



Dear Friends,

Last week I wrote of the Martyrs of North America. I offer a few comments on Saint Gregory the Great who was born in 540 and died in 604. He was a Roman Priest from an aristocratic family. By the age of 30 he had become a prefect of Rome and is said to have been responsible for the restoration of the city which had been ruined through earlier attacks. However, at the age of 35 he abandoned power and wealth to become a monk. He has written that his time as a monk was the happiest of his life. This was short because by 579 he had become the emissary of the Pope to the emperor in Constantinople. In 590 he reluctantly accepted election to the papacy. Though he sought to affirm the spiritual role of the bishop, the collapse of civil government prompted him to undertake many measures to better his society. Many credit him with the development of the liturgical music which bears his name, Gregorian Chant. His influence would endure for ages because of the monks he sent to convert England to Christianity. For these and other reasons he has been called great.

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MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<u>October 25</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Susan Szum, by Steve & Deb Meahl
<u>October 26</u>	NO AM MASS	
<u>October 28</u>	NO AM MASS	
<u>October 29</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>October 31</u>	4:00 PM	David Twomey, III, by Marie & Ed Manganello
<u>November 1</u>	8:30 AM	Ann L. May, by Glen & Betty Hansen
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of **\$5,109** last weekend. The E-Giving total for the month of October was \$1,435.00. To meet our budget for the fiscal year the weekly collection should average **\$6,000.00** per week. The second collection for Mission Sunday totaled \$2,282.00.

All Souls Day – Monday, November 2

7:30 AM at Holy Martyrs
6:00 PM at St. Gregory's

This day is set aside to remember and give thanks for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners and to pray that they enjoy eternal peace.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MALONE – After Masses this weekend all are asked to view a video presentation by our Bishop on the definition of marriage. The video provides a reasoned presentation. Every Catholic should view it before voting on November 3rd.

Flu protocols: Officials of the Diocese continue to be in contact with civil officials regarding protocols for the prevention of the flu. At this time the earlier restrictions are not being renewed. However, we are encouraged to use alternative gestures to the hand shake at the sign of peace. People should not receive from the cup if there is any sign of illness such as cold or flu, and ministers of communion are to continue to use antibacterial sanitizer.

Flu Clinic at Falmouth Congregational Church has been canceled– Call the hot line at 1-800-747-4358 for a future date and location.

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 to 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.

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.

Outreach Sunday Donuts: Two weeks ago we resumed our monthly coffee, donuts and bagels...sponsored by the Kupferschmids and hosted by Deacon Dennis. We still have a few open slots for future Sundays. In the narthex, there is a sign-up sheet for those interested in serving as host or to sponsor. A majority of those responding to the cluster survey indicated that Donut Sunday was important to them. So please, sign up or call Janet & David Kupferschmid 797-2291 if you have any questions and would like to help.

Preble Street Resource Center Thank You – “Dear Friends, On behalf of the Preble Street's clients, staff, and board of directors, I want to thank you for your September 2009 donation of 45 bags of assorted breakfast food items. Throughout the country the demand for shelter, clothing, and food has increased drastically, with some organizations unable to meet the needs of both clients and neighbors. Thanks to your generosity, however, Preble Street has been able to serve our neighbors who are most in need. Though the difficulties of the cold winter months loom ahead, we at Preble Street are determined to combat homelessness and the barriers to a better life that so affect our clients. We could never do it without thoughtful donors such as you.”

Sincerely, Kristen Rieff, Volunteer Manager

Fall Rummage Sale – Saturday, November 7 from 8:00 AM - Noon. Help is needed to set up on Thursday and Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM and to sell on Saturday from 8:00-Noon, please call Marty T. Honan at 781-2705. **Please do not drop off sale items until October 26th.**



Save the Date! Holy Martyrs Christmas Fair Sunday, December 6th 9:30 – 1:30

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 texts 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 October 25	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM † Religious Education Classes Continue	149: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52 Readings Begin at #1036
Monday October 26	NO AM MASS † Religious Education Classes Continue	479: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday October 27	NO AM MASS at St. Gregory's	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 480: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday October 28	NO AM MASS	666: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday October 29	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	482: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109; Lk 13:31-35 Falmouth Historical Society Bridge Party 1:00-4:00 PM
Friday October 30	NO AM MASS at St. Gregory's	483: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday October 31	Mass at 4:00 PM	484: Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Ps 94; Lk 14:1,7-11
All Saints Day Sunday November 1	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM † Religious Education Classes Continue	Readings Begin at #1039 Connected Catholics 5:00 PM 667: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



40 Days of Marriage – Commencing September 24th, we began participating in the 40 Days of Marriage prayer and fasting campaign. Over this forty day period which ends November 2nd, please offer up your prayers and make a small personal sacrifice in defense of the institution of marriage.

Church E-mail – If you are not currently getting church e-mails and would like to, please call Deb at 781-4573 or e-mail office@holymartyrs.org.

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.

Cheverus Information Night – Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM. Jennifer and Doug MacGillivray cordially invite you into their home at 13 Oakmont Drive, Falmouth to meet the President of Cheverus High School, Father William Campbell, S.J. and the Director of Admissions, Mr. Jack Dawson, in addition to several Cheverus students. What better way to learn more about Cheverus? Pick up an application, meet members of this Cheverus family, and ask questions, in a small private setting. Coffee, tea and dessert. Please RSVP to Kate Luke-Jenkins, 774-6238 ext. 35 or e-mail Luke-Jenkins@cheverus.org.

Christmas Fair at St. John the Evangelist Church – Saturday, November 14th from 9:00-3:30, Main Street, South Portland. Luncheon, raffles, over 20 crafters in the church hall, and the church center.

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.