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POTHE PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE:

All Masses at Holy Martyrs will continue to be livestreamed. Go to: pothe.org. and click on "Watch Mass Live"

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Holy Martyrs: Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm

Sacred Heart: Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00am

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30am St. Gregory:

St. Jude: Sunday at 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue 5:30 pm, Wed, Fri 7:30 am

St. Gregory: Friday 8:00 am

Sacred Heart: Mon, Tue, Thurs 8:00 am, Sat 8:15 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Holy Martyrs: Monday 12:00 - 8:00 pm St. Gregory: Fridays at 8:30 - 9:30 am Sacred Heart Saturdays at 8:45 - 9:45 am

Confession:

Sacred Heart: Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am HM, SG, SH: Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Knights of Columbus Council #15791

Knights of Columbus Events January 2022:

Wednesday, January 12, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Holy Martyrs. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment.

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BE THE CATALYST FOR A LOVED ONE TO COME BACK TO THE CHURCH

This will be my final Pastor's Pondering for POTHE. Next week, Fr. Cartwright will be writing to introduce himself to the Parish before he arrives.

It is fitting that this week we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. This marks the beginning of His public ministry. His relationship with His heavenly Father is placed on full display for the world to see and understand. Our Baptism begins our formation in the love of God and preparation for a lifetime of discipleship. During my time as pastor, I have attempted to highlight the importance of being intentional disciples.

Sometimes we are in the right place at the opportune time. We deflect a ball for the winning goal, we are able to help someone because we were nearby in their time of distress, and any number of similar we were nearby in their time of distress, and any number of similar events. The result is important, but we honestly realize that it just as easily might not have happened. Discipleship asks that we prepare ourselves. We take the time to learn what God's will is for us and His Church. We work to develop good habits of prayer, virtue, and charitable works. We dutifully examine our lives regularly to see where we have erred, what opportunities to serve we may have missed, and what we are doing well with God's help.

Living through a pandemic has certainly challenged our individual opportunities to interact with our brothers and sisters. Our capacity to offer educational and service programs in the parish has been limited. Still, I am heartened to see the many signs of dynamic faith in our parish. Several individuals have come back to the faith because of a child preparing for the sacraments, or the faith of a spouse. I was blessed to witness deep conversion experiences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, especially this past Advent. Parishioners found creative ways to share faith with one another. Some have come forward to begin liturgical ministries, including young altar servers. Our generosity to those in need has reached near-record levels. The times that I have need to ask for someone to step up to help, the response has been there.

As more and more parishioners become comfortable, I pray that you will return to Mass, and the ministries you once offered. I invite those who have pondered getting involved to reach out to the staff. We are who have pondered getting involved to reach out to the staff. We are still shy to ask many directly, so we may not realize your interest or comfort level. Please share your stories of faith. Many have indicated how much they benefited from my weekly writings. You all have similar stories and insights to share, and you may be a catalyst for a loved one to come back to the Church, to deepen their knowledge of faith or to realize the abiding love that God has for them. I am grateful to have been your pastor for all too brief a time. I have learned how to be more intentional in my discipleship and leadership from you and will be bringing this to my new assignment with a grateful heart. be bringing this to my new assignment with a grateful heart. May God bless you all fruitfully in the coming time.

- Father Phil

COFFEE, DONUTS, & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Come join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday, January 16 after the following Masses: 8:30 am at St Gregory and Holy Martyrs, 9:30 am at St Jude and 11:00 am at Sacred Heart. If you would like to be part of our Volunteer Team for setup / clean up, please call Kim Palli at 271-3133 or email at kim.palli@portlanddiocese.org.

Family Faith Formation

THIS WEEK AT HOME

The Baptism of the Lord

LET US PRAY

Our Father...

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

The Baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

LUKE 3: 15 - 16, 21 - 22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

FAMILY CONVERSATION

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed His behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life?

Adapted from Loyola Press Sunday Connection

"This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, at (207)-773-6471 or email vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

Parish and Diocesan Happenings (pg 3)



Wednesday, January 12 1 ~ 6 PM

Holy Martyrs Church

266 Foreside Road, Falmouth

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SANCTITY OF LIFE PRAYER SERVICE - JANUARY 16

Come pray for the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, January 16. The service runs from 2 pm to 4 pm at Holy Martyrs Church, and will also be livestreamed. We'll include the Rosary for Life and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet; there will be time for silent Eucharistic Adoration and contemplation. This prayer service is sponsored by the POTHE/OLH ACTS Ministry and the Knights of Columbus. Please bring your families and friends and join us in praying for this important cause.



