



Dear Friends,

Some time ago I offered some comments about the situation of the church in China and noted that a test of the effort for improved relationships with the Holy See would be its reaction to the election of a new bishop in Beijing. He was ordained last week with the approval of the Holy See!

Priest

Holy Martyrs Church had the privilege of the presence of Bishop Mauro Muldoon from Honduras. I was particularly pleased to have his company because he has been on the front line of the pursuit of justice in Central America. He has faced violence and oppression on behalf of his people. Bishop Muldoon down played his role and did not mention this in his sermon. He told us of the needs of his diocese and advised that the gifts from the people of Holy Martyrs would be used to provide cement floors and zinc roofs to 15 houses at a cost of \$1,000 per house. This effort is undertaken to avoid the transmission of disease through children's feet and to keep the homes clear of the vermin that attach themselves to the thatched roofs. More gifts can be made; simply write the checks to Holy Martyrs; and we will forward the funds. Many thanks!

Father Joe Ford
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P.S. We have adopted the Faith First program for religious education. Check the website for information and all sorts of ways to develop our faith including a series of age appropriate games that teach our faith. www.FaithFirst.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 29	4:00 PM Marcel Violette Sr., by His Family
September 30	8:30 AM Maurice Goulet, by The Caldwell Family
	5:30 PM The Parishioners
October 1	7:30 AM Jane Noyes, by Edward L. Dilworth
October 3	7:30 AM Intention of Faith & Works, by The Stewardship Committee
October 4	7:30 AM Communion Service
Next Weekend Masses	
October 6	4:00 PM Health for William Herkert, by Aunt Lucille & Uncle Bob
October 7	8:30 AM Mary Cyr, Marlene, Anne, & Philip, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for September 22 & 23, 2007 amounted to **\$5,644.12** was in 175 envelopes and **\$1,151.87** was loose. The second collection for Bishop Mauro Muldoon totaled **\$4,706.84**. Thank you for your gifts.

Red Mass – The Red Mass of Maine will be celebrated on October 26, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Judges, lawyers, government officials and people of all faiths are invited to attend the Red Mass to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. A luncheon will follow at the Portland Country Club with guest speaker Judge Edith Brown Clement of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. FMI or to make a reservation for the luncheon, please call Kim at 774-1486 ext. 216.

7th Annual Living Rosary of Nations – The Sodality of St. Anne of St. Anthony's Parish in Westbrook is sponsoring the 7th Annual Living Rosary of Nations for Religious Vocations and World Peace, Sunday October 14th at 3:00 PM at St. Hyacinth Church, Brown St in Westbrook. The candle light rosary will be said in many languages by priests, deacons, sisters, and parishioners representing many area parishes. A reception for everyone will follow in the church hall. FMI: Please call Marilyn Foster at 854-1199.

Religious education news for parents of 2nd grade children: There is an important meeting for parents of 2nd grade children regarding the preparation for the three sacraments that the children will celebrate this year. Due to the importance of the meeting, we are offering it on two evenings to accommodate your schedules: **Tuesday, October 9 or Thursday, October 11 beginning at 7PM.** Fr. Ford, Judy Dominick and Deacon Dennis will provide background information, materials necessary to support the children's formation, and an opportunity to answer questions. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. Help us assist you in passing on our gift of faith!

Sessions for Liturgy of the Word, Pre-K Program, Elementary grades 1-5, Jr. High 6,7 & 8 and Youth Ministry are well underway. There are no sessions next Sunday or Monday, due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Sessions resume on October 14 & 15. We hope the interruption doesn't affect the participation when we resume!

Youth Ministry meets the Dead Theologian Society! If you are in grades 9 through 12, you are invited to join Holy Martyrs Youth Ministry and the Dead Theologian Society. Classes meet Sundays after the 5:30 PM Mass. FMI: email holy Martyrs youth@gmail.com or call Margaret Colford @ 207-899-4806.

Altar Server Training: There will be a training session for anyone 3rd grade and older interested in being an altar server on **Thursday, October 4th from 6-7 PM.** Please call Meredith Charest at 781-8599 or email mcharest1@maine.rr.com if you plan to attend or would like more information.

