

FROM THE  Dear Friends,

If we were asked the name of the most important church in the world, many would reply Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. However, November 9 is the anniversary of the dedication of the Priest Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist in Rome which is considered the head and mother of all churches. While it is commonly known under the name of Saint John, it is firstly and formally dedicated to the Most Holy Savior. The name, Lateran, has been added because the church sits on the property of the Laterani family. The Emperor Constantine gave it to the Pope. The anniversary supplants the usual Sunday observance because of the importance of the church. We are reminded that our church is not just a particular community in a single place. Rather our identity is realized in the catholicity and universality of our faith. Through our bishop we are linked to the Bishop of Rome who presides over this world wide community. Observances such as this can be helpful as we face the challenge of molding three parishes into a single parish. While each of the four churches is distinctive and while each of the current nine Masses have communities identified with them, our realization of the universality of our faith and our common allegiance to the Most Holy Savior will assist us to meet the necessary and inevitable changes before us.

Fr. Joe Ford; email: jjford67@maine.rr.com

Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

November 8	4:00 PM	CDR William Stanley (Bud) Carlson, by Robert & Lucille Robinson
November 9	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
November 10	7:30 AM	Agnes Flaherty, by Lorraine McKee
November 12	7:30 AM	Brad Hart, by Ron & Jenna Hart and family
November 13	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

November 15	4:00 PM	Russell Eric Riseman, by the Zambello family
November 16	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Joanne Fitzpatrick, by Debbie Meahl

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of \$6,288.00 for last weekend. \$4,785.00 was in 159 envelopes and \$1,503.00 was loose. **Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.**

Next weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

What is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)?

CCHD was founded in 1970 as the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program in the United States. For almost four decades, CCHD has promoted acts of solidarity with the poor and supported grassroots programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.

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 your eyes open to the presence of God? Is your lamp lit? Are you prepared to sit, wait and welcome God in your midst? (Matthew 25: 1-13). 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.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule: Wednesday, November 26 7:00 PM at Holy Martyrs – NO AM MASS
Thursday, November 27 9:00 AM at St. Gregory's

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.

Advance notice to parents regarding "Child Lures": 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 during class times** 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:** Do I realize that my worship in the church loses its validity if it doesn't influence the way I live?
Children: How do I need to show my love for my parents, family, pets, and classmates better?

Music Ministry: Join us in song this Holiday season! Two 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 for more information.



Thanksgiving Baskets – Volunteers are needed for this important ministry. Beginning this week we will be collecting non-perishable items through Monday, November 24th. 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 the church office at 781-4573.

Christmas Fair Sign Ups in the Narthex!

Come join the fun on Sunday, December 7 from 9:30 - 1
We need your help to make the fair a success:



- **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 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 nfmiller78@gmail.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.
- **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.
- **Books** - donate used books, CDs and DVDs for the book table. Drop off in the parish hall the week before the fair.
- **Volunteer** to set up or work at the fair. Set up on Saturday, December 6; fair day volunteering on Sunday, December 7.

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 (781-3723) to help out, join the fair planning committee or with questions.

Brown Bag Sunday –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. Please call me if you can help with the delivery. I may need someone to take my place on Monday due to my mother's illness. Please call me if you can help me. Nancy Castonia 829-5803.

Feast of Christ the King – This year will be the 60th time that the Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men will gather for the annual father and sons celebration of the Feast of Christ the King with a Mass held on November 23, 2008 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 8:30 AM followed by a Communion breakfast at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland at 10:00 AM. Tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for adults, \$15.00 for patrons and \$25.00 for Golden Patrons. FMI: Contact the Cathedral office at 773-7746.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Donut Sunday November 9	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Religious Education Classes, "Think First/Stay Safe" Program Readings Begin at 1064 671: Ez 47; 1-2.8-9,12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2;13-22
Monday November 10	Mass at 7:30	Religious Education Classes, "Think First/Stay Safe" program Brown Bag Delivery 491: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24; Lk 17:1-6 see 672: Sir 39:6-11; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday November 11	Veteran's Day Office Closed	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 492: Ti 2:1-8.11-14; Ps 37; Lk 17:7-10 see 673: is 61:1-3a; Mt 25:31-40
Wednesday November 12	Mass at 7:30 AM	Opus Dei Women 10-2 PM Stewardship Commission 6:30 PM 493: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23; Lk 17:11-19 see 674: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Jn 17:20-26
Thursday November 13	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	494: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146; Lk 17:20-25 see 731-736
Friday November 14	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	495: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday November 15	Mass at 4:00 PM 157: Prv 31;10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5;1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21	ICDA 2-9 PM
Sunday November 16	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM 157: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21	Religious Education Classes

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.

Catholic Charities Maine Child Care Openings - The St. Elizabeth Child Development Center, located on High Street in Portland, currently has openings for child care for pre-school age children (3-5 years). This nationally accredited program utilizes the nationally recognized 'Creative Curriculum' in all areas of a child's development. Nutritious meals are provided daily. This is a wonderful opportunity for a parent who is seeking a safe and rewarding place for their child. FMI or to request an application, please call the St. Elizabeth Child Care Center at 871-7444.

The office will be closed: Tuesday, November 11, Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

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.

