



**Dear Friends,**

At the Clergy Institute Bishop Malone announced that this summer we will welcome three priests from India who will be serving in our diocese. They are members of the Priest Heralds of Good News, a society of priests whose purpose is to provide priests for countries other than India. Unlike some priests from other nations the members of the Heralds of Good News are trained for service in places enduring a shortage of priests. Currently, members of the Society are serving in several dioceses in the United States. These priests were featured in an article in the New York Times earlier this year. That article and reports from those dioceses indicate that the three priests will serve us well. I ask that you pray for them and the parishes to which they will be assigned. I also ask that this week in a special way you remember Paul Murray in your prayers. He will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese at 10AM next Saturday at Holy Family Church in Lewiston.

*Father Joe Ford; email: jfford67@maine.rr.com*

#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<b>May 23</b>	4:00 PM	Noel Gorby, by Regina Walsh
<b>May 24</b>	8:30 AM	Mary Campbell, by Kay Moffett
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<b>May 25</b>	7:30 AM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Lisa Bousquet
<b>May 27</b>	7:30 AM	Roswell Hubbard, by the Saffian family
<b>May 28</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>May 30</b>	4:00 PM	Bill Wells, by Raelene Lewis
<b>May 31</b>	8:30 AM	Dorrie Kurkjian, by her family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,822.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

**Annual Mission Appeal: This weekend,** May 23-24 Mammas Haptegoris a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Addis Ababa will be at Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's to speak of the Church's work in Ethiopia and to ask for our financial assistance.

**Signature Campaign** – Our diocese has joined an effort to bring to a referendum the legislation redefining marriage as recently enacted by the legislature and signed into law by the governor. We are seeking volunteers who are to be trained in securing signatures of registered voters. Please call the office or speak to Father Joe or Deacon Dennis if you are interested.

**Graduation Mass** – Next Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 PM.

**Silver & Gold Mass** - Happy Anniversary to couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage in 2009! We cordially invite you and your loved ones to Bishop Malone's annual **Silver & Gold Mass** on **Saturday, June 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral** in Portland. This Mass, through the renewal of your vows, honors and thanks you for your commitment to the sacrament of marriage and the witness to God's love that you have given through the years. The K of C's will serve a delicious spaghetti supper following the Mass at St. Pius Church, Portland where Bishop Malone will mingle and be available for pictures. Tickets are \$8.00 (adults) & \$4.00 (kids under 12). Space is limited, so please RSVP by June 1st to the Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, or e-mail familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org We look forward to celebrating with you on June 13th!

**An alert from Bishop Malone** – Due to the H1N1 (swine flu) outbreak, Bishop Malone has directed that communion in the form of wine not be distributed at this time. And as a further precaution, it is recommended not to hold hands during the Our Father, or shake hands during the sign of peace and to receive the Body of Christ in the hand and not on the tongue.

**2009 Bishop's Appeal** – will be conducted next October. Please note this change from the past practice of Appeals being conducted in May.

**Change in TV channel for Mass:** Please take note that beginning Sunday, May 10, the 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM televised Mass will now be broadcast on Channel 5 instead of Channel 4. This is due to a Time Warner channel realignment.

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

24 dinette chairs	1 dinette table	2 three cushion sofas
4 two cushion sofas	14 easy chairs, rockers, etc, but not too large	



**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.

#### Memorial Plantings -

- Fall Mums in Grotto since 2002 – Paula and David Spellman in memory of their parents
- Beach Roses 2005 – The Keeley Family in memory of Joan Keeley
- Prairie Fire Crabapple Tree 2005 – Ronald and Jenna Hart in memory of their son, Bradford T. Hart
- Pagoda Dogwood, grotto area 2007 – Mr. & Mrs. J. Clarence Madore in memory of her mother and stepfather, Mr. & Mrs. J. Oram Caron
- Daphne Shrubs, rear entrance 2009 – Patrick Youngs, Katie Youngs Goodman, Joe Vogel and their families in memory of Joseph and Mary Youngs and Marie Youngs Vogel

Thank you for your donations.

*The Gardens Committee*

#### Thank You – Wear Your Jeans to Church Sunday

We would like to send a big thank you to the following families for their hard work in the drizzle last Sunday preparing a new planting bed in front of the sign, planting the new shrubs at the rear entrance and for the general clean up, bed preparation and pruning done at Father Ford's residence and around the church: Danielle and Mark Tracy and family, Carolyn and Craig Ewald and family, Dina and Peter Lattanzi and family, Paul Carroll, Charlie Hebson, Janice Delima and family, Andrew Black and family, Craig Baranowski and family and also a special thank you to Kelly Hurley who kept the young children engaged and happy. These projects would not have been completed without your help.

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**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – Thank you for your immediate and generous response to the need for food and essentials for our neighbors in need. This is an ongoing weekly Holy Martyrs Mission and your thoughtfulness for others is a blessing.

*Jack Mullin*

**Donut Sunday Thank You** – Thank you to Ann Nash for hosting Donut Sunday on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup> and to Lisa and Tom Murray for sponsoring it.

**Memorial Day Mass** – The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at its usual location in the St. Dominic/Armed Forces section of New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Th.D., Bishop of Portland, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, South Portland at the same time. Limited chairs are available so bring lawn chairs if you wish. This event is sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church in cooperation with Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

## Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

<b>Mission Sunday May 24</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <i>60: Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19</i>	<b>Readings Begin at #938</b>
<b>Monday May 25</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
		<i>297: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33</i>
<b>Tuesday May 26</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b> <i>298: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17;1-11a see 570: Phil 4:4-9; Jn 17:20-26</i>	
<b>Wednesday May 27</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Opus Dei Men 5-7 PM</b> <i>299: Acts20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19</i>
<b>Thursday May 28</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<i>300: Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26</i>
<b>Friday May 29</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b>	<i>301: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19</i>
<b>Saturday May 30</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<i>302: Acts 28:16-20m30-31; Ps 11:4-5,7; Jn 21:20-25</i>
<b>Pentecost Sunday May 31</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM</b> <b>Graduation Mass 5:30 PM</b> <i>63: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5;16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15</i>	<b>Readings Begin at #941</b>

### **World Wide Marriage Encounter – When Opportunity Knocks...Open the Door!**

Your marriage is important to you, your family and the church – so, make it the best it can be. Sign up now for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled to be held at the Bangor Ramada Inn on September 11-13, 2009. There will also be a weekend available 6-8 November in Lewiston. Get away from the demands and distractions of everyday life and spend a private weekend together renewing, restoring and rekindling the joy of loving each other. You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain. The registration fee is \$50.00 and freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to: [www.wwmeNewEngland.org](http://www.wwmeNewEngland.org).

**Hospice Benefit Concert: *From Pop to Palestrina*** – Sunday, May 31, 2:30 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 132 McKeen Street, Brunswick. Featuring Midcoast Musicians & the St. Charles Borromeo Music Ministry. Admission \$10.00, children under 12 free. FMI: Rich Pitre at 725-2624 or e-mail [richard.pitre@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:richard.pitre@portlanddiocese.org)

### MASSSES:

*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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## PARISH OF THE HOLY MARTYRS OF NORTH AMERICA

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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.