



PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 5, 2020 PASSION OF THE LORD



CRUCIFY HIM!
HOSANNA!

STAY 'CONNECTED'

- (1) POTHE Bulletins can be picked up outside of each of our churches
- (2) As of Wednesday, March all Masses at St Gregory, St Jude & Sacred Heart are suspended until further notice. Masses at Holy Martyrs will be live streamed only (no Face 2 Face attendance). Go to: pothe.org and click on 'Watch Mass Live'. If you need assistance please contact Kim Palli at 207-553-9075. You may also watch prerecorded Mass on Channel 1303 on Sunday's 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- (3) Word On Fire Daily Mass: Go to: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
- (4) Our weekly POTHE NOTE is sent out electronically Friday afternoon and contains the weekly Parish Bulletin along with other diocesan news & events. If you would like to sign-up for POTHE NOTE or if have unsubscribed to POTHE NOTE and would like to re-subscribe please go to: pothe.flocknote.com
- (5) We are piloting Small Faith Sharing Groups via teleconference & videoconference. If you are a small faith sharing group leader please contact the parish office faith formation team on how to setup your group for audio or videoconferencing.
- (6) Drive through Confession at Holy Martyrs every Saturday from 2:30pm-3:30pm & every Saturday at Sacred Heart 2:30pm-4:30pm.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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."

— Saint Alphonsus



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #15791

Weekly Coffee & Donuts have been Suspended for the next 30 days

Brother James O. Harris Scholarship Program. KOC Holy Eucharist Council 15791 will be accepting applications for two, \$1,000 College Scholarships.

BECOME A KNIGHT: For more information www.kofc.org/joinus

We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by Faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be.

INTERIOR CONVERSION



You and I are living in historical times. Just as the world changed dramatically after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, life will be forever different when we eventually get to the other side of this pandemic. At this point, specific changes can only be speculated, but all indications are that they will be widespread and intense. Having said that, whatever ends up happening will pale in comparison to the events that Catholics commemorate this week.

Holy week remembers and celebrates events in the life of Jesus that forever have changed history, our humanity and even the very cosmos. Jesus is the Son of God and fully human. His actions and the response of humans and eventually God to those actions reverberate for all time and for all people, not just those who were near him. This Palm Sunday we recognize that we do not always recognize God's presence in our lives, even if we have spent a lifetime awaiting it. Jesus did not meet the expectations that people had. The very people who jubilantly welcome Jesus to Jerusalem to be the Messiah are among those who jeer him and call for his crucifixion. On Holy Thursday, a seemingly common Passover Meal becomes an extraordinary self-giving that unites heaven and earth! The Eucharist, both the sacred species and Jesus' example of servant love, become the food that nourishes and the path that we follow to enter the Kingdom. On Good Friday, Jesus' radical obedience to the Father's will in the face of sin and injustice atones for the disobedience of Adam. Embracing death, and taking our sins upon himself, God raises Jesus in exultation on Easter. Jesus is Lord! You and I are called to eternal life!

Traditionally, we would mark this week by receiving palms, engaging in processions, participating in two readings of the Passion, sitting in Adoration, venerating the instrument of torture and redemption, welcoming new members into our faith and renewing our baptismal commitments with the new waters of Easter. Sadly, none of those things will happen as a community. Instead, we will be like our brothers and sisters in history who were persecuted and needed to celebrate individually.

Our parish will be livestreaming Palm Sunday and the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 5:30pm, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8pm, and Easter Sunday masses at 8:30 and 10:30. Create a space to watch them reverently. Let others know about this. The reading of the Passion will not be in parts, but listen attentively, place yourself in the movement of this powerful story. Make a spiritual communion on Holy Thursday and reflect on what the absence of the Eucharist is meaning in your life. Commit yourself to a specific act of servant love to someone in need. Have a crucifix prominently displayed on Friday, and venerate it periodically during the day, and during our liturgy. In the end, all the outward actions that we engage in during Holy Week call us to interior conversion. This year, we simply need to be a bit more intentional identifying the interior needs and allowing God more fully into our lives.

