



Dear Friends,
The June 9 – 16, issue of AMERICA magazine had two articles on displaced Iraqis. Many of these are Christians. As a minority in this predominately Muslim country, they are real victims in the political and religious conflicts of their country. On February 29 an archbishop of the Chaldean Rite was murdered. This prompted Pope Benedict, like his predecessor, to once again call for an end to the use of violence to resolve differences among people and nations.

The Church traces its roots in Iraq to the first century. Christians have been part of the religious and cultural history of Iraq ever since. They testify to our biblical roots in a land long dominated by another religion. Iraqi Christians face a terrible dilemma. They and their bishops want to remain in their homeland. However, their futures and their lives are at stake. Hundreds of thousands have already moved; some to northern Iraq where there is an element of harmony with the Kurds. Many others are in Syria and Jordan. Young families are leaving in the hope of finding security for their children. The Bishops of the United States have urged our government to provide relief and to increase the number being allowed to settle in this country. For more information on the Iraqi refugees and the church's concern go to www.usccb.org/mrs.

Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

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
June 23	7:30 AM	Arthur Young, by Gertrude Young
June 25	NO AM MASS	
	6:00 PM	Mass for the Feast of St. Josemaria
June 26	7:30 AM	Communion Service

Next Weekend Masses

June 28	4:00 PM	Jack Rimkunas, by the Family
June 29	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Eugene Demers, by Claire Recker

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for June 14 & 15, 2008 amounted to **\$4,249.00**. **\$3,220.00** was in 133 envelopes and **\$1,029.00** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

HOW DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS TODAY?

Television, radio, newspapers, magazines, the Internet—all are places people go to get news and entertainment. But what do we get, exactly, when we turn on “the tube” or log on to the Internet? As a result of your support of the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC)**, Catholics and all media consumers have increased opportunities to find Gospel-grounded messages and resources to strengthen their families and their faith. **Please contribute generously to CCC in today's 2nd collection.** Half of all donations received will remain in our diocese to fund local Catholic communication efforts. Visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org for national program information. Thank you for your generous response.

Offertory Envelopes – The remaining 90 offertory envelopes for the new fiscal year can be found in the Narthex. If your name isn't there and you would like envelopes, please sign-up on the sheet provided at the table. New envelopes will be available next weekend.

Vocations - “Do not let those intimidate you.” Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is asking of you. If God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Dubois at (207)689-2033 or e-mail us at vocations@portlanddiocese.net.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (“Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,” Jesus tells us in the Gospel this weekend, “and nothing hidden that will not become known.” May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day. From *Stewardship By The Book*, by Sharon Hueckel. Used with permission.)

I once worked for a man who had a rather pragmatic sense of ethics: “Never do or say anything you would not want to show up on the front page of the newspaper.” While not on a par with the Golden Rule, this advice does have merit. Our Catholic faith teaches that the “front page” will be the Last Judgment. All our good works will be revealed, even the good we did for others without even being aware of it; and all our sins and failings will be there, too. Of all the reasons to be a good steward, impressing others at the Last Judgment may be the least important; but if it gets some people started toward stewardship as a way of life, then it has value.

Music Notes: Many thanks – to the choir members for their inspiring music last Saturday, and also for their parting gifts to me on our last choir weekend. This last year has been the best ongoing choir in my six years at Holy Martyrs, and I am truly grateful to all of them for their dedication to the music ministry.

The DVD's are here! Copies of the Confirmation and First Communion DVD's have arrived, and we have a few copies remaining from 2007. 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.

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Donut Sunday Thank You – Thank you to Danielle Tracy for hosting Donut Sunday on June 8th and to Rita Yavinsky for sponsoring it. Donut Sunday will resume next fall. *Hosts and sponsors will be needed for 2008/2009. All interested in helping support this important ministry should look for more information at the fall Stewardship Fair or call the office.

Preble Street Thank You – On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of Preble Street, I want to thank your parishioners for their gift of \$36.00 (cash gift) collected through the recent Brown Bag Sunday. Your generosity is encouraging to us and contributes immeasurably to the health and welfare of our community's most vulnerable youth, adults, and families. We are grateful to you for supporting our mission and helping us shine the light of hope against despair in the lives of people struggling with homelessness, hunger, and poverty.

Sincerely, Mark R. Swann, Executive Director

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday June 22	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	Readings Begin at 981; Communion Hymn # 803 94: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
Monday June 23	Mass at 7:30 AM	586: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; :Lk 1:5-17
Tuesday June 24	Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM	587: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80
Wednesday June 25	NO AM MASS 6:00 PM Mass for the Feast of St. Josemaria – Reception to follow	373: 2Kgs 22:8-13,23:1-3; Ps 119; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday June 26	Communion Service at 7:30 AM	374: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79; Mt 7:21-29
Friday June 27	Mass at 8:00 at St. Gregory's	375: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday June 28	Mass at 4:00 PM	376: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Ps 74; Mt 8:5-17; see 589: 2 Tm 2:22b-26
Sunday June 29	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM	590: Acts 3:1-10; ps 19; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

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. If you haven't received your survey by June 25th, please call Holy Martyrs parish office @ 781-4573. Survey input is extremely important for the Cluster #24 Pastoral Council in making its recommendations to the Bishop.

Celebrate Life! Walk Saturday, July 12, 2008 9:00 AM – Join Pro-Life Maine this summer...Support and Celebrate the Gift of Life! Join family, friends, and community leader... as we **Walk for Life!** Only 2 miles! Anyone can participate! Go Green for Life! Take a heart-healthy Walk. It's easy! It's fun. Help build the Culture of Life – one step at a time. Proceeds benefit unborn babies and their moms-love them both! Join with hundreds of joyful, pro-lifers across Maine on Saturday, July 12. FMI: Contact team leader Mary Ibrahim at 838-8095 or email: marykiely1@yahoo.com. Maine Right to Life Committee, PO Box 257, Auburn, ME, 04212, phone: 782-0101.

Save the Date – We are proud to announce plans for the second annual **Harvest Ball**, a fundraiser to benefit our diocesan *Harvest Magazine*. *Harvest* is our 32-page publication that is sent free of charge to 40,000 Catholic households in Maine, and which features inspirational stories from across the state, photos, spiritual direction for daily living and theological teachings. This year's Harvest Ball will take place at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland on **Friday, October 17th**. The **Ball** will include a social hour, dinner, dancing to The Tony Boffa Band, and a brief auction, all to benefit our written evangelization efforts. Please mark your calendars to join in the fun.

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.

