



FROM THE Dear Friends,

A survey is being mailed to every household registered in the churches of Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heat and Saints Gregory and Jude. The survey seeks to learn your expectations for the schedule of Masses and other liturgical and devotional Priest observances as well as the priority of the various ministries and programs now taking place at the four churches. Your responses will assist the cluster pastoral and finance councils as they plan for the formation of one parish by the Fall of 2010.

The cover letter notes that some form of consolidation of the churches may need to be considered. When the diocesan plan for clusters was formed, our cluster was to be served by a pastor and a 'senior priest'. At this juncture a 'senior priest' may not be available. We are awaiting advice from the Chancery on the number of priests likely to be serving the new parish. I am currently preparing some ideas for consideration. However, IF only one priest were to be assigned, we would face a great challenge. Accordingly, your response to the survey is very, very important.

I offer our gratitude to Tom Gruber who has undertaken most of the work to conduct the survey.

Father Joe Ford  
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#### Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<b>June 7</b>	4:00 PM	Cherry Gorham, by her family
<b>June 8</b>	8:30 AM	The deceased family members of Carlita Brown, by Carlita Brown
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<b>June 9</b>	7:30 AM	John Stokes, by Debbie Meahl
<b>June 11</b>	7:30 AM	Mary Louise Kean, by Charlie Kean
<b>June 12</b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service

#### Next Weekend Masses

<b>June 14</b>	4:00 PM	Bob Dyk, by the choir
<b>June 15</b>	8:30 AM	Trudy Murray, by the family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

**Last Weekend's Offering:** Your contributions for May 31 & June 1 2008 amounted to **\$6,246.00**. **\$5,113** was in 163 envelopes and **\$1,133.00** was loose. The Seminarian collection totaled **\$2,007.00**. Thank you for your gifts.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>** to 871-7464, ext. 2670 or 800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. A light reception will follow.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry welcomes young adults ages 18-39 on Thursday, June 12 at 7pm to this exciting event in the Upper Sacristy at the Cathedral. For more information, email Lisa at [veritasportland@yahoo.com](mailto:veritasportland@yahoo.com) or call Craig at 831-0852.** Cathedral parishioner Andrew McNabb ([www.andrew-mcnabb.com](http://www.andrew-mcnabb.com)), a well-published fiction writer, would like to host a discussion of the state of contemporary Catholic literature, read some of his own work, and discuss his plan to start a small publishing house specializing in contemporary Catholic fiction and non-fiction. Andrew's short stories have been published in many of the leading literary journals in the country, both secular (The Missouri Review, New Delta Review, Many Mountains Moving and many others) and religious, (Relief, Rock & Sling), and in the recent anthology, Not Safe, But Good, Best Christian Short Stories, 2007 (Thomas Nelson.) His short story collection, The Body of This, was recently put under contract and will be published in Spring, 2009. The stories in the collection are set in Portland, and deal, largely, with architecture, both of buildings and of the body. Writing cover testimonials for his book are Bret Lott (Oprah's Book Club pick, Jewel), and Joseph Pearce (<http://www.ignatiusinsight.com/authors/josephpearce.asp>), the Catholic literary biographer and intellectual.

**Religious Ed Update** – Sessions for Grades Pre-K through grade 12 have ended for the summer months. Sessions will resume in September. A big thank you goes out to all the catechists who spent the last nine months reading and planning for their classes! We are so grateful for your gift of time to our young people. Holy Martyrs is blessed to have such a dedicated group of catechists! Parents, please consider becoming a catechist for our next session. Holy Martyrs and the chancery will provide training. The teacher's manual is volunteer friendly. Deacon Dennis, Father Ford and I are ready to support you! Please email your response or any questions to Judy at [Dominick5@aol.com](mailto:Dominick5@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

**Tuition Assistance Policy for Catholic School Students** - As families consider the advantages of a Catholic education, a clarification of the policy on financial aid from the parish is offered. Aid will be provided for students who with their families worship at Holy Martyrs and volunteer in some way on behalf of the parish; the family must use our budget envelope system. The elementary school students meeting these requirements will be provided tuition assistance in accord with the amount determined by the Catholic school. **Elementary School Tuition Reminder** – All elementary school students planning on attending Catholic school in the fall should return their school tuition contract form to the office ASAP. **High school students meeting these requirements are asked to present a written request for aid by June 13, 2008.**

**Thank You - Wear Your Jeans to Church Spring Planting Day** A big thank you to the youth of our Parish for making the Spring Planting Day a huge success! Olivia and Juliana Baranowski, Lily Black, Sarah and Kathryn Caldwell, Ben and Jack Freeman, Sarah and Libby Greenlaw, Erin Murphy, Samuel and Simon Pratico, Nate and Liza Rogers, Hogan and Garrett Tracy, Natalie, Amelia and Katrina Waite. If you walk around the parish grounds, you can see we got a lot planted, pruned, shoveled and swept! We appreciate all your help and hard work.

**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!!

**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**

<b>Donut Sunday June 8</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Readings Begin at 975; Communion Hymn # 587 88: Hos 6:3-6; Ps 50; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13</b>
<b>Monday June 9</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>359: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121; Mt 5:1-12</b>
<b>Tuesday June 10</b>	<b>Mass at St. Gregory's at 8:00 AM</b>	<b>360: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5; Mt 5:13-16</b> <b>Connected Catholics Board 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday June 11</b>	<b>Mass at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>580: Acts 11; 21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98; 361: Mt 5:17-19 see 580: Mt 10:7-13</b>
<b>Thursday June 12</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>362: Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65; Mt 5:20-26</b>
<b>Friday June 13</b>	<b>Mass at 8:00 at St. Gregory's</b>	<b>363: 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-16; Ps 27; Mt 5:27-32 see 581: Is 61:1-3a; Lk 10:1-9</b>
<b>Saturday June 14</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<b>364: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16; Mt 5:33-37</b>
<b>Sunday June 15</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM</b>	<b>91; Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8</b>

**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.

**CONCERT TO BENEFIT PATRICIA SIVISKI MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND AT YARMOUTH'S SACRED HEART**

**CHURCH** A concert to honor the memory of a beloved choir director and music teacher from Yarmouth will be held on **Saturday, June 14 at 7 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Church. Patricia Siviski, who led the choirs in the parish for more than 20 years and also taught music at the Merriconeag School in Freeport, died last May after a prolonged illness. Choir members and friends in the community have established an endowment fund in her honor at The Catholic Foundation of Maine, the primary purpose of which is to enhance the music ministry at Sacred Heart and its recently formed parish cluster. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and \$20.00 for families and are available at the door. Additional donations to the endowment fund are also welcome. For further information, please contact Eileen Erwin at 846-6665.

**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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 Judy Dominick

**PARISH STAFF:**

Christian Initiation: Judy Dominick  
 Youth Ministry: Scott Ross  
 Music Ministry: Cecile DeRoche-Cain  
 Parish Secretary: Debra J. Coppinger

**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.