Parish and Diocesan Happenings (pg 4)



A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Fellow Parishioners.

I hope all have had a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

With the beginning of a new year, we are halfway through our fiscal year. Your parish Finance Committee continues to meet regularly and we want to keep you apprised of our current financial status.

We have a very generous parish and are doing well despite these trying times. Our offertory has been behind budget driven in large part by the continuing pandemic challenges. We have managed our expenses to levels below our budget but have not been able to fully offset the revenue shortfall. Like our many families, we are experiencing inflation in the costs we incur, such as heating oil, and this is placing some pressure on our expense levels. Lastly, we have been working to keep up with planned maintenance and improvements as well as unplanned items - boiler repairs were needed at both Sacred Heart and Holy Martyrs, chimney and deck repairs were done at St. Gregory, and St. Jude experienced some additional costs in their work to create greater accessibility.

January is often time for reviewing or revising financial items, and so the council wanted to offer a few reminders:

- Credit cards may often expire near the beginning of the year, so be sure to update your automatic payments.
- As you are reviewing your family budget for the year, be sure to take the time for a prayerful update to your planned giving.
 Setting up your offertory giving via We Share—our secure online giving portal—is the perfect way to ensure your weekly donations aren't impacted by attendance-limiting factors such bad weather, pandemic restrictions, or travel.

For assistance with automatic payments or WeShare, you may reach Melissa at 207-553-7158 or email pothe@portlanddiocese.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. If you would like a record of your giving for 2021, you will find a form in the Quick Link section of our parish website, or go to Annual Donation Report | Parish of the Holy Eucharist | Falmouth, ME (pothe.org)

We appreciate your generosity, and your thoughtful consideration.

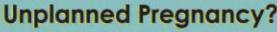
Steve Mitchell. Finance Council Chair

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE INVOLVED WITH YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

POTHE is seeking Front Desk Volunteers for a couple of morning and afternoon shifts each week. Volunteer for just one shift per week or two if you have more time. No two days are alike. Help parishioners who come into our Parish Office who wish to meet with a priest about a wedding, baptism, or to sign up for a Mass Intention. Help Faith Formation / Parish Life teams with upcoming events. Two volunteer schedules available: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Please contact Kim Palli at 271-3133 or kim.palli@portlanddiocese. org for more information.

SEXTON WANTED

Parish of the Holy Eucharist seeks a full-time, benefit-eligible sexton to oversee cleaning, setups, and maintenance for parish buildings and equipment. The desired candidate will have at least two years of facilities and grounds maintenance experience, a clean driving record, knowledge and experience with cleaning and maintenance equipment, and the ability to perform minor repairs. Parish of the Holy Eucharist has four churches – Holy Martyrs in Falmouth, Sacred Heart in Yarmouth, St. Gregory in Gray, and St. Jude in Freeport. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and references to: pothe@portlanddiocese.org or call Melissa at 207-553-7158





Be COURAGEOUS ... we can help!

DROP-IN OPEN HOUSE Monday, January 31 Monday, February 28 4 to 7 pm

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266 Foreside Road, Falmouth, Maine

The Rt 7 Bus from Portland stops at the Town Landing Market across from Holy Martyrs.

Hear the stories of a birth mom who experienced adoption, a woman who chose abortion, and a birth mom who opted to parent. Representatives from Adoption Solutions of Maine, ABBA Pregnancy Center, and Mother Seton House will be available as well.