This year Bishop Deeley has instructed us that the palms are not to be distributed in any way on Palm Sunday. I recognize that palms are a beloved sacramental for many of the faithful. I appreciate that several of you have offered creative solutions that would allow for distribution while maintaining precautions. However, as my father used to say, "No is no". We will bless the palms and keep them as cool as we can. Hopefully, the precautions will be lifted sooner than later, and we will have them available.

Family Faith Formation: Parish & Diocesan Happenings (pg 3)



Palm Sunday

Our Liturgical Color is Red
This Week's Theme: We Walk with Jesus during Holy Week

Gospel of Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

Themes of this Sunday's Gospel:

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, celebrates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and it also begins the saddest and most solemn week of the Church year, HOLY WEEK. The Holy Triduum in particular, is the 3 days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. During Holy Week, we remember Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is called the Paschal Mystery and it is the most important narrative of the entire Bible. It is in this great "chapter" that we recognize Jesus as the sacrificed Lamb and our Savior and we recognize ourselves as Christians, his flock who follow him. We recognize God's undeniable love and mercy for us, through forgiveness, by his Son's sacrifice. The long, dramatic Gospel reading is Jesus' Passion according to St. Matthew.

We Pray:

"Lord, you are a faithful and merciful God to all of us. May we come to you, ever so closely, this week, to walk with you, in your suffering and to witness your greatest act of Love. Have mercy on all of us. Amen."

We Talk:

Peter said to Jesus, "Jesus, I will never lose my faith and I will never deny you." Jesus assures Peter that he will do both! Peter is horrified and afraid. Discuss: How do I understand and identify with Peter? Is there a story in my life that helps me to understand where Peter is at this moment? Does Jesus give up on Peter? Why not?

We Act:

Our home is called the "Domestic Church". We will choose one or two actions so that we can really walk with Jesus and each other during this Holy Week. Resources are plentiful; check out our parish website (pothe.org - Live-streamed Masses; News & Events) for Holy Week participation guidance that can help you connect to our faith and community.

- Select Adaptions from Pflaum

"Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!"

Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, call Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or write: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Live-Streamed Masses from Holy Martyrs all week go to: pothe.org. Click on 'Watch Mass Live' or go to: pothe.org/facebook

Monday, April 6th 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 7th 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 8th 7:30am

Holy Thursday, April 9th 5:30pm

Passion of the Lord/Veneration of the Cross, April 10th 5:30pm

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass, April 11th 8:00pm

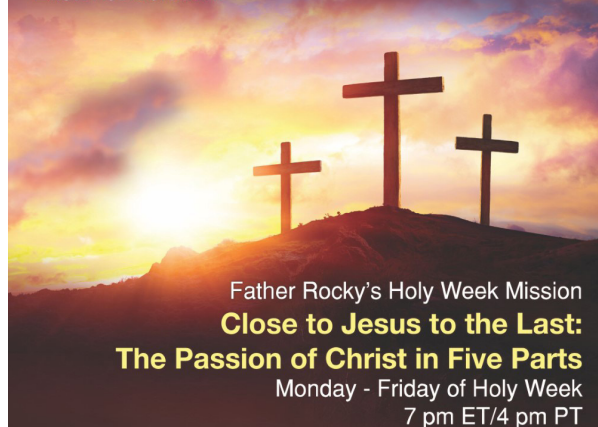
Easter Sunday, April 12th 8:30am, 10:30am



Parish of the Holy Eucharist is collaborating with Our Lady of Hope Parish in presenting a Women's ACTS Retreat from Thursday evening, May 28 to Sunday morning, May 31st at the Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alfred. Transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided. An ACTS Retreat is a 3-day 3-night parish-based retreat that offers women the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ in a deep, profound way while in fellowship with other Catholic women. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for fellow parishioners which serves to build Christian community within the parish. To register and for more information, contact Elizabeth Muentener (207-239-1210), Cathy Mullaney (207-939-1856) or visit <https://pothe.org/acts-retreat>. Not sure you can get that time away? The retreat is 2 months away - now is the time to coordinate so that you can make the retreat.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING! Follow each day of Holy Week

Listen day by day and reflect on the journey to the Easter celebration.



