

October 28,2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So, what are you going to be for Halloween? Me, too! I'm going as myself!

Monday of this week is All Saints Day and Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Tuesday is All Souls Day and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Of course, we will be praying for our deceased family members, parishioners and friends at all Masses during November, the month of All Souls.

On Sunday, November 7 at the 11:30 Mass we will have a special remembrance of those who have been buried from our parish since last November and, of course, all are invited.

This Friday night, November 5, our parish music ministry is having a parish talent show. We have a number of *very* talented folks in our parish - some of them you already know and some will make their debut at the show. I wish I could be there but an important and serious family commitment will find me in New Hampshire that evening. I'll look forward to hearing about the show when I return! The show begins at 7:00 p.m.- come and enjoy!

Next week in my letter I'll give you a "facts and figures" report on Mass attendance at Holy Family. As you may recall, every parish in the United States does a head count of people at Mass on the Sundays of October.

Our faith formation program is in full swing and I'm very grateful to Ken Meltz, our new Director of Faith Formation and Tony Carbrello, our Coordinator of Religious Education for their good work in organizing and getting the program off the ground. In the same way, I'm grateful to our new Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Jackie Daniels, for her work in getting our youth programs in gear and with planning already in process for the summer service trips for 2011. And in both faith formation and youth ministry, my thanks to all the catechists and volunteers without whom these efforts could not even begin!

This Saturday night I'll be in Marlborough at St. Matthias Parish celebrating the 25th anniversary of Fr. Fran O'Brien's ordination. Fran is a good friend and I rejoice both in his anniversary and in his quarter century of service to God's people. Please keep Fr. O'Brien and all priests in your prayers - we need them!

Sincerely,
Fr. Fleming