Can't drive in? Call or email anytime with questions: 207-847-6885 or kim.palli@portlanddiocese.org

Calendar of Events

11:00 am

2:00 pm

SH

Public Mass

Sanctity of Life Prayer Service

Mass Schedule and Prayer Intentions (pg 5)

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Saturday, January 8 Haiti Door Collection			Saturday, January 8		
8:15 am	SH	Public Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Confession Protecting God's Children (until 12:00	3:15 am SH Fr. M Holy Souls in Purgatory by a parishion	oner	
9:00 am	SG	Protecting God's Children (until 12:00 pm)	I:00 pm HM Fr. K Deceased members of the Obar and	l Tardy families by Barb	
2:30 pm		Confession (HM, SH, and SG)	k:00 pm SH Fr. M Bill Hughes by his loving family		
4:00 pm		Public Mass (HM, SH, and SG)	k:00 pm SG Fr. T David Driscoll by Elaine Becker		
Sunday, January 9 Haiti Door Collection		y 9 Haiti Door Collection	Sunday, January 9		
8:00 am	SH	Public Mass	8:00 am SH Fr. M Bill McGonagle by Claudia Richards		
8:30 am		Public Mass (HM and SG)			
9:30 am	SJ	Public Mass	, , ,		
10:30 am	НМ	Public Mass	3:30 am SG Fr. T John Neuts by the Boulos family		
11:00 am	SH	Public Mass	0:30 am SJ Fr. M Paul Colon by his wife Fern 10:30 am HM Fr. K Thomas Infantino by the Nastro fami	ilv	
11:00 am	SH	Baptism Yvette Descheneaux (during Mass)	•	ıy	
1:00 pm	SH	Parent Baptismal Session	1:00 am SH Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners		
5:30 pm	НМ	Public Mass	5:30 pm HM Fr. K Nick Larsen by the Snow Family		
Monday, January 10		ry 10	Monday, January 10	a ald a c	
8:00 am	SH	Public Mass	8:00 am SH Fr. M John Hinckley by daughter Paula Hi		
12:00 pm	НМ	Eucharistic Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	5:30 pm HM Fr. T Don Curry by George and Peggy Sp	IIIO	
4:30 pm	НМ	Youth RCIA / Conference Room	「uesday, January 11 3:00 am SH Fr. T Fr. Hilary Cameron by Father Phil Tr	307	
5:30 pm	НМ	Public Mass	5:30 pm HM Fr. M Rolande Begin and the souls of our		
6:30pm	SH	POTHE Boy Scouts (until 8:00 pm)	' and John		
7:00 pm	НМ	RCIA/Conference Room	Wednesday, January 12		
Tuesday, January 11		ry 11	':30 am HM Fr. T Nancy Larrabee by Leonard Larrabe	e	
8:00 am	SH	Public Mass	Thursday, January 13		
9:30 am	НМ	Centering Prayer	8:00 am SH Fr. K Bill Eycleshymer (1st anniversary) b	y his loving wife Judith	
10:30 am	НМ	Friends in Faith (F2F and Zoom)	Friday, January 14 7:30 am HM Fr. T Elaine Cote by Brenda Buck		
5:30 pm	НМ	Public Mass	7:30 am HM Fr. T Elaine Cote by Brenda Buck 8:00 am SG Fr. K Don Carrier by Cindy and Steve Car	rior	
Wednesday, January 12		nuary 12	Saturday, January 15	ilei	
7:30 am	НМ	Public Mass	8:15 am SH Fr. M Holy Souls in Purgatory by Laurette	Bilodeau	
1:00 pm	НМ	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 6:00 pm)	k:00 pm HM Fr. K Jack Mullin by Dan Honan	Bilododd	
6:15 pm	НМ	ACTS Protocore Meeting	k:00 pm SH Fr. M Lea Fischer by the Sacred Heart lad	ioo	
Thursday	, Janu	ary 13			
8:00 am	SH	Public Mass	k:00 pm SG Fr. T David Maurice by Anne, Janessa, Br	ent and Colby	
11:30 am	НМ	Catechist Luncheon	Sunday, January 16		
6:00 pm		Social Justice and Peace Meeting (Virtual)	8:00 am SH Fr. M Holy Souls in Purgatory by a parishi		
Friday, Ja	nuary	14	8:30 am HM Fr. K SI: Michael McGraw family by Dorot	•	
7:30 am	НМ	Public Mass	8:30 am SG Fr. T Richard Reinhard by the Leroy famil	•	
8:00 am	SG	Public Mass (followed by Adoration)	9:30 am SJ Fr. M Bertrand Beauchesne by wife Camill	a and family	
Saturday, January 15		ary 15	10:30 am HM Fr. K Charles Prinn by Mary T Honan	مادام	
7:00 am	SH	That Man is YOU!	1:00 am SH Fr. T Bill Eycleshymer by his loving wife July 20 pre		
8:15 am	SH	Public Mass (followed by Adoration and Confession)	5:30 pm HM Fr. K Brianna Murphy by Sheila Anderson		
2:30 pm		Confession (HM, SH, and SG)	PARISH INFORMATION		
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Sunday, January 16			SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE TO		
8:00 am	SH	Public Mass	THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: PLEASE CALL THE PARISH O CONDITION, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON V		
8:30 am		Public Mass (IHM and SG)	SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANTS: PLEASE CONTA		
9:30 am	SJ	Public Mass	SOON AS YOU GIVE BIRTH TO YOUR CHILD		
10:30 am	HM	Public Mass	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH		