Father Rocky's Holy Week Mission

Close to Jesus to the Last:

The Passion of Christ in Five Parts

Monday - Friday of Holy Week
7 pm ET/4 pm PT

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Listen on air, online at
RelevantRadio.com,
or on the FREE app!

Parish & Diocesan Happenings (pg 4)

Parish Outreach – Personalized Phone Trees

There is a parish-wide effort for volunteers to connect by phone, on a weekly basis, with anyone who is homebound, recovering from illness or just wanting a personalized connection during this time of health crisis. If you wish to volunteer for this effort, or are someone who would appreciate a weekly phone call, or are someone who wishes to be a recipient of this effort, please contact parish staff member Georgette Dionne at georgette.dionne@portlanddiocese.org. If you do not have an email address, contact our parish office at 847-6890 and your message will get to Georgette.

In less than a week, we currently have 30 volunteers and 56 recipients! Thanks and blessings to all of you!

WE ARE GOD'S CHURCH!

POTHE Partners with LifeTouch for New 'Parish Directory' (Photo Shoots postponed)

Photo shoots of individuals, couples & families has been postponed for four months for the safety of LifeTouch Photographers. To ensure that you are included in this directory please sign-up electronically: go to POTHE.org and select the church that is most convenient for you and your family to have your photos taken (the links can be found under: Other Helpful Links) on our website. NEW Dates: Aug 18th - Aug 22nd (HM & SG) & Sept 8th - Sept 12th HM & SH)



Parish of the Holy Eucharist Presents

PEACE LAB

YOU'RE INVITED to VACATION BIBLE CAMP

St. Gregory Church
July 20 to 24
9 am to 12:15 pm

DISCOVER GOD'S WAY OF PEACE

Get ready for **Peace Lab Vacation Bible Camp**, where children will discover God's way of peace! Bible Camp's many fun activities will help Bible stories come to life and lead children on an awesome adventure, equipping them to follow Jesus as compassionate peacemakers.

Children in grades K-5 are welcome to this adventure of games, crafts, songs, snacks, friends and fun! Join us for **Peace Lab** at St. Gregory Church in Gray from July 20 thru 24 from 9 am to 12:15 pm daily. Complete the registration form within this brochure to reserve your child's place.

For more information, call Kim Lovett @ 553-7042 or Kelli Antonson @ Antonson.kelli@gmail.com.

POTHE Parishioners Help With Surgical Mask Shortage

Cheri Lozoraitis is heading up a team of volunteers who are making surgical masks for donation to Portland and area hospitals. Patterns and instructions are available to share. If you have sewing skills and would like to help please contact Cheri: clozoraitis@maine.rr.com or Yvette Knight at yknight@maine.rr.com.

COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Would you share your expressions of hope and faith with our parish and local communities during Holy Week, the Easter season and this time of COVID-19? Do you want to do this through your creative gift of music, visual arts, drama, math, history, prayer, videography, storytelling, poetry, dance, crafts?

Or, could we invite you to play a part in a parish-wide phone tree outreach to connect with those who are homebound, recovering from sickness, or seniors who would appreciate a weekly check-in? Please contact Georgette Dionne, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, at georgette.dionne@portlanddiocese.org to share your thoughts on how you would like to share your message and concern.



Saturday, April 4

2:30pm HM,SH Outdoor Confession

4:00pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Sunday, April 5

8:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

10:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Monday, April 6

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Tuesday, April 7

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Wednesday, April 8

7:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Thursday, April 9 (Holy Thursday)

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Friday, April 10 (Good Friday)

5:30pm HM Passion of the Lord (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Saturday, April 11 (Holy Saturday)

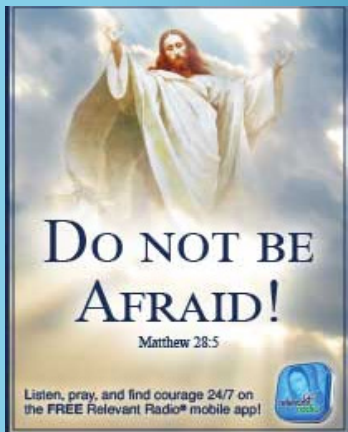
2:30pm HM,SH Outdoor Confession

8:00pm HM Easter Vigil Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday)

8:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

10:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook)

**Mass Schedule & Prayer Intentions (pg 5)****Saturday, April 4**

4:00pm HM Fr. T Barbara Mullin by Jack & Betty Mullin

Sunday, April 5

8:30am HM Fr. T Virginia Armour by Joanne Durant

10:30am HM Fr. T John Bonnell by The Knights of Columbus #15791

5:30pm HM Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners

Monday, April 6

5:30pm HM Fr. T Bill McPhee by The Boulos Family

Tuesday, April 7

5:30pm HM Fr. T Joe Ryan by Maureen Marrone

Wednesday, April 8

7:30am HM Fr. T Holy Souls in Purgatory by Anonymous

Thursday, April 9

5:30pm HM Fr. T Special Intention by Lisa & Mats Agren

Friday, April 10

5:30pm HM Fr. T Daniel Ziegler by The Ziegler Family

Saturday, April 11

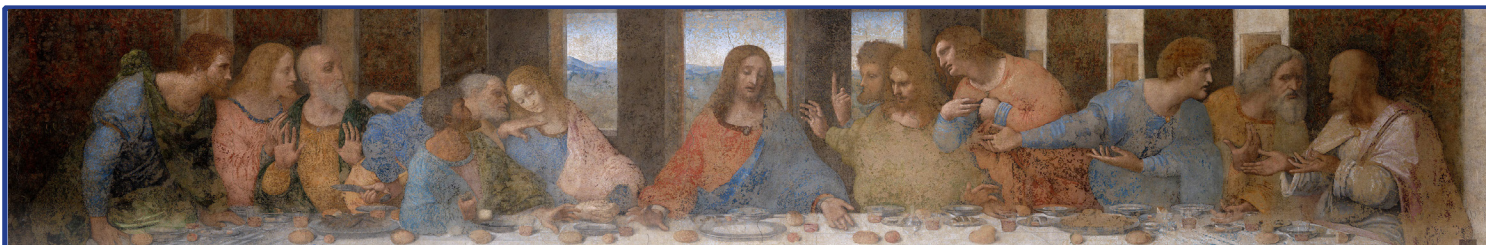
8:00pm HM Fr. T Tom Royles by Jackie Royles

Sunday, April 12

8:30am HM Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners

10:30am HM Fr. T Mary & Ted McCafferty by Natalie Bonnell

PARISH INFORMATION**BULLETIN** ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN ARE DUE 10 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION TO: KIM.PALLI@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG**WISHING TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH** PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR FILL OUT THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE**WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLIC** PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND ASK FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE WITH THE NAME, CONDITION, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON WHO IS IN NEED**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANTS** PLEASE CONTACT DEACON DENNIS AS SOON AS YOU GIVE BIRTH TO YOUR CHILD**ADULT CONFIRMATION** PLEASE CONTACT GEORGETTE IN THE LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIRED DATE OF YOUR WEDDING**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION** HELD EVERY SATURDAY IN HM, SH & SG AT 3:00PM OR AT ANY TIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRIEST**MASS INTENTIONS** CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR FILL OUT AN ENVELOPE FOUND IN THE NARTHEX**MAKING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** PLEASE CONTACT THE FUNERAL HOME, AND THEY WILL ASSIST YOU IN MAKING MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH



We are the Parish of the Holy Eucharist, a Catholic Community called to discipleship, seeking deeper communion with God, each other, and our neighbors by celebrating the Sacraments, sharing God's word, and serving all in need.

