



Dear Friends,

**Next Easter we will be in the final stages of forming one parish with the churches of Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart, Saint Gregory and Saint Jude. The cluster pastoral council recently completed its by-laws and is currently forming five committees to address the means by which some ministries and services may be consolidated and others continue as unique to a particular church. As the months proceed, the organization of the ministries will assist us to form an administrative structure and a combined budget for the fiscal year beginning in mid 2010. Since the new parish will be served by a pastor and a part-time priest, the weekend schedule will have to be adjusted. The current schedule of nine Masses probably will be reduced to seven or eight depending on the availability of the part-time priest. The next year will be a busy one for the various councils and committees, but we have the assurance that the challenges can be met from the work of the many clusters which have already formed new parishes. The Risen Lord has been with them and is with us!**

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#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<b>April 12 Easter</b>	8:30 AM	Frank Clark, by Dot Clark & family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<b>April 13</b>	7:30 AM	Lenore Hudson, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
<b>April 15</b>	7:30 AM	Edward Dilworth, Sr., by Edward Dilworth, Jr.
<b>April 16</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>April 18</b>	4:00 PM	John Saulds, by The Flower Committee
<b>April 19</b>	8:30 AM	Joan Burns, by Larry Burns
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$6,839.00**. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

**Special Easter Collection** – The second collection is designated for the support of our ill and retired priests and for special diocesan needs. Your generosity is appreciated.

**First Eucharist Retreat** – Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM.

**Confirmation** – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM at Cathedral. Rehearsal is at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 for the 9:00 AM candidates and at 6:30 PM for the 11:30 candidates.

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

**Maine Marriage Initiative:** An informational meeting will take place in the parish hall on **Tuesday, April 21, 2009** at 7:00 PM. The presentation will cover the diocesan opposition to legislation of same sex marriage in Maine.

**Vacation Bible School 2009:** We are preparing for a Cluster Vacation Bible School that will run the week of August 17-21 daily from 9a.m. to 12 noon at St. Gregory's Parish hall. We need your help. We're looking for several Junior High, & High School youth and adults as volunteers for various ministries for grades Pre-K-5. Please email Judy Dominick at [judy.dominick@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:judy.dominick@portlanddiocese.org), sign the registration sheet in the narthex, or call your local church office by April 17, if your children will be participating in this endeavor. We need to have an approximate count to order supplies and organize the sessions.

**Disciples In Mission** includes a reflection day during the Easter season. All the participants in the small faith sharing groups, family groups, parish leaders, pastoral council and commission members and ALL interested parishioners are invited to come together. All will be asked to reflect on the outward dimension of evangelization. The reflection day will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on **May 7th at 7:00pm**. We ask you to bring a finger snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

**Music Ministry News:** Many thanks to all who served with their gift of song during Holy Week. Many hours were spent at Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's preparing voices and instruments for our celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection. Our parishes have been blessed with your time and talent!

**Spring Rummage Sale** – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday morning to help set up and on Saturday to sell. Please call Mary T. Honan at 781-2705 if you can help. **Please do not drop items off until after April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Easter Flower Donations

##### In Memory of:

Lev Ågren, Bert & Karin Ågren, Evangeline & Arthur Harnois  
 Dominic & Mary Taliento, Yvonne Hagerty, Michael Taliento,  
 Joseph & Julie Baggetta, Pierre Harnois  
 Larry & Marian Laconi, Hubert Masterson  
 Ann & Wilfred Skaling, sons Maurice & James & spouses  
 Norm Savard  
 Deceased family members  
 Marks/Jumper Family  
 Mary Flynn & Eileen Huggins  
 Terry Danowski & Thomas Gruber, Sr.  
 Joseph Craney  
 John Salvo  
 Bridget & Charles Milan, Anne & Leonard Pooler  
 Jerome Danowski  
 Michael Hayes  
 Herk Mildrum, Mildrum & Klewicki Families  
 Bradford T. Hart, Etta G. Hart  
 Betty Ann Casey  
 Morris-Honan Families  
 Leo Zapata  
 Edward Quinlan & Louis Benoit  
 Esty Family Members  
 The Monahan, Monte, Spino & Ritter Families  
 Julia Keefe & Marybeth Carey  
 James E. Sohngen & Nicholas DeNoia  
 Elton Baker, Kathryn Emery, Jeanine Oberholzer, James Montalbano  
 All Souls

