



# PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 19, 2020

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Martyrs Church, Falmouth

April 19 from 2:30 to 4 pm

### Our Celebration of Mercy will include:



- ◆ Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration
- ◆ Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ◆ Benediction

Live Streamed - go to:

[pothe.org](http://pothe.org) & click on 'Watch Live'

or

go to: [pothe.org/facebook](http://pothe.org/facebook)

*Jesus, I Trust in You*

## STAY 'CONNECTED'

**(1) Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th:** View Live-Streamed from Holy Martyrs 2:30pm - 4:00pm go to: [pothe.org](http://pothe.org). Click on 'Watch Live' or go to: [pothe.org/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pothe.org/). Live Streamed Mass schedule is below:

Week Days: M, T, Th, F, 5:30pm, Wed 7:30am

Saturdays: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

**(2) POTHE Bulletins** can be picked up outside of each of our churches

**(3) Masses at Holy Martyrs** will be live streamed only (no Face 2 Face attendance). Go to: [pothe.org](http://pothe.org). and click on 'Watch Mass Live' or [pothe.org/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pothe.org/). 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.

**(4) Drive through Confession at St Gregory, Saturday 10-11am, Holy Martyrs, Saturday 2:30pm-3:30pm, Sacred Heart, Wednesday & Saturday 2:30pm-4:30pm**

**(5) 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.

**(6) 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*

*Knight of the Month for April: Brother Augustino Scicchitano*

*Council Family of the Month for April: Brother Donald Talbot and Wife Clair*

**BECOME A KNIGHT:** For more information [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://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.*

## DIVINE MERCY



Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy. In Notebook Five of her diary, Sr. Faustina writes the following message from God.

All grace flows from mercy and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God, even if a person's sins were as dark as night. God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary: that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.(1507)

One of the reasons that we often struggle with mercy is our selfishness. St Augustine describes sin as being bent over, only being able to see ourselves. If we could stand erect, we would see God and each other as the world really is, filled with God's love. Think about the times that you are angry, lack generosity, are unwilling to forgive or are extremely judgmental towards another. Is it really about anything that another has said or done, or is it more the compulsion to keep ourselves first and foremost?

I know for myself that I am tempted daily to decide what is fair, what I deserve, and not put that in the hands of God. Jesus may have taught us to turn the other cheek, but I am tempted to let the other know how much their action hurt before I do. We know what God wants. We have seen it in action in the life of Jesus, especially during his Passion. We rejoice when someone else shows us mercy and generosity. How do we do better?

Read again Sr. Faustina's words, "set ajar the door of his hear, be it ever so little.." Perhaps part of our difficulty is that we tend to be all or nothing types of people. We allow every failure to pull us all the way down, to reinforce the perceptions of the world and to give up more easily. We hear ourselves say, "I tried my best and was still selfish, I cannot do this."

Instead, seek God's grace. Did it take you a bit longer to pass judgment or become angry this time? God is present! Did you think more about sharing before you said no? God is in your heart! Look for these God moments. Instead of thinking about all your sinful behaviors, focus on one that you really want to work on for the moment. Don't focus on all the people who annoy you, choose one to forgive and seek reconciliation within the relationship. We see anything less than perfection as failure, whereas God encourages us to steadily make progress to ultimately achieve perfection. Allow the cracks in your hearts of selfishness to grow wider by recognizing God and the things of God and allowing them a home in your life. Here is a prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle that may help:

O Glorious Saint Thomas, our grief for Jesus was such that it would not let you believe he had risen unless you actually saw him and touched his wounds. But your love for Jesus was equally great and it led you to give up your life for him.

Pray for us that we may grieve for our sins which were the cause of Christ's sufferings. Help us to spend ourselves in his service and so earn the title of "blessed" which Jesus applied to those who would believe in him without seeing him. Amen.

On behalf of my brother priests, Deacon Dennis, and our parish staff, I want to thank all the parishioners who have shared notes and cards of encouragement, brought us meals and treats, and in general have affirmed our ministry in these challenging times. Your actions have brought us great joy and peace.





## Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Liturgical Color is White

This Week's Theme: Thomas Sees Jesus and Believes

**Gospel of John 20: 19 - 31**

### Themes of this Sunday's Gospel:

When John wrote his Gospel, the other three Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke had already been written, so sometimes, John skipped over details already shared in the other Gospels. John was not a storyteller who wanted to simply share details or facts about Jesus' words and deeds. He wanted to take his readers right to the point: What is the point of Jesus' words and deeds? He wanted to bring his audience to deeper understanding.

An Easter recap which helps us to understand today's Gospel: John was often referred to as "the beloved disciple". After Mary Magdalene was the first to see the Risen Lord, she told the other disciples, who did not believe her. Peter and John, along with the others, ran to the empty tomb to "see" for themselves, and it is John, the "beloved disciple", through a graced moment of faith, who understood and believed that this was indeed the Resurrection that Jesus had talked about. He did not need to see Jesus to believe! John, in his Gospel reassures us that those who believe in the Risen Lord, without having seen him, are especially blessed.

