



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.

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Mass Intentions and Mass Schedule

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Rows include September 27 (4:00 PM, Henry & Teresa DeSantis), September 28 (8:30 AM, Veronica M. Morrison; 5:30 PM, The Parishioners), September 29 (NO AM MASS), October 1 (7:30 AM, Intention of Faith & Works), and October 2 (7:30 AM).

Next Weekend Masses

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Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of \$6,522.15 for last weekend. \$5,028 was in 166 envelopes and \$1,550.15 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00. The second collection for the Catholic University totaled \$1,673.00.



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.

Vocations – Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21:28-32). 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.

Parish Mission – Next 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 7th will include a penitential rite/confession. On Wednesday it will include Mass.

Financial Report – Steve Mitchell chairperson of Holy Martyrs Finance Council will be presenting a report on our financial condition this weekend. Copies of the report are available at the back of church.

Religious Education

Assistants Needed – We are still in need of assistants on Sundays and Mondays. 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.

Important dates for parents of 2nd 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:

- Reconciliation meeting – Tuesday, October 21 from 7-8PM (parents only)
Confirmation retreat – Sunday, March 1st from 1-3PM (parents and candidates)
First Eucharist retreat – Sunday, April 26 1-3PM (parents and candidates)

Reconciliation will be celebrated Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 AM.

Confirmation and First Communion with Bishop Malone at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 2nd 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, Dec.14, Jan.11, Feb. 8, Mar.8, April 19, & June 14. 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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what ways have I resembled both sons in today's Gospel?

Children: What Bible stories have helped me to be a better person?

Stewardship in Action: Please note: Father Simon Francois will concelebrate the liturgy at Sacred Heart and St. Jude Churches on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning September 27th & 28th. We hope that parishioners will take the opportunity to great him, wish him well, and keep the Haitian people in our prayers. The summer has been an extremely difficult one for Haiti which has been struck by four hurricanes in the past month. It resulted in flash flooding, erosion, destruction of homes and roads, loss of crops and loss of life. The second collection this weekend at Sacred Heart and St. Jude is for support to their sister parish of Sacre-Coeur de Meyer and the work of Father Simon Francois.

Funeral Reception Ministry - On Saturday, September 20, we hosted a reception for the Memorial Mass of Bud Carlson, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Special thanks go to the Machesney Family and Pratt Abbott for supplying the table linens.

Friendship House is a residence in South Portland for formerly homeless men recovering from substance abuse. The first Wednesday of each month, members of our parish contribute prepared hot or cold dishes and grocery items such as fresh produce, paper products or toiletries, which I then take to the men at FH. If you would like to contribute something this Wednesday, please call Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362.

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 1-2 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.

APPLE PIEMAKING 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.

Rummage Sale – Our fall rummage sale is scheduled for next 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 drop off items in the designated area.**

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 28	Mass at 8:30 AM <i>136: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 125; Phl 2:1-11 or 2:1-5l Mt 21:28-32</i> Readings Begin at # 1023 Mass at 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes Continue
Monday September 29	NO AM MASS <i>647: Dn 7;9-10,13-14 or Rv 12;7-12a; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51</i> Religious Education Classes Continue
Tuesday September 30	Contemplative Prayer Retreat 9:30-2:00 <i>456: Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Ps 88; Lk 9:51-56 see 648: 2 Tm 3:14-17</i>
Wednesday October 1	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>457: Jb 9:1-12,14-16; Ps 88; Lk 9:57-62 see 649: Is 66:10-14c; Mt 18:1-5</i> Friendship House
Thursday October 2	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>458: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27; 650: Mt 18:1-5,10</i>
Friday October 3	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>459: Jb 38: 1,12-21;40;3-5; Ps 139; Lk 10:13-16</i>
Saturday October 4	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>440: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Ps 119; Lk 10:17-24 see 651: Gal 6: 14-18; Mt 11:25-30</i> Rummage Sale 8:30 -11:00 AM
Sunday October	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <i>139: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43</i> 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart, Mission Retreat Begins Religious Education Classes Continue

Maine Marathon - Sunday, October 5th ! The race will impact access to all the churches along the route during the morning. If you need to use Route 88, parishioner passes are available in the Narthex.

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.

