



Dear Friends,

On October 6 the 2008 Synod of Bishops on the Word of God opened at the Vatican. This gathering of bishops from around the world provides a forum for reflection and discussion on matters of importance for the life of the church. Google World Synod of Bishops to find the daily report of Bishop Kicanas of Tuscon and other links. These provide an insight into the participants and organization of the synod. One has the opportunity to appreciate the diversity of peoples and cultures that constitute our church. In addition to the bishops elected by the national conferences and appointed by the pope there are lay observers, scripture scholars and representatives of other churches and religions. A rabbi has already addressed the synod. At this stage the bishops each have an opportunity to give a five minute address in which they note their expectations of the gathering. Later, they gather in language groups in which they seek consensus on points that they would like to make. These are then presented to the entire assembly which drafts a report for the attention of the Pope. The intent is to receive ideas from the entire world on how Catholics can make the Bible a part of their lives through deeper appreciation of the two testaments. As we have seen from our Disciples In Mission endeavor and from the mission last week, there is need for all of us to deepen our knowledge of western civilization's most influential book and for us the way to unity with God.

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#### Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

<u>October 11</u>	4:00 PM	Jane Noyes, by Edward Jr. & Susan Dilworth
<u>October 12</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Betty Hill, by her husband Leland Hill
<u>October 13</u>	7:30 AM	Bob Dyk, by Paula Valente
<u>October 15</u>	7:30 AM	Catherine Hadnagy
<u>October 16</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<u>October 18</u>	4:00 PM	Charles Kelly, by Regina Walsh
<u>October 19</u>	8:30 AM	Loretta Dilworth Rogan, by Edward Jr. & Susan Dilworth
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$6,468.00** for last weekend. \$4,806.00 was in 154 envelopes and \$1,662.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

**ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD – Next Sunday,** Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's **World Mission Sunday!** As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to **offer financial help** through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

**Vocations** – You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need. (Matthew 22:1-14). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt at the Diocese Office of Vocations or email us at [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** is the title of the effort of our bishops to assist us to be well informed on the issues in the current election campaign. Copies of a summary are in the rear of the church. FMI: Go to [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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**Religious Education** – Please note change in schedule – **NO CLASSES DECEMBER 7 & 8.**

**Important dates for parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders:** Please mark your calendars to attend the following sessions for parents designed to help you understand the sacraments and assist you in preparing your children for celebrating them this year:

Introductory meeting – Monday, October 20 **or** Tuesday, October 21 from 7-8PM (parents only)

Confirmation retreat – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3PM (parents and candidates)

First Eucharist retreat – Sunday, April 26 1-3PM (parents and candidates)

**Reconciliation will be celebrated Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.**

**Confirmation and First Communion with Bishop Malone at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at either 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM.**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – In the second reading this weekend, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships, and he promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity! (From *Stewardship By the Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

Some people would be tempted to think St. Paul is telling his friends that God will supply their needs because they were generous to others. In other words, they somehow "earned" God's generosity. Not so. God is generous to all of us, saint and sinner alike. All of God's gifts are freely given: we have nothing, can do nothing, to "earn" or deserve them. God gives life, the most basic gift, to all of us; certainly we did nothing to earn that. The real lesson is the reverse: we can afford to be generous to others because we know God will be generous to us. Without that faith and trust, it would be foolish to share.

**Donut & Coffee Sunday** – Thank you to those who have come forward to host, sponsor, or coordinate the Donut Sundays for 2008-09. We still need a host for April 19<sup>th</sup>. A majority of those responding to the survey indicated that Donut Sunday was important to them. If you would like to help, please contact Janet or David Kupferschmid at 797-2291.

**Funeral Reception Ministry** – On Thursday, October 16 at 10:00 AM there will be a planning meeting for anyone interested in joining this important ministry. The funeral ministry assists families with receptions in the church hall following funerals.

