



Dear Friends,
 “God beholds you individually, whoever you are. He calls you by your name. He sees you, and understands you, as He made you. He knows what is in you, Priest all your own peculiar feelings and thoughts, your dispositions and likings, your strength and your weakness. He views you in your day of rejoicing and your day of sorrow. He sympathizes in your hopes and your temptations. He interests Himself in all your anxieties and remembrances, all the risings and fallings of your spirit. He has numbered the very hairs of your head and cubits of your stature. He compasses you round and bears you in His arms; He takes you up and sets you down. He notes your very countenance, whether smiling or in tears, whether healthful or sickly. He looks tenderly upon your hands and your feet; He hears your voice, the beating of your heart, and your very breathing. You do not love yourself better than He loves you!”

Author Unknown

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MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

May 2	4:00 PM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Lisa Bousquet
May 3	8:30 AM	Jonathan Derrah, by the Meahl Family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
May 4	7:30 AM	Joan Burns, by Deacon Dennis & Bev Popadak
May 6	7:30 AM	Daniel S. Hanley, MD, by Maria Hanley & Family
May 7	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

May 9	4:00 PM	Robert W. Donovan, by Sadie & Family
May 10	8:30 AM	Bud Gilligan, by Steve & Debbie Meahl
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,790.50** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**. The second collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal totaled **\$2,059.00**.

An alert from Bishop Malone – Due to the H1N1 (swine) flu outbreak, Bishop Malone has directed that communion in the form of wine not be distributed at this time. And as a further precaution, it is recommended not to hold hands during the Our Father, or shake hands during the sign of peace.

Change in TV channel for Mass: Please take note that beginning Sunday, May 10, the 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM televised Mass will now be broadcast on Channel 5 instead of Channel 4. This is due to a Time Warner realignment.

Funeral Reception Ministry – On Saturday, April 18th we hosted a reception for Funeral Mass of Robert Donovan, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Special thanks go to the Machesney family and Pratt Abbott for supplying the table linens. *Missy Gove*

Monsignor Tatarczuk to Celebrate his 60th - Monsignor Vincent A. Tatarczuk, former Pastor here at Holy Martyrs Parish will celebrate his 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on **Sunday, June 7, 2009** at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brunswick. Homilist will be Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, former Bishop of Portland. A reception will be held in the parish hall after Mass. Anyone wishing to receive an invitation may write to: Anniversary Committee for Msgr. Tatarczuk, St. Charles Borromeo Church, 132 McKeen, St. Brunswick, Me. 04011. Please give your name(s) and address.

Graduation Mass – Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 PM.

Disciples In Mission Reflection includes a reflection day during the Easter season. All the participants in the small faith sharing groups, family groups, parish leaders, pastoral council and commission members and ALL interested parishioners are invited to come together. All will be asked to reflect on the outward dimension of evangelization. The reflection day will be held at **Sacred Heart Parish Hall on May 7th at 7:00 PM**. We ask you to bring a finger snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

Spring Rummage Sale – Saturday, **May 9**, from 8:30-11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday morning to help set up and on Saturday to sell. Please call Mary T. Honan at 781-2705 if you can help.

Falmouth Walk for Habitat for Humanity Goes to the Dogs! - Saturday, May 9th Complimentary Pancake Breakfast 7-9AM; Walk Registration: 7:30-10:30 at St. Mary Episcopal Church, Route 88, Falmouth. Walk for Habitat and have a photo op with Keily and "Bear" - We will be honoring both Bear and FHS Senior Keily Flynn who rescued her yellow lab while volunteering for Habitat in Mississippi. Walk with your own four-legged friend! Planet Dog will be providing goodies for all "walkers with tails!" Participate in the PDOG raffle for a prize for your best buddy! Walk brochures are available in the vestibule or you can pre-register with (or sponsor!) Holy Martyr's general team www.firstgiving.com/HolyMartyrs or support a youth group team. Contact Jennifer Gregg at 781-2665 or jgregg@maine.rr.com or Moira Lachance 781-2346 to help with registration or the pancake breakfast on the day of the event.

