



*Dear Friends,*

**THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

† Due to the Diocesan Capital Campaign lasting from May through October the 2009 Bishop's Appeal was postponed to January. Your participation will be invited on weekends of January 23/24 and 30/31. Many have asked the question why both the Appeal and the 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 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.rr.com*

**Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule**

<b>January 9</b>	4:00 PM	Dr. Raymond Lebel, by Anthony & Jane Mancini
<b>January 10</b>	8:30 AM	Rose Donovan, by Margaret & Dan Honan
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<b>January 11</b>	7:30 AM	Joseph P. Youngs, Jr. & his Wife Mary Youngs, by their children & grandchildren
<b>January 13</b>	7:30 AM	Dr. Raymond Lebel, by Margaret & Dan Honan
<b>January 14</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

**Next Weekend Masses**

<b>January 16</b>	4:00 PM	Frank Tyson, by Brendan & MJ Murphy
<b>January 17</b>	8:30 AM	Dr. Raymond Lebel, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your contributions of \$4,364.00 last weekend. The Holy Day collection totaled \$1,030.00. To meet our budget for the fiscal year, the weekly collection should average \$6,000.00 per week.

**Flu Protocols:** The Sign of Peace should be offered without any physical contact (use a verbal greeting along with meaningful eye contact, a smile, or the bow of the head). The faithful should not hold hands during the Our Father. **Holy Communion** - All ministers of Holy Communion must sanitize their hands prior to and after the distribution of Holy Communion. Communion in the hand is encouraged (not mandated); the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand. All ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant. The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended, with the exception of those who must receive from the cup due to medical reasons (i.e., Celiac disease). The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.

**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.

**2009 Altar Girl of the Year – Meghan Charest** – Holy Martyrs Parish in Falmouth Foreside, Maine congratulates Meghan for her example setting dedication to altar serving. Megan has been a true leader in assisting others to become responsible models of the Holy Family.

**2009 Altar Boy of the Year – Connor Whittum** – Holy Martyrs Parish in Falmouth Foreside, Maine recognizes the positive attitude, dedication and spiritual respect of Connor to his altar serving responsibilities. Through his example Connor has shown the way to future servers.

**Lent** – Our parish is participating in **Disciples in Mission:** An Evangelization Experience. This provides us with the opportunities to grow in holiness, to become more welcoming, and to witness to Christ more consciously in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Two Sign-Up Sundays will take place, starting in two week weeks. Please consider joining a faith-sharing group, a teen group, and/or participating with your family. Also, please keep **Disciples in Mission** in your prayers.

**Ecumenical Epiphany** - January holds the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As Christians, we believe that the Spirit of our risen Lord brings us together and makes us one Body. To express that unity, the churches of Falmouth will gather again to worship with one another **this Sunday, January 10th** at the Falmouth Congregational Church 267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth beginning at **3 P.M.** for an "Ecumenical Epiphany: A Service of Lessons, Anthems, and Carols". This will be a time for prayer, listening to scripture and choir presentations, as well as communal singing of Carols. A time of refreshments will follow the service. Please plan to join David Smith, who will be one of the readers, in a strong representation from our parish.

**Brown Bag Sunday** – If you would like the opportunity to help Preble Street Resource Center, please take a shopping list of much needed food items and reusable grocery bag as you leave the church today and return your donation in the reusable bag. Angels are needed to sort the groceries on Sunday, January 17 after the 5:30 Mass and to help to deliver the groceries on Monday morning, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. I will need someone to take my place since I cannot get the time off from work due to the holiday. If you can help with the delivery, please call me and make my day!!!!  
*Nancy Castonia 829-5803*

**Cluster Bulletin Update** – The cluster bulletin publication date will be Lent 2010.

**Caring Tree Thank You:** On behalf of the Holy Martyrs Youth Group, we would like to 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 350 packages to those in need in our community.  
*Deb Meahl & Carol Keroack*

**Falmouth Food Pantry Needs** – For January, the Falmouth Food Pantry is in most need of the following items: Cooking oil, canned meats (such as span, 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.*

**Vocations** – “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 / robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471 / ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

**Retrouaille...a Lifeline** – Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouaille can help you. The next New England Retrouaille marriage renewal weekends will be held January 15-17, 2010 and April 16-18, 2010. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230.

## Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Donut Sunday January 10	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes Resume 9:30-10:30 AM Grades 7 & 8 Parents Meeting 6:20-8:00 PM (5:30 Youth Mass) <i>Is 40: 1-5,9-11; Ps 104; Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22</i>	<i>Readings Begin at #899 Brown Bag</i>
Monday January 11	Mass at 7:30 AM Religious Education Classes Resume 4:5-5:15 PM	<i>305: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20</i>
Tuesday January 12	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Parish Council 6:00 PM	<i>306: 1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8</i>  Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM
Wednesday January 13	Mass at 7:30 AM	<i>307: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39</i> Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00
Thursday January 14	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	<i>308: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45</i>
Friday January 15	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	<i>309: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12</i>
Saturday January 16	Mass at 4:00 PM	<i>310: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17</i> ICDA 2-9 PM
Sunday January 17	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM NO Religious Education Classes	Baptism 9:30 AM  <i>66: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; Jn 2:1-11</i>
Monday January 18	Mass at 7:30 AM NO Religious Education Classes	Readings Begin at #953  Brown Bag Delivery Office Closed

**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.

**Hands Around the Capitol** – Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10:00 AM – 12:20 PM, FMI: Please contact: Maine Right To Life Committee, P.O. Box 257, Auburn, ME 04212; 207-782-0101, e-mail: [mrlc@MaineRightToLife.com](mailto:mrlc@MaineRightToLife.com); website: [www.MaineRightToLife.com](http://www.MaineRightToLife.com)

**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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 Catechetical Leaders: Deacon Dennis Popadak  
 Judy Dominick

**PARISH STAFF:**

Christian Initiation: Judy Dominick  
 Youth Ministry: Scott Ross  
 Music Ministry:  
 Parish Secretary: Debra J. Coppinger

**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.