

Saint Joseph's Church

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– New England Province of St. Mary

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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

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St. Joseph's Women Sodality

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**673 Stevens Avenue
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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”



Tomorrow is Presidents' Day, a legal holiday. Our Parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. The friary office will be closed for the holiday.

FATHER LAFONTAINE

Fr. Jim Lafontaine, S.J. will be the celebrant of next Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Mass. Fr. Jim is planning to celebrate some weekend Masses here at St. Joseph's in the coming weeks for the purpose of meeting our parishioners. He will also celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 27th.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Don't go through divorce alone. You can find hope and healing with a "Divorce and Beyond" group, sponsored by Catholic Charities Maine. The eight-week facilitated groups provide caring and compassionate places where you can share thoughts and feelings with others who are experiencing the loss of a marriage. Two Portland-area groups will start soon:

- Thursday, March 4th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Holy Martyrs' Church in Falmouth.
- Tuesday, March 16th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Church in Cape Elizabeth.

FMI and to register, call 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672, or email pam@ccmaine.org. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins, please. Fee: \$25.00.

YOUNG LIFE

All are invited to a "Reaching a World of Kids" gathering on Sunday, February 28th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at DiMillo's Restaurant, Commercial Street, Portland. The purpose of this gathering is to support teens in Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, and Gorham. FMI, email idamae.ylgp@maine.rr.com.

MARIE JOSEPH SPIRITUAL CENTER

- "In His Image: A Journey with St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross", with Fr. William Jarema, March 5th and 7th.
- "A Weekend Retreat on Forgiveness", with Sr. Aline Plante, March 12th and 14th.
- "One Day Retreat: Praying with Scripture, Lectio Divina", with Sr. Aline Plante, March 25th.

For more details, call 284-5671.

LENT 2010

The Season of Lent is, traditionally, a meaningful and beneficial time of the year. Lent urges us to draw closer to God and our neighbor, and, thereby, help our journey to personal holiness. We usually do this by PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING. As we prepare for the Season of Lent this year, let's make this Lent a Eucharistic Lent by attending Mass regularly (Sundays and weekdays). Participation in the Eucharist will enhance our prayer life. Our parish Disciples In Mission small group meetings can also help our communal prayer lives. Our cluster is planning a penance service at St. Pius X Church the evenings of March 2nd and 3rd. Perhaps we should also take a look at our eating habits: take the time to gather as a family for a meaningful sharing of the blessings we receive from God. How can we make our meals more simple? Fasting – curtailing the size and frequency of eating – will help us better appreciate the importance of physical and spiritual health. Almsgiving has always been a Christian hallmark because it moves us to consider the needs of others, especially the less fortunate.

Ash Wednesday (February 17th) and Good Friday (April 2nd) are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, no eating between meals) and abstinence from meat. In addition, in the United States, the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The obligation to abstain from meat applies to Catholics aged 14 and older. The obligation to fast applies to Catholics 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59).

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

This year's Parish Lenten Project will, once again, urge us to practice almsgiving in a meaningful way. Our Parish Lenten Project will focus our almsgiving on the crisis in Haiti. Mite boxes will be distributed the first weekend of Lent (February 20th and 21st). We ask that you take a mite box and drop your loose change in it. Please return your mite box on Palm Sunday weekend (March 27th and 28th). We will also designate donations to our church poor boxes during the month of March for this purpose. All proceeds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17TH

Blessed ashes will be distributed at Masses on Ash Wednesday: 6:45 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Blessed ashes will also be distributed at a Liturgy of the Word service at 3:00 p.m. A collection will be taken at each Mass and at the Liturgy of the Word to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.



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

Monday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Evangeline Deroche

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 17

6:45 a.m. Roxanne Snow
8:00 a.m. Evangeline Deroche
12:00 noon Irene Moreshead
7:00 p.m. Anne Fields

Thursday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Berry

Friday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Alfred & Lee Carnicella
4:00 p.m. Beverly Oliver

Sunday, February 21

8:00 a.m. William Zurey
10:00 a.m. Marion & Frederick McNally
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to attend a series of preparatory classes on Sunday evenings, beginning February 28th. The classes will be conducted by Deacon John McAuliffe at 7:00 p.m., on five consecutive Sundays during Lent, in the friary meeting room. The final class will be March 28th. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. Applicants must register in advance by contacting Fr. Don Bosco at 797-7026, ext. 203.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



Our Knights will be hosting a special **Valentine's Day Breakfast** next **Sunday February 14th**, from **8:00 to 10:15 a.m., at the Fr. Hayes Center**. All are welcome! If you have never attended a Knight's hosted breakfast, make this upcoming Sunday the day to join in on the fun. The food is plentiful, the price is "right", the conversations are stimulating, it's a great way to catch up on the activities of old friends and get introduced to some new ones, and all money raised goes to support the many charitable activities that are completed by our Knights throughout the year. Please join us!



CHURCH SUPPORT

We are most pleased to report that last week's offertory totaled \$8,755.....\$945 higher than the same weekend one year ago. As a result of this wonderful accomplishment, we successfully achieved our "challenge goal" of a 4% increase for the week. As most of you are aware, an anonymous parishioner has agreed to make a donation equal to 3% of that week's budgeted offertory collection from now through June 30th for each week that we exceed our "challenge goal". This week's offertory challenge goal is \$7,310.

Last weekend's second collection to assist in offsetting the costs for heating our church and friary totaled \$2,615. Your financial support of our church is **most appreciated** and much needed! **Thank you!**

Did you know? Our church is in the process of soliciting price quotations to repair the various walls in the interior of the church that have been damaged from water entry. Your contributions for this weekend's second collection to benefit our church's maintenance fund will be used directly to assist in offsetting these expenses.

Religious Education NEWS

Calling all parents of pre-school children. Over the past few months, I've had several inquiries about a Religious Ed pre-school class, so I'm checking to see how many pre-school children there are who would participate. The program would run from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., on Sunday mornings. Our class would be a Religious Readiness Program that will help 3 and 4 year-olds in their first steps on their journey of faith. We'll learn stories of God's love. If you are interested in having your 3 or 4 year-old child participate, please contact me at 797-9509.



A great big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to our "SOUPER BOWL" Sunday. We collected \$678.12; the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, Wayside Soup Kitchen and Project Feed will each receive \$226.04 because of your generous donations.

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13