

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

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”

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1st, the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated, Thursday, December 31st, at 4:00 p.m., and Friday, January 1st, at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

The friary/parish office will be closed from 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 31st, until Monday morning, January 4th.

We wish all



DENNY'S AFFINITY PROGRAM

St. Joseph Parish is now able to offer, free of charge, participation in Denny's Affinity Program. With the use of a Denny's Affinity Program card, the user will receive a 15% discount and 5% of the check will be donated to St. Joseph Parish. The program card can be used at all six Denny's Maine locations as well as at specific locations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. So, if you plan to eat at a Denny's, it would be well worth having a Denny's Affinity card. Your use will also generate some needed income for our parish. To obtain an Affinity Program card, please contact the parish office (797-7026, ext. 201).



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your attention is called to the "SAFE ZONES" established in our parking lot shared with St. Brigid School. It is ESSENTIAL that all drivers adhere to the traffic flow restrictions indicated by the orange cones that are placed in the parking lot. The safety of St. Brigid and St. Joseph religious ed students is dependent upon strict adherence to these driving restrictions. Also, St. Brigid School is seeking adult volunteers to help direct traffic in the school's drop-off area from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. FMI, call Mary Ann Russo (797-7073).

FINANCIAL PLANNING

St. Joseph's Women's Sodality will host a WISE FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR in the Fr. Hayes Center, January 14th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Chris Reilly, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Maine, will speak about socially responsible investing, values-based estate planning, and charitable planning. Chris has a strong background in financial, estate, and charitable planning. He is a certified financial planner, accredited asset management specialist, and a certified fund raising executive. This will prove to be a valuable seminar for all who attend.

PRO-LIFE MASS



All are invited to join Bishop Malone at the Annual Mass to pray for the protection of all human life and for those who suffer the trauma of abortion, Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m., at St. Mary's Church of St. Michael's Parish, Augusta. Following the Mass, there will be a rally in the school gym and a march to the State House in Augusta.



Thank you to all who helped to make our celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day special. We are especially grateful to those who decorated our church so beautifully, set up our unique crèche, and participated in the celebration of our Christmas Liturgies. Special thanks to the children who participated in the re-creation of the first Christmas crèche at the 6:00 p.m., Family Mass on Christmas Eve.



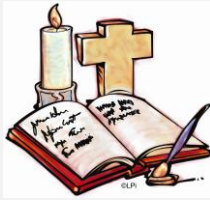
Bible Study is suspended for the Christmas season. It will resume Thursday evening January 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the friary.

A VOCATION VIEW

"He gave power to become children of God." If you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, Robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org). If you are interested in the Capuchin Franciscan way of life, please speak with one of the friars here at St. Joseph's, contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. (212-567-1300, brtimjones@yahoo.com), or log onto www.capuchin/vocations.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S SODALITY

The January monthly meeting will be held on January 5, 2010, with the rosary in the church at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting in the friary meeting room at 7:30 p.m.. Our guest speaker is Larry Guertin, SFO, parish catechetical leader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Windham. Larry will discuss the Secular Franciscan Order.



Mass intentions

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

Monday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 a.m. James Mack

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 31

8:00 a.m. John Powell

4:00 p.m. Dawson & Minvielle Families

Friday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Peter Pellenz

12:00 noon Theresa Grassi

Saturday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Rexford Beck

4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. James Wyse

Sunday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Eugina Lowell

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

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



CHURCH SUPPORT

Due to an earlier than usual submittal date for this weeks bulletin, we are unable to provide a summary of last week's offertory collections. Look for this information in next weeks bulletin.

Did you Know? At our four weekend Masses held each week, approximately 30% of our offertory collection consists of loose cash donations and the remaining 70% is contributed utilizing the Church's envelope system. For those of you not currently utilizing the envelope program, now would be an excellent time to start the process as we begin the 2010 tax year. To learn more about this excellent system for tracking your church's charitable contributions, contact our parish secretary/bookkeeper Julie Cannon, at 797-7026, ext. 201. Many parishioners have found this system quite handy, especially when gathering financial information for filing their yearly tax return.



I want to take this opportunity to thank all the children and parents who participated in our Christmas Eve Children's Mass. It was a precious experience for all involved. Thank you especially to Lisa Hatch, Anna Fournier, and Joanne Jenksen.

My prayers are for you all to have a healthy and happy new year!

REMINDER: There is an Informational meeting/Workshop for Parents of our second grade students and "catch-up" students on Wednesday, January 6th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fr. Hayes Center. If you are unable to attend this workshop, please contact Pam at 797-9509.

Did you Know? The Twelve Days of Christmas start on Christmas Day and end on January 5th. Epiphany of the Lord, January 6th, is the celebration of the wise men (The Magi) who visited Jesus and brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Epiphany signifies the end of the Christmas season.

CATHERINE MCAULEY

Catherine McAuley High School will be holding its final High School Placement Test for the class of 2014 on January 9th. Students who take this exam will be eligible for two academic scholarships. These scholarships are for the 8th grade students who have shown academic excellence by being the top ranking students, placing in the 97th percentile or higher nationally on the exam. Registration for the exam begins at 8:20 a.m., and the exam will end at 11:30 a.m. For further details, call the admissions office (797-3802). Walk-ins are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Do you make New Year resolutions? If yes, consider making a resolution to start the new year by becoming a member of an organization that is guided by four core principles: **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.**

You can accomplish this and more by becoming a member of the St Joseph's Knights of Columbus! We are a 80 member volunteer organization that meets the second Tuesday of each month throughout the school year. The organization is always seeking new members. Interested in learning more about becoming a member? Contact Council President Mike Pizzo at 797-6326.