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Weekend Mass Schedule

All Holy Martyrs Masses will be livestreamed at pothe.org

Saturday: Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart and St Gregory at 4:00 pm Sunday: Holy Martyrs at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 5:30 pm

St. Gregory at 8:30 am; St. Jude at 9:30 am

Sacred Heart at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Martyrs: Mon 12-8 pm, Sacred Heart Sat 8:45-9:45 am

St. Gregory: Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 am



Fr. Philip Tracy

Sunday



Fr. Kaseta, OFM Cap Parochial Vicar



Fr. Paul Marquis Parochial Vicar



Dennis Popadak



Deacon



Holy Martyrs:

Sacred Heart

St. Gregory:

Holy Martyrs:

Sacred Heart:

St. Gregory:

Weekday Mass Schedule

Confession (or by Appointment)

Melissa Bagdon Business Mgr.



Friday 8:00 am

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Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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Mon, Tue 5:30 pm; Wed, Fri 7:30 am

Mon, Tues, Thur 8:00 am Saturday at 8:15 am

Kim Palli Communications Dir.



Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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1/16 Bishp Emeritus Joseph J Gerry, OSB

St. Gregory Church: 24 North Raymond Rd., Gray St. Jude Church: 134 Main St., Freeport

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests of the Portland Diocese

Saturday 1/8 **All Priests** 1/9 Our Holy Father Sunday Msgr. Paul F Stefanko 1/10 Monday Rev. Alfred E Irving Rev. Steven G Cartwright Tuesday V. Rev. Richard C Malo Rev. Antonio A Amato Wednesday 1/12 Rev. Eugene J Gaffey Rev. Stephen F Conconnan Thursday 1/13 Rev. James R Roy, MM Rev. Thomas Lequin Friday Rev. Kevin Hughes, SJ Rev. Robert L Lupo 1/15 Saturday Msgr. Richard S Sniezyk

Pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery... John Lambert, Patricia Becker, Liz Chandler, John V., Michael Rice, Esther Sedzia, Patricia Merrill, Erin Murphy, Michael Lewis, Karen Roberts, Louise Desjardins, Linda Momberket, Carrianne Fecteau, Allison Hincks, Peter Coffin, Don Gove, Bill Stanbro, Gloria Legare, the Becker Family, Paul Taylor, Karen Belaire, Maryhelen Rice, Tim Dexter, Marie McCann, Jason Leo Vaz, Brian Pebbles, Lynette Willard, Gino Grassi, Mary Collins, Peter Allen Longley, Peter McKenney, Ann Marie Branigan, Sarah Hyde, Evelyn Pierce, Delores Hartnet, Mary

Pray for our seminarians Andrew Bailey, Dale Brown, Erin Donlon, Hoa Nguyen, Vin Nguyen, Than Pham, Matthew Valles, Lam Vo Let us continue to keep in our healing prayers Brother Gary Potvin, Cynthia, sister-in-law of Brother Chris Madden, Brother Paul Metevier, Fr. Ray Picard, Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey. Anne Theriault, sister-in-law of Brother George Spino, Brother Mark Bastey, Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford, Cindy, wife of Brother Steve Carrier, Brother Gerald Bose, Brother Frank Knight, Brother Joe Mathew and wife Doris, George Fuller, brother of Brother Jonathan Fuller, Brother Charles Thurston, Brother James King and wife Beth, Luke Roy, son of Brother Mark Roy, Brother Manen Clements and wife Pat, Art Cowley, brother of Mike Crowley, David Shaw, Richard Shaw, Yvonne Devine, wife of Brother Chuck Devine, Peter Pluto, brother of

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