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FEBRUARY 28, 2021 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

STAY CONNECTED

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](https://www.facebook.com/pothe.org).

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, 11:00 am
- St. Gregory: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30 am
- St. Jude: Sunday at 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

- Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tues 8:15 am & 5:30 pm
Wed 7:30 am, Thur & Fri 5:30 pm
- St. Gregory: Friday at 8:00 am
- Sacred Heart: Sat at 8:15 am

Eucharistic Adoration

- Holy Martyrs: Monday 8:45 am - 10:00 am
- St. Gregory: Fridays at 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Confession:

- St Gregory : Thurs 3 -3:30 pm, Saturday 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Holy Martyrs: Mon 8:45 am-10 am, Tues 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
Saturday 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Sacred Heart Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am

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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THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE



We can be harsh on the Apostles in the Scriptures. We are perplexed how people who witnessed the actions of Jesus first hand, who heard His authoritative voice proclaiming the presence of God's mercy and love could so consistently make poor decisions. This weekend's story of the Transfiguration is often cited as an example of this phenomenon. Why would Peter simply want to stay on the mountain to celebrate the event when Jesus was constantly urging his followers to go forward in ministry? Why did seeing the glorified body of Jesus in the presence of Moses and Elijah not calm the Apostles' fears and help them to not abandon Christ in His time of need?

The simplistic answer is that they had not yet received the Holy Spirit, so they lacked the wisdom and understanding to know the presence of God. We have received that Spirit. We also know how the story ends: Jesus is the Son of God who rises from the dead to offer us salvation. We know that we would be on the "winning" side in a way that they could not possibly imagine.

The deeper answer is that despite our bravado, and the fact that we possess the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we still often fail to trust God, or to recognize His presence. God has immensely blessed each of us, and yet we still wonder if we are worthy of such love, or whether there will be enough for us the next time we are in need. We have been in the presence of God countless times, and yet we find ourselves wondering if it was really God, or just our imagination. At other times, we are pre-occupied with not losing the good feeling or risking change in our lives. Our remembrance of an event is different that the recollection of another, and so we are not sure what has transpired. Despite our privileged position and bold assertions, many times we are as weak and ignorant as the Apostles before Pentecost.

First responders and other such people constantly train. They do so to understand what needs to be done. However, they also train so intensely so that their responses are habitual. When a paramedic needs to stop a bleeding arm, he or she must not only know how to do it, but also not be distracted by the nature of the injury. The sight of blood may still be initially difficult to take in, but at some point, the training kicks in, and the task is performed confidently.

The Transfiguration was a spiritual training for Peter, James, and John. It would not protect them from all harm and shortcomings. Rather, the experience would help the Apostles to recognize Jesus' glorified body when they would see it next. The encounter with Moses and Elijah would help them to understand that Jesus completes the revelation of God to the Prophets.

Lent is our spiritual training module. We are invited to recall God's tremendous acts in our lives. We are challenged to intentionally recall how God has been present in our distress, so that we can better seek him in our future times of conflict. We are encouraged to share our stories of faith so that we can better identify the presence of God. We are called to the sacraments to experience the fullness of God's love. Instead of being confident in theory, Lent calls us to practice our faith in ways to strengthen us in confidence, even if that is simply being able to recognize that we have erred, and to get back on the right path.

-- Father Phil



2nd Sunday of Lent

LET US PRAY

“Jesus, You are our teacher, our Lord, or Hope, and our Strength. Our Father...”

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Mark’s Gospel describes the dazzling Transfiguration of Jesus in front of Peter, John, and James. They are bewildered by this vision of light and majesty and they hear a voice from heaven telling them that Jesus is the Son of God. This vision is a hint of Jesus’ risen life after His suffering and death. It also shows us a vision of ourselves when we are changed by the power of Jesus. Our transformation takes a lifetime and it keeps us hopeful in our own resurrection from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 9: 2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

FAMILY CONVERSATION If I put myself in this Gospel story, how would I react to all that happened? What would help me to understand who Jesus really is? Do I understand?

