

Saint Joseph's Church

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Religious Education [Grades Pre K – 9]

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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”

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- St. Joseph Finance Committee: Monday, September 14th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Joseph Women's Sodality: Pot Luck Supper, Tuesday, September 15th, 6:00 p.m., Fr. Hayes Center.
- St. Brigid Finance Committee: Tuesday, September 15th, 6:30 p.m., school.

ST. JOSEPH



Registration for St. Joseph Religious Education Program is taking place this weekend in the church vestibule. Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 27th. The second collection at Masses this weekend will support our parish's religious education program. Please be as generous as our means will allow.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATECHISTS

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. All parishioners involved in religious formation in our parish will be commissioned at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The second collection at Masses next weekend will benefit Catholic University of America.

ST. JOSEPH'S FINANCE COMMITTEE



Due to last week's Labor Day holiday, this week's bulletin had to be submitted prior to receiving last weekend's offertory collection total. We'll be sure to get this important information to you in next week's bulletin.

Did you know? The St. Joseph's Religious Education Program is an important ingredient and invaluable service to our parish community. Last year's expenses to provide this program totaled \$41,215. Our finance committee has allocated a similar expense amount in this year's budget. All of the funds collected from this weekend's second collection to benefit our religious education program will be used to assist in offsetting this expense.



BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendar. Bible Study with Fr. Jim Hammer will resume on Thursday, September 17th, 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.

CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF MAINE

Connected Catholics of Maine will hold its general meeting this evening (September 13th) at 5:00 p.m., at Holy Martyrs' Parish Hall, Route 88, Falmouth, ME. FMI, call Mary Jane Norton at 318-6032.

CENTENNIAL NOTE



Do you enter St. Joseph's from Stevens Avenue? Have you noticed the figures carved into the limestone just above the entrance? The following description is from a book written by Monsignor Daniel Honan. "Immediately above the doors and recessed by the portal arch is a group carved from stone, depicting The Virgin with the Christ Child flanked by angels. Higher and unrecessed is a three-quarter figure of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Church. On each side of this statue are four heraldic shields bearing the symbols of the Holy Evangelists taken from Ezechiel." The next time you enter from Stevens Avenue, stop and take a moment to notice these beautiful carvings.

Come celebrate the beauty of St. Joseph's Church on Sunday October 4th, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. A reception will follow immediately in the Fr. Hayes Center. All are welcome.

MOVE BEYOND THE PAIN OF DIVORCE

If you are recently divorced or going through a divorce, come to an eight-week program of caring and confidential support with others in similar situations. "Divorce and Beyond", a facilitated support group, begins Thursday, October 1st, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church, Yarmouth, ME. Fee: \$25. Pre-registration is required at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, or email familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org. No walk-ins, please.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT COUPLES

There will be a special blessing for couples expecting the birth of a child on Sunday, October 4th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Couples are asked to inform the parish office in advance by calling 797-7026, ext 201.

BIBLE STUDY AT CHEVERUS

Fr. John Predmore, S.J., at Cheverus High School, will present a six-week Scripture course for adults on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m., starting September 22nd. This fall's topic will be an examination of the four Gospels in parallel. Bring your own Bible; discussion is expected. Contact Fr. Predmore at Predmore@cheverus.org. to obtain the syllabus.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella

Thursday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Grace Costa

Friday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Ernest Kilbride Family

Saturday, September 19

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Antoniazzi
4:00 p.m. Anthony Casale, Sr.

Sunday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Doyle
10:00 a.m. Carol Hall
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 13th, in memory of the living & deceased members of the Ernest Kilbride Family

WORLD FOOD DAY

In recognition of World Food Day (October 16, 2009), Altrussa International, Inc., of Portland, will sponsor an "Empty Bowl" supper at Woodford's Church, Portland. Guests choose a bowl to use for their meal and keep it as a reminder that there is always empty bowls in the world. In exchange for the meal and bowl, the guest makes a \$10 donation. The meal will include soup, bread, hot and cold beverages, and dessert. All funds raised will be donated to Project Feed, based at the Woodford's Church. Date: Saturday, October 17th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

RCIA

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Interested in making a difference in someone's life? Become an RCIA sponsor! Offer friendship and support to an individual seeking full membership in the Catholic faith. The experience may enrich your spiritual life, too! FMI, contact Julie Rice at 797-0145 or jurice@llbean.com.



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 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.

CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The Cluster 28 Transition Committee has members from all three parishes of the cluster and St. Brigid School: Frs. Jim Lafontaine and Peter Kaseta, Lori Lee and Amanda Woodford from St. Brigid, Chris Jerome and Michelle Hedrich from St. Joseph, Barbara Willey and Bob Smith from St. Patrick, and Bob O'Brien and Jean Leonard from St. Pius X.

Currently we are gathering data about the four institutions and beginning to brainstorm about these and other relevant issues: (1) how to build a larger community of faith in a positive manner; (2) respecting the uniqueness of our four different faith communities; (3) celebrating the Capuchin's presence in the Cluster as they plan to leave in August 2010; (4) the administrative, business, and financial challenges of clustering; (5) how best to use our limited resources of personnel, property, and monies; and (6) how to provide the best sacramental support for the community – Mass schedules, religious education, sacramental preparation and celebration. We are also studying how other clusters in the diocese have organized themselves so as to determine what might work best for us.

As always, 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. Please continue to 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 15th, 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.

