

**Dear Friends,**

This summer the Vatican issued some directives on the use of the word 'Yahweh' in Catholic worship. The directives are intended to assist us all to review how we use the name of God. The Hebrew Tetragrammaton (that's a word most of us use frequently!) -YHWH is never pronounced by our Jewish brothers and sisters. As an expression of the infinite greatness and majesty of God, it is held to be unpronounceable and is replaced during the reading of Sacred Scripture by the use of an alternate name: Adonai, which means Lord. Through the centuries Christian translations of the Hebrew scriptures have respected this conviction; accordingly English translations substitute the word, Lord. However, this practice has not been recognized in some translations. While the New American Bible which we read in church does not use YHWH, some translations of scriptures do. Also, some hymns use the word, Yahweh. One of the reasons for the Vatican directive is respect for the practice of the Jewish people. Our embrace of the practice offers the opportunity for us to recognize the infinite greatness and mystery of God. In doing so we should review our speech and root out the casual and sometimes profane use of the name of God and Jesus Christ.

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Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

September 13	4:00 PM	Mary Brown, by David & Eileen Laconi
September 14	8:30 AM	Janice O'Donnell, by the family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
September 15	7:30 AM	Lois Murphy, by Ellen Honan
September 17	7:30 AM	Mary Green Reali, by Ed & Marie Manganello
September 18	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

September 19	4:00 PM	Lou Bernet, by Dan & Phyllis Hayes
September 20	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	John Menna, by the Vella family

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$6,546.50** for last weekend. \$5,277.50 was in 155 envelopes and \$1,269.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

Next Weekend's Second Collection is for The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, DC. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

Bishop's Appeal: Bishop Malone has written to our priests noting that current fears about the economy may be the reason for the slow progress of the Appeal. He reminds us: "it is during times of immense struggle that people of faith are asked to make great sacrifices for the good of others". The Bishop is writing to those households which have yet to participate. Please give his words careful consideration.

Thus far, 143 households at Holy Martyrs have contributed \$117,399.00 toward our goal of \$145,000.00.

The sixth annual Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis' Feast, will be held at 9:30 AM, Saturday, October 4th at Sacred Heart church yard, 326 Main Street, Yarmouth. ALL pets and/or pet lovers are invited to this prayer service and blessing, conducted by Fr. Picard, with or without an animal friend in attendance. A Divine Express Mailbox is also available for messages on behalf of the pets. FMI: Call the rectory at 846-5584.

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.

Join us to hear Dr. John-Louis Bernier - "The Gospel of John" - Saturday, September - 27 from 10:00 AM-2 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 132 McKeen Street, Brunswick. Desserts and beverages provided. No charge, donations appreciated.

Outreach Sunday – This Sunday, following Mass, we resume our monthly coffee, donuts and bagels...hosted by The Tracy Family. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in volunteering to host and to sponsor this event. We are also looking for someone to coordinate this important ministry. A majority of those responding to the survey indicated that Donut Sunday was important to them. So please, sign up or call Deacon Dennis at 781-2847 if you would like to help.

Cluster Mission: The parishioners of our cluster are invited to four evenings of prayer and reflection beginning October 5 at 7 PM at Sacred Heart, Yarmouth. This location was deemed the most central of our parishes; parishioners are urged to car pool and to offer rides to those who dislike nighttime driving. Also, the mission is an opportunity for us to invite friends and neighbors not currently participating in the life of the church. The Redemptorist Fathers will also be speaking after morning Masses.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants." (From *Stewardship By The Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

"Master"? "servant"? These words may still be in the dictionary, but they are not in the vocabulary or experience of most Americans. We are told consistently and constantly that we rule our own destinies. "Look out for #1!" "No one can tell me what to do!" "I can do whatever I want, as long as nobody gets hurt!" These are the slogans of a society in which all meaning is found in the individual. God's Kingdom, on the other hand, has a Master. The Master gives us the liberty to choose whether we will serve him or not. If we will not serve Him-if, for example, we will not accept the legitimate teaching of the Church, which the Master empowered to teach-what place would we expect in that Kingdom?

