



Dear Friends,

On July 10 the Vatican issued a statement which asserted the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the nature of the church. Unfortunately, the headlines in many newspapers gave the impression that the statement insisted that salvation is possible only through the Catholic Church. The older ones among us remember that a prominent Boston Jesuit was excommunicated in the 1950's for holding that position. The Council and the statement do insist that in the Roman Catholic Church one can find all of the means of salvation. Regrettably, its members do not always utilize these means with fervor. Thus, we see sanctity in other Christians whose churches lack some of those means. We hold that God desires that all be saved even though they may not know about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

I offer a few illustrations on the differences among Christians. While all will stress the primacy of the scriptures, Catholics hold that the popes and bishops have received the grace for authoritative interpretation of the Bible including the moral teachings deriving from the scriptures. While all recognize baptism as the means to salvation, Catholics recognize the importance of six other sacraments. Catholics obviously accept the authority of all the ecumenical councils and the primacy of the Pope. Protestant and Orthodox churches do not. Cardinal Walter Kasper of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity noted that the publicity ignored the portions of the statement expressing the things that unite Christians and the clarity over the things that divide us is important for dialog.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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Next Weekend Masses

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Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for July 21 & 22 amounted to \$5,426.25. \$3,981.25 was in 139 envelopes and \$1,445.00 was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

Next weekend's second collection is for Peter's Pence. The theme for the 2007 Peter's Pence Collection for the works of the Holy Father is Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone.

Green Mass - Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Th.D Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland invites you to the Green Mass honoring all who work to protect the environment. Sunday, August 26, 2007 at 11:00 AM, St. Martin Tours Church, Colby Street, Millinocket, Maine.

Blue Mass - Sunday, September 16th, 2007, 10:00 AM at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Lewiston, Maine. Bishop Richard J. Malone invites all members of EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, and other Public Safety agencies and their families to attend this celebratory event.

\*\*\*\*\* Religious Education \*\*\*\*\*

White Water Rafting Trip - Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry, is planning a white water rafting day trip to the Kennebec River on Thursday, August 9. We will carpool from Portland and return that night. The cost is \$68 per person. This includes all the equipment, instruction, and lunch.

Holy Martyr's Newsletter - The deadline for submission of articles for our Fall newsletter is August 6th, 2007.

Hymn Notes: Do you know a hymn that reminds you of some special event in your life? Two weeks ago parishioner thanked me for playing "Praise to the Lord", #597 in our hymnals, since it reminded her of her childhood. This weekend we sing this hymn again, as our hymn of the week.

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.

Brown Bag Thank You - Many thanks from Preble Street Resource Center for the 60 bags of groceries that were recently collect and the \$10. donation. The volunteers at Preble Street were very grateful for the food that was donated especially the cold cereal.

Catholic Relief Services Thank You - Catholic Relief Services thanks the parishioners of Holy Martyrs for Operation Rice Bowl participation and receipts of \$566.67.



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.

Roman Catholic Diocese Harvest Ball - September 28th, at the Italian Heritage Center, Portland, Maine. Social Hour 7:00 PM, Dinner and Dancing 8:00 PM to midnight, music provided by the Tony Boffa Band. Tickets \$60.00 single or \$100.00 per couple.

Friendship House is a residence in South Portland for formerly homeless men recovering from substance abuse. The first Wednesday of each month, members of our parish contribute prepare hot or cold dishes and grocery items such as fresh produce, paper products or toiletries, which I deliver to the men at FH.

Lourdes Pilgrimage with Fr. Lariviere Update - The pilgrimage to Lourdes and other parts of France with Fr. Lariviere has about 10 seats left. If you have been thinking about signing up, please do so to insure you are able to go on this wonderful journey of faith. The pilgrimage is October 8-17. We will be visiting Lourdes, Carcassonne, Avignon, Liseux, and of course...Paris! Join Fr. Lariviere and over 20 other pilgrims on this once in a lifetime trip.

**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 **as soon as possible**.

**Bishop's Appeal** – We are grateful to the 159 households which have made gifts. Many people are relying on those who have not yet given.

**Good Cause Thrift Shop** – The Good Cause Thrift Shop in Portland seeks energetic and caring individual to work part-time in the retail store. If you are interested in making a difference in others lives while earning an income, please contact Eileen Veroneau Brown, Director of Advancement at: ebrown@mcauleyhs.org or 797-3802, ext. 2018 for an application. All proceeds from this store benefit Catherine McAuley High School.

### Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

<b>Sunday July 29</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Communion Hymn # 809; Readings Begin at 998 111: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13</b>
<b>Monday July 30</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>401: Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35</b>
<b>Tuesday July 31</b>	<b>Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Gregory's</b>	<b>402: Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43</b>
<b>Wednesday August 1</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>403: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; Mt 13:44-46</b>
<b>Thursday August 2</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>404: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53</b>
<b>Friday August 3</b>	<b>Mass at 8:00 AM – St. Gregory's</b>	<b>405: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27, 34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58</b>
<b>Saturday August 4</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<b>406: Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12</b>
<b>Sunday August 5</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>	<b>14: Eccl 1:2;2:21-23; Ps 95; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21</b>

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY MARTYRS

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 AM      Communion Service      Thursday 7:30 AM  
 Saturday 4:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

**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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Christian Initiation: Judy Dominick  
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 Music Ministry: Cecile DeRoche-Cain  
 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.

