

Saint Joseph's Church

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Portland, Maine 04103

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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

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St. Joseph's Women Sodality

FMI Contact: 207-797-9509



**673 Stevens Avenue
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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. Joseph's Finance Committee: Monday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- ❖ St. Brigid School Board: Tuesday, February 9th, 6:45 p.m., school library.
- ❖ St. Joseph Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, February 9th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- ❖ St. Joseph's Bible Study: Thursday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Our Knights will be hosting a special **Valentine's Day Breakfast** next **Sunday February 14th**, from **8:00 to 10:15 a.m., at the Fr. Hayes Center**. All are welcome! If you have never attended a Knight's hosted breakfast, make this upcoming Sunday the day to join in on the fun. The food is plentiful, the price is "right", the conversations are stimulating, it's a great way to catch up on the activities of old friends and get introduced to some new ones, and all money raised goes to support the many charitable activities that are completed by our Knights throughout the year. Please join us!

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Don't go through divorce alone. You can find hope and healing with a "Divorce and Beyond" group, sponsored by Catholic Charities Maine the eight-week facilitated groups provide caring and compassionate places where you can share thoughts and feelings with others who are experiencing the loss of a marriage. Two Portland-area groups will start soon:

- Thursday, March 4th (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) at Holy Martyrs' in Falmouth.
- Tuesday, March 16th (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) at St. Bartholomew's in Cape Elizabeth.

FMI and to register, call 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672, or email pam@ccmaine.org. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins, please. Fee: \$25.00.

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.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A Charitable Gift Annuity allows you to earn income for life while also making a charitable gift. You may pay less tax on your income, earn an income tax deduction, and avoid and defer capital gains tax on contributed assets. CGA rates go as high as 9.5%, based on your age (as of July 2009). FMI, contact Chris Reilly, Catholic Foundation of Maine, 321-7820, Christopher.Reilly@portlanddiocese.org.



CHURCH SUPPORT

A total of 746 individuals attended one of the four weekend Masses, contributing \$7,160. Last year's offertory collection for the same weekend totaled \$8,160 and 680 individuals attended. The second collection to benefit St. Brigid School totaled \$2,880. We did not achieve our "challenge goal" of a 4% increase for the week. 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 30th for each week that we exceed our "challenge goal". This week's offertory goal is \$8,125.

Did You Know? Members of our parish Finance Committee (five church members, Bookkeeper/Church Secretary, Julie Cannon, Fr. Jim Lafontaine, and Fr. Peter) meet on the second Tuesday of each month September through June. One of the important agenda items for this upcoming February meeting is to begin work on preparing our parish's operating budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year that begins on July 1st.



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 14th. To participate in a small faith-sharing group, complete a registration form, available in the pews and at the church exits. Fill in the form **TODAY** and deposit in one of the boxes.



Calling all parents of pre-school children. Over the past few months I've had several inquiries about a Religious Ed pre-school class, so, I'm checking to see how many pre-school children there are who would participate.

The program would run from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., on Sunday mornings. Our class would be a Religious Readiness Program that will help 3 and 4 year-olds in their first steps on their journey of faith. We'll learn stories of God's love.

If you are interested in having your 3 or 4 year old child participate, please contact me at 797-9509.



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

Monday, February 8

8:00 a.m. John Rose

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Harriet Burt

Thursday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

Friday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballantine

4:00 p.m. Theodore "Jim" Volger

Sunday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Margaret Abbott

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



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.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Please check out our St. Joseph's Church website. The calendar link is up and running with current information of what's going on for February. We plan to have information on meetings and events listed for each month.

Our thanks go to Andy Litcher, our Cluster IT person who made this all possible.

LENT 2010

The Season of Lent is, traditionally, a meaningful and beneficial time of the year. Lent urges us to draw closer to our God and to our neighbor, and, thereby, help our journey to personal holiness. We usually do this by PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING. As we prepare for the Season of Lent this year, let's make this Lent a Eucharistic Lent by attending Mass regularly (Sundays and weekdays). Participation in the Eucharist will enhance our prayer life. Our parish Disciples In Mission small group meetings can also help our communal prayer lives. Our cluster is planning a penance service at St. Pius X Church the evenings of March 2nd and 3rd. Perhaps we should also take a look at our eating habits: take the time to gather as a family for a meaningful sharing of the blessings we receive from God. How can we make our meals more simple? Fasting – curtailing the size and frequency of eating – will help us better appreciate the importance of physical and spiritual health. Almsgiving has always been a Christian hallmark because it moves us to consider the needs of others, especially the less fortunate.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

This year's Parish Lenten Project will, once again, urge us to practice almsgiving in a meaningful way. Our Parish Lenten Project will focus our almsgiving on the crisis in Haiti. Mite boxes will be distributed the first weekend of Lent (February 20th and 21st). We ask that you take a mite box and drop your loose change in it. Please return your mite box on Palm Sunday weekend (March 27th and 28th). We will also designate donations to our church poor boxes during the month of March for this purpose. All proceeds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 2010

Ash Wednesday (February 17th) and Good Friday (April 2nd) are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, no eating between meals) and abstinence from meat. In addition, in the United States, the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The obligation to abstain from meat applies to Catholics aged 14 and older. The obligation to fast applies to Catholics 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59).

Blessed ashes will be distributed at Masses on Ash Wednesday: 6:45 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Blessed ashes will also be distributed at a Liturgy of the Word service at 3:00 p.m. A collection will be taken at each Mass and at the Liturgy of the Word to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.