Weekend Mass Schedule (cancelled at SG, SJ & SH until

April 30th, Holy Martyrs, Live Streamed: Go to: pothe.org

Saturday Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart, St. Gregory: 4:00pm

Sunday Holy Martyrs: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Sacred Heart: 8:00am, 11:00am

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

Eucharistic Adoration (cancelled until April 30th)

Mondays 8:00am - 8:00pm at Holy Martyrs, Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Fridays 8:30am- 12:00pm at St Gregory

Daily Mass Schedule (during Lent: Live Streamed: Go to:

pothe.org)

Holy Martyrs 5:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7:30am Wednesday

Weekly Rosary (on Saturdays) (cancelled until April 30th)

7:45am-Sacred Heart; 3:25pm-St. Gregory; 3:30pm-Holy Martyrs

Drive Through Confession (on Saturdays or by appointment)

2:30pm-3:30pm at Holy Martyrs, 2:30pm-4:30pm at Sacred Heart



Fr. Tracy
Pastor



Fr. Kaseta, OFM Cap
Parochial Vicar



Fr. Marquis
Parochial Vicar



Deacon
Dennis Popadak



Melissa Bagdon
Business Manager



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Georgette Dionne
Faith Formation Dir.



Kim Lovett
Faith Formation



Jen Runge
Music Ministry Dir.

All staff may be reached by emailing: pothe@portlanddiocese.org or calling the parish office (207.847.6890).

Bulletin item submissions are due 10 days prior to publication. Submit items to kim.palli@portlanddiocese.org.

Holy Martyrs Masses & Adoration are streamed live to our website and Facebook Live. Watch Sunday Mass on TV Channel 1303 at 10am & 4pm.

Find us online: pothe.org & on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

Parish of the Holy Eucharist Offices (Hours - Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm), 266 Foreside Rd., Falmouth, ME, 04105, 207.847.6890

Holy Martyrs Church: 266 Foreside Rd., Falmouth

Sacred Heart Church: 326 Main St., Yarmouth

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, 4/4 Rev. Norman R Cormier & Rev. Stephen M Mulkern

Sunday, 4/5 Bishop Robert P Deeley, JCD

Monday, 4/6 Rev. Dominic Tumuslime AJ & Rev. Paul G Murray

Tuesday, 4/7 Rev. Roland P Nadeau & Rev. Stan M Ukwe OP

Wednesday, 4/8 Rev. Augustine G Nellery & Rev. James R Albert

Thursday, 4/9 Rev. Stephen F Concannon & Rev. Paul M Sullivan SJ

Friday, 4/10 Rev. Aaron L Damboise & Rev. Paul H Dumais

Saturday, 4/11 Rev. Arockisamy Santhiyagu HGN & Rev. Daniel J Baillargeon

Sunday, 4/12 Bishop Joseph J Gerry OSB

Pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery...

Roena Zink, Ellie Peters, John Lambert, Tom O'Connor, Mary Collins, Charlie Pinette, David Maurice, Liz Chandler, Dave Toulouse, Helen Roberge, Bonnie LaChance, John Flood, Maryhelen Rice, Gretchen Sayward, Michael & Timothy Rice, Joan Hatt, Esther Sedzia, William Palli, Sr., Alisson Hincks, Mark Gaudet, Maureen Perkins, Fran Ober, Peter Coffin, Nancy March

Pray for our seminarians... Matt Valles, Joshua Maloney, Liam Gallagher, Joseph Moreshead, Alex Boucher, Joshua Guillemette, Than Pham, Hoa Nguyen

Let us continue to keep in our healing prayers... Cindy, wife of Brother Steve Carrier, Cynthia, sister-in-law of Brother Chris Madden, Brother Paul Metevier, Father Ray Picard, Anne Theriault, sister-in-law of Brother George Spino, Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey, Brother Mark Bastey, Michael A. Stone, brother-in-law of Brother Frank Lemanski, Brother Gerald Bosse, Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford, Yvonne, wife of Brother Chuck Devine, Brother Gary Potvin, Kristine, wife of Brother Peter Rogers

POTHE WEEKLY OFFERTORY THROUGH MARCH 27**

\$11,540.50

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please consider making an online offertory donation via WeShare to help our Parish during this uncertain time. Go to: pothe.org and select the WeShare link. Questions? Call the Parish Office and ask for Melissa Bagdon.