



Dear Friends,

Next Easter we will be in the final stages of forming one parish with the churches of Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart, Saint Gregory and Saint Jude. The cluster pastoral council recently completed its by-laws and is currently forming five committees to address the means by which some ministries and services may be consolidated and others continue as unique to a particular church. As the months proceed, the organization of the ministries will assist us to form an administrative structure and a combined budget for the fiscal year beginning in mid 2010. Since the new parish will be served by a pastor and a part-time priest, the weekend schedule will have to be adjusted. The current schedule of nine Masses probably will be reduced to seven or eight depending on the availability of the part-time priest. The next year will be a busy one for the various councils and committees, but we have the assurance that the challenges can be met from the work of the many clusters which have already formed new parishes. The Risen Lord has been with them and is with us!

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

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

April 12 Easter	8:30 AM	Frank Clark, by Dot Clark & family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
April 13	7:30 AM	Lenore Hudson, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
April 15	7:30 AM	Edward Dilworth, Sr., by Edward Dilworth, Jr.
April 16	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

April 18	4:00 PM	John Saulds, by The Flower Committee
April 19	8:30 AM	Joan Burns, by Larry Burns
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$6,839.00**. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

Special Easter Collection – The second collection is designated for the support of our ill and retired priests and for special diocesan needs. Your generosity is appreciated.

First Eucharist Retreat – Sunday, April 26th from 1-3 PM.

Confirmation – Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM at Cathedral. Rehearsal is at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 30th at 5:00 for the 9:00 AM candidates and at 6:30 PM for the 11:30 candidates.

Graduation Mass – Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 PM.

Maine Marriage Initiative: An informational meeting will take place in the parish hall on **Tuesday, April 21, 2009** at 7:00 PM. The presentation will cover the diocesan opposition to legislation of same sex marriage in Maine.

Vacation Bible School 2009: We are preparing for a Cluster Vacation Bible School that will run the week of August 17-21 daily from 9a.m. to 12 noon at St. Gregory's Parish hall. We need your help. We're looking for several Junior High, & High School youth and adults as volunteers for various ministries for grades Pre-K-5. Please email Judy Dominick at judy.dominick@portlanddiocese.org, sign the registration sheet in the narthex, or call your local church office by April 17, if your children will be participating in this endeavor. We need to have an approximate count to order supplies and organize the sessions.

Disciples In Mission includes a reflection day during the Easter season. All the participants in the small faith sharing groups, family groups, parish leaders, pastoral council and commission members and ALL interested parishioners are invited to come together. All will be asked to reflect on the outward dimension of evangelization. The reflection day will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on **May 7th at 7:00pm**. We ask you to bring a finger snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

Music Ministry News: Many thanks to all who served with their gift of song during Holy Week. Many hours were spent at Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's preparing voices and instruments for our celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection. Our parishes have been blessed with your time and talent!

Spring Rummage Sale – Saturday, May 9th, 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 T. Honan at 781-2705 if you can help. **Please do not drop items off until after April 30th.**

Easter Flower Donations

In Memory of:

Lev Ågren, Bert & Karin Ågren, Evangeline & Arthur Harnois
 Dominic & Mary Taliento, Yvonne Hagerty, Michael Taliento,
 Joseph & Julie Baggetta, Pierre Harnois
 Larry & Marian Laconi, Hubert Masterson
 Ann & Wilfred Skaling, sons Maurice & James & spouses
 Norm Savard
 Deceased family members
 Marks/Jumper Family
 Mary Flynn & Eileen Huggins
 Terry Danowski & Thomas Gruber, Sr.
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 Betty Ann Casey
 Morris-Honan Families
 Leo Zapata
 Edward Quinlan & Louis Benoit
 Esty Family Members
 The Monahan, Monte, Spino & Ritter Families
 Julia Keefe & Marybeth Carey
 James E. Sohngen & Nicholas DeNoia
 Elton Baker, Kathryn Emery, Jeanine Oberholzer, James Montalbano
 All Souls

Requested by:

The Ågren Family
 David & Eileen Laconi
 Theresa Ketchum
 Roger Beaulieu & Jane Gagne
 Mrs. James McBrady
 Irene Jumper
 Mary Wright
 Tom & Maggie Gruber
 Kathy Lennon
 Mary & Tony Salvo
 Ralph & Mary Lou Lancaster
 Terry & Irene Danowski
 Stephen Hayes & Carol McCarthy
 Betty Mildrum
 Gayle Hart
 Keith & Frances Casey
 Mr. & Mrs. James E. Honan
 The Zapata Family
 Patricia B. Quinlan
 Olga Esty
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Monte
 Barbara Keefe
 The DeNoia Family
 Scott & Meredith Rousseau
 Anonymous

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Easter Sunday April 12	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM NO Religious Education <i>42: Acts 10:34a,37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mk 16:1-7or,, at an afternoon or evening Mass, 46: Lk 24:13-35</i>	Readings Begin at #922
Monday April 13	Mass at 7:30 AM NO Religious Education	<i>261: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps16; Mt 28:8-15</i>
Tuesday April 14	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Parish Council 6:00 PM	Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM <i>262: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18</i>
Wednesday April 15	Mass at 7:30 AM	<i>263: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 1-5; Lk 24:13-35</i>
Thursday April 16	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Joint Cluster Pastoral & Finance Councils 5:30 PM	<i>264: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a,5-9; Lk 24:35-48</i>
Friday April 17	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	<i>265: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14</i>
Saturday April 18	Robert Donovan Funeral at 11:00 AM Mass at 4:00 PM	<i>266: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15</i> Connected Catholics & Catholic Charities Event 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon ICDA 2-9 PM
Coffee & Donut Sunday April 19	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education	Baptism Preparation Class 9:30-10:30 AM Readings Begin at #923 <i>44: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31</i>
Patriot's Day Monday April 20	Mass at 7:30 AM NO Religious Education	Office Closed <i>267: Acts 4:32-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8</i>

BISHOP MALONE WANTS YOUR HELP

Please join with me and do everything within your power to maintain Traditional Marriage. We cannot allow special interest groups to change and redefine marriage in Maine or anywhere else. I ask you to take one or more of the following actions:

1. Visit the Maine Marriage Initiative's website: www.mainemarriageinitiative.com and join. This is a very important step so that you can stay informed and follow the progress of LD1020 and any changes.
2. Write to members of the Judiciary Committee, immediately. Also, write or call your Senate and House members in Augusta and tell them you want them to "keep marriage as it is and to Vote NO on LD1020". (The *Maine Marriage Initiative* home page makes it easy for you to identify your local representatives and to construct your email letter.)
3. Plan to ATTEND the **Public Hearing on Friday, April, 24th at 9:00 AM at Cony High School, 60 Pierce Drive, in Augusta.** Join with me and publicly support the "Vote NO" position. (If you wish to, you can give testimony (1-2 min.) at this public hearing. If you do plan to speak, be sure to bring 16 copies of your testimony for members of the Judiciary Committee.
4. Join with me and pray for the Sanctity of Marriage.
5. Encourage others to do all of the above.

Together, we can make a difference and keep marriage just as God intended, between one man and one woman.

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.