



Dear Friends,
 Two weeks from today we begin the first week of the second season of *Disciples in Mission*. As I have trying to convey, this endeavor is intended to help us better appreciate the Word of God in the reflection and discussion of the biblical passages proclaimed on the Sundays of Lent. Last year the response was favorable; in fact several of the small groups are forming anew. In Lent we sometimes decide to give up things; *Disciples in Mission* means that we give up an hour or so a week, but we grow in faith.

We continue to make available the opportunity to ask Congress to oppose the reintroduction of the so called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). We speak for those vulnerable little ones who have no choice. Please consider completing one of the cards. We are to send them on February 9.

Elsewhere in the bulletin is a notice about Marriage Encounter. This endeavor has assisted millions of couples to make their marriages even better. It is not intended for couples experiencing serious tension in their relationship. The process and the tools do more than a romantic cruise.

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MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

February 7	4:00 PM	Donna Duddy, by Terry Duddy
February 8	8:30 AM	Arthur Curran, by Don & Missy Gove
February 9	7:30 AM	Patrick Conley, by the Meahl Family
February 11	7:30 AM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
February 12	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

February 14	4:00 PM	Patrick Conley, by Robert Harrington
February 15	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	Patrick Conley, by the Agren Family The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,727.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

Awake in Faith - Bishop Richard Malone has embarked on a new television ministry, designed to reach Catholics and non-Catholics in their home every weekday morning. Thanks to the initiative and support of the Knights of Columbus and generous business donors, the bishop is sharing a word of hope and spiritual wisdom Monday through Friday between 5:55 and 6:00 AM on WGME-TV Channel 13, Portland.

We hope you'll tune in to **Awake in Faith** for daily inspiration and let the station know how much you appreciate this new programming. Also please consider supporting this important ministry by sending your tax-deductible donation to:

Awake in Faith
 Diocese of Portland
 510 Ocean Avenue
 Portland, Maine 04103-4936

Community Crossroads Church in Gray – Free Chili Dinner every Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 PM. This is not a fundraiser and there will be no preaching. Route 100, Gray.



Lent – The last two weeks were our Sign-Up Sundays for *Disciples in Mission*. We had an excellent response, with 44 parishioners deciding to join faith-sharing groups, pre-teen groups, teen groups, or to participate within their families. If you have not signed up, it is not too late. You can register at the *Disciples in Mission* table in the Narthex after Mass today. Or you can call Judy Dominick, our Small Group Coordinator at 781-2847. Please join us!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS: On Feb. 22 at the 5:30 Mass the Sacred Heart Praise Band will be providing the music during this celebration. We look forward to our musical guests that day and thank them for their ministry!

Tax Information – If you would like a copy of your 2008 weekly offering to Holy Martyrs Parish for income tax purposes, please print your name, mailing address, phone number, envelope number on the tax sign-up sheet in the narthex. A copy of the amount of your contribution will be mailed to you in a timely fashion.

Connected Catholics - General Meeting: **This Sunday, February 8, 2009** at Holy Martyrs Parish Hall. 2:00PM: Business Meeting; 2:30PM: Program: Scott Glocke, Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine: "How to get Healthy in An Unhealthy World". Social hour-Pot Luck to follow. FMI: Call Mary Jane @ 318-6032 .

Child Care Substitutes Needed! - Catholic Charities Maine owns and operates 3 nationally accredited child care centers: St. Joseph's in Auburn (782-2711), St. Elizabeth's in Portland (871-7444) and St. Louis in Biddeford (282-3790). We are seeking individuals who want to work as on-call substitutes at our centers. If you have the passion and love to work with children, please call the appropriate center to see how you can utilize your talents and compassion for serving toddlers through preschoolers.

World Wide Marriage Encounter in Maine – Invest in your Marriage and reap the benefits...

You'll get more from spending just 44 hours together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend than you would from a 10 day romantic cruise. Sign up now to join us for the weekend of March 20-22 in Lewiston or April 24-26 in Presque Isle. The weekend is designed as a private experience between husband and wife that develops deeper communication, restores hopes and dreams, renews passion, affirms the uniqueness of each couple and inspires good marriages to grow into even better marriages. The registration fee is \$50.00 and a freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to www.wwmeNewEngland.org.

