

Liturgical Guidelines - Resuming Customary Practices

Following discussions with state health officials regarding H1N1 (Swine Flu), **the Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Portland, has decided to relax the influenza protocols implemented several weeks ago and continue to prioritize health considerations by emphasizing proper respiratory hygiene.**

To that end, parishioners are reminded:

- if you are ill, please stay at home and do not attend Church celebrations until fully recovered;
- **the cup of consecrated wine will again be offered;** please note that you are not obligated to receive the Eucharist under both species--the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are fully present in either the consecrated bread or wine;
- because of the significance of its meaning, all parishioners should participate in the greeting of peace; however, a respectful head nod or verbal greeting of peace is as acceptable as a handshake which is again permissible;
- parishioners are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue; parishioners who prefer to receive on the tongue will not be refused;
- ministers of Holy Communion are being urged to continue the practice of washing their hands before Mass begins and to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Holy Communion; and
- greeters and ushers are being encouraged to use verbal greetings rather than hand shakes to welcome parishioners.

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has been grateful for the strategies implemented by the Church in order to curtail spread of the disease and is understanding of the Diocese's desire to return to its normal practices especially regarding the shared cup. The Bishop's office will remain in close consultation with state health officials and should the public health situation warrant it, the Bishop may decide to re-implement the stricter protocols.

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

June 13	4:00 PM	Barbara Fitzgerald, by Don & Missy Gove
June 14	8:30 AM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Joseph Bousquet
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
June 15	7:30 AM	Dorrie Kurkjian, by her family
June 17	7:30 AM	Kathleen Donovan Nolan, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
June 18	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

June 20	4:00 PM	Marilyn Cramer, by Peter & Dina Lattanzi
June 21	8:30 AM	John Mulvihill, by the Meahl family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$4,134.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**. The second collection for Seminarians totaled \$1,514.00.

E-Giving: We have introduced e-giving for the parish. At this time e-giving does not include the second collections. E-giving allows parishioners to establish a monthly debit to the account of their choosing. This provides a convenient means to support the parish. Forms are available in the rear of the church.

Pledging: Last week annual pledge forms were included with the bulletin; additional forms are in rear of the church. The completion of a pledge form assists your finance council in estimating revenue for the next budget. You may request a report of your giving over the past year by calling the office.

Offertory Envelopes – Offertory envelopes for the 2009/2010 fiscal year are in. Please pick up your envelopes after church today.

People's Veto - Our diocese is participating in a state-wide signature gathering campaign in support of a People's Veto as to whether or not same-sex marriages should be allowed in this state. In order to place this question on the November ballot, petition circulators have only 90 days to gather and certify approximately 70,000 signatures for submission to the State. Bishop Malone has authorized the collection of signatures inside all Catholic churches before and after Masses next weekend, June 20-21.

You **MUST** be a registered Maine voter to sign a petition. Your signature is not a vote. It merely allows the referendum question to be placed on the ballot. Maine voters will make a final decision in November. Please take the time next week to stop and add your name to one of the petition forms.

For three years, Catholics throughout Maine have worked prayerfully and collaboratively to implement the reconfiguration phase of "Telling Anew the Story of Jesus." Envisioning a more authentic and active faith life for all Catholics, the laity and clergy of every parish have focused their energies towards an assessment and reorganization of the way we minister to the faithful, the unchurched and those in need of assistance.

Over the past year, the Diocese has been preparing for the outreach portion of the plan, one that will help us to prepare for future ministries and future generations. Every parish in the state of Maine will be undertaking an ambitious project that will address major challenges we face as Catholics going forward:

- The role of the laity in the new cluster system;
- Priests vocations, formation & care in retirement;
- Catholic schools' afford ability and financial aid;
- The role of faith in the works of Catholic Charities; and
- Strengthening and growing parishes.

Holy Martyrs is participating – along with the other parishes in the state – in a campaign entitled: **Strengthening the Heartbeat of the Church**, and when the time comes please consider giving of your time, talent and treasure to make this effort a success.

In order to focus our energies on this important project, we will be postponing this year's Bishop's Appeal until the fall.

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.

Friendship House Thank You - Again, Many thanks to all who contributed to our meal for Friendship House in early June. I had four big main dishes, a side dish, paper products, produce and some baked goods from the Falmouth farmers' market to take to the men, who urged me to thank you all for all these enticing provisions. They are truly grateful and enthusiastic. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, July 1st. Please remember that if cooking is not possible (especially before a holiday, as July 3 is), food can be purchased, and toiletries and paper products are always needed and appreciated.

"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.

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.

Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – Jean Lamson, coordinator for the Cumberland Pantry, had the following request in this weeks “Notes” - Please help us help these neighbors in the area. *Jack Mullin*

Food Pantry Seeking Items – The food pantry located at the Cumberland Congregational Church needs our help. They are low on mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, cold cereal, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, canned meats (ham, chicken, turkey, salmon), canned pasta (Spaghettios, ravioli), cookies, crackers, canned fruit, fruit juices and coffee.

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

24 dinette chairs; 1 dinette table; 2 three cushion sofas; 3 two cushion sofas; 13 easy chairs, rockers, etc, but not too large.

Anniversary Mas.s for St. Josemarie Escriva, Founder of Opus Dei, Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 PM, Holy Martyrs Church. Confession available at 6:00 PM. Light reception to follow. For more information contact Maureen Grygiel at 712-9881.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Coffee & Donut Sunday June 14	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>364: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103; Mt 5:33-37 see 581: Is 61:1-3d; Lk 10:1-9</i>	Readings Begin at #946
Monday June 15	Mass at 7:30 AM	<i>365:2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1-4; Mt 5:38-42</i>
Tuesday June 16	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM	<i>366: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146; Mt 5:43-48</i>
Wednesday June 17	Mass at 7:30 AM	<i>367: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</i>
Thursday June 18	Communion Service at 7:30 AM <i>171: Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12,14-19; Jn 19:31-37</i>	
Friday June 19	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM	<i>171: Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12,14-19; Jn 19:31-37</i>
Saturday June 20	Mass at 4:00 PM	ICDA 2-9 PM <i>370: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; 573: Lk 2:41-51 see 573: Is 61:9-11</i>
Sunday June 21	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	Readings Begin at #982 <i>95:Jb 38:1,8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41</i>



Auction – Estate Sale – At the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, 605 Stevens Avenue, Portland. Antiques, furniture, glassware, jewelry, collectible coins, religious art and more! Open House: June 15th (no buying) (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM), June 19th Open House Noon – 7:00 PM. Auction: June 26 & 27, 9:00 AM – Auction sale begins. D.A. Folsom Auction Service Inc. 207-233-8811, e-mail: folsomauction@maine.rr.com.

Volunteers Needed - Sister Joanne Roy at Catholic Charities Maine is looking for Volunteers... We have a specific need for persons who can help with the Therapist SearchLine: to file, or to take calls, or to enter data or assist in responding for information. The amount of time and time of day are very flexible, daytime or evenings. The site is Portland, at 250 Anderson St. (behind U-Haul) Please call Sr. Joanne Roy 523-2746.

MASSSES: *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
Confession: Sat. 3:15-3:45 & by appointment

Communion Service:

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.