



Dear Friends,

A memory from my childhood is reading for the first time of Father Damien of Molokai, Hawaii. He was canonized by Pope Benedict on October 11. His life was described in a leaflet given in religious education class. Saint Damien volunteered to minister to the leper colony on the island where the government quarantined people with Hansen's disease. For sixteen years he cared for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the lepers eventually contracting and dying of the disease himself. I recall reading of his desire to go to confession. A priest would come from another island; Damien would row out to meet the boat. Since there could be no close contact Damien would shout out his sins for the priest and all others to hear. In this I saw noble humility. Thomas Merton has written of such humility: "It takes heroic humility to be yourself and to be nobody but the person God intended you to be." Saint Damien is honored by a special day in Hawaii and by a statue in the Hall of Statuary in the U.S. Capitol. The Church considers him the patron for Hansen's disease, HIV and AIDS patients and outcasts. May his example of faith and generosity inspire us to pray that God grace us with the heroic humility to be the persons God intended us to be.

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Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

November 7	4:00 PM	David Twomey, III, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
November 8	8:30 AM	Gertrude Polkinghorn, by the Music Ministry
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
November 9	7:30 AM	Dorothy Sullivan, by Mary t. & Jim Honan
November 11	7:30 AM	Mary McDonald, by Barbara McDonald Seelen
November 12	NO Communion Service	

Next Weekend Masses

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

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of **\$5,245.00** last weekend. To meet our budget for the fiscal year, the weekly collection should average **\$6,000.00** per week.

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.

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.

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.

Brown Bag Sunday – I will need volunteers to take my place for the grocery delivery to Preble Street Resource Center this month. I have not fully recovered from my surgery. Please call me by November 8th if you can deliver the groceries on **Monday, November 16, at 8:00 AM**. We will pass out the shopping lists and reusable grocery bags this weekend and sort the groceries on Sunday, November 15th after the 5:30 Mass. Please call me as soon as possible if you can help with the delivery. Thanks,
Nancy Castonia 829-5803

Teachers still needed for Sundays – Two catechists are needed to co-teach Grade 6 Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 AM. If you are available, please call the Religious Education office at 781-2847 or see Judy or e-mail her at judy.dominick@portlanddiocese.org.

Cheverus Information Night – Jana Lapoint cordially invites you into her home at 110 Woodlands, Falmouth on **Tuesday, November 10th** at 7:00 PM to meet the President of Cheverus High School, Father William Campbell, S.J. and the Director of Admissions, Mr. Jack Dawson, along with several Cheverus students. What better way to learn about Cheverus? Pick up an application, meet Cheverus students, and ask questions in a small, private setting! Coffee, Tea, and dessert. Please RSVP to Kate Luke-Jenkins at 774-6238, ext. 35 or e-mail: Luke-Jenkins@cheverus.org.



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.



Holy Martyrs Christmas Fair Sunday, December 6th from 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

Donut Sunday November 8	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes Continue <i>155: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44</i>	Readings Begin at #1042 Brown Bag
Monday November 9	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>671: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22</i> Religious Education Classes Continue	
Tuesday November 10	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Parish Council at 6:00 PM <i>492: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10 see 672: Sir 39:6-11; Mt 16:13-19</i>	
Veteran's Day Wednesday November 11	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>493: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19 see 673: Is 61:1-3a-d; Mt 25:31-40</i>	Office Closed Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00
Thursday November 12	NO Communion Service <i>494: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25 see 674: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Jn 17:20-26</i>	
Friday November 13	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>495: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37 see 731-736 or 737-742</i>	
Saturday November 14	Funeral at 10:00 AM <i>496: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8</i> Mass at 4:00 PM Connected Catholics Workshop "Preparing for the Holidays" 1-4 PM	
Sunday November 15	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM 7 & 8 Grade Parents Meeting 5:00-8:00 PM Religious Education Classes Continue Readings Begin at #1045 <i>158: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5,8-11; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32</i>	

Celebrate Life – A Musical Drama Portraying the Life of Christ, performed by the Sacred Heart/St. Jude Choirs. Saturday, **November 14th 7:00 PM** at St. Jude, Freeport, Sunday, November 15th 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart, Yarmouth. Tickets: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 under 18 and seniors. \$20.00 families.

Are there clouds of sadness surrounding your upcoming Christmas Season? "Embracing Christmas" is a program for divorced, widowed and single persons that provides helpful ways to journey through the holidays, "Embracing Christmas" will be held on **Saturday, November 14th** at Holy Martyrs Church in Falmouth from 1:00-3:00 PM. It is free and open to all. Please RSVP by Nov. 12th, 871-7464, ext. 2672 (outside the Portland area 1-800-CARE-002) or psm@ccmaine.org. "Embracing Christmas" is co-sponsored by Connected Catholics of Maine and Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry.

Connected Catholics of Maine – Social Events; Saturday, November 21 - 10:30pm (Brunch) - Stone's Grove (N. Yarmouth) - Call Mary Edwards (829-4054) for more information. Cribbage - Friday, November 20 - 6:00pm - Call Eileen (829-6951) for more information.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair – December 5th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church, 326 Main Street, Yarmouth. The event will feature a silent auction and a raffle. In addition, there will be the Sacred Heart signature lobster stew luncheon, beautiful hand made items, decorated wreaths, baked good, jams and jellies. The building is handicapped accessible.

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.