



Dear Friends,
 On May 13 I participated in a meeting of the Council of Priests which advises the Bishop on various areas of church life. Most of our time was spent on the review of new configurations of parishes. We met with people from Winthrop, Litchfield, Rumford, Mexico, Norway, Mechanic Falls, Auburn, Lewiston, Machias, Cherryfield and Lubec. These representatives of cluster councils and planning teams demonstrated the arduous labor that is taking place around our diocese to bring our parishes to greater involvement in the new evangelization sought by Pope John Paul II. Thousands of people are meeting the challenge of adjustment to new schedules and new ways of pastoral practice.

All this indicated the importance of the Bishop's Appeal. These towns and cities have been able to develop new methods of organization and planning with the assistance of the various offices and programs funded by the Appeal. Their plans show new awareness of the inter-relationship of our churches and our need for one another. The report on the recovery from the floods in Northern Maine also indicated the solidarity of our church. Please be assured that your sacrifice for the Bishop's Appeal will make a real difference and will support and sustain the churches of our cluster as we move to the formation of a new parish.

Father Joe Ford
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Mass Intentions & Mass Schedule

<u>May 17</u>	4:00 PM	Carol Hall, by Barbara & Jack Mullin
<u>May 18</u>	8:30 AM	Janice O'Donnell, by the Family
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners
<u>May 19</u>	7:30 AM	Dr. Patrick Hillary, by his Friends
<u>May 21</u>	NO AM MASS	
<u>May 22</u>	NO COMMUNION SERVICE	

Next Weekend Masses

<u>May 24</u>	4:00 PM	Alan Smyth, by Beth, Kevin, Abby & Megan
<u>May 25</u>	8:30 AM	Julianna Waitrovich, by her daughter Rosemary Fecteau, PhD
	5:30 PM	The Parishioners

Last Weekend's Offering: Your contributions for May 10 & 11, 2008 amounted to **\$5,324.00**. **\$3,841.00** was in 145 envelopes and **\$1,483.00** was loose. Thank you for your gifts.

Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery at 8:15 AM. More than 100 people attend, young and old. Plan to come to Holy Cross Cemetery this Memorial Day for morning Mass at 8:15. Bring your chair. The Cemetery is located on Smith Street, off Route 88, in Yarmouth, Maine.

Memorial Day Mass at New Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 AM. The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 AM Monday, May 26th at its usual location in the St. Dominic/Armed Forces section of New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.

Silver & Gold Mass – Bishop Richard J. Malone and Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute are inviting couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th 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 13th to 871-7464, ext. 2670 or 800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. A light reception will follow.

Clergy Institute: Father Ford and Deacon Dennis will be at the annual institute Monday through Thursday this week. There will be no Mass on Wednesday morning or Communion Service on Thursday morning.

Religious Education

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.

Reminder to parents of 2nd grade Confirmation: Just to let you know that there are a few certificates that were not picked-up at the reception last Saturday, following the celebration of Confirmation and First Communion at the Cathedral. Please stop by the table in the Narthex and take your child's certificate home, today. There are a couple certificates that needed to be corrected; they are also on the table.

Confirmation DVD – There is a sign-up sheet for those requesting a copy of the DVD of the Mass. If you haven't already made a request, please put your name on the available sheet. Checks in the amount of \$15.00 per copy should be made payable to: Holy Martyrs Church. We will notify you when the copies are ready (in about 2 weeks)

Graduation Mass – Sunday, June 1st at the 5:30 PM Mass.

Parish Potluck Supper – Saturday, May 31st 7:00 PM (after the 6:00 PM Mass) in the Parish Hall at St. Gregory's in Gray. Please join us for our first Cluster Supper. Bring a family favorite dish or dessert to share (sign up sheets are in the Narthex). Volunteers for set-up or clean-up, please call Paul Tracy @ 655-3828.

