



**Dear Friends,**  
**Our observance of All Saints Day and All Souls Day is an opportunity to reflect on our belief in the communion of saints which we profess every time we say the Priest Apostles' Creed. As affirmed by the Constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council there are three states of the church: some of us disciples are pilgrims on the earth; others have died and are being purified; and others are in glory contemplating God in full light. At baptism we and those who have gone before us were gifted with the very life of God. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwell within us. We are the adopted children of God, and sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ whose Spirit enlivens and strengthens us. This gift is everlasting. As we are in union with God, we are in union with those who have gone before us. This unity is realized in our prayer. Today, we pray for those who have gone before us and are in the process of purification. Throughout this month of November we will be remembering these people in a special manner as we offer Masses for the faithful departed souls in purgatory. On November 1 we gave honor and thanks for those who bask in the presence of God, and we ask them to be one with us interceding for our needs. It is comforting to remember in a special manner our friends and members of our families who have died. We pray for them that they may be one with God, and we ask them to be one with us as we anticipate eternal life.**

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#### Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

<b>November 1</b>	4:00 PM	Margaret Patricia Cyr & Thomas I. Cyr, by their children & grandchildren
<b>November 2</b>	8:30 AM	Jan J. Wieckowski, by Vince & Peg Furey
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<b>November 3</b>	7:30 AM	Dr. Dewey Richards, by Terry & Kathleen Duddy
<b>November 5</b>	7:30 AM	Christopher Kane, by the Hughes family
<b>November 6</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>November 8</b>	4:00 PM	CDR William Stanley (Bud) Carlson, by Robert & Lucille Robinson
<b>November 9</b>	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$5,517.00** for last weekend. \$4,644.00 was in 136 envelopes and \$873.00 was loose. **Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – for **FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY**. This important ministry supports parish families during their time of grief. For more information, please contact Missy Gove at 781-3333 or the church office at 781-4573.

**Vocations** – Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds? Remember, those who are great are those who serve. How do you serve others? (Matthew 23:1-12). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt at the Diocesan Office of Vocations or e-mail us at [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

**Remember to vote on Tuesday.**

**Christmas Pageant:** Children of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant, which will be held after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 21st. Adult and High School volunteers are needed to help the children prepare. If you would like to participate in the pageant or can help with any of the preparations, please contact Meredith Charest at 781-8599 or [mcharest1@maine.rr.com](mailto:mcharest1@maine.rr.com).

**Advance notice to parents regarding "Child Lures":** This is an early alert to inform you that there will be two opportunities for your child to participate in the ongoing "Think First/Stay Safe" program, either on Sunday and Monday sessions, November 9 & 10 or December 14 & 15 here at Holy Martyrs. These sessions are part of the diocesan plan to continue to create and maintain safe environments for our children by informing them about common lures that are used by molesters to gain access to children. Parents are invited to attend these sessions with the children. If you prefer not to have your children participate, there is an opt out form for you to complete; please see Judy Dominick to obtain the form.

**Question of the Week** **Adult:** How has my developing faith impacted my understanding of death?  
**Children:** What are my favorite stories about the Saints?

**Music Ministry:** Join us in song this Holiday season! 2 choirs are forming. 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass: Family Choir for children and parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. 7:00pm Christmas Eve: Adult/Young Adult Choir. First rehearsals in church Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30-7:30 for the Family Choir and 7:30-8:30 Adult/Young Adult Choir. Call Diane Beaton at 781-9869 or [sbeaton@maine.rr.com](mailto:sbeaton@maine.rr.com) for more information."



#### Save the date! Holy Martyrs Christmas Fair - Sunday, December 7 from 9:30 – 1:00

**Please join us in supporting this fun parish event. Here's how you can help:**

**\*Silent Auction** - donate an item or create a themed basket for the auction. Sports tickets, gift certificates and art are all popular. FMI contact Sharon Leskanic at:

[sharonL23@maine.rr.com](mailto:sharonL23@maine.rr.com) or 797-7072.

**\* Crafts** - handmade items such as ornaments, accessories and decorations are a wonderful addition to the fair. For ideas or to help, please contact Nancy Miller at: [nfmiller@aol.com](mailto:nfmiller@aol.com)) or 797-2220.