As a family, we will decide one way to honor God through each of the 3 focuses of Lent: Prayer, almsgiving, fasting. We will attend or watch the Stations of the Cross together as a family.

Every Friday of Lent you can attend Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at Holy Martyrs. This is livestreamed on our website pothe.org. You can also view taped Stations of the Cross from St. Gregory, Sacred Heart and Saint Jude on our website: pothe.org

Will I follow the path of Jesus?

“We are encouraged to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Take time to listen in prayer. What do you hear Jesus saying to you?”
(Mark 9:2-10)

Contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach at
(207) 773-6471 or email him at:
seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



Lent Resources: This Lent our parish would like to offer you some options for personal reflection. We will provide the booklet *From Ashes to Easter-Our Lenten Journey with Pope Francis* as well as the book *I Thirst-40 Days with Mother Teresa*. Each of these provide you with reading and reflection for the 40 days of Lent. Also, make sure to pick up a rice bowl at each of our churches. The rice bowls include a pamphlet with ideas to give alms in many ways. These are great for families and their website has more information - <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Below are some additional resources that can be used on your own or with family members.

Our parish has a free subscription to Formed – A Catholic Netflix. If you don’t already have a subscription – sign up here for free - <https://formed.org/signup>

On Formed.org, we recommend either *Opening the Word* that gives you weekly short videos on the Sunday Gospel along with a study guide - <https://watch.formed.org/opening-the-word-1>

Or *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession* which also comes with a study guide - <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven>

Finally, we’d like to offer you Dynamic Catholic’s *Best Lent Ever*. This can simply be daily reflections sent to you via email or you can delve deeper into Matthew Kelly’s latest book *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life’s Essential Daily Habit*. - <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

We certainly do hope you have the best Lent ever. Please call Kim Lovett in our parish Faith Formation office with any questions.

Sign up today for the Easter Mass Lottery at: <https://pothe.org/easter-mass-attendance-lottery>

Reconciliation Schedule during Lent:

Holy Martyrs: Mon 8:45 am - 10:00 am, Tues 12:30 pm - 1:00pm, Sat 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

St. Gregory: Thur 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Sat 1:30 pm - 3:00pm
Sacred Heart Sat 8:45 am - 9:45 am

Daily Mass Schedule during Lent:

Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tues 8:15 am, Wed 7:30 am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 5:30 pm

Sacred Heart Saturday 8:15 am, St. Gregory Friday 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross:

Holy Martyrs Every Friday after 5:30 pm Mass; also virtual Stations at SG, SH & SJ go to: pothe.org

POTHE High School Youth Ministry

All Teens Welcome!! We will be holding in person opportunities to gather on the Sundays of Lent. We will be reading and reacting to Chris Stefanick's book, *The Search*, as well as discussing any topics that the youth bring with them. The next gathering will be Sunday, February 28 at Holy Martyrs, from 1:30 to 3pm. Depending upon where participants come from, we may move the location to better accommodate travel. We will plan to meet the Sundays of Lent at that time. If you cannot make all the meetings, come to those you can. If you would like a copy of the book in advance, please contact Fr. Phil in the office. Pre-registration is not required but welcomed to help with planning. We will maintain social distancing and other covid-19 protocols. If any teen is not comfortable with gathering but would like to have a virtual opportunity to connect, please contact Fr Phil at 847-6890.



February 17 - March 28 40 Days for Life

From February 17 through March 28, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Maine Family Planning in Augusta, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Judy Iceenogle, 207-872-6658 or ricejuice@twc.com Our website is www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



Sunday, February 28 - Saturday, March 6

St Jude Church

In Memory of Roland Fraser by Evelyn Fraser & His Loving Family

Go to: <https://pothe.org/sanctuary-lamp>

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center

A Day with St. Ignatius: Shadow Self-Image as an Attachment
March 23, 2021 ~ with Deacon Fran Burke

As we approach the end of Lent 2021, we will take an Ignatian look at two subjects: What have we learned recently about ourselves in relation to God? And how well does our self-image correlate with the person Jesus sees in us? Through these questions, we will seek insight into the shadow elements of our self-image and healing from our wounds. From there we will discern growth opportunities that might be available to us.