Cantor Notes: We are in desperate need of a cantor for the 8:30 Mass on Sunday. Please contact Cecile, 797-4361 or musikmom@maine.rr.com.

Music Help Needed: Our MVM (most valuable musician) Guilds Hollowell has recently moved down south for new employment. Guilds had been able to operate the computer on the organ so that we don't have to spend money on a substitute. Anyone, young or old, with computer expertise is needed to fill this job. Please contact Cecile as noted above.

Early Warning!! Maine Marathon/Relay/Maine Half Marathon – Sunday, October 7th! - The Sportshoe Center will be holding its annual benefit Marathon Race along Route 88. 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 are available at the back of the church. For reasons of safety and recommended by the Falmouth Police Department Route 88 from Route 1 to Depot Road will be closed to traffic from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM and there will be no access to Route 88 off Johnson Road.

Calling All Pie Plates! The Christmas Fair Committee is once again planning to bring you homemade apple pies, packaged and frozen for your holiday (and everyday) meals. If you have a 9" glass pie plate and are willing to donate it to this year's pie effort, please label it "Christmas Fair" and leave it in the kitchen. To get involved in this year's fair, please contact Kathy Coster at 781-3723 or kbcmaine@aol.com.

Rummage Sale & White Elephant Sale – Saturday, October 13, 8 8:30-11:00 AM. - Help is needed Thursday and Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM to set up and on Saturday 8:30-11:00 to sell. Please call Mary T. Honan 781-2705 if you can help.

5th Annual Blessing of the Animals – The fifth annual Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis' October Feast will be held at 9:30 AM, Saturday, October 6th at Sacred Heart Church yard, 326 Main Street, Yarmouth. All pets and/or pet lovers are invited to attend 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. For further questions regarding this **free and open-to-the-public event**, contact the rectory at 846-5584.



Position Opening – Gift Processing Specialist – Bishop's Appeal Office. The ideal candidate will be an active practicing Catholic with bookkeeping experience and a passion for accuracy. Experience with Raiser's Edge data management software is desirable. Please send your resume and cover letter to Teresa Schulz, Director of Human Resources, at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, 510 Ocean Avenue, Portland, ME 04104-7559 or email your resume and cover letter to: hr@hrportlanddiocese.net.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday September 30	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	Readings Begin at #1025; Communion Hymn #711 Rel. Ed. Classes Continue 138: Am 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Monday October 1	Mass at 7:30 AM	Religious Education Classes 4:15-5:15 Grades 1-5 455: Zec8:1-8; Ps 102; Lk 9:46-50; see 649 Is 66:10-14c; Mt 18:1-5
Tuesday October 2	Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Gregory's Parish Council 6:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 456: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87; 650: Mt 18:1-5,10 see Ex 23:20-23
Wednesday October 3	Mass at 7:30 AM	457: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137; Lk 9:57-62 Friendship House
Thursday October 4	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM 458: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Ps 19; Lk 10:1-12; see 651: Gal 6:14-18; Mt 11:25-30
Friday October 5	Mass at 8:00 AM St. Gregory's	459: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday October 6	Mass at 4:00 PM	460: Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Ps 69; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday October 7	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	NO REL. ED. CLASSES Connected Catholics Gen. Meeting and Pot Luck Supper 5 PM 141: Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Friendship House Thank You - 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 take to the men at FH. If you would like to contribute something this Wednesday, please call Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362.

REFOCCUS – 5 Great Date Nights to Enrich Your Marriage – REFOCCUS sessions will be held here at Holy Martyrs Parish on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 PM.

October 10 “Marriage As A Process”

October 17 “Intimacy”

October 24 “Compatibility”

November 7 “Communication”

November 14 “Commitment”

FMI and to register, please contact Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute at 1-800-CARE-002 or email familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

Keeping in Shape - Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, or playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? We still have openings available for the weekend of 2-4 November in Lewiston, ME. For more information, please call Dave and Ellie Mulcahy at 207-933-4237 or DavEllie@fairpoint.net or visit our website www.womenewengland.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.

