



Dear Friends,

Paragraph 1393 of the Catechism reminds us that in Holy Communion we receive the body of Christ given up for us and the blood shed for the forgiveness of sins. "For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins." This purifying power directly cleanses us from venial sins. This is specified in the Penitential Rite of the Mass. The priest greets the congregation and invites all to participate in the act of penitence. There follows a period of silence. This can often be overlooked. During this silence the priest and all present should have the opportunity to review their lives. On Sunday we should review the past week and recognize the sins we have committed. In reviewing our lives we may see that we have failed in charity, honesty, respect, etc. During the silence of the penitential rite we have the opportunity to name and admit our sins before God. There follow the invocations asking for mercy or the prayer of confession. The priest then offers the prayer for mercy. In this we should experience awareness of the forgiveness of our venial sins enabling us to know joy as we sing the hymn of praise, "Glory to God in the highest..."

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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<u>August 23</u>	4:00 PM	Bob Dyk, by Don & Missy Gove
<u>August 24</u>	8:30 AM	Trudy Murray, by her family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>August 25</u>	7:30 AM	Margaret O'Donnell, by the Meahl Family
<u>August 27</u>	7:30 AM	Catherine Filieo, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
<u>August 28</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

<u>August 30</u>	4:00 PM	Herman Becker-Fluegel, by John & Judith Goodrich
<u>August 31</u>	8:30 AM	Jack Jamison, by a friend
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of \$4,679.00 for last weekend. \$3,677.50 was in 132 envelopes and \$1,002.00 was loose. Our weekly operating expense is \$6,318.00. The second collection for St. Patrick Fathers Mission totaled \$3,903.00.

If you attend weekend Mass at another church, you may place your Holy Martyrs/St. Gregory's envelope in the collection. That church will forward the envelopes to Holy Martyrs or St. Gregory's.

For Our Deaf Community Members: The Parish Inclusion Ministry of Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute would like to make parishioners aware that Interpreters are available at the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. Anthony of Padua in Westbrook.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – In this weekend's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans-and us-that all things come from God: "For from God and through God and for God all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift, so they share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they have been blessed. (From *Stewardship By The Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

The musical "South Pacific" contained an important but not-so-well-known song: "You Have To Be Taught." The lyrics remind us that children are by nature accepting; they have to be taught to hate. Children are also giving; far too often, however, as they grow, they learn to say, "It's mine, and you can't have it!" Thus, most adults have to be taught how to share. Learning begins when a person recognizes and accepts that God gives us everything we have. Next comes awareness that to show our thanks to God for all we have been given, we should share a portion of those gifts in a way that advances God's plan of salvation. Then come decisions about how great a portion to share and with whom. Most people feel good about getting to that stage. People like Mother Theresa go further: they say, "Since God has given me everything, I will share everything except what the Lord wants me to keep for my own use." The ultimate decision, then, is not what to share, but what to keep.

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Registration for Fall Classes – The next registration weekend is September 6 & 7, 2008.

Your help is needed to assist us plan for the Fall that, unfortunately, is fast approaching: Please take the time to register your child/children for Fall Religious Education sessions. In order to expedite the process, there will be printouts with names of all the children of the parish, in our database, for you to verify the information and update. To date, only 50+ children have been formerly registered for sessions. We especially need the names of second graders who will be preparing for the Sacraments. Thank you for helping us to plan for the upcoming year to effectively assist our children in their faith development by stopping by the tables on the weekend of September 6/7. **Classes are scheduled to begin September 21, 2008.**

Sundays	during the 8:30 AM Mass	Pre-k, 3, 4, & 5 year olds (Min. 10 participants)
Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Grades 1 – 5 or
Mondays	4:15-5:15 PM	Grades 1 – 5
Sundays	6:30-7:30 PM	Jr. High and Youth Ministry

*You may also register by calling the religious education office at 781-2847. Please register ASAP to ensure the proper student teacher ratio.




Please ***do not braid*** the ribbon markers for the hymnals. The ribbons are there to help parishioners find the various hymns, readings, and responses. Thank you for respecting and prolonging the life of the materials.

Thank you for thinking of Holy Martyrs – however, we are NOT accepting any donations for the nursery, classrooms, music room, or kitchen. We are currently in the process of cleaning these rooms and weeding out all unused items that have accumulated over the years. Please take your unwanted items to Goodwill or another charity of your choice.

Free Equipment: We may just have what you're looking for...spare parts or good running electronic equipment. Classic models for your museum or to play those film strips or home movies that you found in the attic. "First come, first served" at the tables in the parish hall...these beauties won't last!

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday August 24	Mass at 8:30 AM Readings Begin at #1008 <i>121: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20</i> Mass at 5:30 PM
Monday August 25	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>425: 2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12; Ps 96; Mt 23:13-22</i>
Tuesday August 26	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM 426: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 22:23-26
Wednesday August 27	Mass at 7:30 AM Opus Dei Men 6:00 PM <i>427: 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18; Ps 128; Mt 23:27-32 see 632: Sir 26:1-4, 13-16</i>
Thursday August 28	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <i>428: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51 see 633: 1 Jn 4:7-16, Mt 23:8-12</i>
Friday August 29	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>429: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; 634; Mk 6:17-29 see also 634: Jer 1:17-19; Ps 71: 1-4a,6b,15ab,17</i>
Saturday August 30	Mass at 4:00 PM 430; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday August 31	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM 124: Jer 20:7-9' Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Parish Calendar for 2008/2009: We will develop a joint calendar for Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's Parish. All responsible for the various events at Holy Martyrs are urged to submit proposed dates for activities through June 2009 to the office **no later than August 31, 2008.**

The Parish Golf Tournament will not take place this September.

Johnson Road Reconstruction Update – Weather permitting; the current date to begin construction is August 25. The contractor has 120 days to complete their portion of the project but is hoping to have it ready for base pavement in 90 days. The goal for the department at this juncture is to have the base pavement and sidewalk completed by this fall with the finish pavement and loaming completed in the spring.

Early Warning!! Maine Marathon/Relay/Maine Half Marathon – Sunday, October 5th !

The race will impact access to all the churches along the route during the morning. We are fortunate at Holy Martyrs to be able to come to church from Johnson Road. If you need to use Route 88, parishioner passes to be placed on the dashboard will be available in the NARTHEX at the end of September. **For reasons of safety and recommended by the Falmouth Police Department Route 88 from Route 1 to Depot Road will be closed to traffic from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM and there will be no access to Route 88 off Johnson Road.**

Office Hours for August 25-29, 2008

Monday	10:30-5:00
Tuesday	9:30-4:00
Wednesday – Friday	8:30-3:00

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: *Monday – Friday* *8:30-3:00*

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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.

