

Saint Joseph's Church

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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Parish Directory

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Religious Education

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

Ms. Pamela Fogg - Director

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695 Stevens Avenue

Portland, Maine 04103

207-797-7073

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”

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL



St. Brigid School will open for the 2009 – 2010 school year on Thursday, August 27th. The annual Ice Cream Social to welcome new and returning students and their families will take place in front of the school on Tuesday, August 25th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The 8:00 a.m. Parish Mass on Friday, August 28th will invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the students, faculty and staff. Parishioners are invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The officers of our Church’s Knights of Columbus will be meeting this Monday evening, August 24th to discuss and establish a proposed calendar of events for the upcoming 2009 – 2010 fraternal year. The kick-off meeting for all members will occur on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m., in the downstairs friary meeting room. If you’ve ever had an interest in joining this wonderful organization, or, if you’re an existing Knight that hasn’t been a regular meeting attendee, now would be a perfect time to mark this meeting date on your calendar. Need more details? Contact Mike Pizzo at 797-6326.

CHURCH ROOF

Work has recently been done on the upper roof of our church to make needed repairs to the slate roof. Hopefully this work will prevent future leaks, as occurred this past winter. Estimated cost of this repair work is \$2,850.00. This expenditure will be paid from our Parish Maintenance Fund.

RCIA – BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Adults who wish to become full members of the Catholic faith are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Meetings are held on Sunday mornings beginning in early September. Eligible for RCIA are those who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized in other Christian Churches, and those who have been baptized in the Catholic church but never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Fr. Jim Hammer at 797-7026, ext. 205, to arrange for a personal interview.

POOR BOXES

Donations received in our church poor boxes help support the efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen, Project Feed and St. Joseph’s Fund for the needy. These local charitable efforts rotate each month as beneficiaries of your thoughtful donations to our poor boxes.

COFFEE SERVED



The Sunday morning meeting of Disciples in Mission is meeting this weekend after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the foyer of the Fr. Hayes Center. Please join us for further discussion on the Mass readings for this weekend. Everyone is welcomed!

Religious Education NEWS

Well, it’s official – the Religious Education office is now in the friary. The telephone number is still 797-9509. But not settled in yet. I want to give my unending gratitude to the following Knights of Columbus: Mike Pizzo, George Flaherty, David Haverty, Mark Reynolds, Eric Griffin, Marcus Griffin, and Jim Pizzo. Thank you for moving all the Religious Ed boxes and furniture (on probably the hottest afternoon of the summer!!). What a difference teamwork makes – you guys are the best!

Reminder:

Registration for Religious Education classes will begin next weekend (the 29th & 30th). I’ll be in the church vestibule after each Mass. Registration will continue on the following two weekends. For those parents of public school children in K – 8th grade please remember the obligation you have to assure that your children receive religious education instruction: faith formation is a lifelong process, Religious Ed. gives your child the foundation for this. It is Religious Education’s commitment to assist our parents in providing our parish children with a Catholic Christian education which integrates the heritage of our faith with life and learning so we may live out the Gospel message of Jesus.

RECYCLING: Everyone has done such a great job at saving cardboard for us! **Thank you!** We have so much on hand right now that we’ll **stop collecting the cardboard after this weekend.** The Religious Education teachers will have a good supply to choose from. Again, thank you for helping us out. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I’ll see you at Registration.

With Joy & Laughter,
Pam

2009 BISHOP’S APPEAL UPDATE

As of August 11th, St. Joseph’s parishioners have donated / pledged \$37,208.00 to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. This represents approximately 75% of our parish goal (\$50,000.00). Sincere thanks to all who have donated / pledged to this year’s appeal. For those who wish to donate or pledge to the Bishop’s Appeal, donation / pledge forms are located at the exits of the church.



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

Monday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Lottie & Philippe Mimeault

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. John Joy

Thursday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McMulkin

Friday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Ochner

Saturday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Robert Kilroy

4:00 p.m. Anita Spydell

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Rosemarie Vaughan

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins & Their Benefactors

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

ST. JOSEPH'S ADULT CHOIR



Like to sing? You are invited to join the many parishioners who form St. Joseph's Adult Choir. The choir celebrates in song at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. High School age men and women and above are most welcome. The choir meets Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church choir loft. The first rehearsal is Thursday, September 17th and the Thursdays thereafter. Come and be an integral part of our Centennial Celebration on October 4th. Call Tom at 774-0694 or Joanne at 318-0753 for more information.

HARVEST BALL



Mark your calendar for The 3rd Annual Harvest Ball, an evening of entertainment, dining and dancing is scheduled for Friday, October 30th from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland. This fundraiser, hosted by Bishop Richard Malone, will feature the Tony Boffa Band, a delicious meal, door prizes and silent auction. The

silent auction will include New England Patriot tickets, jewelry, weekend getaways and more. Proceeds will benefit Harvest Magazine, the diocesan bi-monthly magazine which is distributed free of charge to 40,000 Maine households. Admission to the Ball is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. Call 773-6471, ask for Christine to register, make your dinner selection and arrange payment (checks or credit cards accepted).

ANNUAL REPORT / BUDGET

Printed annual financial reports for the fiscal year ended on June 30th and budget for the fiscal year begun on July 1st have been mailed to all on our parish mailing list. If you did not receive a report, this indicates that you are not on our mailing list. If you would like a copy of the report, please call the parish office (207-797-7026, ext. 201) to request a copy. If you would like to be on our parish list, please make arrangements with one of the friars to formally register in the parish.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 – 2010

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart” (Jer 3:15). In these words from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises his people that he will never leave them without shepherds to gather them together and guide them: “I will set shepherds over them (my sheep) who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed” (Jer 23:4). Without priests the Church would not be able to live that fundamental obedience which is at the very heart of her existence and her mission in history, an obedience in response to the command of Christ: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19) and “Do this in remembrance of me” (Lk 22:19; cf. 1 Cor 11:24), i.e., an obedience to the command to announce the Gospel and to renew daily the sacrifice of the giving of his body and the shedding of his blood for the life of the world. (PASTORES DABO VOBIS (I Will Give You Shepherds) Pope John Paul II – 1992).

CHURCH SUPPORT



A total of 585 individuals attended Mass last weekend and contributed \$6,965. Last year over the same weekend, 690 individuals attended church and contributed \$7,920 to our offertory.

Did you know? Similar to other property owners throughout Portland, our church received earlier this month from the City of Portland it's first of two invoices for the 2010 real estate property tax. Although the church is tax-exempt, our friary is not. The invoice totaled \$5,640 with payment due early in September. A second invoice for the same amount will be due in March.