



Dear Friends,

With the new season for religious education for our youth I invite the entire parish to be involved in our responsibility to assist our young people to deepen their awareness of the gift of baptism and the other sacraments. My deep concern is that too many young people are not provided the opportunity to nurture their knowledge of faith and to develop a habit of prayer consonant with their growth. Thus, we need to encourage them and their parents to recognize the life saving importance of their faith formation. While the new season is another item on the list of activities of their parents, it is an opportunity for parents to grow in knowledge of our faith and to maintain their own rhythm of prayer as they assist the young to have a regular habit of daily prayer. Religious education is all about coming to an awareness of the most pivotal person in the history of western civilization. We deepen our knowledge of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and we are assisted in our ongoing relationship with the Lord who lives, breathes and moves among us. I submit that parents can give no greater gift than their faith in our Lord. Let us pray together for them and the teachers of our young.

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

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

September 19	4:00 PM	Jack Welch, by John & Judith Goodrich
September 20	8:30 AM	Robert Kilroy, by Lisa Bousquet
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
September 21	7:30 AM	Theodore Barris, by Jim & Barbara Kriger
September 23	7:30 AM	Muriel McDonough, by Randy & Marie Wimert
September 24	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

September 26	4:00 PM	Father Angelo Levasseur, by Lisa Bousquet
September 27	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Dr. Carl Stanley, by the Meahl family

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of **\$4,956.00** last weekend. The E-Giving amount for the month of September totaled **\$1,285.00**.

To meet our budget for the new fiscal year the weekly collection should average **\$6,000.00** per week.

Today's Second Collection – Today's second collection is for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar we give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

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.**

Help Needed: The churches are in need of someone with a van who can transport the wide screen television from Holy Martyrs to Saint Gregory's for the weekend of October 3 & 4.

Rosary Rally – October 10th in front of Portland City Hall on Congress Street at noon. Please gather by 11:45 AM. The purpose is to ask Our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for our country. Last year there were over 3,500 such rallies in the country. FMI: call J. Muesse at 772-4071.

Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND

On Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM in the parish hall there will be a meeting to explain the campaign to strengthen the heartbeat of the Church in Maine. We hope that many will join us and consider an invitation to volunteer to assist with the campaign over the next three weeks.



Lectors: We are in need of able readers to assist as lector at the 5:30 Mass on Sunday evening. Please call the office if you can serve the parish in this manner.

Religious Education News

Classes will begin this Sunday, September 20 and Monday, September 21.

You can still register for classes by calling the religious education office at 781-2847.

Parents Meeting for all 2nd 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.**

Teen Youth Ministry – On October 4th at 6:30 PM after the 5:30 PM Mass we will have an open discussion about the Teen Youth Ministry. This is open for all teenagers in high school and their parents. The purpose of the 1 hour meeting is to discuss agenda ideas for this year's teen program. This year, as in years past, we will support assembling Thanksgiving Day Baskets, The Giving Tree and the Christmas Fair. However, we would like to discuss new ideas for serving our community, fellowship and spiritual development, and we need your help. We would like to develop the ministry into what is most meaningful to all involved. We have some new leadership involved and believe we will have a great year. There will be food and drink, so please attend and bring your suggestions on how to improve this very important part of our parish. FMI: Contact Scott Ross at sross@maine.rr.com or Judy Dominick at Judy.dominick@portlanddiocese.org

Cheverus Open House – Sunday, October 18, Noon-4:00 PM. Please come and enjoy the refreshments, meet the Jesuits and walk around our 25-acre Ocean Avenue campus while enjoying the music of the Cheverus Jazz Combo. Sample some food from the Mothers Club. "This is your chance to see what Cheverus is all about!"

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY: Sacred Heart Parish would like to invite parishioners from Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's to participate in the musical "Celebrate Life," to take place the weekend of **Nov. 13-15 at Sacred Heart**. If you are a vocalist, reader or might like to work on staging, props, costuming, please consider joining the Sacred Heart Adult Choir for what promises to be a wonderful opportunity to not only have a lot of fun, but to build community as well. Celebrate Life is an hour-long musical about the life of Christ. If you are interested, please see Diane Beaton and the directors of the production, Ted Walsh and Ron Siviski at Holy Martyrs on Sunday, Sept 20 after the 8:30 Mass or call Ron at 846-6020 or Ted at 688-2259 for more information.

Altar Server Ministry: If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Meredith Charest at 781-8599 or 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.

Brown Bag Sunday – ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday evening, September 20 after the 5:30 Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning September 21 at 8:00 AM. Please call me if you can help me with the delivery. I will not be able to do any lifting this time, I have surgery scheduled for October. So if you can help with the delivery I would really appreciate it. *Nancy Castonia 829-5803*

Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – We are off to a great fall start with our Holy Martyrs delivery volunteers in place and the alternating schedule between Falmouth and Cumberland working well for all. Now is the time to keep the food and essentials coming for our needy neighbors. Thank you all for your generosity and thoughtful shopping. *Jack Mullin*

St. Vincent de Paul Society...Cathedral Conference – The society acknowledges your recent donation of \$85.00 to the works of charity of this Conference. Your continued support enables us to continue the works and programs of our society in the name of St. Vincent de Paul, our soup kitchen, which serves the poor, the needy, underprivileged, the underemployed, unemployed and the unwanted.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 20	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>134: Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16-43; Mk 9:30-37</i> † Religious Education Classes Begin 9:30-10:30 AM Readings Begin at #1021
Monday September 21	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>643: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13</i> <i>Town of Falmouth Neighborhood Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM - Hall</i> † Religious Education Classes Begin 4:15-5:15 PM
Tuesday September 22	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Campaign Meeting 6:00 PM - Hall <i>450: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14020; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21</i>
Wednesday September 23	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>451: Ezr 9:5-9; (Ps)Tb 13:2; Lk 9:1-6 see 719-724</i> Opus Dei Men 5:00-7:00 PM
Thursday September 24	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Cluster Council – Sacred Heart 6:30 PM <i>452: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9</i>
Friday September 25	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>453: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22</i>
Saturday September 26	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>454: Zec 2:5-9,14-15; (Ps) Jer 31; Lk 9:43b-45</i>
Sunday September 27	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>137: Nm 11:25-20; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48</i> † Religious Education Classes continue 9:30-10:30 AM

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 22nd**. 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 to obtain the syllabus.

Early Warning!! Maine Marathon/Relay/Maine Half Marathon – Sunday, October 4th ! 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. 26 from 10 am to noon. 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.

Women Gathered Together in Faith - A new season begins on **October 7th**, for the Women's program held on the first Wednesday of the month at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford Pool. The morning session begins at 10:00 A.M. with a presentation of a holy woman in Scripture or in the Church. After lunch a personal time for prayer is followed by an exchange among the participants. The session closes with prayer at 2:30 P.M. Bring: Bible and bag lunch. Suggested fee: \$10.00. For FMI / to Register call: (207) 284-5671. (For directions: www.mariejosephspiritual.org)

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*
 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.