



Dear Friends,

This week we are announcing that the second season of Disciples in Mission begins in Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 25. You will recall that this endeavor involves people meeting to review and reflect upon the Scriptural passages for the Sundays of Lent. Materials are furnished to guide the discussion and prayer of the group. Reports last year were that the experiences were positive for nearly all of the participants. People received a greater understanding of the scriptures and realized how they can be applied to daily life. This is an ideal opportunity to begin the development of ongoing study of the Bible. Disciples in Mission is organized for the cluster and has a secondary benefit of helping people from the four churches know one another. Also, the rationale for the cluster process is that the Church in Maine may more effectively reach out to others. While there may be fewer priests, all of us have the responsibility for the mission of the church. Disciples in Mission is intended to help all exercise that responsibility. More information on the process will be available next week I urge you to consider participation.

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MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<u>January 10</u>	4:00 PM	Patrick Conley, by Craig & Carolyn Ewald
<u>January 11</u>	8:30 AM	John J. McHugh, by Florence McHugh & family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>January 12</u>	7:30 AM	Alan McKee, by Lorraine McKee
<u>January 14</u>	7:30 AM	Patricia Mathews, by Regina Walsh
<u>January 15</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>January 17</u>	4:00 PM	Patrick Conley, by Jennifer Hickey
<u>January 18</u>	8:30 AM	Recovery of Terry Dorrington, by Charlotte O'Connor
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for January 3 & 4, 2009 totaled **\$6,091.50**. **\$4,821.00** was in 169 envelopes and **\$1,270.50** was loose. The Holy Day collection totaled \$1,083.00. Thank you for your gifts.

Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

Religious Education

Sunday 1/11 the teen ministry will be meeting at 6:30 pm after 5:30 Mass. We will be discussing our on-line study program. The lesson title is "Jesus Christ...The Birth of the Savior" and the website is www.calltodiscipleship.com. We will have food and drink for everyone there. For more information about this or the Teen Youth Ministry in general, contact Scott Ross at 829-6292.

Junior High Gathering – St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, January 25th, 2009, from 8:30-4:00 PM. Please send in your registration form if you plan on attending.

Catherine McAuley High School, Maine's only college-preparatory school for young women, will be hosting coffee and donuts for all parishioners on January 18 after the 8:30 AM Mass. McAuley, which boasts a 100% college placement rate, will have representatives available to answer any questions you may have about the school and its admissions process. FMI go to: www.mcauleyhs.org.

Perspectives on Paul: An eight-week course on St. Paul will be held at Cheverus High School on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. beginning January 27, 2009. Jesuit Father John Predmore will lead the course using Paul: His Story by Jerome Murphy-O'Connor as the primary text. Please purchase the book (new: \$22.00, used: \$14.00) prior to the beginning of the course. Send an email to Fr. Predmore at Predmore@cheverus.org or leave a message at 207-774-6238 if you would like to attend the class.

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.


Funeral Ministry – We are still looking for people interested in helping with this important ministry. For more information, please call the church office at 781-4573.

Caring Tree Thank You: On behalf of the Holy Martyrs Youth Group, I would like to sincerely thank the parish community for your generous support of the Caring Tree this Christmas season. With your help and donations, we were able to deliver over 300 overflowing packages to those in need in our community. Deb Meahl

Brown Bag Sunday – If you would like the opportunity to help the homeless men, women and children through Preble Street Resource Center please take a shopping list of much needed food items and reusable grocery bag as you leave church today and return your donation in the reusable bag. If you would like to donate a reusable bag...just take a shopping list and return your donated groceries in the reusable bag, we need about 20 more reusable bags. ANGELS are needed to sort the groceries on **Sunday, January 18** after the 5:30 PM Mass and to deliver the groceries on Monday morning, **January 19th** at 8:00 AM. This is a school holiday...a great opportunity to help with the delivery. (In case of a storm, call me anytime after 5:00 AM on Monday morning to see if we will deliver or reschedule.) Thanks! FMI: call Nancy Castonia at 829-5803.

Vocations - "Incline your ear and come to Me." This is National Vocation Awareness Week. If you think you may be able to serve as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 or e-mail robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @207-773-6471 or e-mail ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Baptism of the Lord	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM 21: <i>Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11 or, in Year B: Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:203,4bcd,5-6 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11</i>	Readings Begin at #899
Donut Sunday January 11		Rel. Ed. Classes Resume
Monday January 12	Mass at 7:30 AM	Rel. Ed. Classes Resume 305: <i>Heb 1;1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20</i>
Tuesday January 13	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM Parish Council 6:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM 306: <i>Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2a,5-9; Mk 1;21-28</i>
Wednesday January 14	Mass at 7:30 AM	Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00 PM 307: <i>Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39</i>
Thursday January 15	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Cluster Pastoral and Finance Councils 6:00 PM	FBTS 10:00 AM, Sedgewood 10:45, Oceanview 2:30 308: <i>Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45</i>
Friday January 16	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	309: <i>Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12</i>
Saturday January 17	Mass at 4:00 PM 310: <i>Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17; see 513: Eph 6:10-13,18; Mt 19:16-26</i>	Brown Bag ICDA 2-9 PM
Sunday January 18	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Catherine McAuley High School Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM	Readings Begin at #952 <u>NO</u> Rel. Ed. Classes 65: <i>1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42</i>
Monday January 19	Mass at 7:30 AM Office Closed Brown Bag Delivery	 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - DAY - <u>NO</u> Religious Education Classes 311: <i>Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22</i>

Hands Around the Capital – Saturday, January 17, 2009. 36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade The Maine Right to Life Committee will hold its annual Hands Around the Capital Rally and March on Saturday, January 17, 2009. Bishop Malone will celebrate Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Church on Western Avenue in Augusta. The Rally begins at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's gym in Augusta. We begin our March to the Capitol at 12:15 PM. FMI: Please contact Maine Right to Life Committee, P.O. Box 257, Auburn, ME 04212, 207-782-0101 or email: mrlc@MaineRightToLife.Com, website: www.MaineRightToLife.com.

MASSES:

<i>Saturday Mass:</i>	4:00 PM
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass:</i>	Mon. & Wed. at 7:30 AM
<i>Communion Service:</i>	Thurs. at 7:30 AM
<i>Confession:</i>	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.