



Dear Friends,

Sunday evening we begin the mission for our cluster. We will have the opportunity to consider the meaning and significance of our baptism. Its power is awesome: we are a new creature, an adopted child of God, a temple of the Holy Spirit, and a member of the Body of Christ. Baptism empowers us to believe and hope in God and to grow in goodness. On Monday we will seek a greater awareness of the power of the Word of God found in the Bible. We will realize anew that we are not alone, rather the very word of God is offered to nourish and challenge us. Tuesday evening the saving power of the cross will be preached followed by the opportunity for confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers us a new beginning with God's pardon and peace. The mission will close with Mass on Wednesday; this celebration will remind us of the centrality of the Eucharist. Please join me each evening at 7PM at Sacred Heart Church in Yarmouth. Elsewhere in this bulletin is the schedule of Masses after which the Redemptorist Fathers will offer reflections.

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Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

<u>October 4</u>	4:00 PM	Leo Alfred & Josephine Thiboutot, by the family
<u>October 5</u>	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>October 6</u>	7:30 AM	Lee Anne Sandy, by Ed & Marie Manganello
<u>October 8</u>	7:30 AM	Catherine O'Rourke, by Diana Dowd & Craig Doremus
<u>October 9</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<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

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of \$5,329.00 for last weekend. \$3,779.00 was in 156 envelopes and \$1,550.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

Parish Mission – This Weekend Fathers Paul Borowski and Richard Bennett will begin our parish mission. They sound enthusiastic and should bring much good. In addition to the evening services at 7:00 PM on October 5, 6, 7, and 8 they will celebrate Mass and do a presentation at the following churches and times:

- Sacred Heart Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6 & 7 at 8:15 AM**
- Holy Martyrs Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 6 & 8 at 7:30 AM**
- St. Gregory's Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 7 & 8 at 8:00 AM**

The evening service on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> will include a penitential rite/confession. On Wednesday it will include Mass.

Vocations – Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask God to show you how to follow Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-9). 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.

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. FMI: Go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

\*\*\*\*\* Religious Education \*\*\*\*\*

Important dates for parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders: Please mark you 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.

Donut & Coffee Sunday – Thank you to those who have come forward to host or sponsor the Donut Sundays for 2008-09. We still need hosts for Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. A majority of those responding to the survey indicated that Donut Sunday was important to them. So please, sign up on the sheet available in the narthex or call Deacon Dennis at 781-2847 if you would like to help.

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.

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 9 and 16: Please join us in the parish kitchen between 9 and 12 on October 9 and/or 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 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 9 and Thursday, October 16. Frozen pies can be picked up after Masses October 11-12 and October 18-19.

Falmouth Food Pantry Benefit - On Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, the Falmouth Congregational Church will be hosting a free Community Roast Turkey Supper to benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry and the Falmouth Fuel Assistance Fund. There is no cost for admission, however, the ultimate key to the success of this event will be freewill donations from the community. The supper is entirely supported by volunteers. Please join your fellow community members for a Turkey dinner and make a donation if you are in a position to do so. If you are unable to attend the dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup>, please consider making a donation if you are in a position to do so. No donation is too small (or too big) and anything you can do will make a difference for a citizen of Falmouth in need. There is added incentive here as well. The Town Council has agreed to make a matching donation up to \$5000. If you would like to donate by check please make it payable to "FCC Food / Fuel Fund". If you can not attend please send your donation to: Falmouth Congregational Church; Attn: Food Pantry / Fuel Assistance Fund, 267 Falmouth Road. Falmouth, ME 04105.

Help is needed to bake: We are also looking for 6 people to bake an apple crisp to contribute to the Ecumenical Turkey Supper. If you can assist us in this endeavor to raise funds to support the Falmouth Food Pantry, please contact Deacon Dennis at 781-2847 or e-mail at dennis@holymartyrs.org. We will provide you with the recipe and details.

**Survey Results** – Copies of the survey summary are available at the back of the church.

### Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday October 5</b>	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Connected Catholics 5:00 PM 139: <i>Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43</i> Readings Begin at 1026 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart, Mission Retreat Begins Religious Education Classes Continue
<b>Monday October 6</b>	Mission Mass at 7:30 AM 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Retreat	461: <i>Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111; Lk 10:25-37</i> Religious Education Classes Continue
<b>Tuesday October 7</b>	Mission Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Retreat & Penitential Rite/Confession	462: <i>Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139; Lk 10:38-42 see 653: Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1;26-38</i> Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM
<b>Wednesday October 8</b>	Mission Mass at 7:30 AM Mission Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Mission Mass	Friendship House Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00 463: <i>Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 117; Lk 11:1-4</i>
<b>Thursday October 9</b>	Communion Service	464: <i>Gal 3:1-5; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13</i> Pie Making 9-12
<b>Friday October 10</b>	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	465: <i>Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111; Lk 11:15-26</i>
<b>Saturday October 11</b>	Mass at 4:00 PM	466: <i>Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105; Lk 11:27-28</i>
<b>Sunday October 12</b>	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	142: <i>Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10</i> <b>No Religious Education Classes Sunday Oct. 12 or Monday Oct. 13</b>

**Catherine McAuley Open House** - Catherine McAuley High School, Maine's only college-preparatory school for young women, will be hosting its annual Open House for prospective students and their parents on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2pm. Young women of all faiths are invited to our campus at 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland.

**You Can Move Beyond the Pain of Divorce!** Come to an 8 week program of caring and confidential support with others also experiencing the pain of a lost marriage. A "Divorce & Beyond" group will be starting at 6:30 p.m., Monday night, October 13th at St. Pius in Portland. The fee is \$25. Pre-registration is required at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, e-mail: [familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org](mailto:familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org).

**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](mailto:familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org).

**Do you wonder...does it still hurt...?** Project Rachel will offer a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend in southern Maine, October 17-19, for those seeking healing and hope after abortion. For more information, contact Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670 or [familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org](mailto:familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Marie Joseph Spiritual Center** – "Women Gathered Together in Faith" a monthly program that offers time and space for spiritual enrichment, held n the first Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Suggest fee is \$10.00. Please bring your bible and a bag lunch. To register and FMI call 207-284-5671. Marie Joseph Spiritual Center is located at 10 Evens Road, Biddeford Pool. (Rt 9/208).

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.

