



**†An aspect of the Disciples in Mission endeavor this Lent is to assist us to recognize the Prieststory of our faith in the scriptures proclaimed each weekend. As we find ourselves in these passages, we can see that our lives have an impact on those around us. In seeing and being with us others should have the opportunity to realize the wonder of the Risen Lord. In their statement *Go and Make Disciples* the Bishops of the United States had these words to offer.**

**“We say it about ourselves as bishops: God has touched our lives in Jesus, bestowed his Spirit, given us salvation and hope, and called us to live in witness to his love. We know this is true of you as well: you have received the Spirit of Christ Jesus, which brings salvation and hope; your lives are a witness of faith. Whether you were baptized as a child or joined the Church as an adult, you have a story of faith. Whether you sincerely live your faith in quiet or have a great public ministry, you have a story of faith. Whether you have a grade school knowledge of the catechism or have a theological degree, you have a story of faith. We all have – and are – stories of faith, for through the Spirit, the Gospel of Jesus Christ takes hold of us in the proclamation of his word, and Jesus touches us in the celebration of his sacraments. When this genuinely happens, we are all set ablaze by his love”**

*Father Joe Ford; email: jiford67@maine.rr.com*

#### Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<b>February 20</b>	4:00 PM	Paul Massey, by The Perron Family
<b>February 21</b>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	James A. McBrady (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary), by his family
<b>February 22</b>	7:30 AM	Jack Welch, by Dick & Pat Traynor
<b>February 24</b>	7:30 AM	Patrick Conley, by his family
<b>February 25</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>February 27</b>	4:00 PM	Judy Baer, by The Polkinghorn family
<b>February 28</b>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Bret Connors, by Steve & Debbie Meahl

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your contributions of \$4,117.00 last weekend. To meet our budget for the fiscal year, the weekly collection should average \$6,000 per week. E-Giving for the month of February totaled \$1,720.00.

**Today,** each of us is asked to support the church's evangelization efforts among African Americans and Native Americans. Your financial contribution supports Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your financial support funds evangelization programs that are strengthening the faith continuing the legacy and sharing the mission with children and adults here at home.

**Tax Information** – If you would like a copy of your 2009 weekly offering to Holy Martyrs for income tax purposes, please sign up at the back of the church or call the office. A copy of the amount of your contribution will be mailed to you in a timely fashion.

**Bishop's Appeal:** Thus far parishioners of Holy Martyrs have pledged over \$69,000 to the 2009 Appeal. These gifts will help to ensure that vital ministries will continue throughout our diocese. The Appeal is an opportunity for donors to be in solidarity with one another and with the thousands who benefit from the ministries and services funded by the Appeal. Pledge cards are in the envelopes in various areas of the church.

**Liturgical Publications, Inc.** the publisher of our new bulletin has a sales representative in the area through February 26 to serve those interested in placing an ad. There is an opportunity to secure space in the new publication. To place your ad, please contact Vern Deprey at 1-800-888-4574 ext. 3410 or vdeprey@4lpi.com.

**Friendship House** - Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to our February meal for the men at Friendship House, who welcomed enthusiastically the several main dishes, salads/side dishes, fresh produce and large quantity of paper goods. At any one time at FH, there are about 15 men in residence -- some newcomers and some who have been there for several months -- and whatever we bring is put to good use.

Do remember that toiletries are an option for those who want to give but haven't the time or inclination to cook.  
*Deborah Nicklas @ 7812-4362*

**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – We are very aware that the requests for your generosity have been numerous lately. With so many varied causes it is difficult, at times, to remember our local neighbors in need. Please know that the donations of food, essentials or money that are given here go **directly** to the food pantries – delivered by Holy Martyrs volunteers every week. One item added to your shopping list will be a big help to make life a little better for a neighbor in need. Thank you very much.  
*Jack Mullin*

**Vocations** – “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 / robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471 / ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** - will be prayed each Friday afternoon at 4:30PM. On February 26th and March 12th we will use the children's version, and I will invite any children or youth to join me in walking the stations.  
*Deacon Dennis Popadak*

**Operation Rice Bowl** -Every Lent, millions of Catholics participate in Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' annual Lenten program, which began on Ash Wednesday. Catholic families, parishes and schools from more than 13,000 communities use symbolic cardboard "rice bowls" as the focal point of their prayer, fasting and learning—and to help people in poverty around the world. Participants in Operation Rice Bowl make a small sacrifice every week, putting the change they would have spent on food into symbolic rice bowls. That money goes to support CRS' mission to fight global hunger and poverty. Helping people in need through fasting and almsgiving is a big component of Operation Rice Bowl, but the program also encourages Catholics to help others through prayer and by learning about the factors that cause hunger. Last year, participants raised more than \$7 million for Operation Rice Bowl, 75 percent of which is used to fund projects in 40 countries. The remaining 25 percent stays in U.S. dioceses to support food pantries and soup kitchens.

