



Dear Friends,

This weekend and next we are conducting the 2009 BISHOP'S APPEAL. Your participation is much appreciated. Many continue to ask why now in view of the capital campaign.

The Appeal is an ongoing effort to fund the annual operating costs of several important diocesan ministries and services to parishes. The Campaign is providing endowments for some of these ministries with the hope that funds from the endowment and from the Annual Appeal will enable the enhancement of the services. The 2009 Appeal will seek pledges over four months. The 2010 Appeal will be conducted in May, as has been the custom for many years. The thousands of people benefiting from the Appeal will appreciate the additional sacrifice of those who were able to participate in the Campaign. Hopefully, many of those who could not give to the Campaign will be able to support the Appeal. Your understanding and support have my gratitude.

Father Joe Ford; email: jjford67@maine.vv.com

Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

January 23	4:00 PM	Dr. Andrew Walsh, by friends
January 24	8:30 AM	Dr. Raymond Lebel, by Dorothy McCann
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
January 28	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

January 30	4:00 PM	Daniel Grondin Cardillo, by Ken Cardillo
January 31	8:30 AM	Anne L. Fields, by the Holy Bowers
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of \$5,196.00 last weekend. The collection for Relief in Haiti totaled \$5,123.00. To meet our budget for the fiscal year, the weekly collection should average \$6,000.00 per week.

HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION – Congress continues to debate health care reform. The House passed a health care bill that makes health care affordable and accessible for all. The Senate passed a bill that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. These two bills must now be combined into one bill. The U.S. bishops continue to strongly oppose abortion funding, at the same time they call for critical improvements in conscience protection, affordability for the poor, the vulnerable and access to health care for immigrants.

At the back of the church today, you'll find a notice from the U.S. Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers.

Thank you for your help. Together we can ensure that health care reform will protect the lives, dignity, conscience and health of all. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND STORMY WEATHER – When school is canceled in Gray and New Gloucester on Tuesday or Friday, there will be **NO** Mass at St. Gregory's. When school is canceled in Falmouth on Thursday, there will be **NO** communion service at Holy Martyrs.

Tax Information – If you would like a copy of your 2009 weekly offering to Holy Martyrs Parish for income tax purposes, please sign up in the narthex or call the office. A copy of the amount of your contribution will be mailed to you in a timely fashion.

LENT – Today is Sign-Up Sunday for **Disciples in Mission**. For the six weeks of Lent, we invite you to join a small faith-sharing group, a teen group, and/or participate with your family. More brochures, along with sign-up sheets are at all the Masses today. For more information, call Judy Dominick, our **Disciples in Mission** Small Group Coordinator, at 781-2847. After you select your preferences for day and time, we will notify you which group you are assigned to. Please join us!

Brown Bag Thank You – Many thanks from Preble Street Resource Center for the 60 bags of groceries that were recently collected and \$40.00 in donations. Thanks to the Arnoldo, Caldwell and the Morrisette families who braved the snowstorm to deliver much needed groceries. Thanks Jack and Phyllis for being on "stand by" if we needed more help. **"If you have, give" Maya Angelou.** Thanks to all of you who are willing to share what you have with people who need your compassion so desperately. *Nancy Castonia 829-5803*

Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – Thanks to a few dedicated, responsible parishioners we have been able to establish a delivery schedule to the pantries through the month of May. All that is needed now is your continued support of donations for our very needy neighbors. You are the drop that contains the ocean! Thank you all. *Jack Mullin*

Falmouth Food Pantry Needs – For January, the Falmouth Food Pantry is in most need of the following items: Cooking oil, canned meats (such as spam, chicken, ham), dried fruit (raisins, prunes, craisins, etc.), vegetables not supplied by the government – beets & spinach, coffee, sugar, juice, cereal (including oatmeal), tissues and laundry detergent, and toothpaste. It is also helpful to have items such as jellies, jams, and mayonnaise. *The Food Pantry Volunteers are very grateful for the continued, consistent support of the members of Holy Martyrs. Your donations made a huge difference. FMI: Call: Dorothy Blanchette: 781-2996.*

Donut Sunday Thank You – Thank you to the Chapin Family for hosing our Donut Sunday on January 10th and to Jo Marr for sponsoring it. Our next Donut Sunday will be February 14th.

Vocations – "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Call Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 / robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471 / ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

Move Beyond the Pain of Divorce! Come to an eight week "Divorce and Beyond" program of caring and confidential support with others who are also experiencing the trauma of a lost marriage. The group starts Thursday, March 4th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Holy Martyrs Church in Falmouth. To register, please contact Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672 or e-mail: psm@ccmaine.org. The fee is \$25.00. For the comfort and confidentiality of group members, no walk-ins please.

Connected Catholics - CCME: General Meeting: Sunday, February 14, 2010

4:00 pm -- Muddy Rudder Restaurant – Route 1-Yarmouth – Since our meeting falls on Valentine's Day, we will celebrate by meeting at the Muddy Rudder for good company, good food, and as a good time. FMI contact Mary Jane (318-6032).

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday January 24	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes Continue 9:30-10:30 AM <i>69: Nrh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27; Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21</i>	Readings Begin at #956
Monday January 25	NO AM MASS Religious Education Classes Continue 4:15-5:15 PM <i>519: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18</i>	
Tuesday January 26	Finance Council 6:00 PM <i>520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10; 318: Mk 3:31-35 see 520: Lk 10:1-9</i>	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Connected Catholics 6:00 PM
Wednesday January 27	NO AM MASS <i>319: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20</i>	Opus Dei Men 5:00-7:00 PM
Thursday January 28	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <i>320: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25 see 522: Wis 7:7-10,15-16; Mt 23:8-12</i> FBTS 10:00 AM; Sedgewood 10:45 AM; Oceanveiw 2:30 PM	
Friday January 29	Grades 7 & 8 gather at St. Maximilian Kolbe, Scarborough 5:30-9:00 PM <i>321: 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10,13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34</i>	
Saturday January 30	Mass at 4:00 PM Hall - Portland Yacht Club Chowder & Chili 5-9 PM <i>322: Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41</i>	
Sunday January 31	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes Continue 9:30-10:30 AM <i>72: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30</i>	

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.