Are you being called to live your faith more deeply? Do you want to grow in holiness? Lent is a good time to set aside time to learn more about the weekly Scripture readings. Disciples In Mission Lenten faith sharing groups will meet, starting the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. To participate in a small faith-sharing group, complete a registration form, which are available in the pews and at the church exits. Fill in the form **TODAY** and deposit in one of the boxes.



**SOUPE BOWL OF CARING**  
**FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

Again this year, our Religious Education Program will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring.

It all started with this simple prayer: *"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat"*. We can help local charities that support our neighbors who are hungry and hurting this year. If you are able, please donate \$1.00 to the **Souper Bowl**. Religious Education students will be collecting donations at the exits of the church after all the Masses on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Our donations will benefit The Wayside Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, and Project Feed. Every little bit helps. Thank you!



**FEBRUARY**



**PASTA SUPPER TO BENEFIT ST. BRIGID SCHOOL**

Join us to kick off Catholic School Week! St. Brigid's Home School Association and the Knights of Columbus will host a **Pasta Supper** to benefit the school on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Fr. Hayes Center. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 4 and under. Proceeds will be used to purchase tables for our St. Brigid School Lunch Program.