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Advent

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Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve 4:00pm (HM, SH, SJ); 6:30pm (HM, SH, SG); Midnight (SH)

Christmas Day 8:30am SG, 9:00am SH, 10:30am HM

Signup for Christmas Mass Lottery at: <https://pothe.org/christ-mas-mass-attendance-lottery>

POTHE PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE:

All Masses at Holy Martyrs will continue to be live streamed. Go to: pothe.org. and click on "Watch Mass Live" or go to pothe.org/facebook.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Holy Martyrs: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 5:30 pm
Sacred Heart: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00am
St. Gregory: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30am
St. Jude: Sunday at 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue, Thu at 5:30 pm & Wed at 7:30 am
St. Gregory: Friday at 8:00 am
Sacred Heart: Mon, Tue, Sat at 8:15 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Holy Martyrs: Monday 4:15 - 5:15 pm
Park in rear lot in a spot facing the left rear windows of Holy Martyrs

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."



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HOPE & PATIENCE

After gathering to give personal and communal thanks for everything that God has blessed us with on Thursday, we now begin the process of asking for all the things that we want for Christmas! As a child I remember the seeming magic of being surprised on Christmas morning. Our family was not big into writing letters to Santa or making long wish lists. These days, Christmas morning is more like a wedding registry. One knows already what they will be receiving.



The season of Advent reminds us that the one thing and only thing that we truly need is to be saved. We must be in right relationship with God. This means that we recognize and respond to his presence on earth, and we prepare ourselves to be worthy to live with him in eternity. The readings, music and prayers of our liturgies prepare us for the end times of final judgement, and then the gift of God's love in the Incarnation, Jesus being born into our humanity. We are asked to keep those two spiritual "poles" in tension. Salvation is much more than simply acting kindly; we need to grow in love for God. To love Jesus is more than intellectually accepting some teachings; we must change our lives to be like him so we can be with him forever. Without this balance, we easily lose direction and purpose in life.

Hope and patience are the two virtues that define Advent. The Chosen people of Israel wait thousands of years for the promises of God to be fulfilled. They are faced with living in a desert and told it will become a fruitful land. They experience invasion and exile and believe that they have not been abandoned by God. If they lacked hope in the promises of God, their resulting impatience would have led them to embrace pagan ways. If they did not exercise patience and demanded immediate answers from God, God's seeming silence would have erased their will to hope.

This is a good rule of thumb for all of us. What precisely is my hope in the things of God? Both short term and as a goal for life, it is important that we can clearly identify what we desire from God's blessings. Vague ideals will not motivate us or give us clear direction in our lives. What precisely feeds my sense for a sense of patience? The Israelites could point to specific points in history of God's faithfulness, can you? Hope and patience are also not for the weak. We need to hope large and be heroic in remaining steadfast in patience. The Birth of Jesus is the validation that these virtues are valuable and the assurance that we will be given the blessings to achieve them.

As we begin our Advent journey, we will be tempted to focus on December 25th as an end date to achieve a long list of activities. We likely cannot avoid this, even in time of pandemic. Instead, let us take some moments, especially in our prayer and participation in the masses, to seek and celebrate the presence of hope and patience in our lives.
-- Father Phil



ADVENT SMALL FAITH SHARING

Join an Advent Small Faith Sharing Group to make the most of the Advent Season. Go to:

<https://pothe.org/advent-small-faith-sharing-groups>



1st Sunday of Advent

LET US PRAY

"Jesus, help us to pay attention to your words and teachings and to prepare for you every day! Hail Mary, full of grace..."

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

On this Sunday, the Catholic Church begins the season of preparing for the feast of Christmas, the celebration of God becoming human. It is also the season when we think of preparing for Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time. In this week's Gospel, Jesus uses an experience in the lives of his listeners similar to the experience of children or teens scrambling to finish chores before their parents get home from an event!

MARK 13: 33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

FAMILY CONVERSATION

How am I filling my time while I wait for Christmas? We assemble our Advent Wreath as a family. We devote prayer and personal reflection each day, as we prepare for Christmas.

ADVENT BEGINS!! Christ is coming...are we moving toward Him?



POTHE Baptisms

Martha Ruby Peters 6/28
Charlotte Rose Contarino 7/25
Wesley Graham Vickers 8/8
Natalia Valentina Badmaev 8/29
Wenzel Stephen Gwarjanski 9/5
Erin Jane Renfried 9/16
Emily Lewanne Rolfson 9/26
Antonella Alicia Rios 9/27
Arienna Alejandra Rios 9/27
Theodore Ambrose Joseph Jr 10/4
Annemarie Grace Bullard 10/11



PLEASE HELP THOSE IN GREATEST NEED!!

Parish of the Holy Eucharist will be supporting families and food pantries in our communities to ensure that Christmas is an extra special Holiday!!