Want to Share in Jesus' Healing Ministry? If you are compassionate, non-judgmental, hospitable, and comfortable reaching out to those experiencing broken relationships or major losses like divorce, God may be calling you to minister to the divorced in our Church. Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute will host a 2 day training program for this spring for new Divorce and Beyond group facilitators. To explore if this might be a ministry for you, please contact Bill Wood at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672, or e-mail bwood@ccmaine.org.

A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend, sponsored by Project Rachel, is an invitation to *men, women, couples, and relatives* who grieve the loss of a child from abortion to experience the loving compassion of Jesus, and begin a journey toward healing. For weekend information, call 871-7464, Ext. 2670; toll-free at 1-800-CARE-002; or e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday February 8	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education <i>74: Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39</i>	Readings Begin at #961 2:00 PM Connected Catholics <i>329: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56</i>
Monday February 9	Mass at 7:30 AM Cluster Finance Council 6:30 PM	Religious Education Classes <i>329: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56</i>
Tuesday February 10	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Parish Council 6:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM <i>330: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13 see 530: Sg 8:6-7; Lk 10:38-42</i>
Wednesday February 11	Mass at 7:30 AM	Opus Dei Women 10:00-1:00 <i>331; Gn 2:4b-9,15-17; Ps 104; Mk 7:14-23</i>
Thursday February 12	Communion Service 7:30 AM	<i>332: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128; Mk 7:24-30</i>
Friday February 13	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	<i>333: Gn 1-8; Ps 32; Mk 7:31-37</i>
Saturday February 14	Mass at 4:00 PM	<i>334: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90; Mk 8:1-10; see 532: Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-9</i>
Sunday February 15	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes	<i>77: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45</i>
Monday February 16	Mass at 7:30 AM <u>NO</u> Religious Education Classes	Office Closed <i>335: Gn 4:1-15,25; Ps 50; Mk 8:11-13</i>

Women Gathered Together in Prayer - What: Women's monthly spiritual program: to listen, question, reflect, pray and share. Theme: "Who Is the God to Whom I Pray?" When: **February 11**, from 10:30 to 2:30 P.M., Where: Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, 10 Evans Road (Rt 9/208) Biddeford Pool. Participants are asked to bring their Bible and a bag lunch. The suggested fee is \$10.00. FMI and to register: Call (207)284-5671.

Discernment Retreat for Priesthood is being held February 14-15 at the Christian Life Center in Frenchville. If you are a single man between the ages of 18 and 45 and feel that God may be calling you to serve His holy people as a priest, please consider attending this retreat. This weekend will help you in the process of discerning if priesthood could be your vocation. FMI: please contact Fr. Ford or Fr. Bob Vaillancourt 773-6471 or vocations@portlanddiocese.org

College-Age Retreat will be held February 27-28, March 1 at the Christian Life Center in Frenchville. This retreat is entitled "**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?**" "**SEARCH YOUR HEART**" It will be a time for meeting other young adults, do some soul searching and get in touch with the God Who Lives within you! The retreat is FREE and sponsored by Maine Councils of Knights of Columbus and Maine Councils of the Daughters of Isabella. Topics to be discussed: 7 Basic Needs of the Human Person, "Who Am I?", "Where is God in All This Mess?", "What Am I Suppose To Do When I Grow Up?" Presenters are Fr. Bob Vaillancourt, Priest of the Dioceses of Portland, Joe Mailhot Campus Minister at USM & UNE and Josh Houde, Campus Minister at UMFK. FMI: Contact the parish office or call Fr. Bob at 773-6471.

MASSSES: Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
 Daily Mass: Mon. & Wed. at 7:30 AM
 Communion Service: Thurs. at 7:30 AM
 Confession: Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-3:00 PM, Monday – Friday

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BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Notices for the bulletin must be at the rectory office by 12:30 PM on Tuesdays.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We invite you to join in our parish community. Please register by contacting the rectory office

DEPARTING PARISHIONERS: Please inform the rectory office when you move from the parish.

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZED: Please contact the rectory office to arrange for a visit.

BAPTISMS: By appointment – please contact the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Couples should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.