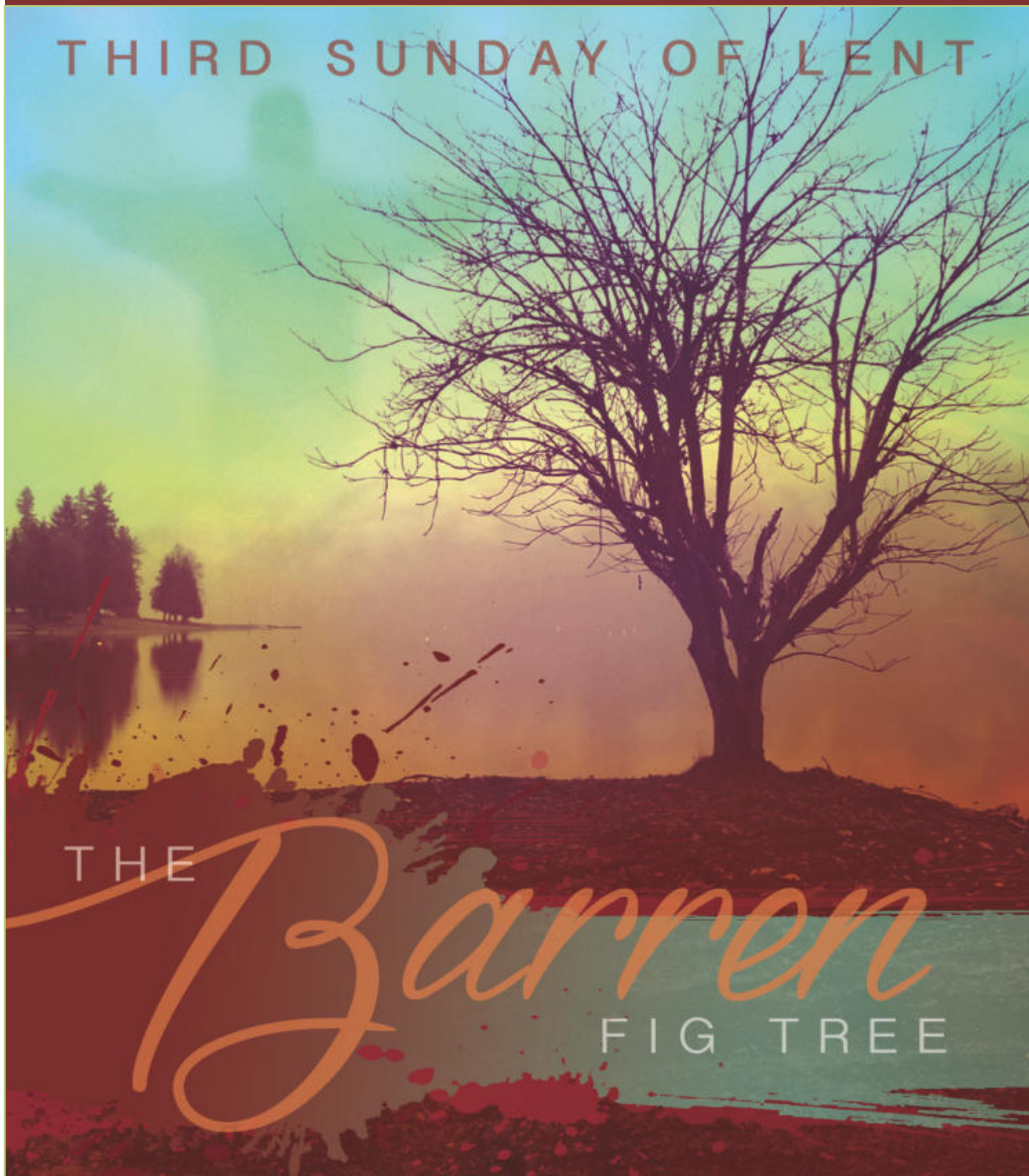




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POTHE PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE:

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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

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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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WE NEED TO TURN TO PRAYER

I remember being greatly confused when I first paid attention to this Gospel passage. How could the person who admonished you and me to turn the other cheek, forgive others seventy times seven and pick up our crosses to follow Him justify this outburst in the temple? Jesus seems angry, but isn't anger a sin?