Holy Martyrs - organizers are providing food to local families. They are asking for ingredients to prepare holiday meals. Lists are available and cash/check/ gift card contributions are welcomed at the POTHE link below. Food donations will be needed on Mon-Tues, December 21-22. FMI contact Danielle T., 232-5113, dtracy1@maine.rr.com.

Holy Martyrs Long Creek Appeal - Long Creek supports youth incarcerated at their facility in South Portland as well as to the youth involved with community corrections. Due to the pandemic, we have restricted how we give to gift cards and checks. Gift cards to Target, Wal Mart, Burlington, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Hannaford, Shaw's, McDonalds, Subway, Amato's, Irving Gas. (\$5-\$50)

Monetary donations (in a check made out to LCYDC Benefit Fund) to put into resident's canteen accounts. The canteen account offers snacks, personal hygiene and care products. Not all families have the resources to put money into their child's canteen account. Please drop checks into offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office no later than December 13th.

Sacred Heart - It is everyone's hope that Christmas 2020 can be celebrated through special efforts to bring joy to people facing difficulty. Sacred Heart Church will offer options to people who would like to help at Christmas.

- **Giving Tree** -- It will be set up at the Yarmouth Church by November 28 with gift tags for anyone to take and purchase a gift. Gifts and cards must be returned to the Church or Parish Office by December 13.
- In addition, Gift Cards are being requested for Grocery Stores and Department Stores (e.g., Walmart, Target, Kohl's) - these can be returned by mail to the Parish Office. These must be received by December 13, also.
- Cash and check donations are also accepted by forwarding the donation to Parish Office, by placing a donation envelope in the offertory basket and by using the online WeShare. FMI call Cathy M., 415-2051, catherine.maria.martin@gmail.com

St Gregory - The appeal is for Christmas dinner food which will be offered to families in the Gray-New Gloucester area. The appeal is made in coordination with other local groups. More information is available at the church. Donation of cash and gift cards are also welcomed at the POTHE link below. FMI contact Amy B., 240-8444, email - akbouchard@twc.com.

St Jude - We will have a giving tree, but probably adopt a fewer families than usual. We will be emailing and calling parishioners to think about donating gift cards and cash donations to FCS so they can fulfill client lists. Wishing you a peaceful holiday season. FMI call Chris L. at 712-8127

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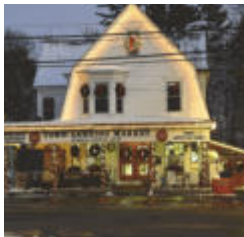
BOY SCOUT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Thank you for supporting the POTHE Boy Scout troop by taking advantage of the annual VIP Coupon Book fundraiser for the POTHE Boy Scouts. At \$20.00 these coupon books are a fabulous deal and well worth it!!! One oil change alone more than pays for it. It is great for our parishioners and great for our Scouts. The coupon book includes:

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- Use it yourself or give the coupon book as a gift!

Go to: <https://pothe.org/boy-scouts>



FALMOUTH VISION & VALUES PROJECT

As part of its ongoing Vision & Values Project, the Town of Falmouth has launched a survey to gather resident input on a shared vision for Falmouth in the next ten to twenty years. The survey is the first step in a months-long process to develop a vision and values statement that reflects the broadly shared aspirations of residents for their community. If you are a resident of Falmouth and would like to participate in the survey go to:

www.research.net/r/FalmouthVisionValuesSurveyNo1

VOLUNTEER AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Independent Support Services (ISS) program is seeking a volunteer to assist with administrative tasks several hours a week. ISS provides homemaking services statewide to low income older Mainers and those with disabilities. Office help may include copying, filing, mailings and various other projects. For more information, please contact Janette Gustafson, ISS Services Coordinator at 523-2774. Thank you for your help in making a difference in the lives of those we serve!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT SACRED HEART!!

Please join the Sacred Heart Adult Choir for an afternoon of Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 5th at 3:30pm outside of Sacred Heart Church.



