



Dear Friends,
The Mass begins with the Entrance Chant. This is usually a verse from one of the psalms. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those present, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and the other ministers. In the United States the song may be chosen from the antiphons and psalms of the liturgical books or from those liturgical songs approved by the Conference of Bishops. These many songs offer the opportunity to strive to insure that the entrance song introduces the scriptural theme or the particular feast. I will always remember a Sunday in Wells when Isaiah 55 was read and the music selection committee had chosen the song Rain Down. All winced as they had come to Mass in a deluge. In addition to the use of holy water and genuflection the Entrance Song should allow us to focus our attention on the mysteries we celebrate. There is an ancient proverb: One who sings well prays twice. The Instruction urges us to give great importance to the use of singing.

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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

July 26	4:00 PM	Maurice Linehan, by Bob & Carol Cain
July 27	8:30 AM	Hugh J. Farrell, by MJ & Brendan Murphy
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
July 28	7:30 AM	John Keane, by Mary & Jack Zinn
July 30	7:30 AM	Robert Benoit, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
July 31	NO COMMUNION SERVICE	

Next Weekend Masses

August 2	4:00 PM	Joe and Mary Youngs, & Marie Youngs Vogel, by their family
August 3	8:30 AM	Frank Clark, by Dot Clark & Family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for July 19 & 20, 2008 amounted to **\$9,792.50** was in 125 envelopes and **\$1,558.00** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

CHRIST OUR HOPE is the theme for this year's **Peter's Pence Collection**. Your generosity allows the Holy Father to bring hope-through timely and effective emergency assistance-to the suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. In solidarity with the Holy Father, we Catholics participate in works of goodness that distinguish us as followers of the Gospel. Please pray for the Holy Father, and please give generously **next weekend**.

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist in this weekend's readings. Does the amount of my offering suggest I could honestly say the same? (From *Stewardship By The Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

Dr. Billy Graham once wrote that a person's biography begins with his/her checkbook and credit card statements, because it says so much about the way he/she values and supports. A recent study showed that Americans in total spend the same amount buying soft drinks as they contributed to churches. A wag once asked why a ten-dollar bill looks so small in the supermarket but so large in the church. Each of these thoughts carries a message about our attitude towards money and our support for the mission and works of the Church. What message do we want to delivery to God?

BISHOP'S APPEAL – To date 123 households at Holy Martyrs have made a gift or pledge to the Appeal. The total of these gifts is \$106,630. 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.

Religious Education

Your help is needed to assist us plan for the Fall that, unfortunately, is fast approaching: This weekend please take the time to register your child/children for Fall Religious Education sessions. Remember: sessions for Pre-k 3,4 & 5yr olds during the 8:30 A.M. Mass (if the numbers warrant it); grades 1-5 will be Sunday mornings at 9:30-10:30A.M. or Monday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 P.M.; Jr. High and Youth Ministry Sunday evenings for one hour following the 5:30 P.M. Mass. This year's fee is \$50 for the first child, \$50 for the second child and \$25 for each child after that. This fee was instituted to offset a portion of the expense for books and materials as well as administration fees that account for almost a quarter of our annual parish budget. If you prefer a payment plan, please let Deacon Dennis or Father Ford know, and we will arrange it with you. Please note that no child will be excluded from attending class because of these costs. A \$10 discount per family will be given if a parent signs up to be an aide, catechist, or co-catechist.

We will have tables set-up for registration this weekend and on August 9 & 10. There will be printouts with names of all the children of the parish for you to verify the information and update our data base. Or you can call the Faith Formation office at 781-2847. Thank you for helping us to plan for the upcoming year to effectively assist our children in their faith development.

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.

Brown Bag – Angels are needed to sort the groceries this Sunday after the 5:30 PM Mass and to deliver the groceries on **Monday morning, July 28 at 8AM.** If you can help with the delivery, please call Nancy Castonia 829-5803 (H) or 772-5488 (W).

Accepting Applications - Thomas More College is dedicated to classical education in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Focused on the classroom and the great texts of Western Civilization, the purpose of the college is to help transform the heart and mind of each student. With campuses in Merrimack, NH, and Rome, Italy, the college is still accepting applications for Fall 2008. Students interested should contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 880-8308 or visit the website at www.thomasmorecollege.edu.

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

Cluster Raffle – We are pleased to report that we have received over 1,000 surveys. Listed below are the remaining winning raffle numbers to be claimed 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.

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Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday July 27	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <i>109: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Ps 119; 130 Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46</i>	Readings Begin at #996
Monday July 28	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>401: Jer 13:1-11; (Ps) Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35</i> Brown Bag Delivery	
Tuesday July 29	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>402: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; 607: 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42</i>	
Wednesday July 30	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>403: Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46</i>	
Thursday July 31	<i>404: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt1 3:47-53; see 609: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Lk 14:25-33</i>	
Friday August 1	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>405: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58 see 610: Rom 8:1-4; Mt 5:13-19</i>	
Saturday August 2	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>406: Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12</i>	
Sunday August 3	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <i>112: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21</i>	

Good Cause Thrift Shop is now located at:

Congress Square Plaza
16 Forest Avenue, Portland
772-4903

Business Hours

Mon-Fri 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Office Hours for July 28 – August 22, 2008

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

MASSES:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Daily Mass:
Communion Service: Thurs. at 7:30 AM
Confession: Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment

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Tuesday – Thursday 9:30-4:00

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Parish Secretary: Debra J. Coppinger

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.