



Dear Friends,

Over the next weeks we can expect tension and stress as we anticipate the referendum on the definition of marriage on November 3. The debate in the legislature and the signature campaign in June made it clear that disagreements are strong and often emotional. I fear that the divisiveness may disrupt relationships. Some are strongly opposed to the redefinition of marriage; some see little difficulty in redefining marriage. Some object to the church's involvement in what is deemed a political issue. Some demand active participation of the church in this and other issues. As Catholics we owe careful attention to the teaching of the Church being articulated by our diocese, and hopefully, we will be those who bring charity and civility to the matter.

Father Joe Ford; email: [jjford67@maine.rr.com](mailto:jjford67@maine.rr.com)

#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<b>September 12</b>	4:00 PM	Victims of 9/11 and their families
<b>September 13</b>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Esther Groller, by Steve & Debbie Meahl
<b>September 14</b>	10:00 AM	Funeral Mass for Jane Collins
<b>September 16</b>	7:30 AM	Robert Barra, by Robert & Lucille Robinson
<b>September 17</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>September 19</b>	4:00 PM	Jack Welch, by John & Judith Goodrich
<b>September 20</b>	8:30 AM	Robert Kilroy, by Lisa Bousquet
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your contributions of **\$5,160.00** last weekend. To meet our budget for the new fiscal year the weekly collection should average **\$6,000.00** per week.

**This weekend at all Masses,** there will be a second collection to protect traditional marriage in Maine from a dangerous redefinition. Your generous support will help ensure that the institution of marriage is preserved as God intended it: between one man and one woman. Special envelopes will be provided; checks must be made payable to Stand for Marriage Maine. These freewill donations are not deductible for income tax purposes. Please give generously. Thank you.

**Next weekend's Second Collection – The Catholic University of America** is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides, an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from diocese across the country, including ours. Please be generous.



### Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND

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The Campaign for the Diocese of Portland has begun at Holy Martyrs. All parishioners are invited to gather on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM** to learn about the campaign and the future of the Church in Maine. Invitations will be distributed at the Masses this weekend.

### † Religious Education †

**Registration for Fall Classes** – You may register for religious education classes this weekend or call the religious education office at 781-2847. Please take the time to register your child/children for Fall Religious Education sessions. Please register ASAP to ensure the proper student teacher ratio. This year's fee is **\$50 for the first child, \$50 for the second child and \$25 for each child after that.** This fee was instituted to offset a portion of the expense for books and materials as well as administration fees that account for almost a quarter of our annual parish budget. If you prefer a payment plan, please let Deacon Dennis or Father Ford know, and we will arrange it with you. Please note that no child will be excluded from attending class because of these costs. The fees are due at

the time of registration. **†Classes are scheduled to begin the week of September 20, 2009.**

**Sundays** during the 8:30 AM Mass Pre-k – 4 & 5 year olds  
(Min. 10 participants)

**Sundays** 9:30-10:30 AM Grades 1 – 6

**Mondays** 4:15-5:15 PM Grades 1 – 5

**Parents Meeting for all 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Children** - Parents should plan on attending **one** of the following meetings: **Monday, September 28 at 7:00 PM or Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 PM.**

**Religious Education teachers are needed:** Catechists are needed for all grade levels. There will be training on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Scarborough. Please call the religious education office at 781-2473 or speak to Deacon Dennis or Judy Dominick if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.



**Altar Server Ministry:** If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Meredith Charest at 781-8599 or [mcharest1@maine.rr.com](mailto:mcharest1@maine.rr.com) to arrange a time for training. Parishioners who have received their sacraments and are in at least third grade may become altar servers, though many of our servers are in Middle School. Serving is a wonderful way to participate more deeply in the Mass, so older students may want to join this ministry.

**Music Ministry News:** As we look forward to fall, the music ministry is looking for cantors or leaders of song. If you would like share your gift with us at Holy Martyrs, please contact Diane Beaton at 781-9869 or [sbeaton@maine.rr.com](mailto:sbeaton@maine.rr.com). Training will be provided.

