



Dear Friends,

Within the church discussion continues to take place on the appropriate place for the sign of peace at Mass. No less a personage than Joseph Ratzinger has been involved. The discussion usually revolves around the nature of the greeting. Are we merely saying, hello, to one another or are we involved in an expression of faith? In 2003 the American Bishops wrote of this in the document, Introduction to the Order of the Mass. I offer paragraph 129.

“The exchange of peace before the reception of Holy Communion acknowledges that Christ who we receive in the sacrament is already present in our neighbor. In this exchange, all present acknowledge the insistent Gospel truth that communion with God in Christ is enjoyed in communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The rite of peace is not an expression merely of human solidarity or good will; it is rather an opening of ourselves and our neighbors to a challenge and a gift from beyond ourselves. Like the 'Amen' at communion, the exchange of peace is the acceptance of a challenge: a gesture expressing the belief that we are members, one with another, in the body of Christ.”

As with every word and action of the Mass, it is important for us to reflect on the meaning of the exchange of peace.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Next Weekend Masses

- August 18 4:00 PM William Wagner (Father of Suzanne McArdle), by Kathleen & Alan Bouchard
August 19 8:30 AM Ann Derryberry, by Barbara & Joe Cotter
5:30 PM The Parishioners
August 20 7:30 AM Helen F. McGauley, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
August 22 7:30 AM Angeles Luna, by Aurora Candarelli & Chita Beaudin
August 23 7:30 AM Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

- August 25 4:00 PM Helen F. McGauley, by Suzanne Reynolds
August 26 8:30 AM
5:30 PM The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for August 11 & 12, 2007 amounted to \$5,227.00. \$3,997.00 was in 149 envelopes and \$1,230.00 was loose.

Budget Envelopes - If you attend weekend Mass at another church, you may place your Holy Martyrs/St. Gregory's envelope in the collection. That church will forward the envelopes to Holy Martyrs or St. Gregory's.

***** Religious Education *****

Registration Deadline for Fall Classes - Next weekend (August 25 & 26) we will have registration for all those who have not yet registered for the 2007-2008 school year. Classes will be offered at the following times:

- Sundays - during the 8:30 AM Mass Pre-k, 3, 4, & 5 year olds (Min. 10 participants)
Sundays - 9:30-10:30 AM Grades 1 - 5 or
Mondays - 4:15-5:15 PM Grades 1 - 5
Sundays - 6:30-7:30 PM Jr. High and Youth Ministry

You may also register by calling the religious education office at 781-2847. Please register ASAP to ensure the proper student teacher ratio.



MUSIC NOTES: This week we say farewell to a cantor who has faithfully served in our ministry music for a year. Jenna Beaulieu will leave for college in two weeks, and I know that many parishioners will miss her sweet voice. Good luck, Jenna. Our prayers are with you for a fulfilling year at UMO.

Parish Calendar for 2007/2008: We will develop a joint calendar for Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's Parish. All responsible for the various events at Holy Martyrs are urged to submit proposed dates for activities through June 2008 to the office no later than August 30, 2007.

Thank You from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland - On behalf of all of us here at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$121.71. We are most grateful to your church members for their support and dedication. Your generosity will help us to build a safe, decent and affordable homes in partnership with local families. Sincerely, Stephen Bolton, Executive Director

Rummage Sale - Our fall rummage sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary T. Honan at 781-2705.


49th International Eucharistic Congress, Quebec City, June 19-22, 2008. Bishop Malone will lead a pilgrimage to Quebec. It is expected that Pope Benedict will be present. FMI: Please see brochures on the bulletin board. FMI: www.dubetravel.com or call Dube Travel at 784-2916.

Share Your Wisdom! - Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions are needed as mentors to children, role models to young families, and friends to homebound seniors in York and Cumberland counties. Senior volunteers are age 60 or over, volunteer 15-40 hours a week in their community, and meet income guidelines to receive a non-taxable stipend that cannot be counted as income or affect other benefits. Call now to join us in September for our paid training. FMI: 773-0202 or email www.propeople.org.

Catherine McAuley High School looking for Host Family - Open your heart and home! Host family needed for 17 year old girl from Korea. She will attend Catherine McAuley High School. This is a wonderful ministry and an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a young person. Host families provide room and board and student pays for all her own personal expenses, has insurance and speaks English. All kinds of families can host: married couples, single women, retired people, with teenagers or with young children or no children. Hosting is a wonderful experience! Host families receive a \$500 a month stipend! Questions: Amy at 404-277-5175 or flowrbyrd@aol.comAdmissions.



Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday August 19	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Readings Begin at #1007, Communion Hymn #832 <i>120: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 40; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53</i>
Monday August 20	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>419: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106; Mt 19:16-22 see 625: Sir 5:1-6; Jn 17:20-26</i>
Tuesday August 21	Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Gregory's <i>420: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85; Mt 19:23-30; see 626 1 Th 2:2b-8; Jn 21:15-17</i>
Wednesday August 22	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>421 : Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21; Mt 20:1-16; see 627: Is 9:1-6; Lk 1:26-38</i> Confessions 3:00-5:00 PM Opus Dei Men's Night 6:00 PM
Thursday August 23	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <i>422: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40; Mt 22:1-14</i> 
Friday August 24	Mass at 8:00 AM – St. Gregory's <i>629: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps145; Jn 1:45-51</i>
Saturday August 25	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>424: Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17; Ps 128; Mt 23:1-12</i>
Sunday August 26	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>123: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30</i>

Holy Martyrs Golf Tournament - "5th Annual Holy Martyrs Open "

will be held this year on **Monday September 10th** at the Falmouth Country Club. Join us for fun filled day of golf, food and fellowship as we raise money for our Stewardship Fund. Entry forms are located in the Narthex. Parishioners interested in serving on the Golf Committee please call Willie Audet @797-7777 x 21 or email audetland@aol.com.



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.