Arrival: Tuesday March 23 at 9:45 am The Program begins promptly at 10:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm
Cost: \$60.00 Overnight option: \$120.00

For more information go to www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call 207-284-5671

POTHE Donates \$9,000 to Relief & Hope

A surplus of generosity is a great problem to have, and when the Holiday Appeal exceeded its goal by over \$9000, the Social Justice & Peace Commission looked to share the bounty. Father Phil Tracy, pastor of the parish which includes churches in Falmouth, Freeport, Yarmouth and Gray, approved the recommendation that the money be used to support Catholic Charities Relief & Hope program, which serves people throughout Maine, though many are in the greater Portland area.

Relief & Hope seeks to address the immediate needs of those in a crisis or emergency, which often requires a small amount of funds to overcome and get people back on their feet. The funds given to individuals are \$300 or less, meeting needs which cannot be met by other agencies or community resources. Typically, these funds are used for food, rent, electricity, clothing, household supplies, or car repairs.

Friendship House - Next Meal is March 3

Friendship House is a residence for formerly homeless men recovering from substance abuse. The first Wednesday of each month, members of our parish contribute prepared hot or cold dishes (homemade or purchased; may be donated frozen) and grocery items such as fresh produce, cereal, milk, paper goods and toiletries.

If you would like to donate something Wednesday, March 3, please call me at 272-0951 or email me at dpnicklas@gmail.com. My husband and I will be in the Holy Martyrs parking lot on Wednesday, March 3 between 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm to collect donations.

Saturday, February 27 Haiti Collection

7:00 am SH That Man Is You (Virtual)
 8:15 am SH Public Mass
 8:45 am SH Confession
 11:00 am SG Cub Scout Cross Over Ceremony
 1:30 pm Confession (HM & SG)
 4:00 pm Public Mass (HM, SG & SH)

Sunday, February 28 Haiti Collection

8:00 am SH Public Mass
 8:30 am Public Mass (HM & SG)
 9:30 am SJ Public Mass
 10:30 am HM Public Mass
 11:00 am SH Public Mass
 1:30 pm HM POTHE High School Youth Ministry
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Monday, March 1

8:15 am HM Public Mass
 8:45 am HM Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
 4:00 pm HM Family Faith Formation
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass
 6:30 pm SH POTHE Boy Scouts (until 8:00 pm)
 6:30 pm HM Family Faith Formation

Tuesday, March 2

8:15 am HM Public Mass
 9:00 am HM Centering Prayer
 10:30 am VC Friends in Faith (Virtual)
 12:30 pm HM Confession
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 4

3:00 pm SG Confession
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Virtual)
 7:00 pm SG AA Meeting (also Virtual at csoaamaine.com)

Friday, March 5

8:00 am SG Public Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

7:00 am SH That Man Is You (Virtual)
 8:15 am SH Public Mass
 1:30 pm Confession (HM & SG)
 4:00 pm Public Mass (HM, SG & SH)

Sunday, March 7

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

Saturday, February 27

8:15 am SH Fr. M William Eycleshymer by Catherine Ferretti
 4:00 pm HM Fr. T PVC John Junior Allen by Jeanne & Chuck Meuse
 4:00 pm SH Fr. K Gene Higgins by The Bicknell Family
 4:00 pm SG Fr. M Ernie Austin by Larry & Jan Nowinski

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am SH Fr. K Don Hamalainen by His Loving Family
 8:30 am HM Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners
 8:30 am SG Fr. M Fr. Joseph Palacino & Emily Palacino by Laurene Dempsey
 9:30 am SJ Fr. K Edward J Twomey by His Loving Family
 10:30 am HM Fr. M Phillip Thomas by His Loving Family
 11:00 am SH Fr. M Christopher Emerson Prinn by Rod & Judy Collette
 5:30 pm HM Fr. T Douglas J MacMaster by The Lattanzi Family

Monday, March 1

8:15 am HM Fr. M SI: For the lonely or those who need encouragement
 5:30 pm HM Fr. T Joseph F Mitchell by Mrs John P Tracy

