



Dear Friends,

This weekend and the next three weekends the scriptures offered by the church direct us to reflect upon the creedal statements: “He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.” and “We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” In the first century most Christians expected the second coming to be very soon. In the Gospels Jesus refers to this and in some passages gives the impression that his coming will be soon; but in another place he reminds us that only the Father knows the day and the hour. Early in his writings Paul addressed the issue calming the fears of some that they might die before Jesus comes. Paul also criticizes those who are simply sitting and waiting and do not work. Two thousand years later we still wonder when this will be and how the resurrection of the body will take place. Modern science complicates such ruminations. However, we can be certain of one thing; we all face the personal encounter with God that comes with death. These days encourage us to be prepared for that encounter for we too know not the day or the hour.

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Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

November 14	4:00 PM	David Twomey, III
November 15	8:30 AM	John P. Hurley, by the Manganello Family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
November 16	7:30 AM	John P. Hurley, by Michael O'Donovan
November 18	7:30 AM	Bryon Pickett, by Anthony & Jane Mancini
November 19	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

November 21	4:00 PM	David Twomey, III
November 22	8:30 AM	Rachel Mooney, by Alice Chapin
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Thanksgiving Masses – Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM at Holy Martyrs
Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 AM at St. Gregory's

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of **\$4,853.00** last weekend. To meet our budget for the fiscal year, the weekly collection should average **\$6,000.00** per week.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the bishops of the United States as the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. CCHD supports projects that address the root causes of poverty. It is a complement to the direct-assistance mission of Catholic Charities agencies and other emergency relief programs run by the church.

November – Month of Prayer for Departed – Envelopes for the Holy Souls are in the rear of the church. During the month of November these are placed on the altar as a sign of prayer for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners.

Christ the King Communion Breakfast – 10:00 AM November 22 at the Italian Heritage Center, Portland. Mass at 8:30 AM at Cathedral. This annual event provides an opportunity for men and boys to gather for prayer and fellowship and the ongoing support of the Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men. Tickets are \$5.00 for students; \$10.00 for adults. FMI: Call Ed Cyr at 774-3891.

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.

Brown Bag Sunday – Angels are needed this Sunday evening, November 15 after the 5:30 PM Mass. Thanks to Andre, Chris and Jack for volunteering to deliver the groceries this time. If you can help them, the delivery date is Monday, November 16 at 8:00 AM.
Nancy Castonia 829-5803

Donut Sunday Thank You – Thank you to the Saffian family for hosting our Donut Sunday last weekend, and to the Delima Family for sponsoring it. Our next Donut Sunday is December 13.

Rummage Sale Thank You – Many thanks to all who contributed to success of the fall rummage sale last Saturday. To all who contributed articles – the helpers who helped set up on Thursday and the fabulous helpers who worked on Saturday. Grand total of \$1,235. Thanks to the young ladies who made cookies and cupcakes and sold with coffee to make \$42.00 – which they contributed to the rummage sale proceeds. The young ladies are Marikate desRosiers and Meghan Charest. Thanks a million!
Mary T. Honan & Crew

Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – We are **very** appreciative for the generosity of our parishioners. With so many requests for your help for those in need – especially as we move to the holidays – thank you from all your local neighbors food pantries for whatever you can donate to keep them stocked. You all have been loyal and very responsive this year. God bless your compassion!

Homeless Teens and the Junior High Youth Ministry - The November gathering of the 7th and 8th grade, Junior High Youth Ministry will be held this Sunday, November 15th following the 5:30 Mass. After the youth Mass and a small meal, Amy Regan, of Preble Street in Portland, will speak about the mission of Preble Street and their Teen Center which supports over 400 homeless youth each year. Our Youth Ministry will support the Teen Center this month by supplying some much needed items such as cotton athletic socks, hooded sweatshirts (any size and color), travel size toiletry items, hats, scarves and gloves (size L). Please join the youth of our parish and help support this project by bringing any one of these to church with you this weekend and placing it in the “Preble Street Teen” box in the Narthex. If you have any questions regarding this project or the Junior High Youth Ministry, you may contact Michele Baranowski 878-6155. Thank you very much.

Thanksgiving Baskets – Volunteers are needed for this important ministry.

We are collecting non-perishable items **through Monday, November 23rd**. Please drop off items in the Stewardship corner of the narthex. Please bring in items like; boxed stuffing, canned yams, carrots, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, pearl onions, Italian salad dressing, nuts, candy, etc. We are also collecting cash donations to purchase perishable items. Please make checks payable to Holy Martyrs Church. FMI: Please contact George Spino at 207-749-9549 or e-mail gspino@maine.rr.com.



Holiday Candlelight Service of Remembrance - Please join us for a special service for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year on **Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM** at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. There will be light refreshments at the conclusion of the service. Sponsored by Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes & Cremation Services. Guest speakers at this year's service will be the V. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Henchal, Pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and the Rev. Philip Shearman, retired Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Gorham. Music will be provided by Judith James, Musical Director at St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Maximilian Kolbe's choir. If you plan to attend, please call 773-6511 or e-mail at info@ctcrawford.com with the number of family members who will be joining us, as well as the name of your deceased loved one.



Holy Martyrs Christmas Fair
Sunday, December 6th 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Please join us in supporting this fun parish event.

Here's how you can help:

- **Silent Auction** - donate an item or themed basket. Sport tickets, gift certificates and art are all popular.
- **Crafts** - handmade item such as accessories, jewelry and home decor are all popular.
- **Gift Items** - this is the perfect time to recycle those gifts you never used! New or nearly new items such as costume jewelry, home goods, bric a brac, etc. can be dropped off during the week before the fair.
- **Bake Table** - whip up your favorite cookies, cakes and breads for holiday celebrations and gift giving! Last year chutneys, sauces and pickled items were very popular too. We will also feature our cookie walk.
- **Books** - used books, DVDs and CDs can be dropped off in the parish hall. Please, no text books or VCR tapes.

For more information on the fair or to volunteer to help, please contact Sharon Leskanic at sharonL23@maine.rr.com or 797-7072 or Kathy Coster at kbcmaine@aol.com or 781-3723.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday November 15	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM † Religious Education Classes Continue <i>158: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5,8-11; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32</i>	7 & 8 Grade Parents Meeting 5:00-8:00 PM Readings Begin at #1045
Monday November 16	Mass at 7:30 AM Brown Bag Delivery <i>497: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43</i> † Religious Education Classes Continue	
Tuesday November 17	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Finance Council at 6:00 PM <i>498: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10 see 678: 1 Jn 3:14-18; Lk 6:27-38</i>	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Connected Catholics 6:00 PM
Wednesday November 18	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>499: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28</i>	Opus Dei Men 5-7 PM
Thursday November 19	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Sedgewood 10:00 AM, FBTS 10:45; Oceanview 2:30 PM 6:30 PM Cluster Councils <i>500: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44</i>	
Friday November 20	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>501: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48</i>	
Saturday November 21	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>502: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20: 27-40 see 680: Zec 2:14-17; Mt 12:46-50</i>	Renewal of Wedding Vows 11:00 AM ICDA 2-9 PM
Sunday November 22	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>161: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37</i>	
Monday November 23	Mass at 7:30 AM NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES	

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.