



LENT 2010

† Last week Moses appeared in the Lucan account of the transfiguration of the Lord. This week we hear of Moses' encounter with the glory of God. He experiences the nearness of God in a bush that burns but is not destroyed. Moses receives an awesome call to lead his people from slavery to freedom. As we learn in subsequent chapters of the Book of Exodus, he is faithful to this call despite many trials and adversities. He accomplishes what seems to be impossible because he maintains a life of prayer and fidelity to God. As we continue through Disciples in Mission, we realize that we too face an enormous undertaking. We live in a state where only a minority observe any religious life. We all have relatives, friends and neighbors who have ceased practicing our faith. Yet, we are called as was Moses to be bearers of divine life to them. As Moses was strengthened by God, may we be open to this strength during this holy season.

Father Joe Ford; email: jfford67@maine.rr.com

Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

March 6	4:00 PM	Edward (Ed) Devine
March 7	8:30 AM	Joan Brennan
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
March 8	7:30 AM	Danielle Rodriguez, by Matilde Pausa
March 10	7:30 AM	Helen Reilly, by Kathy Bolduc
March 11	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

March 13	4:00 PM	Frank Barnicle, by his wife Ann
March 14	8:30 AM	Paul Mullaney, by Peter & Cathy Mullaney
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Lenten Penitential Service – March 14th at 3:00 PM at Sacred Heart, Yarmouth.

Holy Week Schedule for Holy Martyrs

Holy Thursday – 5:00 PM Mass & 6:00 PM Supper of Loaves & Fishes
 Good Friday – 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross & 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 Easter Sunday – 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule for St. Gregory's

Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Good Friday – 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross & 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 Easter Vigil – 7:00 PM
 Easter Sunday – 10:30 AM

Stations of the Cross during Lent - will be prayed each Friday afternoon at 4:30PM. On March 12th we will use the children's version, and I will invite any children or youth to join me in walking the stations.

Deacon Dennis Popadak

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of \$4,709.00 last weekend. To meet our budget for the fiscal year, the weekly collection should average \$6,000 per week.

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized, impoverished, **you give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be charitable in next weekend's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

H1N1 Flue Protocols Update - After consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and his own staff, Bishop Richard Malone has determined that *the temporary H1N1 Flu Protocols will be lifted effective Palm Sunday weekend (March 27-28, 2010)*. Beginning with the Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the liturgy will be celebrated according to the usual norms that include both the invitation to exchange the sign of peace and to share the Precious Blood at Holy Communion. Proper hygiene practices will be continued by the various ministries (i.e., use of antibacterial hand sanitizer by greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc.). Any parishioner or those who exercise a ministry during the liturgy are urged to stay home when they are sick, for their own health and that of others. However, if they do attend Mass, they should refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace or receiving from the Chalice at Holy Communion.

Religious Education

The third cluster religious education event will offer the meaning of a Seder Meal and the Living Stations on Sunday, March 21 at 2:30 at Holy Martyrs. If you are looking for a Lenten activity to share with your family - this is it. We will take you through the meaning of the various components of a seder meal - candles, food, blessings, the washing of hands. This will be followed with the Stations of the Cross. We hope you will take the time to share these symbols of Lent with your own family and the family of God.

Music Director – Ms. Josephina (Jo-Jo) Kilroy is undertaking the ministry of arranging and directing the liturgical music at Holy Martyrs. She brings long experience from family and from other parish and school endeavors.

Bishop's Appeal: Thus far parishioners of Holy Martyrs have pledged over \$70,000 to the 2009 Appeal. These gifts will help to ensure that vital ministries will continue throughout our diocese. The Appeal is an opportunity for donors to be in solidarity with one another and with the thousands who benefit from the ministries and services funded by the Appeal. Pledge cards are in the envelopes in various areas of the church.

