



Dear Friends,

A primary reason for the issuance of the revised Instruction on the Roman Missal in 2003 was to promote reverence for the Eucharist. Pope John Paul II held that any decline in reverence for the Eucharist hinders the growth of the church. We are reminded that while the altar is the central focus for our celebration of the Eucharist, the tabernacle and its protection of the reserved Eucharist require our reverence. Accordingly, when Catholics enter the church, we have the practice of genuflecting, i.e. bending the right knee to the floor in the direction of the tabernacle. This gesture is an act of faith. We attest that we are in the presence of the Lord Jesus under the appearance of bread, and we acknowledge that he is lord over our lives. The act of genuflection identifies us as a people who believe that the Lord is truly and really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

In our culture we are not in the habit of bowing or kneeling before anyone. Thus, our Catholic practice of genuflection is a counter cultural sign. We are saying that Jesus Christ is our greatest gift. It is important that we reflect on our presence before the Blessed Sacrament.

I will be on vacation from July 15 to the 25th.

Fr. Joe Ford
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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<u>July 12</u>	4:00 PM	Janice O'Donnell, by the family
<u>July 13</u>	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>July 14</u>	7:30 AM	Carol Hall, by Rodney & Gail Curtis
<u>July 16</u>	NO AM MASS	
<u>July 17</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>July 19</u>	4:00 PM	Robert Archambault, by the family
<u>July 20</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Catherine Wallace, by the Vella Family

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for July 5 & 6, 2008 amounted to **\$6,004.00**. **\$4,613.00** was in 137 envelopes and **\$1,391.00** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold! (From *Stewardship By the Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

The backyard vegetable garden is one of the best places to see what a "hundred-fold" or "thirty-fold" increase can be. The gardener starts out with a few small seeds, and in just a few weeks there is more zucchini than anyone can eat, peas, carrots, tomatoes, and (my favorite) corn. Living close to the land as He did, Jesus used this phenomenon several times to instruct His disciples. They have no trouble understanding what a "hundred-fold increase" meant; for many, their lives depended on it. If we could but grasp just what a "hundred-fold" increase will really mean in the life of the spirit, nothing could hold us back from using our time, talent, and treasure in the service of the Lord.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – To date 119 households at Holy Martyrs have made a gift or pledge to the Appeal. The total of these gifts is \$102,430. Hopefully, there are some who can make a larger gift this year in order that the many ministries and services funded by the Appeal can continue.

The DVD's are here!: Copies of the Confirmation and First Communion DVD's have arrived, and we have a few copies remaining from 2007. Please stop by the table and pick up your copy today. Those with red dots indicate that payment is due. Please make checks payable in the amount of \$15.00 per copy to: Holy Martyrs Church. What a wonderful memento of the celebration of the Sacraments.

Music Notes - We are looking for adult cantors who would like to help us celebrate at the weekend Masses. Please contact the new organist Diane Beaton by phone at 781-9869 or via email at sbeaton@maine.rr.com if you are interested in helping in the music ministry.

Friendship House Thank You - Again, many thanks to all those who contributed the various main dishes, vegetable dishes and salads I delivered to the men at Friendship House early in July. There are now a few more men in residence there -- 18 instead of 14 -- so donated meals are even more necessary than before. Please bear in mind that if you want to be involved in this ministry but don't want to cook, drugstore items such as shampoo, soap, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes and so on are always necessary, especially for newcomers. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, August 6th. Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362

St. Gregory's Blood Drive – Monday, July 21st from 1-7

Cluster Picnic - St. Gregory's Campground & Beach Sunday, August 3rd after the 10:30 AM Mass

The members of St Gregory's Parish Council would like to invite all the members of our cluster parishes to a picnic at the campground and beach of St. Gregory's on August 3 after the 10:30 Mass. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, chips and drinks will be provided. Please bring salads or deserts to share. Bring chairs and bathing suits. Sun or rain! Since we need a count of participants in order to purchase food, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more information, contact: Will Plante @ 233-8247 wjplante@ra.rockwell.com or Paul Tracy @ 838-4480

Family Life Institute – This July marks the 40th Anniversary of *Humane Vitae*, Pope Paul VI's letter On Human Life. Natural Family Planning celebrates this beautiful and wholesome Church teaching on human love. The relationship between sex and marriage and children is a critical one. True, faithful love enhances a marriage, as well as develops an environment for the creating and nurturing of children. Engaged and married couples are invited to an Introductory Session on Natural Family Planning at the St. Paul Center in Augusta on **Wednesday, August 6th at 7 PM**. Come find out how you can manage fertility within the design for human happiness. Contact us at 800-CARE-002, ext. 2626 or familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org to register.

Cluster Raffle – We are pleased to report that we have received over 1,000 surveys. Listed below are the **10 winning raffle numbers for the \$50.00 Irving gas card**. If you have a winning ticket, please call Holy Martyrs at 781-4573 to arrange a time to pick up your gas card.

1212037	3859141	6830065
3858329	3859170	6830079
3858817	3859457	6831944
3859090		

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday July 13	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Readings Begin at # 990 103: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday July 14	Mass at 7:30 AM	389: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50; Mt 10:234-11:1 see 599A
Tuesday July 15	Finance Council 6:00 PM	390: Is 7:1-9; ps 48; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday July 16		391: Is 10:5-7,13b-16; Ps 94; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday July 17	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Cluster Pastoral Council 6:30 PM	392: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Ps 102; Mt 11:28-30
Friday July 18		393: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; (Ps) Is 38; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday July 19	Mass at 4:00 PM	394: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10; Mt 12:14-21 Brown Bag
Sunday July 20	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Brown Bag 106: Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Catherine McAuley High School - is currently looking for families to host exchange students from Korea for the 2008-2009 academic year. Families will be paid a monthly stipend of \$500 and be able to take part in a wonderful ministry. If you are interested in possibly hosting a student or know someone who you think would be, please contact the Admissions Office at 797-3802 ext.2043 or email dsalvaggio@mcauleyhs.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – With our busy lives we need to plan ahead. Now is the time to consider going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to enrich the specialness of your marriage. The registration cost is \$50.00 and there is an opportunity for a free will offering on the weekend. The weekend will be held at the Lewiston Ramada Inn on **7-9 November**. Register on-line at: www.womenewengland.org or contact Dave and Ellie at 207-933-4237 or DaveEllie@fairpoint.net. You deserve all this weekend has to offer.

Office Hours for July 14 – August 22, 2008

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

MASSES:

<i>Saturday Mass:</i>	4:00 PM
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass:</i>	Mon. & Wed. at 7:30 AM
<i>Communion Service:</i>	Thurs. at 7:30 AM
<i>Confession:</i>	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.

