



FROM THE Priest Dear Friends,

The Parish Councils of Saint Gregory's and Holy Martyrs met last week. Each discussed a proposed survey of the members of the four churches which would seek advice regarding not only the weekend schedules, but also of nearly every area of parish life. The comments of the councils will be taken to the cluster council. It is expected that the survey will be done before the end of the school year. This will give everyone the opportunity to be involved on the development of the new parish.

Deacon Dennis and I try to keep a regular schedule for the parishes. Usually, I am at Saint Gregory's office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. I am at Holy Martyrs office on Mondays, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. I do serve on several diocesan boards which take me away from the parishes a couple of times a month. Deacon Dennis is at Saint Gregory's on Monday afternoons and Wednesday. He is at Holy Martyrs on Monday morning and all day Thursday and Friday. These are the best times for personal appointments or for doing parish business. Please note that in the evenings, on weekends and when no one is at the office at Saint Gregory's telephone calls to that parish are forwarded to Holy Martyrs.

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#### Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<u>April 12</u>	4:00 PM	Tim McManus, by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Honan & Family
<u>April 13</u>	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>April 14</u>	7:30 AM	Jim Clair, by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Honan
<u>April 16</u>	7:30 AM	Martin Byrne, by Leo Corcoran
<u>April 17</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<u>April 19</u>	4:00 PM	Tim McManus, by Barbara & Jack Mullin
<u>April 20</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Janice O'Donnell, by the Family

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for April 5 & 6, 2008 amounted to **\$6,575.00**. **\$4,934.00** was in 164 envelopes and **\$1,641.00** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our Diocese: may God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, call Msgr. Marc Caron or Fr. Andrew Dubois at (207) 689-2033 or e-mail us at [vocations@portlanddiocese.net](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.net).

Cluster Mission: Mark your calendars now for the week of **October 5**. Father Paul Borowski will be offering a mission; he is familiar to some at Holy Martyrs for bringing volunteers in the summer for Habitat for Humanity.

#### Religious Education

Confirmation for Grade 2 – Saturday, May 10, 1:30 PM at the Cathedral. Rehearsal is on Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 PM at the Cathedral.

Older Candidates for Confirmation – I will be having instruction classes for students in grade 3 and above who are receiving Confirmation this spring. We will continue on April 12, April 19, and April 26 from 2:55 PM to 3:55 PM at Holy Martyrs in the conference room. If you would like to join us, please let me know. If you are an adult who has never been confirmed, I can also help you with that. FMI: Judy Dominick 781-2946 (h) or email: [Dominick5@aol.com](mailto:Dominick5@aol.com)

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

Graduation Mass – Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the 5:30 PM Mass.

“Think Smart/Stay Safe”: Since April is “Child Abuse Prevention Month”, we will be conducting the Diocesan approved “Think Smart/Stay Safe” program, during the regular scheduled sessions on **Sunday, April 27** and **Monday, April 28** for the children registered for Religious Education, here at Holy Martyrs. If you would like to attend with your child, please feel free to do so. Also, if you would prefer that your children not participate, you may sign an opt-out form that you can obtain from the office. Thank you for all your efforts to create and maintain safe environments for our children, and break the cycle of abuse.

“Learn About St. Dom’s” Information Night in Gray – On the evening of **Wednesday April 16, 2008** at 6:30 p.m., St. Dominic Regional High School will be hosting an informational meeting at the St. Gregory Parish Hall in Gray. Highlights of the event include a video presentation on the high school and the opportunity to meet informally with school representatives in a small, relaxed setting. Tuition Aid and Scholarship information will be available. St. Gregory Parish Hall is located at 24 North Raymond Road in Gray. For more information, or to reserve your seat and pre-register for this event, contact: Ryan Gleason, Assistant Principal for Enrollment Management at 207-782-6911 or [rgleason@st-dominic.net](mailto:rgleason@st-dominic.net).

Music Notes: With Easter coming so early this year, there are still 9 weeks of choir rehearsals remaining and 9 opportunities to raise your voice in God's praise. Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm for music and fellowship. Bring your son or daughter, bring a friend, or bring just yourself! For more information call Cecile at 797-4361.

Friendship House Thank You - A big thank-you to all the parishioners who contributed to our April meal for the men at Friendship House. The men who carried in the donations -- 5 main dishes and various vegetable dishes, salads, and fresh produce, as well as toiletries and paper products -- were pleased and grateful and, as usual, surprised by the amount. Please remember that dishes can be prepared ahead of time and donated frozen. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, May 7. *Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362*

Habitat for Humanity: For this year, it has been decided that Falmouth and Cumberland will join with the Portland Habitat for Humanity Walk to be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. More details about registration and the route of the Walk will be forthcoming. The “contact” person for Holy Martyrs Church is Moira Lachance @ 781-2346. Please plan to join in this annual event to help raise funds for local Habitat for Humanity Homes.

Fr. Scahill's Memorial Pilgrimages – Enjoy a Holy & Beautiful Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on May 13 (\$50.00) and Canadian trips to St. Anne's and Our Lady of the Cape in June (\$185.00 pp/do). FMI: call Brian Maxwell at 781-2112.

Rummage Sale – Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday morning to help set up and on Saturday to sell. Please call Mary Honan after April 22 at 781-2705 if you can help. **Please do NOT drop items off until after April 18<sup>th</sup> in the designated area.**

**Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar**

<b>Donut Sunday</b> April 13	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <b>Readings Begin at #927; Communion Hymn #803</b> <i>49: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10</i>
<b>Monday</b> April 14	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <b>Religious Ed. Classes</b> <i>279: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10;11-18</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> April 15	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's @ 8:00 AM</b> <b>Finance Council 6:00 PM</b> <b>Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30 AM</b> <i>280: Acts 11;19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10;22-30</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> April 16	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <i>281: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50</i>
<b>Thursday</b> April 17	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b> <b>♫ Adult Choir 6:30 PM</b> <i>282; Acts 13:13-35; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20</i>
<b>Friday</b> April 18	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b> <i>283: 13;26-33; Ps 32:6-11b;Jn 14;1-6</i>
<b>Saturday</b> April 19	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b> <b>ICDA 2-9 PM</b> <i>284: Acts 13;44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14;7-14</i>
<b>Sunday</b> April 20	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <b>NO Rel. Education Classes</b> <i>52: Acts 6;1-7; Ps 33; Jn 14:1-12</i>
<b>Monday</b> April 21	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>NO Rel. Education Classes</b> <i>285: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26</i>

**Child Abuse Prevention Month** – is being marked in parishes across the United States in April. Each week the bulletin will include information on how to prevent abuse, and action the Church has taken to reach out to victims, protect children and remove offenders.

**Did You Know...**

- The Church has created a safe environment program that includes sexual abuse prevention training for adults and children?
- Background checks are conducted on all Church volunteers who work with children and all Church employees?
- Children very rarely lie about being sexually abused? Take all claims seriously.
- You should be welcome to monitor all programs involving your children for their safety.
- Your child should be taught that “stop” means stop. You can help by complying when a child does not want to be tickled or hugged anymore. This will empower them to use the word and expect and demand that any *bad* touch by others will end if it should happen.

**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.

