



Dear Friends,

Recently, I saw a quote from Francis Van Thuan who was Archbishop of Saigon. He spent 13 years in prison and died in 2002. When we take the Mass for granted or find the schedule inconvenient, we might remember this. *"The most beautiful Masses of my life.*

Once more I return to my own experience. When I was arrested I had to leave immediately with empty hands. The next day, I was permitted to write to my people in order to ask for the most necessary things: clothes, toothpaste... I wrote, 'Please send me a little wine as medicine for my stomachache.' The faithful understood right away. They sent me a small bottle of wine for Mass that read 'medicine for stomachaches.' They also sent me some hosts, which they hid in a flashlight for protection against the humidity. The police asked me, 'You have stomachaches?' 'Yes.' 'Here's some medicine for you.' I will never be able to express my great joy! Every day, with three drops of wine and a drop of water in the palm of my hand, I would celebrate Mass. This was my altar, and this was my cathedral! It was true medicine for soul and body." The Church in Vietnam continues to suffer. Keep them in prayer.

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

Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

<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
<u>October 20</u>	7:30 AM	William Stanley (Bud) Carlson, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
<u>October 22</u>	7:30 AM	Frank Tringale, by Don & Missy Gove
<u>October 23</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>October 25</u>	4:00 PM	Robert Lones, by Betty Lones
<u>October 26</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Janice O'Donnell, by the family

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,680.00** for last weekend. \$3,678.00 was in 133 envelopes and \$1,002.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

"WE'RE ALL MISSIONARIES

Do you know the date of your Baptism?

Well, on that day, you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you and to be a part of the Church's mission to the world.

Jesus Himself directed His followers to go into the whole world and proclaim His Gospel-the "Good News" of His love for us-to all peoples (see Mark 16:15). That mission is now directed to each one of us.

On this World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE in the second collection

Just as our young church here in the United States received support in the 19th century from Catholics in Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too the growing churches in the Developing World today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world!

- A gift of \$25.00 would be a month's support for a young woman preparing to serve as a Religious Sister in Mali.
- A gift of \$60.00 is a month's education for a seminarian in Nigeria.
- About \$50 a month helps a local Religious Community of sisters in Thailand care for girls in need.
- Just \$20.00 helps toward the purchase of a bicycle for a catechist in Kenya.

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

Important dates for parents of 2nd 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 1st from 1-3PM (parents and candidates)

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

Reconciliation will be celebrated Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 AM.

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

Donut Sunday Thank You – Thank you to Jody Duran for hosting last Sunday's Coffee & Donut Sunday and to Scott & Meredith Rousseau for sponsoring it. We still need a host for April 19th. 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.

Friendship House Thank You - Many thanks from me and the men at Friendship House to all the parishioners who contributed to our October FH meal. As usual, I had lots to bring to the men: four ample hot main dishes, vegetables from the Falmouth farmers' market, paper products and a selection of toiletries. You can very sure all these donations are truly appreciated and enjoyed; the men who help me unload my car always urge me to thank you. I myself am very glad to have a long list of potential donors to call upon. The date of our next meal for Friendship House is Wednesday, November 5th.
-- Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362

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. We will be forming a holiday choir soon. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

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

Please do not braid 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.

Cluster Survey: The survey has provided much data. If you have issues, questions, etc., which may be addressed through the information, please e-mail them to the office.

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.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday October 19	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Religious Education Classes <i>1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 or nos. 872-876/816-820 (see PN Under 13 October: World Mission Sunday)</i>
Monday October 20	Mass at 7:30 AM	Religious Education Classes 7-8 PM Introductory Meeting for 2nd Gr. Parents <i>473: Eph 2;1-10; Ps 100; Lk 12:13-21</i>
Tuesday October 21	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Finance Council 6:00 PM 7-8 PM Introductory Meeting for 2nd Gr. Parents <i>474: Eph 2;12-22; Ps 85; Lk 12:35-38</i>
Wednesday October 22	Mass at 7:30 AM	Opus Dei Men 5:00-7:00 PM <i>475: Eph 3:2-12; (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4c-6; Lk 12:39-48</i>
Thursday October 23	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	<i>476: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33; Lk 12:49-53</i> Cluster Finance Council 7:00 PM
Friday October 24	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	<i>477: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24; Lk 12:54-59</i>
Saturday October 25	Mass at 4:00 PM	Catherine McAuley High School Raffle <i>478: Eph 4;7-16; Ps 122; Lk 13:1-9</i>
Sunday October 26	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Religious Education Classes Catherine McAuley High School Raffle <i>148: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40</i>

Catherine McAuley High School Raffle – Tickets will be on sale **after all Masses on October 25 and 26th**. The raffle is to raise money for the school's extra curricular activities. The raffle tickets replace the traditional calendar sales with cash prizes. First prize is \$1,000, second prize if \$500, third prize is \$250.00. Please consider supporting the young women of our parish in their pursuit of a Mercy based education.

5 Great Dates to Enrich Your Marriage! REFOCCUS, an interactive program that gives couples an opportunity to enhance their marriage, will be presented for 5 Wednesday evenings at the Cathedral School in Portland starting October 22nd. Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each program is self-contained, so couples may choose to attend as many sessions as they like. The cost is \$10. per couple per session. All are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. Topics include Communication, Commitment, Compatibility and Intimacy. Pre-registration is required at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

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**. Why Paul in 2008? on Nov. 3; Paul's teaching in today's world on Nov. 10; Cum Paulum ae aeternum on Nov. 17. Professor John Munroe has been at the faculty at St. Joseph's College for 16 years. At present, he is an adjunct member of the Theology Dept. and an adjunct instructor in Theology in the Graduate and Professional Studies Division.

MASSES:

<i>Saturday Mass:</i>	<i>4:00 PM</i>
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	<i>8:30 AM & 5:30 PM</i>
<i>Daily Mass:</i>	<i>Mon & Wed at 7:30 AM</i>
<i>Communion Service:</i>	<i>Thurs. at 7:30 AM</i>
<i>Confession:</i>	<i>Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment</i>

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.

