

FROM THE Priest Dear Friends,
 On October 4 and 5 Fathers Paul Borowski and Richard Bennett, Redemptorist Fathers, will be at all the Masses in our cluster to invite participation in the mission which they will lead on October 5, 6, 7 and 8. Each evening beginning at 7 they will lead us in prayer, readings from Sacred Scripture, song and offer the Mission Sermon. The services will last about an hour; refreshments and an opportunity for conversation will follow. The services will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Yarmouth. The priests will offer the morning Masses in Falmouth, Gray and Yarmouth. and offer an instruction for those able to stay. They will be available for confession after the morning and evening sessions. During the day they will be available for personal meetings.

As noted earlier, the evening sessions will draw us into a deeper appreciation of God's unconditional love, and how we respond to that love. The mission provides an opportunity for us to review our faith and to be renewed in it. Again, I suggest that you invite neighbors and friends who have been inactive members and offer transportation to those who dislike driving at night. The mission can offer us new vitality as we move forward in the cluster process.

Next weekend I will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral for my niece's wedding.
 Fr. Joe Ford; email: jfford67@maine.rr.com

Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

<u>September 20</u>	4:00 PM	Lou Bernet, by Dan & Phyllis Hayes
<u>September 21</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	John Menna, by the Vella family
<u>September 22</u>	7:30 AM	Donald McVane, by his family
<u>September 24</u>	NO AM MASS	
<u>September 25</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service
Next Weekend Masses		
<u>September 27</u>	4:00 PM	Henry & Teresa DeSantis, by the family
<u>September 28</u>	8:30 AM	Veronica M. Morrison, by John & Natalie Bonnell
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,673.00** for last weekend. \$3,786.00 was in 142 envelopes and \$887.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.
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.



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.

Blessing of Pets

Vocations – God calls people at different times and in various ways. You're never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is his hallmark. (Matthew 20:1-16). 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.

Join us to hear Dr. John-Louis Bernier - "The Gospel of John" - Next Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 AM-2 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 132 McKeen Street, Brunswick. After following the Liturgical Cycle and exploring the synoptic gospels, he will introduce us to the Gospel according to St. John. Throughout the day he will deal with the authorship issue as well as the time and place the Gospel was written. Most important he will explain what the Johanne community offered us and how they did this through the structure and theological themes in the Gospel as we have it today. **Desserts and beverages provided. Please bring a bag lunch.** No charge, donations appreciated.



Contemplative Prayer One-Day Spiritual Retreat, Tuesday September 30th 9:30-2:00 PM – **PRAYING IN SECRET** with retreat director Fr. Bill Sheehan. **Refreshments provided. Please bring a bag lunch.** There is no charge for this event, but donations are gracefully accepted. FMI: Linda Nutter 781-8277.

Donut & Coffee Sunday – A majority of those responding to the survey indicated that Donut Sunday was important to them. There are still many slots to be filled for hosting and a couple for sponsoring. So please, sign up on the sheet available in the narthex or call Deacon Dennis at 781-2847 if you would like to help. Thank you to Danielle Tracy for hosting last weekend's Donut Sunday.



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 cluster; 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.

You are Invited – Fall Harvest Supper and Discussion – Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 6PM at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please join us and help us to discover ways that we can collectively be more welcoming and inclusive in our parish with children and teens who are in any way disabled. We have actively sought out the families that we know are presently dealing with disabilities but you are welcome to invite someone that you know would also benefit from this supper. Our speaker will be Bill Wood from Catholic Charities of Maine. Bring your ideas, questions and your appetite. RSVP: apeacock@sheartparish.org or rector at 846-5584.

Questions of the Week

Adult: When have I limited the scope and breadth of God's grace in my life?
Children: How and when has God been really good to me, this week?

***** **Religious Education** *****

Teachers Needed



Teachers Needed – We are still in need of teachers and assistants for Grade 3 on Sunday, and Grade 5 on Monday. If you can help, please call Judy Dominick at 781-2847. While this is a commitment to both the parish and the students, we will give you all the support and help you will need.

Attention teens and their parents: there is a meeting **this 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.

Catechist Training Session for Faith First – 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.



Thrift Sale Rummage Sale – Our fall rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th. Help is needed Thursday and Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM to set up and on Saturday 8:30-11:00 to sell. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary T. Honan at 781-2705. **Please do NOT drop off items until the week of September 29th.**

Brown Bag Thank You – Many thanks from Preble Street Resource Center for the 60 bags of groceries and \$70. that were recently collected. Thanks to Jim for helping with the delivery and to Sally, Dottie, and Carol who helped deliver and stock the shelves with me. “Divine Abundance follows the law of service and generosity. Give then receive. Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.” Yogananda These are desperate times for homeless people. Thank you for noticing and doing something to help them. *Nancy Castonia 829-5803*

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 21	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Sun. Religious Education Classes Begin 133: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-6a
Monday September 22	Mass at 7:30 AM 449: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-4b,5; Lk 16-18	Mon. Religious Education Classes Begin Grade 2 Parent's Meeting 7-8PM
Tuesday September 23	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	450: Prv 21:1-6,10-13; Ps 119; Lk 8;19-21 see 719-724
Wednesday September 24		Opus Dei Men 5-7PM 451: Prv 30;5-9; Ps 119; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday September 25	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Catechist Training Session 6:30 PM	452: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90; Lk 9:7-9 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Scarborough
Friday September 26		453: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday September 27	Mass at 4:00 PM	454: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90; Lk 9:43b-45 see 645: 1 Cor 1:26-31
Sunday September 28	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	136: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 125; Phl 2:1-11 or 2:1-5l Mt 21:28-32

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.

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.

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, 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.

Telling Anew the Story of Marriage – Our diocesan Marriage Preparation Guidelines have been updated (after more than 20 years). Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute will host a very special marriage conference at St. Paul's Center in Augusta on October 3rd to introduce the Guidelines and begin the implementation process within Clusters and Parishes. The day long event will feature speakers, a priests' panel and Mass with Bishop Malone. If you are involved with or interested in Marriage Ministry, please come! There is a discount for couples attending. For more information and to register please call 1-800-CARE-002 ext 2670, or email: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

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.