Falmouth Food Pantry Thank You – “On behalf of the clients and volunteers at the Falmouth Food Pantry I want to extend our gratitude for the cash donations of \$242.50 and for all of the very generous food donations. Our cash contributions are used for emergency needs such as heat assistance, prescription medicines, help with electric bills and bay items. Our pantry now serves approximately 85 families and new families are signing up every week. The support of our community is important to help feed all of our clients but also it gives those who are facing terrible hardships the sense that there are many who care. Thank you to all in the Holy Martyrs community.” Sincerely,
Dorothy Blanchette, Co-manager, Falmouth Food Pantry

Brown Bag Sunday – We will do our traditional MOTHER'S DAY collection of groceries from us, the Mothers who have had all that we needed to feed our children, to other Mothers who have not been so fortunate. Please take a shopping list of much needed food items as you leave the Church today and return your donation in the reusable bag. ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day) after the 5:30 Mass and to deliver the groceries on Monday morning, May 11 at 8:00 AM. FMI: Call Nancy Castonia 829-5803.


Friendship House is a residence in South Portland for formerly homeless men recovering from substance abuse. The first Wednesday of every month, members of our parish contribute prepared hot or cold dishes and grocery items such as fresh produce, paper products or toiletries, which I then take to the men at FH. If you would like to contribute something this Wednesday, please call Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362.

Wear Your Jeans to Church Sunday On Sunday, **May 17th**, immediately following the 8:30 Mass we will be having a general grounds project/clean up day. This year's project will involve moderate gardening work around the church and at Father Ford's residence to include some shrub pruning, preparing a small bed in front of the sign, removal of some shrub stumps in front of the residence, putting out hoses etc. We will have babysitters who will organize outside games for the young children. If your family would like to help with this project, please sign up in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Bigley at 829-6810 or Michele Baranowski at 878-6155.



Thank You, Mom! - Fresh carnations will be available on Mother's Day Sunday, **May 10** in recognition of the sacrifices of motherhood, and in honor of the wonderful mothers in our parish! In addition to thanking moms for their gift of life, your participation in this program also helps promote a Culture of Life right here in Maine. Suggested donation is \$1.00 each. Proceeds benefit Maine Right to Life Committee. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday May 3	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Readings Begin at #928 Neighborhood Lot Association 11:00-12:30 Connected Catholics 5:00 PM 50: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday May 4	Mass at 7:30 AM Religious Education 4:15-5:15 279: Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday May 5	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 280: Acts 11;19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday May 6	Mass at 7:30 AM Friendship House 281: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday May 7	Communion Service at 7:30 AM DIM Reflection at Sacred Heart 7:00 PM 282: Acts 13;13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20
Friday May 8	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM 283: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday May 9	Mass at 4:00 PM Rummage Sale 8:30 -11:00 AM Habitat Breakfast/Walk at St. Mary's 7:00 AM-10:30 AM 284: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14
Coffee & Donut Sunday Mother's Day May 10	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education  Readings Begin at #931 53: Acts 9;26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

McAuley's 5k Run for Hope - The 3rd annual 5k USATF Certified "Run for Hope" will take place Saturday, **May 9th** at 10am at Catherine McAuley High School. A 2.5 mile walk will begin at 10:15am. Pre- registration is \$15 and closes May 8th. Participants may also register on the day of the race for \$20 starting at 8:00am. Race t-shirts will be available for the first 250 entrants. A post-race gathering will begin at McAuley at 11:30am with refreshments and music. Proceeds benefit the Jim and Maxine Pouravelis Scholarship Fund. For more information or to register, visit us online at www.McAuleyhs.org or call Rita at 899- 0981.

Cheverus Auction – May 9 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. One of the features of the upcoming Auction, "A New York Minute" is the huge CASH RAFFLE. Tickets cost \$100.00 each, but only 300 will be sold. The odds are great with such a small number of tickets in the pool. Much better than POWERBALL! First, second, and third prizes are \$7,000, \$2000 and \$1000 respectively. Tickets are available from Margaret Rogosienski, Cheverus Auction Coordinator, 774-6238 ext. 47 or rogosienski@cheverus.org. Need not be present at the May 9th event to win.

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate has a few spaces available for the "Experience of Rome & Assisi Italy" tour led by Msgr. Charles Murphy, November 2-10, 2009. The tour will feature visits to historic sites involving the excavation of the tomb of St. Peter in the Vatican and a Papal Audience. There will also be the opportunity to meet with Vatican officials and to become acquainted with the city of Assisi where St. Francis a deacon, resided. The cost of this tour is \$2,659.00 (including taxes and surcharges, based on double occupancy). Space is limited. Any interested person is asked to contact Mr. Matthew Sanfacon at the Chancery at 773-6471.

MASSES:

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

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.