



Dear Friends,

A few words from St. Augustine of Hippo

“Late have I loved you, O beauty, so ancient and so new; late have I loved you. For Priest behold, you were within me and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my ugliness fell upon those lovely things you have made. You were with me and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and you cried to me and broke in upon my deafness; you sent forth your dream and shone upon me and chased away my blindness; you breathed fragrance upon me and I drew in my breath and now I pant for you. I tasted you and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and now I burn for your peace.”

Father Joe Ford; email: jfford67@maine.rr.com

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS SCHEDULE

May 16	4:00 PM	Jane Noyes, by Edward L. Dilworth, Jr.
May 17	8:30 AM	Geraldine Brandon, by Kay Moffett
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
May 18	7:30 AM	Loretta Dilworth Rogan, by Edward Dilworth, Jr.
May 20	7:30 AM	Jacqueline Bousquet, by Joseph Bousquet
May 21- Ascension Holy Day	7:30 AM	Normand Sauard, by Susan & Terry Hackett
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
Next Weekend Masses		
May 23	4:00 PM	Noel Gorby, by Regina Walsh
May 24	8:30 AM	Mary Campbell, by Kay Moffett
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Thank you for your offerings of **\$5,798.00** for last weekend. Our weekly operating expense is **\$6,318.00**.

Finance Council meets Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 PM.

Ascension Holy Day, Thursday, May 21 – St. Gregory's 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Annual Mission Appeal: Next weekend, May 23-24 Mammas Haptegoris a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Addis Abeba will be at Holy Martyrs and St. Gregory's to speak of the Church's work in Ethiopia and to ask for our financial assistance.

Graduation Mass – Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 PM.

Silver & Gold Mass - Happy Anniversary to couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage in 2009! We cordially invite you and your loved ones to Bishop Malone's annual **Silver & Gold Mass** on **Saturday, June 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral** in Portland. This Mass, through the renewal of your vows, honors and thanks you for your commitment to the sacrament of marriage and the witness to God's love that you have given through the years. The K of C's will serve a delicious spaghetti supper following the Mass at St. Pius Church, Portland where Bishop Malone will mingle and be available for pictures. Tickets are \$8.00 (adults) & \$4.00 (kids under 12). Space is limited, so please RSVP by June 1st to the Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2670, or e-mail familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org We look forward to celebrating with you on June 13th!

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.

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

Change in TV channel for Mass: Please take note that beginning Sunday, May 10, the 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM televised Mass will now be broadcast on Channel 5 instead of Channel 4. This is due to a Time Warner channel realignment.

St. Gregory's Campground needs the following used but good items for its cabins:

24 dinette chairs	1 dinette table	2 three cushion sofas
4 two cushion sofas	14 easy chairs, rockers, etc, but not too large	



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.

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Rummage Sale Thank You – Many thanks to all who contributed articles to sale – and to all who helped to get ready and sell on Saturday. It was a tremendous success – the desRosier & Charest girls sold cocoa, coffee, muffins and home made pastry. They made \$30.00 which they contributed to the rummage sale. Many thanks! We will contribute the remainder to McAuley Good Cause Thrift Shop, African Relief and the books to nursing homes and Goodwill. Our grand total is \$1,636.47. We thank everyone very much!

Mary T. Honan & Crew

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Brown Bag Thank You – Many thanks from Preble Street Resource Center for the 50 bags of groceries that were recently collected and \$28.00 in donations. Thank you Chris, Matt, and Pete for sorting the groceries and thanks to Jack, Dottie, and Jim, who helped me to deliver the groceries.

*“I slept and dreamt that life was joy,
I awoke and saw that life was service,
I acted and, behold, service was a joy.” Tagore*

Thank you for acting on behalf of those who suffer from hunger and alienation. It was a joy for us to deliver your donations and they were greatly appreciated!! We will collect groceries again in July. Nancy Castonia 829-5803

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Cumberland/Falmouth Food Pantries – With the beautiful weather approaching please remember that the needs of our neighbors do not take a break. We recently were witness to a family of five - father out of work for three weeks come to the pantry. Very, very sad – but they we're so appreciative! Thank you Holy Martyrs parishioners for you generosity.

Jack Mullin

Memorial Day Mass – The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 25th at its usual location in the St. Dominic/Armed Forces section of New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Th.D., Bishop of Portland, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, South Portland at the same time. Limited chairs are available so bring lawn chairs if you wish. This event is sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church in cooperation with Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Sunday May 17	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Readings begin at # 934 Final Religious Education Class <i>56: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17</i>
Monday May 18	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>291: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26-16:4a</i> Final Religious Education Class 4:15-5:15 PM
Tuesday May 19	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM Finance Council 6:00 PM <i>292: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11</i>
Wednesday May 20	Mass at 7:30 AM <i>293: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15</i>
Ascension Holy Day Thursday May 21	Mass at 7:30 AM & 5:30 PM <i>58: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13; Mk 16:15-20</i>
Friday May 22	Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 AM <i>295: 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23a</i>
Mission Saturday May 23	Mass at 4:00 PM <i>296: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28</i>
Mission Sunday May 24	Mass at 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Readings begin at #938 <i>60: Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19</i>

Fr. Scahill's Memorial Pilgrimage – June 21, 22, 23 – St. Anne De Beaupre and Our Lady of the Cape in Canada. 3 day trip. FMI: Salvatore Raia, 54 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME 04103, 207-773-9826, 207-408-9226 or e-mail: Raiasalvatore@myfairpoint.net.

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center Retreats

May 22-26 – Rediscovering the Feminine in God and in Ourselves w/Helen Cote, p.m. & Kim LeNguyen.

May 29-31 – Praying with Heart and Hands w/Marylee Johnson & Beverly Libby.

FMI: Contact the Retreat Office at 207-284-5671, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, 10 Evans Road, Biddeford, ME 04005.

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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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.