



Dear Friends,

For months there have been rumors about a papal statement extending the use of the Order of the Mass prior to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. When it is released, the headlines in the secular press may emphasize the use of Latin. However, the issue is not one of language as we could use Latin at any time. The issue is over the reforms to the rituals of the Mass. Following the Council a series of reforms of the ritual took place over a period of several years. Included in these reforms was a return to the ancient practice of the priest facing the congregation, the suppression of some gestures which had been added over the years, the return to an audible celebration, the revision of the lectionary with a three year cycle of Sunday readings and a two year cycle of weekday readings, the elimination of prayers which had been added to the end of Mass, etc.

A very small minority found the reforms so difficult that they wished to retain the Missal of 1962 which was issued just prior to the Council. Pope John Paul II conceded to this desire and granted permission for bishops to respond to requests in their dioceses. In Maine there has been a Mass with the order of 1962 at the Cathedral for several years. This concession may be extended, but as with the current one, those to whom it is granted must consent to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. Unfortunately, there are some who refuse to do so.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Includes entries for July 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12.

Next Weekend Masses

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Includes entries for July 14 and 15.

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for June 30 & July 1, 2007 amounted to \$6,581.33. \$4,896.00 was in 162 envelopes and \$1,685.33 was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

Bishop's Appeal - We are grateful to the 133 households which have made gifts. Many people are relying on those who have not yet given.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY MARTYRS

Table with 2 columns: Day and Time. Lists mass times for Monday & Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Weekday Masses in the Area:

Table with 4 columns: Location, Time, and Notes. Lists mass times for Cathedral, St. Pius, St. Patrick, St. Louis, St. Peter, St. Joseph, and Sacred Heart - St. Dominic.

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

Youth Ministry: Important gathering of parents. Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 PM there will be an important meeting of parents of our senior high youth. Chris Rogers and Scott Ross are the new coordinators for our Youth Ministry Program...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007: This summer come join the Nash, Carpenter and Johnson families as we join Sacred Heart of Yarmouth and St. Peter Church in Portland for Vacation Bible School that will run daily from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We need your help. We're looking for several Junior High, & High School youth and adults as volunteers for various ministries for grades Pre-K-5 during the week of July 16-20.

HYMN FAVORITE: This week's recessional hymn, though written only twenty-six years ago, has quickly become a favorite in Catholic communities. Dan Schutte wrote both the text and the music of "City of God", #830 in our hymnbook, in 1981. You will hear its rousing melody and words several times this summer.

Offertory Envelopes: To date, almost 3/4 of the offertory envelopes for 2007/2008 have been picked up. Please check the table in the parish hall to claim your box of envelopes, that begin with the new fiscal year. If you'd like envelopes or if your box isn't there, please fill out the sign up sheet, and we will make sure you receive the offertory envelopes to use in support of the parish.

Parish Calendar for the new year: 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.

St. Gregory's Red Cross Blood Drive July 30, 2007: St. Gregory's parish will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive on July 30th from 1 to 7 p.m. The parish extends an invitation to it's fellow cluster 24 members to participate in this event. Cluster 24 is made up of Holy Martyrs/St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart/St. Jude parishes.

July 30, 1-7 PM, Volunteers Needed

Table with 2 columns: Task and Time/Details. Lists tasks like Callers, Publicity, Walkers to Cantina, Babysitters, Set-up, and Clean-up with their respective schedules.

If you would like to volunteer your time or make an appointment you can contact Evelyn Walther 207-239-2454.

Ruth Oakley from the Department of Parish Planning for Evangelization has prepared Training Days for Disciples in Mission (an evangelization process for Lent) and welcomes all parishioners for the whole day or part of the day to discover for themselves what this program entails. The Morning Session will be the 'enrichment segment' and the Afternoon Session will be a 'hands-on working session' for those organizing for parishes/clusters.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday July 8	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>102: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20 or 10: 1-9</i>	Readings begin at #989; Communion Hymn #809
Monday July 9	Mass at 7:30 AM	Staff Meeting 2:30 PM <i>383: Gn 28;10-22a; Ps 91; Mt 9:18-26</i>
Tuesday July 10	Mass at 8:00 AM – St. Gregory's	Parish Council 7:00 PM <i>384: Gn 32;23-33; Ps 17; Mt 9:32-38</i>
Wednesday July 11	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>385: Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33; Mt 10:1-7 see 597; Prv 2:1-9'; Mt 19:27-29</i>	Oceanview Communion Service
Thursday July 12	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	<i>386: Gn 44: 18-21,23b-29,45:1-5; Ps 105; Mt 10:7-15</i>
Friday July 13	Mass at 8:00 AM – St. Gregory's	<i>387:Gn 46;1-7,28-30; Ps 37; Mt 10:16-23</i>
Saturday July 14	Mass at 4:00 PM Brown Bag	<i>388: Gn 49:29-32,50:15-26a; Ps 105; Mt 10:24-33</i>
Sunday July 15	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Brown Bag	<i>105: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37</i>

Cluster Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule for St. Gregory Church – Gray

Tuesday & Friday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	8:00 AM – Communion Service
Saturday	6:00 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM

Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart Church – Yarmouth

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday	8:15 AM*
Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

*This will be a Communion Service if there is a Nursing Home Mass scheduled for that day
*No morning Mass if there is a funeral Mass scheduled

Mass Schedule for St. Jude – Freeport

Wednesday	6:30 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM

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.

