



Dear Friends,
 The cluster pastoral council met on October 15 and began the process of forming a new parish with four churches. After attempting to list all of the matters that need to be addressed, it was decided that ministries, programs and services and programs are the core of a parish. Accordingly, over the next month each of the churches will prepare a list of these endeavors. The council will then begin consideration of the means by which these can be integrated in the new parish. It is recognized that some may be able to be consolidated, and others would remain unique to a particular church. The results of the survey will be helpful in examining these ministries and programs and prioritizing their importance. Subsequently, the council will determine the people and resources required to maintain and enhance the works. The cluster process requires consideration of the role and function of two positions new to our present parishes: a pastoral life coordinator and a business manager. These positions and others would be described in view of the priority of ministries and programs of the new parish. As this work proceeds the council intends to consult as widely as possible. As I consider this process, I think that our collaboration will enable us to share the existing strengths of the four churches and to foster growth. This is a challenging and exciting time.

Fr. Joe Ford; email: jfford67@maine.rr.com

Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

October 25	4:00 PM	Robert Lones, by Betty Lones
October 26	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Janice O'Donnell, by the family
October 27	7:30 AM	Frank Tringale, by Kate Gove & Thomas Snitker
October 29	7:30 AM	Joan Burns health, by Larry Burns
October 30	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

November 1- All Saints Day	St. Gregory's	8:00 AM	The Parishioners
	Holy Martyrs	9:30 AM	The Parishioners
		4:00 PM	Margaret Patricia Cyr & Thomas I. Cyr, by their children & grandchildren
November 2		8:30 AM	Jan J. Wieckowski, by Vince & Peg Furey
		5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$5,396.00** for last weekend. \$3,964.00 was in 154 envelopes and \$1,432.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00. The second collection for World Mission Sunday totaled **\$2,017,00**.

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.

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.

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Advance notice to parents regarding "Child Lures": This is an early alert to inform you that 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 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.

Music Ministry: Join us in song this Holiday season! 2 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."

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.


Garden Committee Thank You - We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following families for their hard work in keeping the gardens watered this summer: the Tracy family, the Chapin family, the Mainella family, the Greenlaw family, the Freeman family, the DeLima Wyman family, the Gilbert family, the Waite family, the O'Donovan family, the Hurley family, and the Leskanic Caldwell family. Your contribution was of significant importance to creating and maintaining the beautiful gardens that are enjoyed by so many parishioners. *Thank you again, Monica Bigley and Michele Baranowski*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship-joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need. (From Stewardship By The Book, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

Every now and then I receive a letter from someone who complains about programs like Refugee Resettlement Services, operated by Catholic Charities Maine. "Why are we helping *those people*? We should be helping our own." It is instantly clear the writer has never paid attention to Jesus' answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus says everyone is my neighbor, whether he lives across the street or she lives half-way around the world. The idea of "our own" is a throwback to the days when people lived in tribes which competed and even warred with each other. Christians don't live or think that way. Jesus' message was simple: those days are over. We are all Body in Christ.

STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE'S WAY OF LIFE

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday October 26	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <div style="text-align: right;"> Readings Begin at #1035 Religious Education Classes Catherine McAuley High School Raffle 148: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 </div>
Monday October 27	Mass at 7:30 AM <div style="text-align: right;"> Religious Education Classes 479: Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 13:10-17 </div>
Tuesday October 28	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <div style="text-align: right;"> Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 666: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16 </div>
Wednesday October 29	Mass at 7:30 AM <div style="text-align: right;"> 481: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145; Lk 13:22-30 </div>
Thursday October 30	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <div style="text-align: right;"> 482: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144; Lk 13:31-35 </div>
Friday October 31	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <div style="text-align: right;"> 483: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111; Lk 14:1-6 </div>
 Saturday November 1	Mass at 8:00 AM St. Gregory's – All Saints Day Mass at 9:30 AM – All Saints Day <div style="text-align: right;"> 667: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a </div> Mass at 4:00 PM
Sunday November 2	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <div style="text-align: right;"> Religious Education Classes 668: Sugg: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or 1011-1016 (Lectionary, vol. IV) </div>

Catherine McAuley High School Raffle – Tickets will be on sale **after all Masses this weekend**. 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.

CCME: General Meeting: Sunday, November 2, 2008, Holy Martyrs Parish Hall - Route 88, Falmouth, Please note time changes. 2:00 PM-Business Meeting, 2:30 PM:Program: Bill Hall of Greater Portland Landmarks who will speak to us on their Portland History Docent Program. Bill is the Portland History Docent program manager for Landmarks. 5:15 PM Social Hour - Pot Luck Supper

General Meeting: Sunday, December 7, 2008, Holy Martyrs Parish Hall - Route 88, Falmouth, Please note time changes. 2:00 PM-Business Meeting; 2:30 PM: Program: Yankee Christmas Gift Swap, (please limit cost to about \$5.00), followed by 5:15 PM Social Hour - Pot Luck Supper..

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?- Nov. 3; Paul's teaching in today's world-Nov. 10; Cum Paulum ae aeternum-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: 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.

