



Dear Friends,

At Mass after the priest greets the altar, all make the sign of the cross. The sign indicates the unity of faith and baptism. When we make this sign, we are affirming anew the commitment of our baptism in which we became participants in the very life of God. When our parents and godparents made this sign on our foreheads on the day of our baptism, they welcomed us as new members of the church. When we sign ourselves at the beginning of Mass, we state publicly our commitment to the promises of our baptism and to our membership in the church. We have gathered to be sustained in keeping the promises and to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through word and sacrament.

Having greeted the Lord through the kiss of the altar and acknowledged faith through the sign of the cross, the priest signifies the presence of the Lord by means of the greeting. The greeting in the several formularies and the response of the congregation are intended to manifest the mystery of the church gathered together. The formula for the greeting is from an introduction of a Pauline epistle. The instruction makes it very clear that 'good morning' or another expression should not be added to or replace the greeting. Again, it is important to understand the great care that has been given to every word and gesture of the Mass; all are intended to assist us to experience the presence of Christ.

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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

August 16	4:00 PM	Stephen Demers, by Carol & Bob Cain
August 17	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Anapalio Gaviola, by Thomas O'Connor
August 18	7:30 AM	Norma O'Connor, by her family
August 20	7:30 AM	Eric Keroack, by John & Judith Goodrich
August 21	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

August 23	4:00 PM	Bob Dyk, by Don & Missy Gove
August 24	8:30 AM	Trudy Murray, by her family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for August 8 & 9, 2008 amounted to **\$4,867.50**. \$3,643.50 was in 130 envelopes and **\$1,224.00** was loose.

SAINT PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (also known as the **Saint Patrick Fathers**) was formally established 75 years ago on March 17, 1932. Irish diocesan priests who had gone to work on a temporary basis in Nigeria, West Africa, but who afterwards wished to dedicate their lives to the missions founded the Society. Later as the new missionary society grew, more work was undertaken, not only in Nigeria but also in Kenya (1951), Brazil (1962), Malawi (1970), Grenada (1970), Zambia (1973), Sudan (1983), Zimbabwe (1989), Cameroon (1989), South Africa (1989) and Rwanda (1994). There are now 320 priests in the Society with 69 seminarians preparing for the priesthood in its formation houses in Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa and Brazil. The priests in the Society respond to every need of the missions, so although most members work in a pastoral role, many are also occupied with educational, medical, agricultural and other social development projects. **The second collection this weekend will be the Missionary Cooperation appeal for the SAINT PATRICK FATHERS.**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – In this weekend's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

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In this modern world, things that used to be considered permanent--"irrevocable"--like marriage, faith, love, are now thought of as lasting only as long as they are convenient for the parties involved. No wonder people long for security and cannot find it! Only in God do we find what is forever true.

The Parish Golf Tournament will not take place this September.

♪Music Notes♪

"MANY MANY THANKS to Jenna Beaulieu for her gift of song this summer. We will miss her cantoring at the Masses, but wish her well at the Univ. of Maine. God bless you Jenna. We look forward to your visits home."

Offertory Envelopes – The remaining offertory envelopes for the new fiscal year can be found in the Narthex. If your name isn't there and you would like envelopes, please sign-up on the sheet provided at the table. New envelopes will be available next weekend.

Sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the August Friendship House meal. Not so many people agreed to donate dishes this time -- no doubt because they were on vacation -- but unexpected dishes and bags of groceries waiting for me at the Holy Martyrs kitchen easily made up the difference, and the men were grateful and enthusiastic as usual. I always am able to bring more than they expect. Special thanks to Deb Coppinger and the crew she got together to give the parish kitchen a thorough cleaning! Everyone who uses it will benefit. The date of our next meal is Wednesday, September 3. **Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362.**

Free Equipment: We may just have what you're looking for...spare parts or good running electronic equipment. Classic models for your museum or to play those film strips or home movies that you found in the attic. "First come, first served" at the tables in the parish hall...these beauties won't last!

For Our Deaf Community Members: The Parish Inclusion Ministry of Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute would like to make parishioners aware that Interpreters are available at the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. Anthony of Padua in Westbrook.

Johnson Road Reconstruction Update – Weather permitting; the current date to begin construction is August 25. The contractor has 120 days to complete their portion of the project but is hoping to have it ready for base pavement in 90 days. The goal for the department at this juncture is to have the base pavement and sidewalk completed by this fall with the finish pavement and loaming completed in the spring.

Save the Date! 2nd Annual Harvest Ball – To benefit Harvest Magazine – Join Bishop Richard J. Malone as he hosts the Harvest Ball at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland on **Friday, October 17, 2008**. Dance to the music of The Tony Boffa Band and get in on the fun of our silent auction. Social hour begins at 7PM and dinner will be served at 8PM with dancing to follow. Ticket price is \$60.00 per person or \$100 per couple for this black tie optional event. Organize a group for a table of 8 for \$400! Registration and payment are required before the event. Please call Christine Pitteroff at 207-773-6471 to register, make dinner selections and arrange payment. FMI: visit the website at www.portlanddiocese.org. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday August 17	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <i>118: Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28</i>	Readings Begin at #1005 St. Patrick Fathers Mission
Monday August 18	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>419: Ez 24:15-24; (Ps) Dt 32; Mt 19:16-22</i>	
Tuesday August 19	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>420: Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32; Mt 19:23-30</i>	
Wednesday August 20	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>421: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23; Mt 20:1-16; see 625: Sir 15:1-6; Jn 17:20-26</i>	
Thursday August 21	Communion Service at 7:30 AM 10:00 AM FBTS, 10:45 Sedgewood, 2:30 Oceanview <i>422: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15,18-19; Mt 22:1-14 see 626: 1 Th 2:2b-8; Jn 21:15-17</i>	
Friday August 22	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>423: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107; Mt 22:34-40 see 627: Is 9:1-6; Lk 1:26-38</i>	
Saturday August 23	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>424: Ex 43: 107ab; Ps 85; Mt 23:1-12</i>	
Sunday August 24	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <i>121: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20</i>	

Office Hours for August 18 – August 22, 2008

Monday & Friday 10:30-5:00
 Tuesday – Thursday 9:30-4:00

Telling Anew the Story of Marriage! Our diocesan Marriage Preparation Guidelines have been updated (after more than 20 years). Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute will host a very special marriage conference at St. Paul's Center in Augusta on **October 3rd** to introduce the Guidelines and begin the implementation process within Clusters & Parishes. The day long event will feature speakers, a priests' panel and Mass with Bishop Malone. If you are involved with or interested in Marriage Ministry, please come! There is a discount for couples attending. For more information and to register please call 1-800-CARE-002 ext. 2670, or e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.



RETROUVAILLE.....a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Look us up on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend will be held September 12-14, 2008.

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

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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.