Brown Bag Sunday – THIS IS A GREAT LENTEN ACTIVITY. 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, March 14 after the 5:30 Mass and to help to deliver the groceries on Monday morning, March 15 at 8:00 AM. If you can help with the delivery, please call me and make my day!!

Nancy Castonia 829-5803

Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – You all are just great! Your continuing support to the pantries has been “God Sent” to their efforts in helping our needy neighbors during these hard times for many families. We just returned from our delivery to Cumberland on Monday morning, Jean Lamson, the volunteer manager was so grateful as she had empty shelves and was just about to go shopping to fill them - “God Sent” were her words. Thanks so much!

Jack Mullin

Lawn Care & Snow Removal – Holy Martyrs is currently accepting bids for snow removal and lawn care. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact the office at 781-4573 or email: office@holymartyrs.org.

Operation Rice Bowl – Every Lent, millions of Catholics participate in Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' annual Lenten program, which began on Ash Wednesday. Catholic families, parishes and schools from more than 13,000 communities use symbolic cardboard "rice bowls" as the focal point of their prayer, fasting and learning—and to help people in poverty around the world. Participants in Operation Rice Bowl make a small sacrifice every week, putting the change they would have spent on food into symbolic rice bowls. That money goes to support CRS' mission to fight global hunger and poverty. Helping people in need through fasting and almsgiving is a big component of Operation Rice Bowl, but the program also encourages Catholics to help others through prayer and by learning about the factors that cause hunger. Last year, participants raised more than \$7 million for Operation Rice Bowl, 75 percent of which is used to fund projects in 40 countries. The remaining 25 percent stays in U.S. dioceses to support food pantries and soup kitchens.

Easter Flowers – If you would like to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out the envelope at the back of the church and place in the offertory basket.

VIANNEY, the new live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis, the director and star of the feature film THERESE, will be presented at McAuley High School, Stevens Ave., Portland on Friday, April 9th at 7:00 PM. This event will be part of the National Tour for the Year for Priests and is sponsored by the Diocese of Portland. It will also be performed at the following sites: Thursday, April 8th at St. Joseph's Church, Biddeford @ 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 10th at Franco-American Heritage Center, Lewiston at 7:00 PM.

Come experience the gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil to save souls. The production is suitable for ages 9 and up. Admission will be a free-will offering. All priests, seminarians, religious and deacons are welcome as special guests. For additional information, contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 207-773-6471. View the video preview for the drama! Visit: www.vianneydrama.com

Vocations – "I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 / robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471 / ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

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Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

The third Sunday of Lent March 7	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM 1:00-3:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Grade 2 Parents & Children Religious Education Classes 9:30-10:30 AM 30: Ex 3;1-8a,13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Brown Bag 5:00 PM CCME
Monday March 8	Mass at 7:30 AM Religious Education Classes Continue 4:15-5:15 PM Stewardship Meeting 7:00 PM Disciples in Mission Faith Sharing Groups-8:30 AM & 7:00 PM 237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss 42; Lk 4:24-30 Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM
Tuesday March 9	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 238: Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday March 10	Mass at 7:30 AM Disciples in Mission Faith Sharing Groups - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00 232: Jer 18;18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20;17-28 239: Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday March 11	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Disciples in Mission Faith Sharing Groups 10:30 AM - Private Home Catholic Charities Divorce Group 6:00-8:00 PM (Classroom) 240: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
Friday March 12	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM 241: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-23 Children's Version of Stations of the Cross 4:30 PM
Saturday March 13	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>New Bulletin Debut</i> 10:00 AM – Stations Cluster Rehearsal, Hall & Church 242: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4,18-21b; Lk 18:9-14 Brown Bag
Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Daylight Savings Time Begins Donut Sunday Religious Education Classes 9:30-10:30 AM 33: Jos 5:9a,10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32 <i>New Bulletin Debut</i> Brown Bag

MASSSES: Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Daily Mass: Mon. & Wed. at 7:30 AM
Thurs. at 7:30 AM
Confession: Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment

Communion Service:

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.