



Dear Friends,

Many know the so-called Serenity Prayer. Some time ago I was given the following which is attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr, a distinguished theologian.

Father Joe Ford

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God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a path to peace; taking, as Jesus did this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

June 14	4:00 PM	Bob Dyk, by the Choir
June 15	8:30 AM	Trudy Murray, by the Family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
June 16	7:30 AM	Robert Benoit, by Maria Hanley
June 18	7:30 AM	Mary, James, & Henry York, by Gertrude Young
June 19	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

June 21	4:00 PM	Barbara Cain, by the Cain Family
June 22	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Janice O'Donnell, by the Family

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for June 7 & 8, 2008 amounted to **\$5,890.50**. **\$5,013** was in 144 envelopes and **\$885.50** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

How did you hear the good news today? Next weekends second collection supports the Bishop's CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC). For more than 25 years, the CCC has been spreading the Gospel message locally and nationally on the radio, television, in print, and on the Internet. It is only through donations from Catholic parishioners that the work of the CCC is possible. Please contribute generously to the Campaign in the upcoming parish collection. Half of the collection will remain in our (arch)diocese to fund local Catholic communication efforts. Visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign for national program information. The Catholic Communication Campaign-it's how the Good News gets around.

Offertory Envelopes – Offertory envelopes for the new fiscal year can be found in the Narthex. If you do not see your name and would like envelopes, please sign-up on the sheet provided at the table. New envelopes will be available next weekend.

Mass for the Feast of St. Josemaria - You are invited to attend the Mass for the Feast of St. Josemaria here at Holy Martyrs on Wednesday evening, **June 25th at 6:00 PM**. Saint Josemaria was the Founder of Opus Dei and was canonized in Rome on October 6, 2002. All are welcome to attend the reception following the Mass. **There will be NO 7:30 AM Mass that day.**

Silver & Gold Mass – Bishop Richard J. Malone and Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute are inviting couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th wedding anniversaries to celebrate a special Silver and Gold Mass on **Saturday, June 28**, at 4:30 PM at the Cathedral in Portland. Those couples planning to attend please **RSVP by June 13th** to 871-7464, ext. 2670 or 800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. A light reception will follow.

"Follow me." Are you willing to follow and serve as a priest, a sister of a brother, or as a deacon? If God is calling you, call Fr. Anderw Dubois at (207)689-2033 or e-mail us at vocations@portlanddiocese.net.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge He makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift." (From *Stewardship By The Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

One of the leaders in stewardship as a way of life in our Diocese explains his approach to stewardship this way: "Everything we have is a gift from God. The day is coming when God is going to ask each of us, 'What did you do with all the gifts I have given you?' I have the right answer." And so should we all.

Cluster Survey - Surveys have been mailed to all parish members of St Gregory's, Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart and St Jude's for input to the Cluster #24 Pastoral Council. The Council, comprised of parish council members from each parish, is asking for survey input from all parishioners over the age of 18 years of age. Consequently, each household will be receiving a minimum of two surveys with separate return envelopes and asks for the surveys to be returned by mail prior to June 30th. Those households that have been identified with more than two adult persons will be receiving additional surveys. There is also an Early Bird raffle for those who mail in their surveys by June 20th, making those individuals eligible for a \$50 gas card at Irving Stations. Winning tickets will be posted in church bulletins later this month. Survey input is extremely important for the Cluster #24 Pastoral Council in making its recommendations to the Bishop.

The DVD's are here! Copies of the Confirmation and First Communion DVD's have arrived. Please stop by the table and pick up your copy today. Those with red dots indicate that payment is due. Please make checks payable in the amount of \$15.00 per copy to: Holy Martyrs Church. What a wonderful memento of the celebration of the Sacraments.

Kickball Summer Team 08! Our very own 'Papal Bulls' play again this summer in the City of Portland co-ed kickball league. Contact us to get on the roster. This IS a Young Adult event for ages 18-39. No experience necessary. Games will start the week of June 23. Games are played at Deering High School. Contact Becky at veritasportland@yahoo.com or call Captain Craig at 831-0852.

