



Dear Friends,
 On January 7 and 8 the Parish Councils of Saint Gregory's and Holy Martyrs respectively met. Each considered the schedules for Lent, Holy Week and Easter and had a preliminary discussion of the expectation of the reduction of another weekend Mass in the cluster. On Ash Wednesday there will be a service of the word with the imposition of ashes and a Mass at each of the churches. The weekday Mass schedule will be as it is. On Holy Thursday and Good Friday there will be services in each church. Since there can be only one Easter Vigil, the councils agreed to flip a coin. This took place during the meeting at Holy Martyrs, and Saint Gregory's won the toss! We hope to have folks from both parishes do the various ministries since we will be having catechumens and candidates from both.

The prospect of reducing the weekend Mass schedule raised several concerns which were to be presented at the Cluster Pastoral Council meeting on January 17. We need to consider the effects of the adjustments which took place last July, that is, the elimination of the 10:30AM Sunday Mass in Falmouth and the change in the times of the Masses in Gray. This will include the financial effects which the finance councils will be examining this month. I presume that the Cluster Council will be arranging for some form of study and consultation. This is a great challenge, but one that can be met with good will.

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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>January 19</u>	4:00 PM	Eric Webber, by Tinker & Charlie Whittier
<u>January 20</u>	8:30 AM	Susan Herold, by Brendan & MJ Murphy
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>January 21</u>	7:30 AM	Mary E. Youngs, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
<u>January 23</u>	7:30 AM	Mary E. Youngs, by The Contemplative Prayer Group
<u>January 24</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>January 26</u>	4:00 PM	Jean Auclair, by Ed & ReRe Manganello
<u>January 27</u>	8:30 AM	Mary Hall, by Brendan & MJ Murphy
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for January 12 & 13, 2008 totaled **\$5,026.00**. **\$4,461.00** was in 172 envelopes and **\$565.00** was loose. The collection for Fuel & Plowing totaled **\$4,481.00**. Thank you for your gifts.

Next weekend the second collection is for the Church in Latin America. The proceeds from the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

White Mass – Sunday, February 3rd at 10:00 AM at the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul in Lewiston. Caregivers and members of the healing professions are cordially invited to the annual White Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard Malone. Invitations are available in the parish office during regular business hours or call 781-4573.

Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008 – Our Diocese is applying for a block of tickets. If you wish to be considered, please advise the parish office of your name, address and telephone number. The names must be given by January 22 in order to meet the diocesan deadline of January 26.

Religious Education

Gentle reminder: We would like to remind parents of students from Pre-K to grade 8 that we are still collecting the registration fee for 2007/2008. To date 70% of families have paid. The current fee is \$50 for one student, \$50 for the second student, and \$25 for the third or more student(s). Checks can be made out to Holy Martyrs and should be put in an envelope marked Religious Ed Office. This annual registration fee helps to defray the cost of materials and other associated expenses. As always, all students are welcomed in class regardless of payment. Please see Fr. Ford, Deacon Dennis, or Judy Dominick for more information if needed. Thank you for your support of this important ministry to our children.

Grade 2 Attendance: Our second graders will soon begin studying the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We ask that their attendance in class be a first priority during these next few months so that each one will be properly informed and prepared to receive these two sacraments on May 10th. We also ask that their parents reinforce at home the information given in class since we only see these children for one hour a week. It would be greatly appreciated if we could have 100% attendance during these weeks of such important sacramental instruction! Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Junior High Gathering at Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Scarborough, on Sunday, January 27th 2008 from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Mass included). The cost is still \$15.00 per person which includes pizza for lunch. This is an opportunity for the youth to meet, network, share their faith, participate in high school youth ministries, experience Liturgy with their peers and have fun. FMI: call Kris Benson at 207-439-0442 or email: saintraphaelsfaith@comcast.net.

Catechists Workshop - Save the Date! – A workshop for all teachers grades Pre-K – Grade 12 will be held on Saturday, March 8th from 8:30-10:30 AM.

Disciples in Mission - Today is Sign-Up Sunday for Disciples in Mission. For the six weeks of Lent, we invite you to participate in an adult group, a teen group, or participate with your family discussing the Sunday readings. More brochures, along with sign-up cards, are on the sign up table in the Narthex. After you select your preferences for day and time, we will notify you which group you are assigned to. For more information, call Judy Dominick, our **Disciples in Mission** Small Group Coordinator, at 781-2946. Please join us!