**\* Gift Items** - new and gently used home decor and bric a brac items are very popular with parishioners and can be dropped off in the parish hall the week before the fair. FMI contact Cheryl Hurley at [churley@maine.rr.com](mailto:churley@maine.rr.com) .

**\* Bake Table** - whip up your favorite cookies, breads or cakes for holiday celebrations and gift giving! This year we are also seeking chutneys, jellies, jams and pickled items for the bake table. We will also again feature the cookie walk. FMI contact Amy Saffian at: [saffian7@verizon.net](mailto:saffian7@verizon.net) .

**\* Books** - donate used books, CDs and DVDs for the book table. Drop off in the parish hall the week before the fair. We are also seeking parishioners who can help make holiday evergreen centerpieces and swags for the fair. Please contact Kathy Coster at [kbcmaine@aol.com](mailto:kbcmaine@aol.com), or (781-3723) to help out, join the fair planning committee or with questions.

**Wayside Soup Kitchen invitation:** Holy Martyrs Church invites all those interested to meet at the Wayside Soup Kitchen on the first Friday of the month, November 7th, to assist in preparing, serving and clean-up for the evening meal. There are two shifts to help you determine what best fits your schedule: 4:30-6P.M. is the prep crew and from 5:45-7:30P.M. is the serving and clean-up crew. Between 200-300 people have been served every first Friday by this dedicated group. For more information about this ongoing ministry of Holy Martyrs, please contact Carol Sipperly at 781-9990 or e-mail [sipperly@maine.rr.com](mailto:sipperly@maine.rr.com)

**Brown Bag Sunday** – If you would like the opportunity to help the homeless men, women, and children through Preble Street Resource Center please take a shopping list of much needed food items and reusable grocery bags as you leave Church today and return your donation in the reusable bag. If you would like to donate a reusable bag... just take a shopping list and return your donated groceries in the reusable bag. **ANGELS are needed to sort the groceries on Sunday, November 9 after the 5:30 PM Mass and to deliver the groceries on Monday morning, November 10 at 8:00 AM.** Two of my very loyal people who deliver the groceries will be unable to help me. Please consider helping with the delivery if you can. Thanks! FMI call Nancy Castonia 829-5803 (H) or 772-5488 (W).



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

### Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday November 2</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes</b> <i>668: Sugg: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or 1011-1016 (Lectionary, vol. IV)</i> <b>Brown Bag</b> 10:00 AM Video Presentation of: <i>Saint Thérèse of the Child-Jesus (1873-1987)</i> , Courtesy of Susan Love
<b>Monday November 3</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes</b> <i>485: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131; Lk 14:12-14</i>
<b>Tuesday November 4</b>		<b>Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM</b> <i>486: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22; Lk 14:15-24; see 670: Rom 12:3-13; Jn 10:11-16</i>
<b>Wednesday November 5</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Friendship House</b> <i>487: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27; Lk 14:25-33</i>
<b>Thursday November 6</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<i>488: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105; Lk 15:1-10</i>
<b>Friday November 7</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b>	<i>489: Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122; Lk 16:1-8</i>
<b>Saturday November 8</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<i>490: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112; Lk 16:9-15</i>
<b>Donut Sunday November 9</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes</b> <b>CCME 2:00 PM</b> <i>671: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22</i>

**Celebrate the Year of St. Paul by joining us the first 3 Mondays of November** when Professor John Munroe of St. Joseph's College presents three talks on St. Paul. Each talk takes place at **7PM in the Cathedral Chapel**. Professor John Munroe has been at the faculty at St. Joseph's College for 16 years.

**Mercy Auxiliary Invites all to luncheon with Osteoporosis Specialist as guest speaker** – The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary Membership Luncheon will take place on **Monday, November 3 beginning at 11:30** at the Embassy Suites Hotel on outer Congress Street. Lunch cost is \$25.00. For reservations or more information, please call 774-6597.

**Please do not twist, braid, or damage the ribbon markers for the hymnals.** The ribbons are there to help parishioners mark the various hymns, readings, and responses. Thank you for respecting and prolonging the life of the materials.

**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:** *Monday – Friday 8:30-3:00*

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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.

