



Dear Friends,

Quotes from Pope Benedict's encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*

Priest † *“The world's wealth is growing in absolute terms, but inequalities are on the increase. In rich countries, new sectors of society are succumbing to poverty, and new forms of poverty are emerging. In poorer areas some groups enjoy a sort of 'superdevelopment' of a wasteful and consumerist kind which forms an unacceptable contrast with the ongoing situations of dehumanizing deprivation.” (22)*

...“corruption, and illegality are unfortunately evident in the conduct of the economic and political class in rich countries, both old and new, as well as in poor ones. Among those who sometimes fail to respect the human rights of workers are large multinational companies as well as local producers.” (22)

“On the part of rich countries there is excessive zeal for protecting knowledge through an unduly rigid assertion of the right to intellectual property, especially in the field of health care. At the same time, in some poor countries, cultural models and social forms of behavior persist which hinder the process of development.” (22)

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

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

July 25	4:00 PM	Robert Donovan, by Stuart & Sylvia Infantine
July 26	8:30 AM	Josephine Piampiano, by the children
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
July 27	7:30 AM	Madeline Wendell, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
July 29	7:30 AM	William F. Bergen, by Vincent & Peg Furrey
July 30	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

August 1	4:00 PM	Dr. William Casey, by Con Fanning & family
August 2	8:30 AM	Eunice Carroll, by John & Judith Goodrich
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your contributions of **\$5,763.50** last weekend. To meet our budget for the new fiscal year the weekly collection should average **\$6,000**.

In April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI paid his first visit to the United States, inspiring our nation and reinvigorating our faith. In this year's **Peter's Pence Collection** (next weekend) we remember his apostolic journey and the solidarity to which he called us.

“In the finest traditions of the Church in this country, may you also be the first friend of the poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick and all who suffer. Act as beacons of hope, casting the light of Christ upon the world.”

- Pope Benedict XVI,

Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral

New York, April 19, 2008

The Peter's Pence Collection allows the Holy Father to respond quickly to those who suffer as a result of oppression, natural disasters, war, and disease.

Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church is the theme of a Diocesan Campaign to support future ministries and generations. Every parish in Maine is being asked to work to provide formation for laity serving the church, to support formation and continuing education of priests and assist ill and retired priests, to fund tuition assistance in our schools and to assist Catholic Charities – Maine. Please be receptive to requests for your time, talent and treasure.

E-Giving: We have introduced e-giving for the parish. At this time e-giving does not include the second collections. E-giving allows parishioners to establish a monthly debit to the account of their choosing. This provides a convenient means to support the parish. Forms are available in the rear of the church.

Pledging: Six weeks ago annual pledge forms were included with the bulletin; additional forms are in the rear of the church. You may request a report of your giving over the past year by calling the office.

Offertory Envelopes – Offertory envelopes for the 2009/2010 fiscal year are in. Please pick up your envelopes in the Narthex today.

Altar Flowers – Anyone wishing to donate flowers from your own garden, please call Barbara Seelen at 781-3257 or the parish office at 781-4573, e-mail rectory@holymartyrs.org.

Brown Bag Thank You – Many thanks from Preble Street Resource Center for the many bags of groceries that were recently collected and \$130.00 in donations. Thank you to all who helped in any way with this effort. **“Even the merest gesture is holy if it is filled with faith.” Kafka.** Your many gestures of generosity and compassion toward the homeless among us are inspiring. The line of homeless people waiting for a good breakfast at the center was very long on the Monday that we delivered the groceries. You are all angels to me!!!
Nancy Castonia 829-5803

Falmouth/Cumberland Food Pantries Thank You – Thanks for the wonderful response to our neighbors in need! Monday was delivery day to both Preble Street and Cumberland Food Pantry. Nancy Castonia's "Brown Bag" efforts for Preble Street set a record for the year! Cumberland shelves were bare after having had a weekend distribution, but our Holy Martyrs contribution filled them! Everything from cereal and coffee to the generosity of bags of goodies from the Kraft/Nabisco angel to the important essentials of soap, deodorant and toothpaste from our Lever brother saint. Holy Martyrs parishioners are known throughout the community in need as the people of compassion and generosity – We thank you all for being you!
Jack Mullin

Sacred Heart/St. Jude Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast Thank You – A simple thank you for your efforts toward our annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast. You may have provided us with supplies, solicited funds and donations and offered 50/50 chances, worked on advertising, decorating and church PR, picked up and returned equipment, set up and took down tables, chairs and griddles, greeted guests and accepted their payments at the door, sliced butter, mixed or carried batter, blueberries, and the cooked product, flipped pancakes and cooked sausages, made coffee and mixed OJ, cleaned the hall, equipment and griddles, photographed the activities, monitored trash, floors and bathrooms, took away the trash and refuse for farm animals, provided musical entertainment, washed dishes, served our 530 guests or provided financial and emotional support.

All of the above functions made for a successful fundraiser. Our deepest gratitude for your generosity towards the parish. It's a privilege to be involved in this great endeavor, and we thank you for your encouragement and participation.

Sincerely, *Jeannine Geer, Co-Chairperson, Gabrielle Tilton, Co-Chairperson*

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday July 26	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>Readings Begin at # 997</i> <i>110: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15</i>
Monday July 27	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>401: Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35</i>
Tuesday June 28	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>402: Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43</i>
Wednesday July 29	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>403:Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; 607:Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 38-42 see 1 Jn 4:7-16</i>
Thursday July 30	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <i>404: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84:3-6,8,11; Mt 13:47-53</i>
Friday July 31	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM <i>405: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58</i> <i>see 609: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Lk 14:25-33</i>
Saturday August 1	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>406: Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12 see 610: Rom 8:1-4; Mt 5:13-19</i>
Sunday August 2	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>Readings Begin at #1000</i> <i>113: Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35</i>

Office Hours for the Week of July 27- 31

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 10:30-5:00
Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30-3:00

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.

