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 Dear Friends,

With the return of Ordinary Time in the Church Year we have resumed reading from the Gospel of Mark on Sundays. This is considered the oldest of the four gospels with its own unique style, e.g. it has no narrative of the birth of Jesus. It's prose is direct and interestingly enough the first person to recognize his divinity is the centurion at the foot of the cross. As I noted last week, the disciples were amazed at the calming of the stormy sea, but unable to recognize that Jesus was the Son of God. While most of the gospel will have been presented to us by the end of November, I offer the suggestion that we individually read this gospel in its entirety to be able to savor its full meaning.

Last week Pope Benedict inaugurated the "Year of the Priest". During this year priests are being asked to review their lives and to deepen their identity with Christ. In his long letter opening the year the Pope gives thanks for the ministry of priests and challenges all to pursue holiness. He offers the example of the Cure d'Ars a parish priest in France in the nineteenth century who has been declared a patron for priests. He was renowned as a confessor sometimes spending sixteen hours a day in the confessional. I must confess to a little envy of him. His parish had 230 members living rather close together; he could reach them on foot and know them all. Please continue to pray for priests and for young men to be open to the vocation.

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<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
<u>June 29</u>	7:30 AM	Dorrie Kurkjian, by her family
<u>July 1</u>	7:30 AM	Robert Donovan, by Dorothy & Margaretmary McCann

#### Next Weekend Masses

<u>July 4</u>	4:00 PM	Madeline Wendell, by Kathie Porensky
<u>July 5</u>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Fred Clark, by Tom O'Connor

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$5,073.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

**Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!** - If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message? The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) believes Jesus would use very means available, so it makes use of media outlets to evangelize and promote gospel values. You can truly make a difference right here in our diocese through your donation to today's Collection. Half of all the funds collected in our diocese are used for local communications projects such as our diocesan newspaper and televised Mass for homebound persons. To learn 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.

**Pledging:** Three 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 after church today.

**Petition Thank You** – Thank you all for your participation of the petition to allow a traditional marriage initiative to appear on the November ballot. The bishop asked and you responded! Thanks to all who helped to gather the signatures.

**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – Another great delivery made this week thanks to your generous donations. We had more donors this week - as we know that is what makes a successful delivery. We have seen that more people are leaving two or three items – added up this is just what is needed – for those in need. Please keep us in mind when you make our your shopping list.

**Friendship House** - 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 prepared hot or cold (may be frozen) dishes and grocery items such as fresh produce, paper products or toiletries, which I then take to the men at FH. If you would like to contribute something this Wednesday, please call Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362.

**Garden Watering Help Needed** - Summer is here... and we are looking for a few more families to help with watering the annuals, a few new perennials and the new shrubs at the back entrance of the church. If you would be willing to be responsible for watering for just one week this summer your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Your commitment would entail going to Holy Martyrs and watering during your assigned week. You should plan on watering about three times a week if it is sunny and dry and spending about 1.5 hours watering if you are solo or less time if you make it a family service project. Your help watering is of significant importance to creating and maintaining the beautiful gardens that are enjoyed by so many parishioners. Watering weeks run from Sunday to Saturday. If you are able to help, please email Monica Bigley at [monica@med.uscourts.gov](mailto:monica@med.uscourts.gov) or call Michele Baranowski at 878-6155. Indicate the dates that you are unavailable between June 21 through September 19. We will then publish a schedule for watering. We will also include instructions on what specifically needs to be watered. Thank you very much!

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).


**“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.

**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.

**Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender**

<b>Sunday June 28</b>	<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>	<b>Readings Begin at #985</b>
<b>Monday June 29</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <i>591: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19</i>	
<b>Tuesday June 30</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b> <i>378: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; Mt 8:23-27</i>	
<b>Wednesday July 1</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <b>Friendship House</b> <i>379: Gn 21:5,8-20a; Ps 34; Mt 8:28-34</i>	
<b>Thursday July 2</b>	<i>380: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115; Mt 9:1-8</i>	
<b>Friday July 3</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>593: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29</i>	
<b>Saturday July 4</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>  <i>594A: 882-866 or 887-891</i>	
<b>Sunday July 5</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <i>101: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a</i>	<b>Readings Begin at #988</b>

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

**Communion Service:**

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30-3:00 PM, Monday – Friday

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

Administrator: Rev. J. Joseph Ford  
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**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.