



Dear Friends,
Cardinal Avery Dulles died on Dec. 12, 2008. He was a highly regarded theologian
having taught at Catholic University of America and Fordham University. His book
Models of the Church continues to influence theology, and in my opinion should be
attended to by all who are concerned about the meaning and the organization of the
church. His obituary in America magazine had several quotes that impressed me. On the church:
“The institution is for the sake of the spiritual life, for the sake of holiness, and is not an end in
itself.” On his theological endeavors: “I do not strive for originality. Very few new ideas, I
suspect, are true. If I conceived a theological idea that had never occurred to anyone in the past,
I would have every reason to think myself mistaken.” In his final lecture last spring which was
delivered for him as he could no longer speak he offered these words of inspiration for all who
endure the aging and dying process: “As I become increasingly paralyzed and unable to speak, I
can identify with the many paralytics and mute persons in the Gospels, grateful for the loving
and skilled care I receive and for the hope of everlasting life in Christ. If the Lord now calls me to
a period of weakness, I know his power can be made perfect in infirmity. Blessed be the name of
the Lord.”

Father Joe Ford
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MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

January 17	4:00 PM	Patrick Conley, by Jennifer Hickey
January 18	8:30 AM	Recovery of Terry Dorrington, by Charlotte O'Connor
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
January 19	7:30 AM	Larry Laconi, by Leo Corcoran
January 21	7:30 AM	Patrick Conley, by Lionel LeClair
January 22	7:30 AM	Communion Service
Next Weekend Masses		
January 24	4:00 PM	Recovery of Helene Regan, by Richard Regan and family
January 25	8:30 AM	Daniel Cardillo, by his family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of \$5,260.00 for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00.

Next weekend is the **Collection for The Church in Latin America**. Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit, but lacking in material resources, to participate more fully in the life of the Church.

White Mass – Sunday, February, 8th at 10:00 AM at the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul in Lewiston. Invitations for members of the medical professions and pastoral care ministers can be found at the back of the church.

Lent – The next two weeks are our Sign-Up Sundays for Disciples in Mission. We will share with you more about this program, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for a faith-sharing group, a teen, group, or family activities - all of which will meet six times during Lent. Participating in one or more of these activities is a great way to make Lent an enriching spiritual experience. You will learn more about Scripture and how group members apply it to their lives. Please pick up the Parish Brochure for Sign-Up Sunday in the Narthex and be ready to sign up next week.

Brown Bag Sunday – ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday evening, January 18 after the 5:30 PM Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning January 19 at 8:00 AM. Please call me if you can help with the delivery. I will need extra help with the delivery. IF THERE IS A SNOWSTORM ON MONDAY MORNING, PLEASE CALL ME BEFORE YOU COME TO HELP DELIVER. WE MAY NEED TO POSTPONE DUE TO WEATHER. Nancy Castonia 829-5803 (h), 650-2769 (cell).

Junior High Gathering – St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, January 25th, 2009, from 8:30-4:00 PM. Please send in your registration form if you plan on attending.

Friendship House Thank You - Many thanks to the parishioners who helped with our January meal for Friendship House. The men who helped bring in donations from my car urged me to communicate their enthusiasm and gratitude to you all for the ample main dishes, vegetable side dishes/salads, fresh produce, paper products and toiletries they received. By the way, don't think all dishes donated have to be homemade. FH has freezers, so an occasional frozen lasagna, for example, is very useful for the future. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, February 4th.

Funeral Committee Thank You -Holy Martyrs together with the funeral reception committee thanks the Machesney family for supplying the table linens at the reception following the funeral Mass on Saturday, January 10th, 2009.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen Thank you - St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen wished to thank you for your most generous donation of \$380.00. The money will be used to purchase food so we can provide hot meals and bag lunches for the homeless, unemployed and unwanted in the Greater Portland Area. Your gift is greatly appreciated.
Mary Elizabeth Merrigan, Financial Director

Perspectives on Paul: An eight-week course on St. Paul will be held at Cheverus High School on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. **beginning January 27, 2009.** Jesuit Father John Predmore will lead the course using Paul: His Story by Jerome Murphy-O'Connor as the primary text. Please purchase the book (new: \$22.00, used: \$14.00) prior to the beginning of the course. Send an email to Fr. Predmore at Predmore@cheverus.org or leave a message at 207-774-6238 if you would like to attend the class.

Tax Information – If you would like a copy of your 2008 weekly offering to Holy Martyrs Parish for income tax purposes, please print your name, mailing address, phone number, envelope number on the tax sign-up sheet in the narthex. A copy of the amount of your contribution will be mailed to you in a timely fashion.

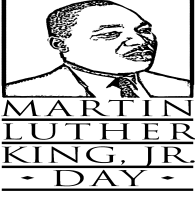
Vocations - “Behold the Lamb of God.” Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 or e-mail robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @207-773-6471 or e-mail ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org

An Evening of Sacred Jazz – Portland City Jazz Presents “An Evening of Sacred Jazz” on Tuesday, January 27th at Sacred Heart Church, Main Street, Yarmouth. Tickets at the door: \$8.00 for students/seniors, \$10.00 for adults, \$25.00 for family. A benefit for Sacred Heart Parish.

World Wide Marriage Encounter in Maine – Invest in your Marriage and reap the benefits...

You'll get more from spending just 44 hours together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend than you would from a 10 day romantic cruise. Sign up now to join us for the weekend of March 20-22 in Lewiston or April 24-26 in Presque Isle. The weekend is designed as a private experience between husband and wife that develops deeper communication, restores hopes and dreams, renews passion, affirms the uniqueness of each couple and inspires good marriages to grow into even better marriages. The registration fee is \$50.00 and a freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to www.wwmeNewEngland.org.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday January 18	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Catherine McAuley High School Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM	Readings Begin at #952 NO Rel. Ed. Classes 65: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Monday January 19	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>Brown Bag Delivery</i>	NO Religious Education Classes Office Closed  MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - DAY - 311: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday January 20	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM Finance Council 6:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM 312: Heb 6;10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday January 21	Mass at 7:30 AM	313: Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6 see 516:1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday January 22	Communion Service 7:30 AM	314: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12
Friday January 23	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	315: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday January 24	Mass at 4:00 PM	316: Heb 9:2-3,11-14; Ps 47; Mk 3:20-21 see 518: Eph 3:8-12; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday January 25	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	Religious Education Classes Resume 68: Jon 3:1-5,10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

A new year and a new chapter is opening at Holy Martyrs

The Knights of Columbus invite you to learn what this world wide charitable organization is all about. Thanks to Father Ford, Holy Martyrs will be one of the most successful Councils in Maine with your help and support. On Sunday the 25th of January, 2009 members of the Knights will be present at Holy Martyrs to answer any questions that you have regarding The Knights of Columbus. I remember, when I first heard about the Knights of Columbus, I had many questions like what kind of organization is it? And how did they become a worldwide advocate for the poor in need? Also, other questions as, where, and how long ago it began? Who was responsible for it's origin? Why and what was the reason for its inception? How have the Knights of Columbus developed into the 1.7 million membership strong that it is today? All members of Holy Martyrs will be welcomed to join and become a member within this wonderful Catholic organization. I encourage you go Google "The Knights of Columbus" and read about the history and the goodness of the Knights. If you wish, you are welcomed to call me on my cell phone at 207-838-6207. My name is Denis Dancoes. Thank you for your time. God bless you.

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.