



Dear Friends,

On May 2 some of us had the great privilege of being at our Cathedral to celebrate the confirmation and first communion of children from the four churches of our cluster. In my view the Masses were very tangible expressions of the unity that we can achieve. Staff and dozens of volunteers helped us to pray and to offer two sacraments to our young people. We are indebted to servers, ushers, music ministers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of communion who gave of their time and talent by offering their Saturday morning. The staff of the four churches worked hard and well together to coordinate the many details of the celebrations. As I noted last weekend, one woman told me of her joy in being present. In a time when the faults of the church are so obvious, she found happiness in worshiping with hundreds of people and in observing the lively faith of so many young families. Let us continue to pray for the many other benefits that our new parish will bring.

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MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

May 9	4:00 PM	Robert W. Donovan, by Sadie & Family
May 10	8:30 AM	Bud Gilligan, by Steve & Debbie Meahl
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
May 11	7:30 AM	Fr. Roger Ouellette

Next Weekend Masses

May 16	4:00 PM	Jane Noyes, by Edward L. Dilworth, Jr.
May 17	8:30 AM	Geraldine Brandon, by Kay Moffett
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$5,686.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

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

Clergy Institute – Father Joe and Deacon Dennis will be absent from Monday through Thursday for this annual event. Accordingly, there will be no Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday and no communion services on Wednesday and Thursday.

Annual Mission Appeal: On the weekend of May 23-24 Mammas Haptegioris a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Addis Abeba 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.

Ascension Holy Day, Thursday, May 21 – Mass at 7:30 AM & 5:30 PM. St. Gregory's 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Monsignor Tatarczuk to Celebrate his 60th – Monsignor Vincent A. Tatarczuk, former Pastor here at Holy Martyrs Parish will celebrate his 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on **Sunday, June 7, 2009** at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brunswick. Homilist will be Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, former Bishop of Portland. A reception will be held in the parish hall after Mass. Anyone wishing to receive an invitation may write to: Anniversary Committee for Msgr. Tatarczuk, St. Charles Borromeo Church, 132 McKeen, St. Brunswick, Me. 04011. Please give your name(s) and address.

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.

Parish Council meeting rescheduled for May 12 has been canceled.

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.

Wear Your Jeans to Church Sunday Next Sunday, May 17th, immediately following the 8:30 Mass we will be having a general grounds project/clean up day. This year's project will involve moderate gardening work around the church and at Father Ford's residence to include some shrub pruning, preparing a small bed in front of the sign, removal of some shrub stumps in front of the residence, putting out hoses etc. We will have babysitters who will organize outside games for the young children. If your family would like to help with this project, please sign up in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Bigley at 829-6810 or Michele Baranowski at 878-6155.

Brown Bag Sunday – ANGELS ARE NEEDED to sort the groceries on Sunday evening, Mother's Day May 10 after the 5:30 Mass and to help deliver the groceries on Monday morning May 11 at 8:00 AM. Please call me if you can help me with the delivery. We could use a few extra ANGELS o Monday morning. Thanks, Nancy Castonia 829-5803.

Music Ministry News - Many thanks to the Sacred Heart Praise Band for providing music at the 5:30 celebration this weekend. We appreciate your gift of song.

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	

Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – As we divided the donations received for this past week we had only two bags for each pantry – until – an angel arrived with enough to raise the deliveries to five bags for each! As we mentioned, if you would check your cupboard and bring in one of something you have two of it would be a big help. One something from many will add up quickly and make angels of the many rather than the few. Thank you for your generosity to your neighbors in need.


Parish Nursing – The Sacred Heart Parish nursing group and faith formation are planning a caregiver support workshop next fall. This is a five week faith based program developed by Sr. Lorraine Rioux. We are inviting all nurses in our parish cluster to work with us in this project. Please call Sacred Heart Rectory for more information at 846-5584.



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.

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!

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Coffee & Donut Sunday Mother's Day Sunday May 10	<p>Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Word</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Readings Begin at #931</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>53: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8</i></p> 
Monday May 11	<p>Mass at 7:30 AM Religious Education 4:15-5:15</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brown Bag Delivery</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>285: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26</i></p>
Tuesday May 12	<p style="text-align: right;">Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30-11:00 AM Connected Catholics 6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>286: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a</i></p>
Wednesday May 13	<p style="text-align: right;">Opus Dei Women 10:00-2:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>287: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8</i></p>
Thursday May 14	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>564: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17</i></p>
Friday May 15	<p>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>289: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17</i></p>
Saturday May 16	<p>Mass at 4:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Baptism 9:00 AM ICDA 2-9 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>290: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21</i></p>
Sunday May 17	<p>Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Religious Education Classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>56: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17</i></p>

Memorial Day Mass – The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 25th 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.

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate has a few spaces available for the “Experience of Rome & Assisi Italy” tour led by Msgr. Charles Murphy, November 2-10, 2009. The tour will feature visits to historic sites involving the excavation of the tomb of St. Peter in the Vatican and a Papal Audience. Space is limited. Any interested person is asked to contact Mr. Matthew Sanfacon at the Chancery at 773-6471.

Fr. Scahill's Memorial Pilgrimages – National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, May 13th. June 21, 22, 23 – St. Anne De Beaupre and Our Lady of the Cape in Canada. 3 day trip. FMI: Salvatore Raia, 54 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME 04103, 207-773-9826, 207-408-9226 or e-mail: Raiasalvatore@myfairpoint.net.

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center Retreats

May 22-26 – Rediscovering the Feminine in God and in Ourselves w/Helen Cote, p.m. & Kim LeNguyen.

May 29-31 – Praying with Heart and Hands w/Marylee Johnson & Beverly Libby.

FMI: Contact the Retreat Office at 207-284-5671, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, 10 Evans Road, Biddeford, ME 04005.

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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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.