"What Catholics Believe About the Bible" Pub Night w/ Fr. Matthew Monnig S.J. Tuesday, July 8, 7pm. Veritas, Portland's Catholic Young Adult Group, invites all young adults (18-39) in faith sharing and discussion at the Old Port Tavern, 11 Moulton St, Portland. Talk begins at 7pm. Come earlier for dinner and fellowship. FMI contact Lisa at veritasportland@yahoo.com or Fr. Matthew Monnig, S.J. at 775-3032 X 214.


Friendship House Thank You - Many thanks from me and the men at Friendship House for the main dishes, vegetable dishes and salads parishioners provided for them early in June. I was also able to pick up some fresh produce at the Falmouth farmers' market. Please be aware, during this busy season, that if you aren't able to prepare a dish yourself, fresh produce and purchased prepared dishes are welcomed and appreciated, as are basic toiletries. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, July 2. *--Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362*

Music Notes: As we approach the end of the choir year, I would like to acknowledge the many rehearsals and music liturgies that have taken place because of the good will of our many music ministers. Thank you to each and every one of you!!

Choir Notes: For their final liturgy of this season, the choir will sing two choral selections: "MY LIFE FLOWS ON" in memory of Jack Rimkunas, and "BLESSED BY THE BREAD" in memory of Harry Fahrendorf, father of Harriet Boomer.

Music Director – Cecile DeRoche-Cain has resigned as our music director effective June 30, 2008. We are beginning a search for a new director. Persons interested should contact the parish office.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

 Happy Father's Day Sunday June 15	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Readings Begin at 978; Communion Hymn # 704 91: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8
	Monday June 16	Mass at 7:30 AM
Tuesday June 17	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM Finance Council 6:00 PM	366: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday June 18	Mass at 7:30 AM	367: 2 Kgs 2;1,6-14; Ps 31; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday June 19	Communion Service at 7:30 AM Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Gregory's 6:30 PM	368: Sir 48;1-14; Ps 97; Mt 6:7-15
Friday June 20	Mass at 8:00 at St. Gregory's	369: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20; Ps 132; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday June 21	Mass at 4:00 PM	370: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89; Mt 6:24-34; see 583: 1 Jn 5:1-5; Mt 22:34-40 ICDA 2-9 PM
Sunday June 22	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	94: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Tax Rebates: A Blessing for Our Parish?

Many of us will receive tax rebate checks this year. This is a special opportunity for all of us to support our parish by making a gift of all or part of our tax rebates.

What a difference we can make! Use this extra money to support our parish through a gift to our endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Maine or to support any of our parish needs.

- Your tax rebate is not subject to income tax
- When you itemize deductions on your 2008 tax return, you will be entitled to a tax deduction for the amount of your gift made from your tax rebate

This is a special opportunity for all of us to be more generous and to help fulfill the Gospel work of our wonderful faith community.

Use your tax rebate wisely.

For more information, contact Patricia M. Long, Executive Director, Catholic Foundation of Maine, 207-321-7835.

Mercy Auxiliary Hosts Fashion Show – The Auxiliary to Mercy Hospital will hold it's annual Fashion show on Thursday, June 26 at The Marriott at Sable Oaks in South Portland. The Auxiliary is a dedicated group of individuals who support Mercy Health System through their contribution of time, talent, and service providing \$80,000 annually. This year's event will feature cancer survivor models with a "Celebrating Life" theme. Women's fashions will be provided by Benoit's, Carlisle Collection, Saco Bay Classics, Serendipity, Simply You, and Simply You Too. Men's fashions will be provided by Benoit's Joseph's, and S&K Famous Brands. Tickets \$40.00 pp or \$500 Reserved Table of Ten (includes dinner). All proceeds from this event will benefit The Oncology-Hematology Center at Mercy. Call the Development Office for a reservation – 879-3486.

MASSES:

<i>Saturday Mass:</i>	4:00 PM
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass:</i>	Mon. & Wed. at 7:30 AM
<i>Communion Service:</i>	Thurs. at 7:30 AM
<i>Confession:</i>	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.