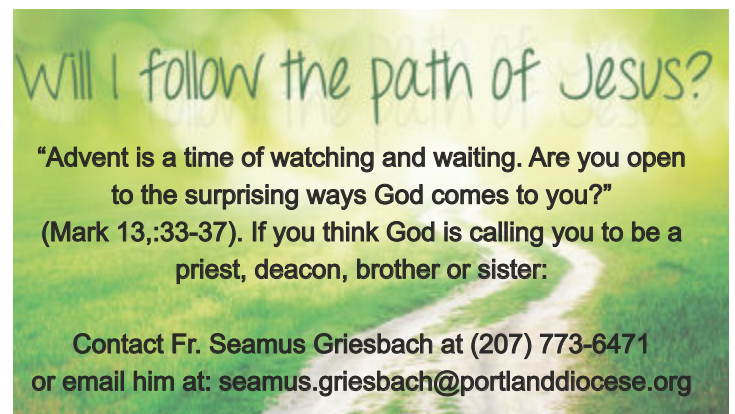
CHRISTMAS MASS LOTTERY

Since we will have limited seating for Christmas Masses, we will have a lottery system. Please sign up online and indicate your Church and time of choice, and how many will be in your party. Please limit this number to the people living with you, or who cannot drive, and you would be picking up. The Christmas Mass Lottery Form is online: <https://pothe.org/christmas-mass-attendance-lottery>. On December 14th the parish staff will pick out names. You will be contacted and provided with a colored ticket, to indicate if you are in the Church, or where applicable, in the parish hall of a church. You will need to present this ticket upon arriving at church and be all together before being seated. All Holy Martyrs Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

I am happy to report that our new method of collecting items for Friendship House (in the Holy Martyrs parking lot between 2:00 and 3:00 PM, socially distancing) has been working. We had many donations on Wed. Nov. 4: a pot roast, pulled pork, baked chicken, sweet potato chili, 2 frozen lasagnas; homemade cookies; farmers' mkt. veggies and cider; apples, clementines and paper goods. Many thanks to new (and old) volunteers who are contributing during this difficult time. The FH men thank you all very enthusiastically for your generous gifts and your time. The date of our next meal for FH is Wed. Dec. 2.

FMI Deborah Nicklas (dpnicklas@gmail.com or 207-272-0951)



APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Prayer Intentions (pg 5)

Saturday, November 28

7:00 am	SH	That Man Is You
8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
2:00 pm		Outdoor Confession (HM, SG & SH)
4:00 pm		Public Mass (HM, SG & SH)

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am	SH	Public Mass
8:30 am	SG	Public Mass (HM & SG)
9:30 am	SJ	Public Mass
10:30 am	HM	Public Mass
11:00 am	SH	Public Mass
12:00 pm	SH	Baptism Kaitlyn Rose Richter
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass

Monday, November 30

8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
4:15 pm	HM	Drive up Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass
6:30pm	SH	POTHE Boy Scouts (until 8:00 pm)
6:30 pm		Advent Small Faith Sharing Group (Virtual)

Tuesday, December 1

8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
9:00 am	HM	Centering Prayer
10:30 am	VC	Friends in Faith (Virtual)
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass
5:30 pm	SH	Knight's of Columbus Buisness Meeting
6:00 pm		Advent Small Faith Sharing Group (Virtual)
7:00 pm		Advent Small Faith Sharing Group (Virtual)

Wednesday, December 2

7:30 am	HM	Public Mass
7:00 pm	SH	Together with Alzheimer's

Thursday, December 3

5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass
6:00 pm		Pastoral Council Meeting (Virtual)
6:30 pm		Advent Small Faith Sharing Group (Virtual)

Friday, December 4

8:00 am	SG	Public Mass
8:30 am	SG	Eucharistic Adoration (until 9:30 am)

Saturday, December 5

7:00 am	SH	That Man Is You
8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
2:00 pm		Outdoor Confession (HM, SG & SH)
3:30 pm	SH	Outdoor Christmas Caroling
4:00 pm		Public Mass (HM, SG & SH)

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am	SH	Public Mass
8:30 am		Public Mass (IHM & SG)
9:30 am	SJ	Public Mass
10:30 am	HM	Public Mass
11:00 am	SH	Public Mass
12:15 pm	SH	Baptism Olivia Brianna Holshouser

Saturday, November 28

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Betty McCauby by Manford & Patricia Rideout
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. T	Marcella Weiss by Brigid & Jerry DiDonna
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. K	Catherine Boyle, John Boyle, Thomas Griffin, Elizabeth M Griffin, Joan Stiles by Gerald Griffin
4:00 pm	SG	Fr. M	David Maurice by Anne, Janessa & Brent Maurice

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am	SH	Fr. K	V Kay Wells, Mr & Mrs Arthus Bartholomew by Donna Crowley
8:30 am	HM	Fr. T	All POTHE Parishioners
8:30 am	SG	Fr. M	Loiuse Way by The St Gregory Choir
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. K	Roland A Fraser by Richard & Lucille Rossignol
10:30 am	HM	Fr. T	James W Gorman Sr Family by James & Maureen Gorman
11:00 am	SH	Fr. M	Kevin Smith, Doug & Grace Prescott, Donna Prescott
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Napolean & Sophronie Brochu by Their Family

Monday, November 30

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Robert A Chamard Sr by Cindy Wilson
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Stephanie & Stanislaw Puk, Maria & Michal Bajgierowicz, Krzysztof Kaczowski by Mr & Mrs Andrzej Bajgierowicz

Tuesday, December 1

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Ana Napolitano by Jack Napolitano
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Robert Palumbo by The Ewald Family