Hymn Notes: Many thanks to Bob Carson for his guest appearance last Saturday night, and to the choir members who were able to be present for our Pentecost/Mothers' Day celebration. We are also grateful to Hillary Nash who joined Kristen Tyson and Jenna Beaulieu at the 8:30 Sunday Mass.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat – Tuesday, May 27 9:30-2:00 – The contemplative prayer group at Holy Martyrs Parish invites you to a one-day spiritual retreat entitled "Radical Love" with Adele Millette, founding teacher with Abbot Thomas Keating's Contemplative Outreach. Refreshment provided, please bring a bag lunch. There is no charge for this event. Donations gratefully accepted. FMI: Please call Linda Lois Nutter @ 781-8277.

Friendship House Thank You - Many thanks to all those who contributed to our May meal for the men at Friendship House. I had several main dishes, vegetable dishes and salads, fresh produce and paper products as well as a batch of cupcakes. (FH in the past has requested that main dishes and vegetables be emphasized, but the men greet desserts with enthusiasm.) The newcomers are especially impressed at the amount of donations I bring and the men always urge me to thank you all for the help you offer and the ongoing concern you show them. Please remember that if you can't or don't want to cook something, prepared food, fresh produce, paper products and basic toiletries are always needed and welcome. The date of our next meal for FH is Wednesday, June 4.
Deborah Nicklas @ 781-4362

Brown Bag Thank You – Many thanks from Preble Street Resource Center for the 50 bags of groceries that were recently collected and \$85.00 in donations. 60 reusable cloth bags were also donated. It made the delivery so much easier and we did not use any brown bags or plastic bags. Thanks to Chris and her sons Matt and Andy, and Jack and Jim who helped to deliver the groceries. "My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness." Dalai Lama. Your kindness toward people who will never be able to repay you is truly inspirational. We will collect groceries again in July. Thanks a million.
Nancy Castonia 829-5803

Holy Martyrs Weekly Calender

Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 18	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM <i>164: Ex 34:4b-6,8-9; (Ps) Dn 3:52-55/ 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18</i> ICDA 2-9 PM	Readings Begin at 942; Communion Hymn # 615 Last Sunday Rel. Ed. until Fall
Monday May 19	Mass at 7:30 AM 	Last Monday Rel. Ed. Until Fall 341; Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday May 20	NO AM Mass at St. Gregory's Finance Council 6:00 PM 	Contemplative Prayer 9:30-11:00 AM 342; Jas 4:1-10, Ps 55; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday May 21	NO AM MASS 	343: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday May 22	NO Communion Service 	344: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49; Mk 9:41-50
Friday May 23	Mass at 8:00 at St. Gregory' 	345: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday May 24	Mass at 4:00 PM 	346: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141;1-3,8; Mk 10:13-16
Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday May 25	Mass at 8:30 AM Mass at 5:30 PM 	167: Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Wear Your Jeans to Church Sunday - Service Opportunity - On Sunday, June 1, following the 8:30 Mass, the youth of our Parish and their families are invited to participate in a Parish Spring Planting Day. All ages are encouraged to participate. We will plant annuals throughout the church grounds, do some light digging and pruning, put out watering hoses etc. This service project was developed as a way for the children of Holy Martyrs Parish to complete community service time in the name of Pope Benedict XVI as a gift for his 81st birthday. The Pope celebrated his birthday during his recent visit to the United States. We estimate the project to take about an hour. Birthday cake will be served in the parish hall at the completion of the project. If you and your family would like to help with this project, plus sign up in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Baranowski at 878-6155 or Monica Bigley at 829-6810.

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.

Advanced Care Planning - This Thursday evening there will be a panel presentation about Advanced Care Planning at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in Yarmouth. The Parish Nurses of Sacred Heart/Saint Jude hope many parishioners in our cluster will come hear about this complex topic. The Diocesan Panel consists of volunteers who share their expertise, as well as practical information about End of Life Care with parishes all over Maine. Please join us at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Main Street, Yarmouth on **Thursday May 22 at 6:30PM**.

Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre and surrounding area from August 22-24. FMI: Please call Sarah Crowell at 892-2803 or Jeanne Landry at 892-6924.

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.