Tuesday, March 2

8:15 am HM Fr. M Theresa M McBrady by The McBrady Family
 5:30 pm HM Fr. T Father Tom Lee by Father Philip Tracy

Wednesday, March 3

7:30 am HM Fr. T William & Patricia Palli by Their Loving Family

Thursday, March 4

5:30 pm HM Fr. T Ino Velazquez by The Family of Ino Velazquez

Friday, March 5

8:00 am SG Fr. K Trinidad Flores Castro by Father Peter Kaseta
 5:30 pm HM Fr. T Father James Brewer by Father Philip Tracy

Saturday, March 6

8:15 am SH Fr. M Emeline Hogue by Catherine Ferretti
 4:00 pm HM Fr. M Dorothy M Canty by Patricia LaClair
 4:00 pm SH Fr. T Christopher Emerson Prinn by Patricia & John Wakefield
 4:00 pm SG Fr. K Marie Law by Her Loving Family

Sunday, March 7

8:00 am SH Fr. T Lynn Murray by Her Loving Family
 8:30 am HM Fr. M Thelma DiPiero by Mrs. John P Tracy
 8:30 am SG Fr. K Shirley Caiazza by The Boulos Family
 9:30 am SJ Fr. T Andrew Hovey by Louise Gorman
 10:30 am HM Fr. M SI: Recovery of Peter Allen Longley by His Wife, Mary
 11:00 am SH Fr. K Christopher Emerson Prinn by Rod & Judy Collette

PARISH INFORMATION

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANTS: PLEASE CONTACT DEACON DENNIS AS SOON AS YOU GIVE BIRTH TO YOUR CHILD

ADULT CONFIRMATION: PLEASE CONTACT KIM LOVETT 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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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Saturday Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart & St Gregory at 4:00pm
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Eucharistic Adoration (see page 2 for more details)

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 St. Gregory: Friday at 8:00 am
 Sacred Heart Saturday at 8:15 am

Confession (Or Available by Appointment)

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 Holy Martyrs: Tues 12:30-1:00pm, Saturday 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
 Sacred Heart Saturday 8:45am - 9:45am



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 Sacred Heart Church: 326 Main St., Yarmouth

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

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Saturday	2/27	Rev. Eugene J Gaffey Rev. Richard E Senghas
Sunday	2/28	Bishop Emeritus Joseph J Gerry OSB
Monday	3/01	Rev. Aaron L Damboise Rev. Anthanasius S Wirsiy
Tuesday	3/02	V. Rev. Wilfred P Labbe Rev. Costanzo Piselli
Wednesday	3/03	Rev. Nehru Stephen Savarayia HGN Rev. Gerald A Levesque
Thursday	3/04	Rev. Philip M Tracy Rev. Anthony F Kuzia CM
Friday	3/05	Rev. Anthony Cipolle Rev. John R d'Anjou SJ
Saturday	3/06	Rev. Theodore Letendre FIC Rev. William F Modlin
Sunday	3/07	Our Holy Father

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, Esther Sedzia, Patricia Merrill, Erin Murphy, Michael Lewis, Karen Roberts, Louise Desjardins, Linda Momberket, Carianne Fecteau, Allison Hincks, Peter Coffin, Don Gove, Bill Stanbro, Catherine D'Amboise, Gloria Legare, The Becker Family, Paul Taylor, Gloria Latini Babin, Karen Belaire, Sharyl Webster, Maryhelen Rice, Gretchan Sayward, Tim Dexter, Marie McCann, Jason Leo Vaz, Dominic D., Kara Salvadore, Brian Pebbles, Tony Lisa, Lynette Willard, Gino Grassi, Mary Collins, Peter Allen Longley, Peter Jeton

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, Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford, Yvonne, wife of Brother Chuck Devine, Cindy, wife of Brother Steve Carrier, Brother Gerald Bose, Brother Frank Knight, Brother Joe Mathew & wife Doris, George Fuller, brother of Brother Jonathan Fuller, Family of Brother Chris Handley, Brother Charles Thurston

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