Choir Notes: In addition to their usual 4 pm Saturday Mass, the Holy Martyrs' Choir has spent the last two Sunday afternoons in service to different communities. On January 6 they participated in the Falmouth Ecumenical Service. Last Sunday they brought their Christmas music to the community at St. Joseph's Manor, where they performed to a capacity audience in the Manor's cafeteria. The Spirit was moving in that hall as we gave the gift of music and received the gratitude and love of the residents present there. In addition to our choral music, the following young people gave instrumental or vocal performances: Lily Black, Evan Dunn of Yarmouth, Laura Duran, Ji Su Nam, Keelin, Moira & Marikate desRosiers, Anna Foster, Abby Regan, and finally Madeline Roberts and her mother Suzanne, formerly of our parish. Many thanks to all of them for their music ministry!


Cantor Notes: With Dan Wellahan away we are in need of at least one more cantor for the 8:30 Mass. The 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday also needs another cantor. Please consider this ministry as we approach the holy season of Lent.

Calling All Teens!!! It would be a great joy for me to work with teens who attend the 5:30 Mass on Sunday evening. I know there is much talent in the Falmouth community. Please contact me with your ideas about musical participation in the Sunday night Liturgy: musikmom@maine.rr.com.

Brown Bag Sunday – ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday evening, January 20 after the 5:30 Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning January 21 at 8:00 AM. If there is a snowstorm on Monday morning, please call me anytime after 5:00 AM to see if we will deliver or not. Please call me if you can help with the delivery.
 Nancy Castonia 829-5803

Funeral Reception Ministry - Our prayers are with the family and friends of Mary E. Youngs. Thank you to all the volunteers for your generous gift of time and self. Special thanks go to the Machesney Family and Pratt Abbott for supplying the table linen.
Missy Gove and Deirdre Conroy-Vella

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday January 20	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Disciples in Mission Sign-Up	Readings Begin at # #951; Communion Hymn # 809 NO Rel. Ed. Classes ICDA 2-9 PM 64: Is 49:3,5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Monday January 21 	Mass at 7:30 AM Office Closed	No Rel. Ed. Classes Brown Bag Delivery 311: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22 see 516: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 13:44-46
Tuesday January 22	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 312: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22,27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday January 23	Mass at 7:30 AM	313: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday January 24	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM 314: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12 see 518 Eph 3:8-12; Jn 15:9-17
Friday January 25	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	519: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday January 26	Mass at 4:00 PM	RCIA 3-5 520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; 721: Ps 96; 316: Mk 3:20-21 see 520: Lk 10:1-9
Sunday January 27	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	Rel. Ed. Classes Resume 67: Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

A Music Ministry announcement...An Invitation for our teens.... Plans are underway for the rebirth of the Teen Choir at Sacred Heart, a group that over the years added much to the liturgies and parish life there. Its members experienced a strong camaraderie and connection to the community. The first rehearsal is scheduled for **Sunday Jan. 27 at 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart** in Yarmouth. FMI: Please feel free to contact Ron Siviski 846-6020 (rsiviski@msn.com) or Eileen Erwin 846-6665 (eerwin@maine.rr.com). Come have pizza and share in the fun and music.

Dr. Connie Lasher - guest speaker - Thursday - January 24 - Sacred Heart Parish in Yarmouth has invited Dr. Connie Lasher to discuss the concept of social justice in our lives as responsible Christians. The Social Justice and Peace Commission has invited Dr. Lasher to meet at Sacred Heart church hall at 7:00 pm, January 24. The church address is 326 Main Street, Yarmouth, and the hall is accessed from the adjoining parking lot. For more information, contact the parish office at 846-5584.

The Real Rain Man - Kim Peek,"the real" rain man that Dustin Hoffman portrayed in the movie will be speaking on Thursday, January 24 from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Martha's Church in Kennebunk. Kim was diagnosed as mentally retarded as a youngster but with the support of his family he grew to be a famous savant. His story is both fascinating and inspiring. This is an opportunity that should not be missed. A \$10 donation will be accepted at the door. Proceeds to benefit Youth Ministry World Youth Day.

MASSES:
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.