##### Requested by:

The Ågren Family  
 David & Eileen Laconi  
 Theresa Ketchum  
 Roger Beaulieu & Jane Gagne  
 Mrs. James McBrady  
 Irene Jumper  
 Mary Wright  
 Tom & Maggie Gruber  
 Kathy Lennon  
 Mary & Tony Salvo  
 Ralph & Mary Lou Lancaster  
 Terry & Irene Danowski  
 Stephen Hayes & Carol McCarthy  
 Betty Mildrum  
 Gayle Hart  
 Keith & Frances Casey  
 Mr. & Mrs. James E. Honan  
 The Zapata Family  
 Patricia B. Quinlan  
 Olga Esty  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Monte  
 Barbara Keefe  
 The DeNoia Family  
 Scott & Meredith Rousseau  
 Anonymous

### Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 12	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <b>NO Religious Education</b> <i>42: Acts 10:34a,37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mk 16:1-7or,, at an afternoon or evening Mass, 46: Lk 24:13-35</i>	<b>Readings Begin at #922</b>
<b>Monday</b> April 13	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <b>NO Religious Education</b>	<i>261: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps16; Mt 28:8-15</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> April 14	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b> <b>Parish Council 6:00 PM</b>	Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM <i>262: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> April 15	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<i>263: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 1-5; Lk 24:13-35</i>
<b>Thursday</b> April 16	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b> <b>Joint Cluster Pastoral &amp; Finance Councils 5:30 PM</b>	<i>264: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a,5-9; Lk 24:35-48</i>
<b>Friday</b> April 17	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b>	<i>265: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14</i>
<b>Saturday</b> April 18	<b>Robert Donovan Funeral at 11:00 AM</b> <b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<i>266: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15</i> Connected Catholics & Catholic Charities Event 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon <b>ICDA 2-9 PM</b>
<b>Coffee &amp; Donut</b> <b>Sunday</b> April 19	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Baptism Preparation Class 9:30-10:30 AM</b> <b>Readings Begin at #923</b> <i>44: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31</i>
<b>Patriot's Day</b> <b>Monday</b> April 20	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b> <b>NO Religious Education</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <i>267: Acts 4:32-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8</i>

#### BISHOP MALONE WANTS YOUR HELP

Please join with me and do everything within your power to maintain Traditional Marriage. We cannot allow special interest groups to change and redefine marriage in Maine or anywhere else. I ask you to take one or more of the following actions:

1. Visit the Maine Marriage Initiative's website: [www.mainemarriageinitiative.com](http://www.mainemarriageinitiative.com) and join. This is a very important step so that you can stay informed and follow the progress of LD1020 and any changes.
2. Write to members of the Judiciary Committee, immediately. Also, write or call your Senate and House members in Augusta and tell them you want them to "keep marriage as it is and to Vote NO on LD1020". (The *Maine Marriage Initiative* home page makes it easy for you to identify your local representatives and to construct your email letter.)
3. Plan to ATTEND the **Public Hearing on Friday, April, 24th at 9:00 AM at Cony High School, 60 Pierce Drive, in Augusta.** Join with me and publicly support the "Vote NO" position. (If you wish to, you can give testimony (1-2 min.) at this public hearing. If you do plan to speak, be sure to bring 16 copies of your testimony for members of the Judiciary Committee.
4. Join with me and pray for the Sanctity of Marriage.
5. Encourage others to do all of the above.

*Together, we can make a difference and keep marriage just as God intended, between one man and one woman.*

**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:** 8:30-3:00 PM, Monday – Friday

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#### ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator: Rev. J. Joseph Ford  
Catechetical Leaders: Deacon Dennis Popadak  
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.