In today's Gospel: Thomas is an Apostle who loves Jesus very much and he also depends on material or physical evidence. When the Risen Jesus appears among the gathered disciples, Thomas is not there, and when he returns, his co-disciples tell him that Jesus has appeared among them, but he does not believe them. Jesus comes back and this time, Thomas sees him. Jesus understands the human need for sensible signs and he invites Thomas to touch his wounds, at which Thomas exclaims, "You are my Lord and my God!"

**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:** Do I see Thomas in myself? Do I see John, "the beloved disciple" in myself? Does Jesus understand me, us, humanity? What is the difference between "seeing" with our mind and with our heart? What are some things that just seem too hard to believe? What will help me believe that Jesus loves us, dies for us, and rose for us? Do I believe that I will rise again too, along with all the people I

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Is God calling you to be an instrument of God's mercy to others as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or write: [seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org).

## **What's Going On Around the POTHE Neighborhood & Opportunities to Help Others:**

**Donate Blood:** Our hospitals have a critically low blood supply. Please consider donating by contacting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

**Donate Plasma:** If you have recovered from CoVid 19 the antibodies in your Plasma could save the lives of those severely ill with the virus. Contact [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) on where to donate plasma.

### Good Shepard Food Bank

The Good Shepherd Food Bank is still up and running and doing the organizing needed to support the food needs in the state consistent with the current situation. They anticipate donations from grocery stores (who give them there excess) to be down 70%. They could use donations and also the food pantries local to the Good Shepherd, as these food pantries have access to the goods at the Good Shepherd at far lower prices than we can purchase at Hannaford, Shaws. <https://www.gsfb.org/get-involved/donate/>

### Yarmouth Food Pantry

The food pantry at First Parish Church has reduced its schedule to two mornings a week (Wed & Fri). The pantry is limiting donations to certain items since the plan is to prepare bags of food which can be given to people who come to the pantry on the designated days. <https://www.firstparishyarmouth.org/ya>

### Gray Community Food Pantry

At this time, we would prefer money donations in the form of checks written out to the Gray Community Food Pantry and mailed to me, Jan Nowinski at 55 Westwood Road, Gray, ME 04039. Food donations are still welcome and delivery would be by appointment by calling Donna at 671-4458.

### Cumberland Food Pantry

The Cumberland pantry is still open on Fridays. We are "shopping" for the clients and then delivering to homes or they come to the drive through. The pantry is accepting non perishable food donations as well as checks. Cumberland Food Pantry, 290 Tuttle Rd Cumberland, ME 04021

### Falmouth Food Pantry

The Pantry is not accepting donations of food at this time. Send a check to the Falmouth Food Pantry, at 279 Middle Road, Falmouth, ME 04105. Make the check out to the 'Falmouth Food Pantry'

### Freeport Community Services

Freeport Community Services is bagging groceries and putting out on loading dock Monday and Fridays. People can donate food items to the dock on those days as well and donations are being accepted at FCS for food pantry.

### Maine Med Needs Plug-In Video Baby Monitors for Critically Ill CoVid Patients

The Palliative Medicine Team at Maine Medical Center is caring for seriously ill patients who are dying of Coronavirus. This Team is in need of Plug-In Video Baby Monitors for their Care Teams to be able to keep patients comfortable yet minimize ongoing exposure from the virus to Health Care Workers. If you have a Plug-In Video Baby Monitor that you no longer need please consider donating to: Shelley MacQuinn Jacobs, Social Worker, Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall Street, Portland, ME 04102

### Urgent Appeal: St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen is in need of donations to support the purchase of food to prepare bagged lunches which volunteers are assembling for the Homeless and NOW Unemployed individuals & families too.

Please send donations to: St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen  
307 Congress St, Portland ME 04101/ATTN: Jesse



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #15791  
Parish of the Holy Eucharist**

## Announcing 2020 Scholarships!

**Knights of Columbus Council #15791 will award two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in the parish.**

**Scholarship application forms are now available at each of the parish churches, or can be downloaded from the quick links section of the POTHE website: [www.pothe.org].**

**For more information please contact the Council Youth Director at 517-0481 or email: griffinsm15@gmail.com.**



Parish of the Holy Eucharist Presents

## 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 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.

### 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 two weeks, we currently have 50 volunteers! Thanks and blessings to all of you!

**WE ARE GOD'S CHURCH!**

### Women's ACTS RETREAT

Unfortunately, our ACTS Retreat Ministry has had to cancel the upcoming Women's ACTS Retreat, scheduled May 28-31, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Our women on the team have been meeting weekly virtually via Zoom, to support social distancing. This team will continue to meet in this manner over the coming months for reflection, faith sharing and prayer in support of Our Lady of Hope Parish and Parish of the Holy Eucharist.

At this time, we expect, and pray, that the next ACTS Men's Retreat will occur as scheduled, the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 19-22, 2020. Thank you very much for your prayers in support of this ministry!!



