



Dear Friends,
On this feast of Saints Peter and Paul it seems appropriate for me to begin a series of remarks focused on our worship. Roman Catholicism is unique in the expectation that worship be governed by norms initiated and approved by the Vatican. A few years ago we received the General Instruction of the Roman Missal to help us pray together. I will be offering comments from this Instruction.

The preamble describes the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the church and explains the reasons for the reforms begun with the Second Vatican Council. It helps us to recognize the unchanged faith that our Savior at the Last Supper instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood by which he would perpetuate the Sacrifice of the Cross until he should come again. As we gather in worship, the work of redemption is being carried out.

Over the past four decades we have witnessed extremes in the understanding and appreciation of the reform. Some left the communion of the church because of the reform. Last year Pope Benedict made provision for the extraordinary use of the ritual practiced before the reform in an effort to include those who were not pleased with the reform. On the other hand there have been those who used the reform to fashion the liturgy to personal opinion ignoring the wisdom of the church. The preamble reminds us of the ancient tradition of the church and that in our day advances in scholarship help us to better understand ancient forms of worship. Our present order of worship is close to that of the early church; the use of the vernacular insures fuller participation in prayer.

Fr. Joe Ford
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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

June 28	4:00 PM	Jack Rimkunas, by the Family
June 29	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Eugene Demers, by Claire Recker
June 30	7:30 AM	Mary, James & Henry York, by Gertrude Young
July 2	7:30 AM	Intention of Faith & Works, by the Stewardship Committee
July 3	<u>NO Communion Service</u>	

Next Weekend Masses

July 5	4:00 PM	Arthur Young, by Gertrude Young
July 6	8:30 AM	Normand Cormier, by David & Janet Kupferschmid
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for June 21 & 22, 2008 amounted to **\$4,789.00. \$3,784.00** was in 138 envelopes and **\$1,005.00** was loose. The second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign totaled **\$1,566.00**. Thank you for your gifts.

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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – To date 109 households at Holy Martyrs have made a gift or pledge to the Appeal. The total of these gifts is \$91,680. At this time last year 103 households had contributed \$76,813. We have a goal of \$145,000. Many of us do face the challenge of mounting costs, 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.

Vocations - "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." It is a privilege to proclaim this good news to others. Has God revealed to you your vocation-to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? If so, call Fr. Andrew Dubois at (207)689-2033 or e-mail us at vocations@portlanddiocese.net.

Music Notes: My gratitude and best wishes go to all the members of our congregation who have supported me over the last 6 1/2 years. It has been my privilege to worship with you, both in the happy and the sad occasions. May God continue to bless all of you.

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

The DVD's are here! Copies of the Confirmation and First Communion DVD's have arrived, and we have a few copies remaining from 2007. Please stop by the table and pick up your copy today. Those with red dots indicate that payment is due. Please make checks payable in the amount of \$15.00 per copy to: Holy Martyrs Church. What a wonderful memento of the celebration of the Sacraments.

"What Catholics Believe About the Bible" Pub Night w/ Fr. Matthew Monnig S.J. Tuesday, July 8, 7pm.

Veritas, Portland's Catholic Young Adult Group, invites all young adults (18-39) in faith sharing and discussion at the Old Port Tavern, 11 Moulton St, Portland. Talk begins at 7pm. Come earlier for dinner and fellowship. FMI contact Lisa at veritasportland@yahoo.com or Fr. Matthew Monnig, S.J. at 775-3032 X 214.

Catherine McAuley High School - is currently looking for **families to host exchange students from Korea** for the 2008-2009 academic year. Families will be paid a monthly stipend of \$500 and be able to take part in a wonderful ministry. If you are interested in possibly hosting a student or know someone who you think would be, please contact the Admissions Office at 797-3802 ext.2043 or email [dsالvaggio@mcauleyhs.org](mailto:dسالvaggio@mcauleyhs.org)

Catholic Relief Services - "Thank you for your contribution of \$361.00 for the 2008 Operation Rice Bowl. Please know that your donation will help provide food for those most in need, and that your gift will assist CRS hunger and poverty alleviation projects. Your Lenten offerings demonstrate true solidarity with our neighbors around the world. When you see or hear that CRS is present, remember that so too are you! Thank you very much! This is great."
 Carleen Cook, CRS Director

Preble Street – "Thank you so much for your May 2008 donation of 45 bags of breakfast items. It's been a busy year for us! Since July of 2007, Preble Street's volunteer programs have:

- * served over 85,000 hot, nutritious breakfasts;
- * distributed almost 150,000 pantry meals to hungry individuals in the Greater Portland area- representing about 5,000 families and;
- * cooked about 10,500 lunches and dinners for homeless and street-involved youth.


Though the demand for our services has increased dramatically since last year, we have been able to meet these needs-but only with the help of dedicated donors like you. Thank you!
 While generous community support usually keeps our shelves well stocked, July and August are always lean months for our breakfast and pantry stores. We will need all the support that we can get while we work to help our most vulnerable community during the summer, please call me at 775-0026 x 162 or email me at jconroy@preblestreet.org. Thank you once again for taking the time to support our services and our consumers."

Sincerely, Joe Conroy – Food & Volunteer Programs Coordinator

CLUSTER SURVEY WINNING NUMBERS AND UPDATE – We are pleased to report that we have received over 1,000 surveys. If you have not already returned your survey, please note that we will collect surveys through July 11th. Survey input is extremely important for the Cluster Pastoral Council in making its recommendations to the Bishop. Listed below are the **10 winning raffle numbers 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.

1212037	6830065
3858329	6830079
3858817	6831944
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3859141	
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Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday June 29	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Readings Begin at # 1057; Communion Hymn # 821 591: Acts 12;1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4;6-8,17-18; Mt 16;13-19
Monday June 30	Mass at 7:30 AM	377: Am 2;6-10,13-16; Ps 50; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday July 1	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	378: Am 3;1-8,4;11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8;23-27
Wednesday July 2	Mass at 7:30 AM	379: Am 5;14-15,21; Ps 50; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday July 3	NO Communion Service	593 Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29
Friday July 4	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM  St. Jude's, Freeport Annual Pancake Breakfast 7-10 AM	Office Closed 381: Am 8:4-6,9-12; Ps 119; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday July 5	Mass at 4:00 PM	382: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday July 6	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	100: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Office Hours for the Week of June 30-July 4

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

Celebrate Life! Walk Saturday, July 12, 2008 9:00 AM – Join Pro-Life Maine this summer...Support and Celebrate the Gift of Life! Join family, friends, and community leader... as we **Walk for Life!** FMI: Contact team leader Mary Ibrahim at 838-8095 or email: marykiely1@yahoo.com. Maine Right to Life Committee, PO Box 257, Auburn, ME, 04212, phone: 782-0101.

Safe Passage – The Safe Passage office in Yarmouth needs volunteers to stuff envelopes. Please call Z at 846-1188 if you can help.

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:

Office Hours for the Week of June 30-July 4
 Monday 10:30-5:30
 Tuesday – Thursday 9:30-4:00
 Friday Closed

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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.