**Brown Bag Sunday** – If you would like the opportunity to help Preble Street Resource Center, please take a shopping list of much needed food items and reusable grocery bag as you leave the Church today and return your donation in the reusable bag. ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday, September 20 after the 5:30 Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning, September 21 at 8:00 AM. (I will need extra help this month since I am unable to lift – I will have surgery in October.) If you can help with the delivery, please call me and make my day!!!  
*Nancy Castonia 829-5803*

**Friendship House Thank You** - Many thanks from me and the men at Friendship House for the many good things donated to our September meal for them. New residents especially were pleased and grateful for the ample main dishes, side dishes including salads, and fresh produce I was able to bring them. Volunteer efforts can be sporadic, and I myself appreciate the loyalty and consistency of Holy Martyrs' parishioners, particularly when I myself forget to call until rather late, as I did this time. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, October 7.

**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – Labor Day is over and we settle into our beautiful Maine fall schedules. Thank you all for your thoughtful donations to the pantries all summer long – you were a major contributor of their contributions! Great to have our “Nabisco Angel” back – everyone was so excited to receive all of those goodies. Let's keep up that Holy Martyrs' image that has been earned through your great generosity.

*Jack Mullin*

## Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday September 13	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>131: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35</i> Brown Bag	Readings Begin at #1018 Connected Catholics 5:00 PM
Monday September 14	NO AM MASS – FUNERAL at 10:00 AM <i>638: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17</i>	
Tuesday September 15	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Finance Council 6:00 PM <i>444: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101; 639: Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 see Heb 5:7-9</i>	CCME Board 6:00 PM
Wednesday September 16	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>445: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35 see 640: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Jn 17:11b-19</i>	
Thursday September 17	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <i>446: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50</i> Communion Services - Sedgewood 10:00 AM; FBTS 10:45; Oceanview 2:30	
Friday September 18	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>447: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3</i>	
Saturday September 19	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>448: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15</i>	ICDA 2-9 PM
Sunday September 20	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM † Religious Education Classes Begin 9:30-10:30 AM	<i>134: Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16-43; Mk 9:30-37</i> Readings Begin at #1021

**Connected Catholics of Maine - General Meeting – Sept. 13 at the Holy Martyrs Parish Hall at 5:00pm;** Social Hour - Pot Luck Supper; 5:45pm Business Meeting; 6:00pm Program - Rabbi Harry Sky. All are welcome. FMI: Call Mary Dexter (727-3907).

**Holy Martyrs Prayer Group** – Contemplative Prayer group will begin Tuesday, **September 22** from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Quiet Room. **All are welcome**

**Town of Falmouth – Community Discussion on Former Brown Property – Monday, Sept. 21 from 6:30-8:30 PM** at Holy Martyrs church hall. A site walk will be held at 5:30 PM. No pre-registration for the meeting or site walk. For meeting agenda and more information, please see posters on bulletin board.

**Cheverus High School is pleased to offer a six-week Scripture course for adults** this fall on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM **beginning Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This fall's topic will be an examination of the four Gospels in parallel. We will look at the first chapter of each Gospel and then will move directly to the supper, arrest, trial, crucifixion/death, and resurrection of Jesus. Bring your own bible. Discussion is expected. Contact Fr. John Predmore, S.J. at [predmore@cheverus.org](mailto:predmore@cheverus.org) to obtain the syllabus.

**Early Warning!! Maine Marathon/Relay/Maine Half Marathon – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>!** The race will impact access to all the churches along the route during the morning. We are fortunate at Holy Martyrs to be able to come to church from Johnson Road. If you need to use Route 88, parishioner passes to be placed on the dashboard will be available in the NARTHEX at the end of September.

**The Pro-Life Education Association (PLEA)** is holding its Annual Brunch at The Senator in Augusta on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 10 am to noon. The keynote speaker is Jack Ames, co-founder and director of Defend Life, the largest and most active grassroots pro-life organization in the Maryland/Washington DC area. The brunch is open to the public, but reservations are required. The cost is \$15 per person. FMI: contact Pat Truman at 622-6772 no later than Wednesday Sept. 23rd.

MASSSES:                      *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*  
    *Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment*

OFFICE HOURS:                      8:30-3:00 PM, Monday – Friday

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 Parish Secretary: Debra J. Coppinger

**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.