I now see that Jesus is being more prophetic than lashing out in anger. Anger is an emotion, and how it is expressed determines whether sin is present or not. The holiness of the temple and the purpose of temple sacrifice has been sullied. Merchants are more concerned about making a profit than helping pilgrims worship God and atone for sin. Jesus is upset, but He does not beat the merchants or destroy their property. He makes a dramatic gesture to show how incongruous this scene is in the temple of God, and what He will have to offer in response. His response is really an act of love. He wants the people to see the truth, not simply be punished.

You and I turn the other cheek and offer forgiveness to others to fulfill the command to love. There is a difference between pulling a child's arm violently because they spilled their milk and doing the same action to pull them away from a speeding vehicle. Our challenge is to recognize what concerns and upsets us in life and determining a godly response.

Sometimes this means that we need to evaluate our responses. We are all afraid and often angry when a motorist cuts us off or otherwise creates a dangerous situation. We might honk our horns or use bad words and gestures in the heat of the moment. However, if we proceed to drive aggressively to retaliate, we are not loving. Love dictates we do not escalate the situation. Sometimes we need to explain why we acted as we did. In the example above, we may need to tell a child that we were afraid for their safety, and that is why we yelled and pulled their arm so hard.

It is not easy to be prophetic these days. If we respond strongly to the presence of evil and sin, we risk being labeled "dogmatic," "intolerant" or worse. If we mind our own business, we risk giving tacit permission for such behavior and attitudes, and watering down the message of Jesus. We need to turn to prayer in all things. We need to have meaningful conversations to explore our feelings and options of response. Above all, we must always understand that our ultimate intention is to love, to help another turn away from evil and sin, not simply to punish the person and to justify it by faith.

— Father Phil



The Gray Community Food Pantry would like to thank all the parishioners of the POTHE for their very generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring, collected this past February during Super Bowl weekend. As our client numbers are growing each month, and as we continue to evolve with our outside parking lot distributions, we are very grateful for this donation, and to St Gregory Church for facilitating this collection. It will be put to very good use.

POTHE raised \$610 and donated to both the Gray Food Pantry and New Gloucester Food Pantry in the amount of \$305 each!! Awesome!



3rd Sunday of Lent

LET US PRAY

"Holy Spirit, help us to let go of the thoughts and things that we do not need. Help us to keep our focus on You! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

Jesus drives out the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple courtyard! He is very angry that they are turning that sacred place of worship into a marketplace. Jesus teaches us that we are temples where God lives.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 2: 13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves He said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. Therefore, when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While He was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in His name when they saw the signs He was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because He knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

What does it mean to say that I am the temple where God lives? What thoughts, words, and actions keep my temple clean and welcoming to God? We will continue to prayerfully fill our family Rice Bowl and reach out to those in need.

Will I follow the path of Jesus?

"The commandments lead us on the path to life."
What path will you choose to walk? Pray for wisdom
(Exodus 20:1-17)

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach:
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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.

In addition, our communications team at POTHE would like to feature a Bulletin Cover created by one or several of our High School Youth for the Palm Sunday Bulletin. We would like to feature a Bulletin Cover about what Lent means to our teens, the process of sacrifice or going out of our way to do something special for others during Lent and to express this in art, photography, or poetry.

