

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- St. Joseph Finance Committee: Monday, October 19th, 7:00 p.m., friary meeting room.
- St. Brigid Finance Committee: Tuesday, October 20th, 6:30 p.m., school.
- Bible Study: Thursday, October 22nd, 7:00p.m., friary meeting room.

HARVEST BALL

The Third Annual Harvest Ball will be held on Friday, October 30th, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. This fundraiser features the Tony Boffa Band, a delicious meal, door prizes, and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Harvest Magazine, the diocesan bi-monthly magazine. Tickets: \$60 per person, \$100 per couple. Free parking. FMI, call Christine or Sue at 773-6471.

CATHERINE McAULEY OPEN HOUSE

Catherine McAuley High School will host its Annual Open House for prospective students and their parents on Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00 p.m. Young women of all faiths are invited to the campus at 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland, for a program that will feature student and alumni speakers. After the formal presentation, information on financial aid and scholarship programs will be available, guided tours will be offered, and students will have the opportunity to meet faculty members, coaches, and student athletes, and enjoy refreshments.

CONNECTED CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB MEETING



Held on Thursday, October 22nd, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Grace Madden, 20 Inverness Road, Falmouth, ME. We will be discussing Big Russ and Me by Tim Russert. Please call Grace at 868-6459 for more information.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

A total of 765 individuals attended our four Masses last weekend. Offertory collections totaled \$7,630. The second collection in support of our parish maintenance fund totaled \$2,905.

Last year, over the same weekend, 770 individuals attended Mass and contributed \$8,040 to the offertory and \$4,000 in support of the parish maintenance fund.

Your continued financial support of our church is most needed and much appreciated! Please be as generous as your means allow.

CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

In the bulletin insert two weeks ago on our September meeting, we reported that we are planning for the consolidation of our business offices into a single office for the beginning of the next fiscal year (begins on July 1, 2010). We repeat our assurance: *This does not mean that our financial resources will be merged; for the present, the finances of all three parishes and the school will remain separated so that we can continue to fairly evaluate them and plan effectively into the future.* Thus your contributions to the school or one of the parishes will continue to be used for the support of that particular institution.

Rather, a single business office under a cluster business manager will allow us to streamline and standardize our business practices, leverage our contract services and purchasing, oversee volunteers and contributed services, and manage our office and maintenance personnel to the advantage of all four institutions. Thus the four institutions will share the costs of running a single business office to the advantage of all; we will be using our limited resources more wisely. One office will also help us to plan more strategically for the future – one of the most important tasks that we face in the coming years of our community is to continue growing and prospering.

A single business office is one of the strengths of cluster planning in our diocese, and the diocesan leadership has developed models for both the office and a business manager that we are studying to see how they might fit our own needs. We are also looking at what other clusters have already done in this regard so we can, where possible, build on their successes. We expect to have a more specific plan to present you in the early spring.


As always, we pledge to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning. We will utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as the first means of this communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS




Following each Mass next weekend, representatives from our Knights of Columbus will be in back of the church taking Citrus Fruit orders. An excellent selection of navel oranges, grapefruit, tangelos, or combinations of the three will be available. Prices range from \$16 to \$24, in ten to twenty pound cartons. The fruit will be coming directly from Florida and be delivered by a dependable Knight directly to your door step during the second week of December.....just in time for Christmas! Money needs to be collected at the time the order is placed. All earnings from this fund raiser will be used to benefit charitable organizations throughout our area.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of October 18th, in honor of Fr. Francis McFarland, C.S.C.



WELLNESS FAIR: Saturday, October 31st, 10:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m., Fr. Hayes Center. Fair promotes well being, physical fitness, nutrition, and safety for families, children, teens, adults, and seniors. Open to the public. Free Admission!



Among the intentions remembered at the Masses during the upcoming week are:

Monday, October 19
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 20
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins & Their Benefactors

Wednesday, October 21
8:00 a.m. Andrew Bavolar

Thursday, October 22
8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballantine

Friday, October 23
8:00 a.m. Margaret Goodine

Saturday, October 24
8:00 a.m. Dorothy DiBiase
4:00 p.m. Carmela Casale

Sunday, October 25
8:00 a.m. Esther Zurey
10:00 a.m. Madelyn Doyle
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

On October 11th the 10:00 a.m. Mass was said for the repose of the soul of James Volger.

Religious Education NEWS

At the 10:00 a.m. Mass today, we celebrated our first Youth Mass. This year we're doing something different. Each Youth Mass will be hosted by one of our Religious Education classes. This means the students from the hosting class participate in the Mass as greeters, altar servers, gift bearers and readers.

We have six more Youth Masses scheduled:
November 8, January 10, March 14, December 6, February 7, April 25. We look forward to having you join us in our Youth Mass celebrations.



STAND FOR MARRIAGE

Anyone able to assist Stand For Marriage Maine with either setting up campaign signs or taking part with a phone bank should contact Doug or Faye at 846-9052

DISCIPLES IN MISSION SMALL GROUP

November meetings are scheduled for: November 1st, 15th and the 29th.

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL HARVEST FAIR



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 NOVEMBER 7, 2009
 FR. HAYES CENTER
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Bingo 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Come and join the fun!

We have many new and exciting additions to the Harvest Fair this year including a 5K Run, a Kid's Run, Tag Sale, ice-cream dipping, penny candy, kid's corners, food galore and Bingo! If interested in volunteering from 9-12, 12-3 or both, call Susan Gaudet at 878-9015 or sgaudet@maine.rr.com.



Doors Open 5:00 p.m.
 Bingo: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Kitchen Opens 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. & breaks
 Varied menu

WE WILL ALSO BE SPONSORING A 50/50 RAFFLE

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2009

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45