**Rummage Sale** – Our fall rummage sale was held on Saturday, October 4. It was a very successful sale with a grand total of \$1,363.27. Many thanks to all who worked Wednesday and Thursday for set up for and for workers on Saturday. Thank you to all who contributed articles and clothing for the sale. We will donate the remaining items to the Good Cause Thrift shop, Goodwill and Salvation Army. Thanks to all. *Mary T. Honan and Crew!*



**Music Ministry:** We are still looking for adult/young adult cantors to sing at the weekend Masses. If you think you may want to share your gift of song or find out more about this ministry, please contact the new organist Diane Beaton at 781-9869 or [sbeaton@maine.rr.com](mailto:sbeaton@maine.rr.com). We will be forming a Holiday choir soon. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

**Calling all pie plates!** If you would like to recycle your 9" glass pie plates for this year's production, please drop them in the parish hall kitchen labeled "Apple Pies." Thank you!

**Apple Pie Making October 16:** Please join us in the parish kitchen between 9 and 12 on October 16 to create our delectable apple pies. This is a fun and productive opportunity to contribute to the parish and to meet some new people. No previous experience needed!! Please contact Kathy Coster at [kbcmaine@aol.com](mailto:kbcmaine@aol.com) or 781-3723 if you can help.

**HOMEMADE APPLE PIES** - sign up in the narthex to reserve your homemade apple pie(s)! A bargain at \$15 apiece; all proceeds benefit the parish and the community service fund. **THESE DELICIOUS PIES ARE MADE BY YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND SOLD OUT LAST YEAR!!** Fresh pies can be picked up from 10-12 in the parish hall on Thursday, October 16. Frozen pies can be picked up after Masses on October 18-19.

# Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

 Donut Sunday October 12	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM Connected Catholics 5:00 PM 142; Is 25-6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 Readings Begin at #1029 NO Religious Education Classes
Monday October 13	Mass at 7:30 AM Office Closed  Columbus Day NO Religious Education Classes 467: Gal 4:22-24,26-27,35:1; Ps 113; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday October 14	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Parish Council 6:00 PM 468: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday October 15	Mass at 7:30 AM 469: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 11:42-46 see 657 Rom 8;22-27; Jn 15:108
Thursday October 16	Communion Service at 7:30 AM FBTS 10:00 AM Sedgewood 10:45 AM Oceanview 2:30 PM Pie Making 9-12 Cluster Pastoral Council 6:30 PM 470: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98; Lk 11:47-54
Friday October 17	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM 471: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33; Lk 12:1-7 see 660: Phil 3:17-4:1; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday October 18	Mass at 4:00 PM ICDA 2-9 PM 661: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday October 19	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes Resume 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 or nos. 872-876/816-820 (see PN Under 13 October: World Mission Sunday)

**Catherine McAuley Open House** - Catherine McAuley High School, Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2pm. Young women of all faiths are invited to the campus at 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland.

**University of Notre Dame Glee Club** – You are invited to a performance by the University of Notre Dame Glee Club, on Tuesday, October 21 at the Catherine McAuley High School Auditorium. The program of sacred, secular, and contemporary music will be sung a cappella and will start at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$5.00 for students. FMI: Contact Vincent DeMarco at 831-5935.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Maine** – Marriage is a life giving sacrament upon which our families and church are built. Something so special is certainly worth caring for, enriching and nurturing. The next opportunity to attend a weekend is only month and half away. Now is the time to consider going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, it will give you bountiful reason for Thanksgiving! The registration cost is \$50.00 and there is an opportunity for a free will offering on the weekend. The weekend will be held at the Lewiston Ramada Inn on 7-9 November. Register on-line at [www.wmenewengland.org](http://www.wmenewengland.org) or contact Dave and Ellie at: 207-933-4237 or [DavEllie@fairpoint.net](mailto:DavEllie@fairpoint.net). You deserve all this weekend has to offer.

**Charismatic Renewal Conference** – Saturday, October 18 at St. Joseph Church, Brewer, ME. Guest Speaker: Sr. Nancy Keller of New York. FMI or to register contact: Mary Livingstone at 965-7867 or e-mail [milberty@kynd.net](mailto:milberty@kynd.net).

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.

