



Dear Friends,

On June 3 we observed the feast day of Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions some of the hundred Catholic and Anglican Christians martyred in Uganda during the Priestyears 1885 – 1887. Saint Charles, who was only 26 years old, and the others had protested the cruelty of the king and refused to engage in immoral acts with him. I had the privilege of being at their canonization by Pope Paul VI in 1964. It was a very impressive event. The ceremony was held during the third session of the Second Vatican Council, and so there were hundreds of bishops from all over the world in attendance; the universality of our church was very obvious. The Mass reflected the beginning of the implementation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Council. Many were startled with the African music and dance that accompanied the pope as he entered Saint Peter's Basilica. This was in stark contrast to the traditional form of worship in that great church; we were being reminded that our faith does embrace every race and people and that western ways are not the only ways to celebrate the sacraments. In the four decades since much has changed in the church; in Africa we continue to witness new growth and vitality. There is an old saying: the blood of the martyrs is the seed of faith.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

<u>June 6</u>	4:00 PM	Francis Mullins Reilly, by Michael & Nancy Miller
<u>June 7</u>	8:30 AM	Bartley Folan, by Mary T. & Jim Honan
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>June 8</u>	7:30 AM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Lisa Bousquet
<u>June 10</u>	7:30 AM	Dorrie Kurkjian, by her family
<u>June 11</u>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<u>June 13</u>	4:00 PM	Barbara Fitzgerald, by Don & Missy Gove
<u>June 14</u>	8:30 AM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Joseph Bousquet
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Thank you for your offerings of **\$6,658.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**. **The second collection this weekend is for Seminarians.**

**E-Giving:** Last week we 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.

**Signature Campaign** – Our diocese has joined an effort to bring to a referendum the legislation redefining marriage as recently enacted by the legislature and signed into law by the governor. We are seeking volunteers who are to be trained in securing signatures of registered voters. Please call the office or speak to Father Joe or Deacon Dennis if you are interested.

**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.

**An alert from Bishop Malone** – Due to the H1N1 (swine flu) outbreak, Bishop Malone has directed that communion in the form of wine not be distributed at this time. And as a further precaution, it is recommended not to hold hands during the Our Father, or shake hands during the sign of peace and to receive the Body of Christ in the hand and not on the tongue.

**“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](http://portlanddiocese.org).

#### 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 Mass 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 797-9881.

**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](mailto:rectory@holymartyrs.org).

**Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries** – Confirmation of our serious concerns that the good weather and more relaxed atmosphere of summer would decrease donations to the food pantries were evident this past week as we barely had enough to make the delivery worthwhile. Please remember those neighbors in real need when making out your shopping list – one can or box can make a big difference. *Jack Mullin*

**Marriage Encounter – Invest in your Marriage and reap the benefits...** You'll get more from spending just 44 hours together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend than you could ever imagine. Sign up now to join us for the weekend scheduled to be held at the Bangor Ramada Inn on September 11-13, 2009. There will also be a weekend available 6-8 November in Lewiston. The weekend is designed as a private experience between husband and wife that develops deeper marriages to grow into even better marriages. The registration fee is \$50.00 and a freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to: [www.meNewEngland.org](http://www.meNewEngland.org).

**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 15<sup>th</sup> (no buying) (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM), June 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**2009 Bishop's Appeal** – will be conducted next October. Please note this change from the past practice of Appeals being conducted in May.

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.

### Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

<b>The Most Holy Trinity Sunday June 7</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b> <b>Readings Begin at #943</b>	<b>Baptism Preparation Class 9:30-10:30 AM</b> Bridal Shower in Hall 10:00 AM Connected Catholics 5:00 PM <b>165: Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20</b>
<b>Monday June 8</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>359: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34; Mt 5:1-12</b>
<b>Tuesday June 9</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Parish Council 6:00 PM</b> <b>Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM</b> <b>360: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119; Mt 5:13-16</b>
<b>Wednesday June 10</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>361: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99; Mt 5:17-19</b> <b>Joint Stewardship Meeting at St. Gregory's at 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday June 11</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>580: Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3; Ps 98; 362: Mt 5:20-26 see 580: Mt 10:7-13</b>
<b>Friday June 12</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM</b>	
<b>Saturday June 13</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<b>363: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116; Mt 5:27-32</b>
<b>Coffee &amp; Donut Sunday June 14</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Readings Begin at #946</b> <b>364: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103; Mt 5:33-37 see 581: Is 61:1-3d; Lk 10:1-9</b>

**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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**PARISH STAFF:**

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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.