

# Saint Joseph's Church

## Staffed by

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– New England Province of St. Mary

Fr. Peter Kaseta, O.F.M. Cap. Pastor

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## Parish Directory

Friary / Parish Office: 207-797-7026

Fax: 207-797-2679

E-mail: [stjoseph@maine.rr.com](mailto:stjoseph@maine.rr.com)

Parish Website: [www.stjoseph.org](http://www.stjoseph.org)

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

And by appointment

## Religious Education

Religious Education Office: 207-797-9509

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

Ms. Pamela Fogg - Director

## St. Brigid School

School Website : [www.sbrigids.com](http://www.sbrigids.com)

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”*

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

- ❖ St. Brigid School Board: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 p.m., school library.
- ❖ St. Joseph Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- ❖ Disciples In Mission Small Group: Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. Hayes Center.

**LABOR DAY**

Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day, a legal holiday. The Parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. The friary office will be closed for the holiday.



**BIBLE STUDY**

Mark your calendar, Bible Study with Fr. Jim Hammer will resume on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the friary basement meeting room. This year's Bible Study will concentrate on the Acts of the Apostles. Bring your Bible and materials to take notes.

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM**

The issue of Health Care Reform, a matter of importance to our nation and one with social justice and peace implications, continues to garner much press from the mainstream media. With such a complex issue, it is not always easy to get clear and accurate information about the process, the proposals (of which there are many), and the particulars. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a website explaining the issue and offering the Catholic perspective. Please educate yourself and your families on this important matter by visiting the following link: [www.uscb.org/healthcare/](http://www.uscb.org/healthcare/).

**STAND FOR MARRIAGE RALLY**

The Maine Jeremiah Project, Family Research Council, Stand For Marriage Maine, and many other family groups will sponsor a Stand For Marriage Rally on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Augusta Civic Center. Tickets are required and may be obtained free of charge via email: [mjp@midmaine.com](mailto:mjp@midmaine.com). Include your name and requested number of tickets. FMI: [www.mainejeremiahproject.com](http://www.mainejeremiahproject.com). The second collection at Masses this weekend is a special collection requested by Bishop Malone to assist Stand For Marriage.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

A total of 685 individuals attended the four weekend Masses last weekend and contributed \$7,930 to our offertory collection.

Total offertory collections for July and August (first two months of our fiscal year) totaled \$65,775. This amount is 6% lower (\$4,135) than what was collected over the same period as last year and 10% (\$6,995) lower than what we had projected when we established our 2009 – 2010 church budget earlier this year. Your continued financial support of our church is much needed and **most appreciated!**

**ST. JOSEPH**



Registration for St. Joseph's K-8 Religious Education Program will take place again this weekend in the church vestibule after each Mass. Registration will take place next weekend as well. It is essential that all children not enrolled in St. Brigid School be enrolled in religious education. This is a serious obligation for parents.

The second collection at Masses next weekend will support St. Joseph's Religious Education Program. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

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**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 and above age men and women are welcome. The choir meets Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church choir loft. The first rehearsal is Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and the Thursdays thereafter. Come and be an integral part of our Centennial Celebration on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Call Tom at 774-0694 or Joanne at 318-0753 for more information.

**Mass Intentions**

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

Monday, September 7  
9:00 a.m. John Powell

Tuesday, September 8  
8:00 a.m. Mary Johnson

Wednesday, September 9  
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 10  
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins  
& Their Benefactors

Friday, September 11  
8:00 a.m. Brienna Marie Marr

Saturday, September 12  
8:00 a.m. Christine Burnett  
4:00 p.m. Kevin Ryan

Sunday, September 13  
8:00 a.m. Alice Kelly  
10:00 a.m. Robert Dyk  
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

**SOMETHING NEW**

The St. Joseph's Parish bulletin is now being sent each week via email to parishioners who have provided us with an email address. If you would like to participate in this service, please send your email address to [stjoseph@maine.rr.com](mailto:stjoseph@maine.rr.com). If you wish to have your email address deleted from the bulletin email list, please notify us.

**DISCIPLES IN MISSION SMALL GROUPS**

Richard Bouchard will speak at each Mass next weekend about the Disciples In Mission Small Group meetings held regularly following the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. With September upon us, the Sunday morning meeting group of Disciples In Mission would like to announce that we will be meeting on ALL the Sundays of the month of September after Labor Day. If the readings of the day leave you with a "burning" question, come join us for further discussion. Hearing another parishioner's perspective on the readings is like Chicken Soup for the Soul!



**CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

The Cluster 28 Transition Committee had its first meeting last week to begin planning for the formal unity next summer of St. Brigid School and St. Joseph, St. Patrick, and St. Pius X parishes. In our initial discussion, we began to consider the opportunities and challenges that lie before us in this process. An important part of that discussion was to openly acknowledge the fears inherent in all our communities concerning the changes that lie ahead, especially as we read about parishes being closed in other parts of the diocese.

But fear never gets us very far – it does not come from God. Beyond our fear lies a powerful invitation for us to grow into a stronger community of faith. We move forward in that hope. We will be considering data about the four institutions of this cluster certainly, and we will be planning how best to use our limited resources more effectively for the good of all. We were happy to see that we have already taken strong steps in the right direction through the coordination of our sacramental programs for weddings, baptisms, first penance and communion, and confirmation. Many of our support organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus and our women's groups, have begun to share activities. These efforts help us to come to know each other and give our future together a solid foundation. We acknowledge the generous support that our parishes give to St. Brigid School and see how the school can be a source of life and energy for the entire cluster.

Most important, we pledge to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning. We will utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as the first means of this communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Above all, please keep us and this process in your prayers.

**ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S SODALITY**

A cordial invitation is extended to the women of the parish to attend the Women's Sodality Annual Pot Luck Supper on September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fr. Hayes Center. Enjoy a relaxing evening meeting friends, neighbors, and Sodality members. Interested in joining the Women's Sodality? See our brochure located in the back of the church or contact 797-6727.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The kick-off meeting for the 2009 – 2010 fraternal year for the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus will occur this Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs friary meeting room. An excellent and rewarding proposed calendar of events for the year will be reviewed and presented to the group. If you've ever had an interest in joining this wonderful organization, contact Mike Pizzo at 797-6326. If you're an existing Knight that hasn't been a regular meeting attendee, please join us.