

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 [Grades Pre K – 9]

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Portland, Maine 04103

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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

- Cluster 28 Transition Committee: Monday, September 21st, 7:15 p.m., St. Patrick Rectory
- St. Joseph Parish Council: Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:30 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Joseph Bible Study: Thursday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- Disciples In Mission Small Group: Sunday, September 27th, following 8:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. Hayes Center.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

We will hear a message from Bishop Malone at the Masses next weekend regarding the Stand For Marriage Maine ballot initiative.

ST. JOSEPH



Religious Education Classes start Sunday, September 27th. Kindergarten through 6th grade class time is 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.; middle school (grades 7 & 8) class time is 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., on the 27th. If you have not registered your child, please contact Pam at 797-9509.

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.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009

“The priesthood will never be understood on earth. If it were, people would die, not of fear...but of love.” (St. John Vianney – Patron Saint of All Priests)

COME AND SEE RETREAT

If you think you may have a call to priesthood and/or religious life, “Come And See”. Retreat weekend: October 2 - 4, 2009 at Good Shepherd Capuchin Friary, New York City (assistance with transportation offered). FMI, please contact Br. Timothy Jones, O.F.M., Cap. at 212-567-1300 or brotimjones@yahoo.com.

ST. JOSEPH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Our Knights of Columbus kicked off their 2009–2010 fraternal year earlier this month with 17 members in attendance for their September monthly meeting. Council Grand Knight Michael Pizzo called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. The majority of the meeting was devoted to discussing and reviewing the many charitable activities and events that our Knights will be leading and participating in over the next several months. The next monthly meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m., in the downstairs friary meeting room. If you are an existing Knight that hasn't been a regular meeting attendee, please join us. If you want to know more about becoming a member of this wonderful organization, contact Mike at 797-6326 or visit our Knight's website at <http://www.kofc11257.org>.



CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

From Fr. Jim Lafontaine, S.J.

The biggest challenge for me in becoming pastor for an even larger community next summer is that of being able to build relationships with individuals. The key to being a “pastor” in its best sense is to know well the persons the Lord has given to your care so that you can address their needs with generosity and compassion. The more people given to your care, the greater the challenge becomes. This problem is exacerbated by the necessity of administering the business of the cluster, managing its finances and personnel, seeing to the capital maintenance of so many buildings, and attending to long-range planning. Things like roofs, parking lots and new boilers demand so much attention of a pastor that he faces the danger of becoming further and further removed from his people. To my mind, this is a significant weakness inherent in the clustering of parishes in the Diocese of Maine – there simply is not the time and wherewithal to have a desirable level of relationship with all the individuals and families given to your care.

Although I have worked hard this year to get to know people at St. Pius, St. Patrick and St. Brigid (and a few at St. Joseph too!), each day I feel the frustration of knowing that I have barely scratched the surface of relationships before having to rush off to another place, another meeting. I also know that this is not only my issue. As our community becomes larger and more diffuse, we all face the challenge of getting to know each other – the key to our successfully coming together, in trust, as a community of faith.

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.

LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, October 4th, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., churchgoers of various denominations will line the sidewalks across the Longley Bridge in Augusta to pray for an end to abortion. Assemble at Falls Plaza parking lot at 2:00 p.m. FMI, call Ron at 782-7721.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Charles Dillihunt

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballantine

Thursday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Valerie McKague
4:00 p.m. Carmela Casale

Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vaughan, Sr.
10:00 a.m. Nicholas MacLeod
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 20th, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mario & Maria Foscarini

**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. 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.

FALL FOLIAGE DAY TRIP

Sponsored by St. Pius X / St. Patrick's Fellowship and St. Joseph's Women's Sodality, there will be a day trip on Thursday, October 8th, departing at 9:00 a.m. from St. Pius X parking lot, Ocean Avenue, Portland, and returning at 5:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$23.00 (driver's tip included). The scenic tour includes a circuitous route from Portland to Evans Notch and Gilead, with the return trip via Route 26. Reservations must be made by September 21. Make checks payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Marion Stevens at 108 Capisic Street, Portland, 04102.



CENTENNIAL NOTE

St. Joseph's Parish was officially formed in 1909. The church in which we celebrate Mass today was not formally dedicated until 1931. The cornerstone is located on the left of the main entrance doors on Stevens Avenue. An inscription in Latin is carved in raised Gothic lettering: "Templi in Honorem Sancti Joseph hic Lapis Sacer jactus Fuit 1929", meaning: The Sacred Stone of this Church in Honor of Saint Joseph was set in the year 1929. **Please join us in celebrating 100 years of St. Joseph's Parish on Sunday October 4th, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** A reception will follow in the Fr. Hayes Center. All are welcome!

PHOTOS NEEDED – The Centennial Committee is seeking Parishioners who are willing to share their photos of St. Joseph's Church or events held within the Church. We are working on a history of St. Joseph's parish community through photos, past and present. If you or a family member are willing to share your photos please place them in an envelope with your name, and phone number. The photos can be dropped off at the Friary office or simply placed in the collection basket during Mass. We will be sure to return the photos to you after the Centennial Celebration on October 4th.

VOLUNTEERS of St. Joseph's Parish - During the Centennial reception (immediately following the Mass) on October 4th, we want to honor the many people who volunteer their time and talents to our Parish community. Please make an effort to attend this most important event and accept our heartfelt **THANKS!**

As part of our Centennial Celebration, Fr. Jim Hammer has graciously agreed to host a **SAINTS AND ANGELS tour of St. Joseph's Church**, on **Sunday September 27th, at 11:00 a.m.** Fr. Jim will share his knowledge and interpretation of the many fascinating details within the stained glass windows and the many carvings throughout the Church. Join us for this fun and educational event!! All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S FINANCE COMMITTEE

The weekend offertory collections for the last two weeks totaled \$16,320 with a total of 1,392 individuals attended Mass. (Last year's offertory collections over the same time period were \$17,470 with a total of 1,493 individuals attended Mass.) The second collection taken two weeks ago to benefit "Stand For Marriage Maine" totaled \$687. This amount was combined with the \$587 that was previously received via the envelopes in the back of the church for a total contribution of \$1,274. Last weekend's second collection to benefit our Religious Education program totaled \$2,035. This was identical to the amount collected last year.

Did you know? St. Joseph's Church employs an excellent group of individuals that provide invaluable service to our parish in running the "day to day" operations of our Church. Some of these duties include running our office, keeping track of our finances, providing cleaning services for the friary, preparing meals for our priest, and performing daily maintenance for our church and friary. The combined salaries for these important employees last year totaled \$87,450. The Finance Committee has budgeted \$84,950 for this expense in this year's budget.