**Saturday, April 18**

10:00am SG Outdoor Confession  
 2:30pm HM,SH Outdoor Confession  
 4:00pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Sunday, April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

8:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')  
 10:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')  
 2:30pm HM Divine Mercy Celebration (Live Streamed)  
 5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Monday, April 20**

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Tuesday, April 21**

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Wednesday, April 22**

7:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Thursday, April 23**

5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Friday, April 24**

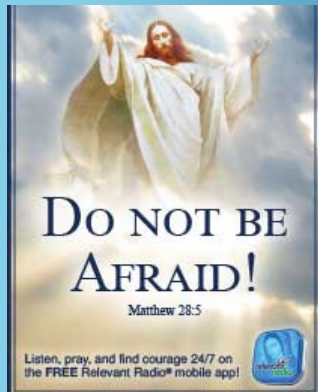
5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Saturday, April 25**

2:30pm HM,SH Outdoor Confession  
 4:00pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Sunday, April 26**

8:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')  
 10:30am HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')  
 5:30pm HM Mass (live streaming on pothe.org/facebook or pothe.org and click 'Watch Mass Live')

**Mass Schedule & Prayer Intentions (pg 5)****Saturday, April 18**

4:00pm HM Fr. K Leo Thiboutot, Parents & Siblings by Mildred Thiboutot

**Sunday, April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

8:30am HM Fr. T John & Rosemarie Taliento by Lisa & Mats Agren  
 10:30am HM Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners  
 5:30pm HM Fr. M Lucien Spino by Karen & George Spino

**Monday, April 20**

5:30pm HM Fr. T Betty Goodwin by Gretchan Sayward

**Tuesday, April 21**

5:30pm HM Fr. T Nadine Leo by Jack Napolitano

**Wednesday, April 22**

7:30am HM Fr. T William Donnelly by John & Ann Cobb

**Thursday, April 23**

5:30pm HM Fr. T Bill Hovey by Louise Gorman

**Friday, April 24**

5:30pm HM Fr. T Richard Jendroska by Wilfred & Wendy Joy

**Saturday, April 25**

4:00pm HM Fr. K Marie Higgins Grady by The Ewald Family

**Sunday, April 26**

8:30am HM Fr. T Michael Steinchfield by Arlene, Sue & Ron  
 10:30am HM Fr. M Giuseppe (Joseph) LaVopa by Karen & George Spino and Family  
 5:30pm HM Fr. T Edward J Twomey by His Family

**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

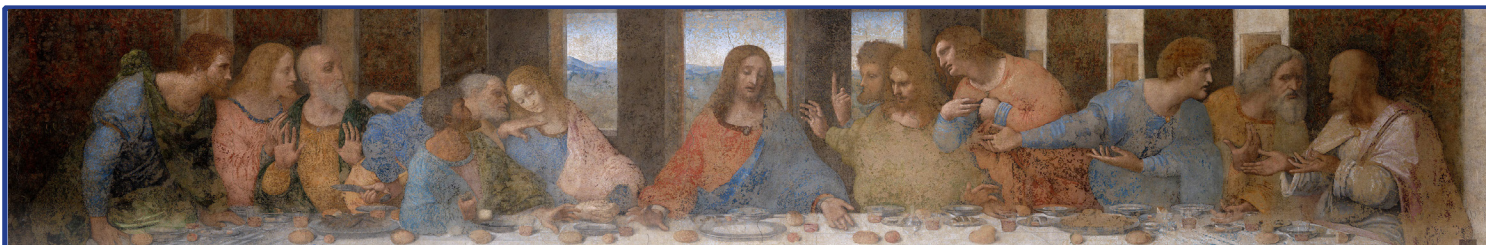
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIRED DATE OF YOUR WEDDING

**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** (suspended at SG, SJ & SH, Holy) **Daily Mass Schedule** (Live-streamed: go to: pothe.org)

**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

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, 10-11:00am at St Gregory



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Pastor



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Parochial Vicar



Fr. Marquis  
Parochial Vicar



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Dennis Popadak



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Find us online: [pothe.org](http://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, 4/18 Rev. Augustine Sebasthian HGN & Rev. Mark P Nolette

Sunday, 4/19 Rev. Philip A Tracy & Rev. John P Davis

Monday, 4/20 Rev. Theodore Letendre FIC & Rev. Philip M. Tracy

Tuesday, 4/21 Our Holy Father

Wednesday, 4/22 Rev. Kevin M Upham & Rev. Sylvio J Levesque

Thursday, 4/23 Rev. Robert J Pecoraro SJ & Rev Gerald A Levesque

Friday, 4/24 Roland J Daigle, OFM Cap & Rev. Eddy J Morin

Saturday, 4/25 Rev. Aurelijus Gricius & Rev. Albin A Andrus

Sunday, 4/26 Rev. Nathan D March & Gregory P Dube

## 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

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**\*\* THROUGH APRIL 9, 2020**

**\$19,769.00**

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