


FROM THE Dear Friends,

 After decades of encouraging participation in the Bishop's Appeal it is hard to find a new approach to this essential endeavor of our diocese. The materials being sent to all households indicate the purpose and the needs to be addressed. These show that the Priest Appeal has less to do with the Bishop of the time and much, much more to do with the thousands of people who are served through the programs funded by it. Our gifts do make a difference in many lives and insure that important services to our parishes continue.

Our parishes and every household have experienced the effects of a hard winter and the enormous increases in the cost of fuel; all of us share unease about the economy. Undoubtedly, some of our households will be unable to participate this year.

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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<u>May 10</u>	4:00 PM	Donald Maloney, by Maryann Anderson
<u>May 11</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Rose Wright, by her daughter Candace Jalbert
<u>May 12</u>	7:30 AM	Janet Porter, by Leo Corcoran
<u>May 14</u>	7:30 AM	Tim McManus, by David & Eileen Laconi
<u>May 15</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>May 17</u>	4:00 PM	Carol Hall, by Barbara & Jack Mullin
<u>May 18</u>	8:30 AM	Janice O'Donnell, by the Family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for May 3 & 4, 2008 amounted to **\$5,708.00**. **\$4,397.00** was in 142 envelopes and **\$1,311.00** was loose. Ascension Thursday totaled **\$951.00**. The 2nd collection for flood relief in Aroostook County totaled **\$2,250.00**. Thank you for your gifts.

Memorial Day Mass – The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 AM **Monday, May 26th** at its usual location in the St. Dominic/Armed Forces section of New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Rev. Michael P. Gendreau will be the principal celebrant and homilist. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, South Portland at the same time. Limited chairs are available so bring lawn chairs if you wish. The event is sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church in cooperation with Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

Silver & Gold Mass – Bishop Richard J. Malone and Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute are inviting couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th wedding anniversaries to celebrate a special Silver and Gold Mass on **Saturday, June 28**, at 4:30 PM at the Cathedral in Portland. Those couples planning to attend please RSVP by June 13th to 871-7464, ext. 2670 or 800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. A light reception will follow.

Memorial Service for Bob Dyk – A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the Hannaford Auditorium on the Portland Campus of USM on Saturday, May 17th at 11:00 AM.

Religious Education

Confirmation for Grades 3-12 – Saturday, May 17th at the 4:00 PM Mass.

Graduation Mass – Sunday, June 1st at the 5:30 PM Mass.

Altar Server Training: There will be a training for new altar servers on Thursday, May 15th from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. There is a particular need for additional servers at the 4:00 Saturday Mass and the 5:30 Sunday Mass. While many of our servers are in grades 3, 4, and 5, older students and adults may also become altar servers. Please contact Meredith Charest (781-8599 or mcharest1@maine.rr.com) if you plan to attend, or, if you would like to become an altar server but can't make this training.

Hymn Notes: Refrain for offertory - "Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth."

Wear Your Jeans to Church Sunday - Service Opportunity

On Sunday, June 1, following the 8:30 Mass, the youth of our Parish and their families are invited to participate in a Parish Spring Planting Day. All ages are encouraged to participate. We will plant annuals throughout the church grounds, do some light digging and pruning, put out watering hoses etc.

The service project was developed as a way for the children of Holy Martyrs Parish to complete community service time in the name of Pope Benedict XVI as a gift for his 81st birthday which was celebrated during his recent visit to the United States.

We estimate the project to take about an hour. Birthday cake will be served in the parish hall at the completion of the project. If you and your family would like to help with this project, plus sign up in the narthex.


College Fair - The third annual Cheverus High School College Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. College-bound students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of over 100 colleges throughout the United States. Admission is free.

Brown Bag Sunday – Angels are Needed to sort the groceries on Sunday Evening, May 11 after the 5:30 Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning May 12 at 8:00 AM. Matt, who always helps me to deliver the groceries, is not available to help to deliver on Monday. I am in need of people to take his place. Please call me if you can help with the delivery.
Nancy Castonia 829-5803.

The Summer Food Service program is in need of volunteers to serve lunches to children at Community Centers in Portland this summer. If you can spare an hour or two once a week to help, please call: Pauline Dumont 767-1085.

Connected Catholics of Maine, a group of unmarried adults who join together for fellowship, and spiritual growth invite all to join us. **General Meeting: Sun. June 1**, 2008, Holy Martyrs Parish Hall, Route 88, Falmouth 5:00 PM, Potluck followed by installation of new officers. **For Fun: Sunday, June 29**, 11:30 AM, Joseph's by the Sea, Old Orchard Beach, Contact Linda Madsen 871-0392 by June 20 to reserve. For more information of CCME activities, contact Phil Rocheleau 856-6431.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Pentecost Sunday May 11		Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM 63: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23	Readings Begin at #9 41; Communion Hymn # 820 Donut Sunday
Monday May 12	Mass at 7:30 AM		Rel. Ed. Classes 335: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday May 13	Parish Council 6:00 PM		Contemplative Prayer 9:30-11:00 AM Connected Catholics 336: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday May 14	Mass at 7:30 AM		Opus Dei - Women 10:00-1:00, Men 6:00 PM 564: Acts 1;15-17,20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday May 15	Communion Service at 7:30 AM		Altar Server Training 4:15-5:15 PM 338: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34; Mk 8:27-33
Friday May 16	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM		339: Jas 2:14-24,26; Ps 112; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday May 17	Mass at 4:00 PM		Confirmation for Grades 3-12 340: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12; Mk 9:2-13
Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 18	Mass at 8:30 AM ICDA 2-9 PM Mass at 5:30 PM		🎵 Adult Choir 3:15 PM Last Sunday Rel. Ed. until Fall 164: Ex 34:4b-6,8-9; (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre and surrounding area from August 22-24. FMI: Please call Sarah Crowell at 892-2803 or Jeanne Landry at 892-6924.

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: 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.