Questions of the Week

Adult: To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

Children: When I see a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer to thank Jesus for loving me so much?

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Classes - are now being formed and will begin next Sunday, September 21. If you would like to register, please call 781-2847. We are still in need of Catechists for Sunday and Monday classes.

Attention teens and their parents: there is a meeting next Sunday, September 21 at 6:30 PM with Fr. Ford to discuss our **new** plans for the high school program. Please bring your family calendar.

Veritas Portland's Young Adult Youth Ministry – "Sanctifying Our Ordinary Work" Pub Night with guest Mrs. Vicki Booth. **Tuesday, September 16, 7pm.** Veritas, Portland's Catholic Young Adult Group, invites all young adults (18-39) in faith sharing and discussion at the Old Port Tavern, 11 Moulton St, Portland. Mrs. Booth, a lifetime St. Joseph's parishioner, has taught in local school systems and in various religious education programs for many years. She will share practical ways for living our faith in the workplace. Talk begins at 7pm. Come earlier for dinner and fellowship. FMI contact Lisa at veritasportland@yahoo.com or Craig Bossie at 831-0852.

Protecting God's Children – The next Protecting God's Children seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 17 from 6-9PM at St. Gregory's in Gray.

Catechist Training Session – will be held on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Scarborough.

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.

Brown Bag Sunday – ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday evening, September 14 after the 5:30 PM Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning September 15 at 8AM. Please call me if you can help with the delivery. 2 of my loyal angels will no longer be able to help. I WILL NEED YOUR HELP! If you have any questions please call me – Nancy Castonia 829-5803.

Friendship House Thank You - Many thanks from me and the men at Friendship House for the various donations I took to FH early in September. There were four ample main dishes, paper products, fresh produce and a large carton filled with all sorts of grocery items --cereal, teabags, plastic wrap and so on. A couple of new residents were particularly impressed at the amount I brought, and wanted to be sure I thanked you all for them. The date of our next meal for Friendship House is Wednesday, October 1.
Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362

Rummage Sale – Our fall rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary T. Honan at 781-2705

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 14	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	638: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 Readings Begin at #1061
Monday September 15	Mass at 7:30 AM	Brown Bag Delivery 443: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Ps 40; 639: Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 see 639: Heb 5:7-9
Tuesday September 16	Mass at St. Gregory's	Finance Council 6:00 PM 444: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17 see 640: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Jn 17: 11b-19
Wednesday September 17	Mass at 7:30 AM	Protecting God's Children 6-9 PM at St. Gregory's 6-9 PM 445: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday September 18	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	446: 1 Cor 15;1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50 Cluster Pastoral and Finance Councils at St. Gregory's 6:30 PM
Friday September 19	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM	447: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17; Lk 8;1-3
Saturday September 20	Mass at 4:00 PM	448: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Ps 56; Lk 8:4015; see 713-718, esp. Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 9:23-26
Sunday September 21	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Religious Education Classes Begin 133: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-6a

Early Warning!! Maine Marathon/Relay/Maine Half Marathon – Sunday, October 5th! 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.

Cheverus Open House – On Sunday, October 5, 2008 prospective students and families interested in learning more about Cheverus are invited.

Development Director & Human Resources Director – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine is currently looking for a **Director of Development** as well as a **Director of Human Resources**. Drake Inglesi Milardo is a Human Resources Consultant Firm located in Portland. FMI: Please respond by attaching resume to email to and forward it to: jobs@dimihr.com or mail to: Drake Inglesi Milardo Inc., 50 Portland Pier, Portland, Maine 04101.

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 Church in Portland. The fee is \$25. Pre-registration is required at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

Project Rachel - What would Christ do... for a son or daughter suffering from an abortion? He would say, "I love you, and I want you to be healed." A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Project Rachel, is an invitation to men, women, couples, and relatives who grieve the loss of a child from abortion to experience the loving compassion of Jesus, and begin a journey toward healing. For more information, call 871-7464, Ext. 2670; toll-free at 1-800-CARE-002; or e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

