



Dear Friends,  
A couple of weeks ago headlines throughout the world reported the announcement of new deadly sins by an official of the Vatican. Generally, comments on the news were negative toward the Vatican and the church. Unfortunately, the media misinterpreted an interview in the official Vatican newspaper. There had been a seminar on confession for priests studying in Rome. Part of the seminar dealt with the effects of globalisation on culture and society. A speaker noted that globalisation had led to new forms of social sin; these include environmental and bioethical concerns as well as illegal drugs and the widening gap between the rich and the poor. Bishop Gianfranco Girotti stated: "If yesterday sin had a rather individualistic dimension, today it has an impact and resonance that is above all social, because of globalisation. Attention to sin is more urgent today than yesterday, because its dimensions are more widespread and destructive." The bishop was merely giving examples of new modern ways that humans can break their covenant with God and with neighbor. The Vatican did not publish a revised list of the seven deadly sins. I wonder how many Catholics know what they are?

**There will be no weekday Masses this week as I will be out of state for a few days.**

**Father Joe Ford;email  
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#### **Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule**

<b><u>March 29</u></b>	4:00 PM	Elizabeth A. McCann, by her family
<b><u>March 30</u></b>	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Janice O'Donnell, by the family
<b><u>March 31</u></b>	NO AM MASS	
<b><u>April 2</u></b>	NO AM MASS	
<b><u>April 3</u></b>	7:30 AM	Communion Service
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>		
<b><u>April 5</u></b>	4:00 PM	Sally Foster, by the choir
<b><u>April 6</u></b>	8:30 AM	John & Josephine Piampiano, by their children
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

#### **Holy Week Offerings:**

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land totaled **\$1,482.00**.

The Easter Sunday collection totaled **\$8,589.00**. **\$5,669.00** was in 150 envelopes and \$2,920.00 was loose.

Special Easter Collection for our ill and retired priests and special diocesan needs totaled **\$4,926.00**. **\$4,085.00** was in 152 envelopes and **\$841.00** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

**Cluster Mission:** Mark your calendars now for the week of **October 5**. Father Paul Borowski will be offering a mission; he is familiar to some at Holy Martyrs for bringing volunteers in the summer for Habitat for Humanity.

**Second Sunday of Easter** - "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." To respond to God's call to be sent as a priest, sister or brother, call Msgr. Marc Caron or Fr. Andrew Dubois at (207-689-2033 or e-mail us at vocations@portlanddiocese.net.

#### **Religious Education**

**Confirmation registration forms are due now. If you need a second copy, please let us know ASAP.**

**Confirmation for Grade 2** – Saturday, May 10, 1:30 PM at the Cathedral. Rehearsal is on Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 PM at the Cathedral.

**Older Candidates for Confirmation** – I will be having instruction classes for students in grade 3 and above who are receiving Confirmation this spring. We will continue on April 5, April 12, April 19, and April 26 from 2:55 PM to 3:55 PM at Holy Martyrs in the conference room. If you would like to join us, please let me know. If you are an adult who has never been confirmed, I can also help you with that. FMI: Judy Dominick 781-2946 (h) or email: Dominick5@aol.com

**Confirmation for Grades 3-12** – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 PM Mass.

**Graduation Mass** – Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the 5:30 PM Mass.

**Music Notes:** Many thanks again to our Holy Week Easter music ministers. Their music enhanced the beauty of this special season.

#### **Mark your calendar! Disciples In Mission – April 6, 2008**

Part of the Disciples In Mission program is a reflection day during the Easter Season. All the participants in the small faith sharing groups, family and teen groups, parish leaders, pastoral council and commission members and ALL interested parishioners are invited to come together. Members from St. Jude, Sacred Heart, and St. Gregory will be attending as well. All will be asked to reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of the parish/cluster as an evangelizing community as we grow closer to becoming one parish. Our reflection day will be held at Holy Martyrs Parish Hall on April 6th from 1:55pm to 5:00 PM. We ask you to bring a finger snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Participants who choose may attend the 5:30pm Mass following the session.

#### **A NOTE OF**



**Supper of Loaves & Fishes Thank You** – Thank you to Willie & Jacob Audet, Scott Ross, Steve & Nina Marsanskis, Craig Squier, and Peter Longley for making our annual Holy Thursday supper a success. Also, thank you to all those who stayed and helped pick up tables and chairs.

**Friendship House** is a residence in South Portland for formerly homeless men recovering from substance abuse. The first Wednesday of each, members of our parish contribute prepared hot or cold dishes and grocery items such as fresh produce, paper products or toiletries, which I then take to the men at FH. If you would like to contribute something this Wednesday, please call Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362.

**Rummage Sale** – Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday morning to help set up and on Saturday to sell. Please call the parish office @ 781-4573 if you can help. **Please do NOT drop items off until after April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™** – April 18-20 (in Southern Maine), and experience mercy forgiveness and hope. FMI: Please contact Catholic Charities Maine Life Institute at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. Our e-mail is: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

**Holy Martyrs Weekly Calendar**

<b>Sunday March 30</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Religious Ed. Classes Resume</b> <b>Readings Begin at # 923; Communion Hymn# 809</b> <b>43: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31</b>
<b>Monday March 31</b>	<b>NO AM Mass</b>	<b>Religious Ed. Classes Resume</b> <b>547: Is 7:10-14;8:10; Ps 40; Heb10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38</b>
<b>Tuesday April 1</b>	<b>NO AM Mass at St. Gregory's</b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer Group 9:30 AM</b> <b>268: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:1-2,5; Jn 3:7b-15</b>
<b>Wednesday April 2</b>	<b>NO AM Mass</b>	<b>269: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21</b> <b>Friendship House</b>
<b>Thursday April 3</b>	<b>Communion Service at 7:30 AM</b>	<b>♫ Adult Choir 6:30 PM</b> <b>270: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36</b>
<b>Friday April 4</b>	<b>NO AM Mass at St. Gregory's</b>	<b>271: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15</b>
<b>Saturday April 5</b>	<b>Mass at 4:00 PM</b>	<b>272: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21</b>
<b>Sunday April 6</b>	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM &amp; 5:30 PM</b>	<b>46: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35</b> <b>DIM Reflection 1:55-5:00 PM, Parish Hall, Open to all Parishioners</b> <b>Connected Catholics 5:00 PM</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 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.

**Easter Flower Donations**

**In Memory of:**



Tim McManus  
 Charles & Bridget Milan, Anne & Leonard Pooler  
 Peter J. Schwalbenberg

**Requested by:**

The McManus Family  
 Mary Lou & Ralph Lancaster  
 Jody & Barrett Duran & Family



**RETRouvaille.....a Lifeline**

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Look us up on the web at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held April 11-13, September 12-14, 2008 and January 2009.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** - Spring is here with its promise of new life. Consider going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and put freshness in your relationship. Registration costs \$50 and there is an opportunity for a free will offering on the weekend. The weekend will be held at the Lewiston Ramada Inn on 11-13 April. Register on-line at: [www.womenewengland.org](http://www.womenewengland.org) or contact Dave and Ellie at: 207-933-4237 or [DaveEllie@fairpoint.net](mailto:DaveEllie@fairpoint.net) to put some Spring in your relationship!