Wednesday, December 2

7:30 am	HM	Fr. T	Blanche & Jerry Azarewicz by Maryann Anderson
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Thursday, December 3

5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	John P Tracy by Ron & Rochelle Loubier
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Friday, December 4

8:00 am	SG	Fr. K	Don Carrier by The Carrier Family
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Saturday, December 5

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Nadine Leo by Jack Napolitano
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. T	In Thanksgiving by Barb Obar
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. K	Joyce Ann DeSimone by Beth & Tom Snow and Family
4:00 pm	SG	Fr. M	John L Flood by Doris Desrocherss

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am	SH	Fr. K	Deceased Family & Friends of Stephen Bergson
8:30 am	HM	Fr. T	Rosalie St. Pierre by Judith & John Goodrich
8:30 am	SG	Fr. M	Loiuse Way by The Boulos Family
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. K	Albert Labelle by Albert's Loving Family
10:30 am	HM	Fr. T	John P Tracy by Mary Desimone
11:00 am	SH	Fr. M	Gene Higgins by Terry Flaherty
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	All POTHE Parishioners

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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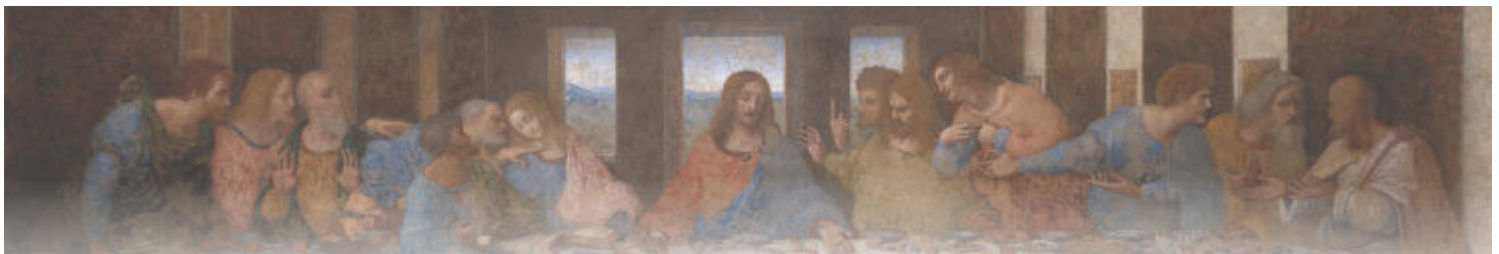
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Weekend Mass Schedule

All Holy Martyrs Masses will be Live-Streamed at pothe.org

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

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Drive Through Confessions (Or Available by Appointment)

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Holy Martyrs: Saturday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart: Saturday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



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Apostolate of Prayer for Priests of the Portland Diocese

Saturday	11/28	Rev. Joel R Cyr Rev. Richard E Senghas
Sunday	11/29	Rev. Bernard J Welch Rev. Vincent C Curtin SJ
Monday	11/30	All Priests
Tuesday	12/1	Rev. Robert Tumwekwase AJ Rev. Antony Alexander Maria Doss
Wednesday	12/2	Rev. Scott M Mower Rev. John C Bacevicius OFM
Thursday	12/3	Rev. Phillip P Cyr Rev. Arockiasamy Snathiagu HGN
Friday	12/4	Rev. Antonio A Amato V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie
Saturday	12/5	Rev. Renald D Labarre Rev. Raymond D Auger
Sunday	12/6	Bishop Robert P Deeley, JCD

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

John Lambert, Patricia Becker, Liz Chandler, Dave Toulouse, John V., Bonnie LaChance (wife of Paul LaChance), Michael Rice & Timothy Rice (sons of Maryhelen Rice), Esther Sedzia, William E Palli, Sr., Patricia Merrill, Erin Murphy, Michael Lewis, Karen Roberts, Louise Desjardins, Linda Momberket, Carriane Fecteau, Frank Knight, Allison Hincks, Peter Coffin, Don Gove, Bill Stanbro, Catherine D'Amboise, Douglas Lewis, Gloria Legare, The Becker Family, Bill Eycleshymer, Paul Taylor, Gloria Latini Babin, Karen Belaire, Sharyl Webster, Olga Esty, Maryhelen Rice, Gretchan Sayward, Tim Dexter, Marie McCann, Jason Leo Vaz

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

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 Pickard, Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey, Anne Theriault sister-in-law of Brother George Spino, Brother Mark Bastey, Michael A Stone, brother-in-law of Brother Frank Lemanski, Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford, Yvonne, wife of Brother Chuck Devine, Cindy, wife of Brother Steve Carrier, Brother Gerald Bose, Brother Frank Knight, Kristine, wife of Brother Peter Rogers, Brother Joe Mathew & wife Doris, and George Fuller, brother of Brother

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