**Holy Cross School Open House February 28** - Holy Cross Catholic School, located on Broadway in South Portland, will hold their annual Open House on Sunday February 28th from 2:00-4:00. Please join us for your chance to meet our principal, Sister Theresa RSM, and our wonderful staff. There will be an informal presentation, tours of the school, and students and parents available to talk with about their experiences at Holy Cross School. For more information, please call Sister Theresa at 799-6661. Holy Cross School. Compassionate Education for the Heart, Mind and Soul. Laurie Olore, Director of Marketing, Holy Cross School, lolore@maine.rr.com, 207-883-4969.

**Cheverus High School Prospective Parent Information Night** – Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010 6:00-8:00 PM Dress is casual, light refreshments will be available. FMI: Please contact Kate Luke-Jenkins, 207-774-6238 ext. 35, or e-mail Kate: Luke-Jenkins@cheverus.org.

**Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar**

<b>The first Sunday of Lent February 21</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> Religious Education Classes Continue 9:30-10:30 AM	<b>Readings Begin at #905</b> 24: Dt 26:4010; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 Baptism at 9:30 AM
<b>Monday February 22</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> Religious Education Classes Continue 4:15-5:15 PM	<b>Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM</b> DIM Groups 535: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Tuesday February 23</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b> CCME Board 6:00 PM	<b>Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM</b> 7:00-8:00 PM Schooner Ridge Lot Owners Association – Hall 225: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday February 24</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00, Men 5:00-7:00 PM</b> DIM Groups 226: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday February 25</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>DIM Group</b> 227: Est C12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday February 26</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b>	228: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday February 27</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	229: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
<b>The second Sunday of Lent February 28</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> Religious Education Classes Continue 9:30-10:30 AM Grades 7 & 8 Monthly Class 6:20-8:00 PM	<b>Readings Begin at #908</b> 27 Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**Healing from the Pain of Abortion** - "If only one person had said, 'you can do it'; if only one person had called the life within me 'a baby', the decision would have been different." Find comfort and peace at the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, April 23-25, sponsored Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry. For an understanding ear and to learn more, call 871-7464 (Portland), Ext. 2670; toll-free at 1-800-CARE-002; or e-mail: psm@ccmaine.org All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Supporting People with Mental Illness** - Please come to "Welcomed and Valued: Supporting People with Mental Illness in Parish Life" on Sunday, March 7th, 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Yarmouth. This informative 75 minute presentation will feature a DVD, local speaker and an opportunity for questions and discussion on Mental Illness. This program is sponsored by Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry, "Loving God and Neighbor", psm@ccmaine.org, 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672.

**Divorce & Beyond** - Two Portland-area groups are starting soon! **Thursday, March 4th (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)**, **Holy Martyrs in Falmouth** & **Tuesday, March 16th (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)** St. Bartholomew in Cape Elizabeth. For more info & to register, call Catholic Charities at 871-7464 or E-mail: psm@ccmaine.org. Pre-registration is required. For the comfort and confidentiality of our members, no walk-ins, please. Fee is \$25.00.

**17th Annual Bishop Proulx Award** - "Volunteers don't get paid . . . because they're priceless!" Honor that special volunteer in your parish with a nomination for this year's Bishop Proulx Award. The Bishop Proulx Award was established to recognize a Maine parishioner whose contributions reflect the mission of Catholic Charities Maine and foster the social teachings of Jesus Christ. Each nominee receives a special letter of congratulations. The winner will be honored at an award ceremony attended by Bishop Malone. The deadline for nominations is **March 5, 2010**. If you would like a nomination form, please contact Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672, (Portland Area 871-7464, ext. 2672). Our e-mail is psm@ccmaine.org.

## MASSES:

Saturday Mass:

4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM

Daily Mass:

Mon. &amp; Wed. at 7:30 AM

Communion Service:

Thurs. at 7:30 AM

Confession:

Sat. 3:15-3:45 &amp; by appointment

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30-3:00 PM, Monday – Friday

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Youth Ministry: Scott Ross  
Music Ministry:  
Parish Secretary: Debra J. Coppinger

**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.