



Dear Friends,

We are observing the first commitment weekend of the campaign to strengthen the heartbeat of the church in Maine. We are asking a person from every household to complete a card to provide an accurate record of pledges already received, new gifts, donations being contemplated or the inability to participate. Our gifts and pledges will truly benefit the church in Maine for years to come, and Holy Martyrs will benefit from one fourth of the funds received. We are approaching our target of \$1,280,000 with the participation of a relatively small number of households. This weekend provides the opportunity for the majority of households to be involved. When we embarked on the campaign many, including myself, questioned its advisability in view of the depressed economy. While the recession has prevented some from being able to contribute, others more fortunate have made sacrificial commitments. Please join me in the prayer that every household that is able will make a commitment this weekend.

Father Joe Ford; email: jjford67@maine.rr.com

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<u>October 3</u>	4:00 PM	Mary Louise Kean, by the family
<u>October 4</u>	8:30 AM	Jack Welch, by Glen & Betty Hansen
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>October 5</u>	7:30 AM	George Mannette, by Maria Hanley
<u>October 7</u>	7:30 AM	Leo Argento Zapata, by Eva Zapata

Next Weekend Masses

<u>October 10</u>	4:00 PM	David Twomey III, by Margaret & Dan Honan
<u>October 11</u>	8:30 AM	Health for Maria Carr, by Eva Zapata
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of **\$4,633.00** last weekend. To meet our budget for the new fiscal year the weekly collection should average **\$6,000.00** per week.

Lectors – Are needed for the 5:30 PM Mass on Sundays. Please call the office if you can help.

Rosary Rally – October 10th in front of Portland City Hall on Congress Street at noon. Please gather by 11:45 AM. The purpose is to ask Our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for our country. Last year there were over 3,500 such rallies in the country. FMI: call J. Muesse at 772-4071.

Annual Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary – Opening Mass on Saturday, October 10th at 8:00 AM, Holy Family Church, Sabattus Street, Lewiston. Procession from Holy Family Church following Mass to the Basilica of Ss Peter and Paul, corner of Ash and Bartlett Streets, Lewiston. Bring your whole family. FMI: Call Paul Madore at 784-0846.

GROUP STARTS THIS THURSDAY! Move Beyond the Pain of Divorce! If you are recently divorced or going through a divorce, come to an 8 week program of caring and confidential support with others in similar situations. "Divorce & Beyond", a facilitated support group, begins Thursday, October 8th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Yarmouth. Fee is \$25. Pre-registration is required at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org. No walk-ins, please.



Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND

Holy Martyrs Campaign – The *Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church* campaign is taking place at Holy Martyrs. This historic effort has been helping our diocese and our parishes to prepare for the future and address immediate needs. 25% of the amount we raise in the parish will be used to address our own needs. Through this campaign, we hope to make repairs to the church. Additionally, our gifts will help the entire church in Maine, create endowments, and provide operational funds to support:

- Life-Long Faith Formation & Broad Cluster Support
- Priests Vocation, Formation & Health
- Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance
- Catholic Charities of Maine
- Catholic Foundation & Diocesan Development



Religious Education News

Teen Youth Ministry – This Sunday at 6:30 PM after the 5:30 PM Mass we will have an open discussion about the Teen Youth Ministry. This is open for all teenagers in high school and their parents. The purpose of the 1 hour meeting is to discuss agenda ideas for this year's teen program. This year, as in years past, we will support assembling Thanksgiving Day Baskets, The Giving Tree and the Christmas Fair. However, we would like to discuss new ideas for serving our community, fellowship and spiritual development, and we need your help. We would like to develop the ministry into what is most meaningful to all involved.

We have some new leadership involved and believe we will have a great year. There will be food and drink, so please attend and bring your suggestions on how to improve this very important part of our parish. FMI: Contact Scott Ross at ssross@maine.rr.com or Judy Dominick at Judy.dominick@portlanddiocese.org

7 & 8 Grade Students - Come join us! Students and parents in grades 7 & 8 are invited to our Jr. High kick-off event on October 18 from 6:20 PM to 8:00 PM. Come hear what new things we have planned for this year. Pizza for everyone! Students, be prepared for a fun evening! Parents, please bring your family calendar.

Young Adults (18-39) - Hour of Power Praise the Lord with music, worship and Eucharistic Adoration! Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry, invites community members of all ages to this weekly event. Our upcoming schedule is as follows: Wed, 10/7 - NO Hour of Power; Wed, 10/14 - ON THE ROAD at St. Anne's in Gorham; Wed, 10/21 - back to St. Peter's in Portland as usual. To offer your musical talents or for event information contact Becky at hourofpowerportland@gmail.com or call Chris @ 653-1429. **Fr. Bob Vaillancourt will offer a "TEACHING MASS" for young adults** on Thursday, October 15, 7:00PM at the Chancery (510 Ocean Avenue, Portland). This Mass will hopefully give you a greater understanding and love for Jesus in the Eucharist as we enter the mystery of this greatest gift from God. This event is intended for young adults 18-39. For more information contact Lisa at veritasportland@yahoo.com or call Craig at 831-0852. **DVD Night** 6:30 PM Friday, October 16. Join other young adults ages 18-39 in watching "Molokai: The Story of Father Damien" at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 72 Federal St, Portland, Me. Father Damien will be canonized as a Saint on October 11 by Pope Benedict XVI. Pizza will be ordered at \$3 a person. Let us know in advance for optimum planning. Contact Lisa at veritasportland@yahoo.com or Craig 831-0852.

Fall Rummage Sale – Saturday, November 7 from 8:00-Noon. Help is needed to set up on Thursday and Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM or to sell on Saturday from 8:00-Noon, please call Marty T. Honan at 781-2705.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS UNTIL OCTOBER 26TH.

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 (dishes may be donated frozen) 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 donate something this month, please call Deborah Nicklas @ 781-43562.

