



Dear Friends,

Another presentation at the Clergy Institute was on The Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. This celebration is to be allowed when a substitute cannot be found in the event of illness and reasonable retreat and vacation time of the priest. The privilege could also be used when severe weather prevents the priest from getting to church; in some instances such celebrations may take place on a regular basis in a cluster. Diocesan regulations are being prepared to direct the implementation of this ritual and to guide the formation of leaders of the celebrations. The service would be as follows: Introduction, Liturgy of the Word, Communion Rite, and a Concluding Rite including announcements, collection, prayer for vocations, blessing and a sign of peace. This ritual cannot take the place of Mass, but does provide an opportunity for a local church to gather on Sunday when a priest is not available. Each church would train two people to exercise the ministry. While it may take several months for these celebrations to be implemented, they will provide some assistance as we continue to take responsibility for inviting capable young men to consider the vocation.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<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
<b>June 1</b>	7:30 AM	William Ford
<b>June 3</b>	7:30 AM	Bill Wells, by Linda & Arnie Worthing
<b>June 4</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>June 6</b>	4:00 PM	Francis Mullins Reilly, by Michael & Nancy Miller
<b>June 7</b>	8:30 AM	Bartley Folan, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,215.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**. The second offering for the church in Ethiopia totaled \$3,502.00. Next weekend the second collection is for Seminarians.

**E-Giving** – We are pleased to offer a new service - monthly E-Giving for your contributions. Now you can have your gift deducted automatically from your checking or savings account. And, you won't have to change your present banking relationship to take advantage of this service. This is a safe and easy way to give to the church. Monthly transfers will take place on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please look for forms at the back of the church or call the office at 781-4573.

**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.

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

**"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](http://portlanddiocese.org)

**Attention parents:** The Confirmation and First Eucharist DVD's that were ordered for the 2009 celebrations, are now available. They are organized alphabetically, by Mass time, on a table in the Narthex. Please take your copy home with you after Mass, today. Those printed with a red label indicate a balance due of \$15.00, according to our records. Please make checks payable to: Holy Martyrs Church.

**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.

#### 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](mailto: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 Garden Committee*

**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – While making our deliveries this week we were again reminded of the major concern for continuing donations for the summer months – when people relax and their urgency to help neighbors is not a priority. Please continue to help – one can from many will fill up the emptying pantry. A very special thank you from the volunteers to the "Nabisco Angel" for your generous donations – the children love you.

*Jack Mullin*

**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 (may be frozen) and grocery items such as fresh produce, paper products and/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.

**Catholic Relief Services Thank You** – Thank you for your contributions of \$276.52 for the 2009 Operation Rice Bowl. Please know that your donation will help provide food for those 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!

**Spring, A Marriage Encounter Time for Celebrating a New Life...** Winter has taken its toll and now is the perfect time to breathe new life into your relationship. First come, first serve...So don't wait another week...Go home and register today for the 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. Give your spouse the gift of your time and take your relationship from ordinary to extraordinary in just 44 hours. This is an opportunity you can't afford to miss. The registration fee is 450.00 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.meNewEngland.org](http://www.meNewEngland.org).

## Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

<b>Pentecost Sunday, May 31</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; Graduation Mass at 5:30 PM</b> 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	<b>Readings Begin at #941</b>
<b>Monday, June 1</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> 353: Tb 1:3,2:1a-8; Ps 112; Mk 12:1-12; see 574: 1 Cor 1:18-25; Mt 5:13-19	
<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b> 354: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112; Mk 12:13-17	
<b>Wednesday June 3</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> 355: Tb 3:1-11a,16-17; Ps 25:2-9; Mk 12:18-27 see 576; 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14	<b>Friendship House</b>
<b>Thursday June 4</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b> 356: Tb 6:10-11;7;1bcde,9-17;8:4-9; Ps 128; Mk 12:28-34	
<b>Friday June 5</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b> 357: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146; Mk 12:35-37 see 577: Acts 26:19-23; Jn 10:11-16	
<b>Saturday June 6</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b> 358: Tb 12:1,5-15,20; (Ps) Tb 13:2,6-8; Mk 12:38-44	
<b>The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> Readings Begin at #942	<b>Baptism Preparation Class 9:30-10:30 AM</b> Bridal Shower in Hall 10:00 AM Connected Catholics 5:00 PM

Class of 2009



Alex Beaton	Falmouth HS	Thomas College
Matt Beaton	Falmouth HS	Merrimack College
Katrina Butt	Falmouth HS	Bucknell University
Kimberly Butt	Falmouth HS	Bucknell University
Charles (Chip) Clement	Falmouth HS	University of Southern California
Kelsey Conroy	Falmouth HS	Colby College
Jack Coster	Falmouth HS	Dartmouth College
Thomas Dillman	Greely HS	Furman College
Francis X. Downey, III	Greely HS	University of New Hampshire
Laura Duran	Catherine McAuley HS	University of Maine
James R. Epstein	Falmouth HS	Bates College
Kiely Marie Flynn	Falmouth HS	Providence College
Katie Goodrich	Falmouth HS	University of Vermont
Daniel Guerra	Falmouth HS	Syracuse University
Kevin Hart	Greely HS	Phillips Exeter Academy – Post Graduate Year
Anne Hebson	Falmouth HS	Colby College
Lindsay Jeffries	Falmouth HS	University of New Hampshire
Melissa Keroack	Falmouth HS	Simmons College
Adam Lamoureux	Falmouth HS	Clarkson University
Tim Myers	Falmouth HS	University of Michigan
Isabelle Pisini	Greely HS	Catholic University of America
Victoria Pisini	Greely HS	Costa Rica, deferring at University of Pennsylvania
Conor Patrick Sullivan	Falmouth HS	Boston College
Patrick J. Thibodeau	Greely HS	Back to School – Post Graduate Year

**MASSES:** 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  
Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment

**Communion Service:** 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.

