



Dear Friends,

This weekend many parishes in Maine at Bishop Malone's request are gathering signatures to request a referendum on the recent legislation **Priest** redefining marriage. This activity and recent bulletin inserts on this subject are troubling and disturbing to some as it appears that the Church is being discriminatory toward certain people. They forget or may be unaware that just a few years ago diocesan officials worked very hard to secure legislation to insure that basic civil rights were not denied because of sexual orientation. This is made very clear by Bishop Malone in his consideration of the issue; I urge people to take the time to listen to him on this website: [www.mainemarriageinitiative.com](http://www.mainemarriageinitiative.com). The referendum is being sought in order that every voter has the opportunity to judge whether the definition of marriage should be changed. A few weeks ago I noted that this issue has caused strong feelings on all sides; in such circumstances it is most important that charity and civility be maintained.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<u>June 20</u>	4:00 PM	Marilyn Cramer, by Peter & Dina Lattanzi
<u>June 21</u>	8:30 AM	John Mulvihill, by the Meahl family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>June 22</u>	7:30 AM	John Feehan, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
<u>June 24</u>	7:30 AM	Therese Antico, by David Menapace
<u>June 25</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<u>June 27</u>	4:00 PM	Jack Rimkunas, by the family
<u>June 28</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Rick Wimert, by the family

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,678.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

**Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!** - Next weekend's second collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the Collection from our diocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in next week's Collection to help us spread the Good News. To find out more about the work of CCC, please visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

**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.

**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – Thank you all for your continuing generosity with your donations for our adopted food pantries. The needs of our neighbors has even increased in the last three weeks, please do not forget them – a can or two makes a big difference.

Jack Mullin

**Pledging:** Two weeks ago annual pledge forms were included with the bulletin; additional forms are in rear of the church. The completion of a pledge form assists your finance council in estimating revenue for the next budget. 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 after church today.

**Anniversary Mass for St. Josemarie Escriva**, Founder of Opus Dei, this Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 PM, Holy Martyrs Church. Confession available at 6:00 PM. Light reception to follow. For more information contact Maureen Grygiel at 712-9881.

**People's Veto** - Our diocese is participating in a state-wide signature gathering campaign in support of a People's Veto as to whether or not same-sex marriages should be allowed in this state. In order to place this question on the November ballot, petition circulators have only 90 days to gather and certify approximately 70,000 signatures for submission to the State. Bishop Malone has authorized the collection of signatures inside all Catholic churches before and **after Masses this weekend**.

You **MUST** be a registered Maine voter to sign a petition. Your signature is not a vote. It merely allows the referendum question to be placed on the ballot. Maine voters will make a final decision in November. Please take the time to stop and add your name to one of the petition forms.

For three years, Catholics throughout Maine have worked prayerfully and collaboratively to implement the reconfiguration phase of "Telling Anew the Story of Jesus." Envisioning a more authentic and active faith life for all Catholics, the laity and clergy of every parish have focused their energies towards an assessment and reorganization of the way we minister to the faithful, the unchurched and those in need of assistance. Over the past year, the Diocese has been preparing for the outreach portion of the plan, one that will help us to prepare for future ministries and future generations. Every parish in the state of Maine will be undertaking an ambitious project that will address major challenges we face as Catholics going forward:

- The role of the laity in the new cluster system;
- Priests vocations, formation & care in retirement;
- Catholic schools' affordability and financial aid;
- The role of faith in the works of Catholic Charities; and
- Strengthening and growing parishes.

Holy Martyrs is participating – along with the other parishes in the state – in a campaign entitled: **Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church**, and when the time comes please consider giving of your time, talent and treasure to make this effort a success.

In order to focus our energies on this important project, we are postponing this year's Bishop's Appeal until the fall.

**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](mailto:rectory@holymartyrs.org).

**Donut Sunday Thank You** – Thank you to Laurie Carpenter and Mary Polewaczyk for hosting Donut Sunday last weekend and to the Polewaczyk family for sponsoring the event. Donut Sunday will resume in the fall.

**Husbands...join a winning team!** - become an even better husband, father and lover...Choose natural family planning July 19th to 25th is NFP Awareness Week. Go to <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp> for poster, prayers, articles and "Couples' Stories" Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute contact: Meg Yates RN, [myates@ccmaine.org](mailto:myates@ccmaine.org) , 207-620-3236.


**“FISHERS OF MEN” DVD:** Listen to the amazing Vocation stories of over 60 Priests of the Diocese of Portland, Maine. Their moving stories will touch the heart with greater appreciation of their ministry in our midst. To order these 2 DVD's send \$19.95 to: Diocese of Portland, Vocations Office DVD, P.O. Box 11559, Portland, Maine 04104-7559. To view clippings of the DVDs' check out the website portlanddiocese.org.

**St. Gregory's Campground needs the following used but good items for its cabins:**

12 dinette chairs; 1 dinette table; 2 three cushion sofas; 1 two cushion sofa; 10 easy chairs, rockers, etc, but not too large.

**Auction – Estate Sale** – At the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, 605 Stevens Avenue, Portland. Antiques, furniture, glassware, jewelry, collectible coins, religious art and more! Auction: June 26 & 27, 9:00 AM – Auction sale begins. D.A. Folsom Auction Service Inc. 207-233-8811, e-mail: folsomauction@maine.rr.com.

**Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender**

<b>Sunday</b> June 21  	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>  Readings Begin at #982 <i>95: Jb 38:1,8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41</i>
<b>Monday</b> June 22	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>  <i>371: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33; Mt 7:1-5</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> June 23	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b>  <i>372: Gn 13:2,5-18; Ps 15; Mt 7:6.12-14</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> June 24	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>  Opus Dei Men 5:00-6:00 PM Confessions at 6:00 PM Anniversary Mass for St. Josemarie Escriva 6:30 PM, Light Reception to follow <i>587: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80</i>
<b>Thursday</b> June 25	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>  <i>Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 PM</i> <i>374: Gn 16:1-12,15-16 or 16:6b-12,15-16; Ps 106; Mt 7:21-29</i>
<b>Friday</b> June 26	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b>  <i>Wedding 4:30 PM</i> <i>375: Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Ps 128; Mt 8:1-4</i>
<b>Saturday</b> June 27	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>  <i>376: Gn 18:1-15; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50.53-55; Mt 8:5-17</i>
<b>Sunday</b> June 28	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>  <i>98: Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43</i>

**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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**ADMINISTRATION:**

Administrator: Rev. J. Joseph Ford  
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 Judy Dominick

**PARISH STAFF:**

Christian Initiation: Judy Dominick  
 Youth Ministry: Scott Ross  
 Music Ministry: Diane Beaton  
 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.