The next gathering of the High School Youth Ministry is Sunday, March 7 at Holy Martyrs, from 1:30 to 3pm. If you cannot make all the meetings, come to those you can. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Fr. Phil in the office. 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

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



Sunday, March 7 - Saturday, March 13

Holy Martyrs Church

**In Honor of Joseph & Nancy Pinto by Robin Pinto
Andrews & Family**

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

Men's (18+) Discernment Lenten Retreat

When: March 19-21, Friday 5pm - Sunday 1pm

Where: Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford, ME

Theme: St. Joseph and Spiritual Fatherhood

The weekend will include:

- Daily Mass
- Confession & Eucharistic Adoration
- Presentations by priests & seminarians in the diocese
- Time for prayer and reflection in a beautiful location

RETREAT SCHEDULE: Arrival on Friday at 5pm and departure on Sunday at 1pm after lunch.

What to bring: Participants should bring toiletries, comfortable indoor clothing, warm outdoor clothing for walks or recreation, a Bible, rosary, and a journal or other writing paper. Attire is business casual.

Upon arrival, participants will be asked to confirm that they have not had Covid-like symptoms in the last 14 days and have not traveled to out-of-state locations requiring 14 day quarantine restrictions. Physical distancing and masks will be used as required during the event.

Please register by Monday, March 8.

Go to: <https://forms.gle/GBemBJQPvAo3eJuA8>



Maine Catholic Women's Gathering



Connect virtually with other women for faith-sustaining prayer, reflection, and conversation.

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2021 10-11:30 am

WHERE: from the comfort of your own home via Zoom

WHAT: Opportunities to meet new friends through conversations in interactive breakout rooms

COST: Free, though pre-registration is required

REGISTRATION: Deadline is noon Monday, March 15

QUESTIONS: call Hannah Gonneville 773.6471 ext 7885

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Prayer Intentions (pg 5)

Saturday, March 6

7:00 am	SH	That Man Is You (Virtual)
8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
8:45 am	SH	Confession
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 (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 8

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 9

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 10

7:30 am	HM	Public Mass
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Thursday, March 11

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

Friday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 13 Catholic Relief Services

7:00 am	SH	That Man Is You (Virtual)
8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
10:00 am	HM	Funeral Emiliy Palacino
1:30 pm		Confession (HM & SG)
4:00 pm		Public Mass (HM, SG & SH)

Sunday, March 14 Catholic Relief Services

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

Saturday, March 6

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Emeline Hogue by Catherine Ferretti
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. M	Dorothy M Cauty 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
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. M	Charles Molner by Robin Pinto Andrews

Monday, March 8

8:15 am	HM	Fr. M	Mr James A McBrady, Sr by The McBrady Family
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Mike Missig by The Family of Mike Missig

Tuesday, March 9

8:15 am	HM	Fr. M	Patrick Munroe by The Polewaczyk Family
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Fr Armand Neault by Father Philip Tracy

Wednesday, March 10

7:30 am	HM	Fr. T	Jack Fecteau, Sr. on his 90th birthday by Rosemary Fecteau & Family
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Thursday, March 11

5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Special Intention by Mats & Lisa Agren
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Friday, March 12

8:00 am	SG	Fr. K	Fr. Agustin Gumataotao by Father Peter Kaseta
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	<u>Fr Lionel Chouinard by Father Philip Tracy</u>

Saturday, March 13

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Robert Mayer by Catherine Ferretti
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. M	Yvonne Tardy by Her Loving Daughter
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. T	Christopher Emerson Prinn by Rod & Judy Collette
4:00 pm	SG	Fr. K	David Maurice by Anne, Janessa & Brent Maurice

Sunday, March 14

8:00 am	SH	Fr. T	All POTHE Parishioners
8:30 am	HM	Fr. M	Tom Williams by The Williams Family
8:30 am	SG	Fr. K	Gordan Watson by His Loving Family
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. T	Deceased Family & Friends of Marie McCann
10:30 am	HM	Fr. M	Mary Ripa by Danielle Ogden & Family
11:00 am	SH	Fr. K	Bill Eycleshymer by His Bug Juice Friend

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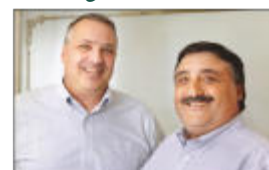
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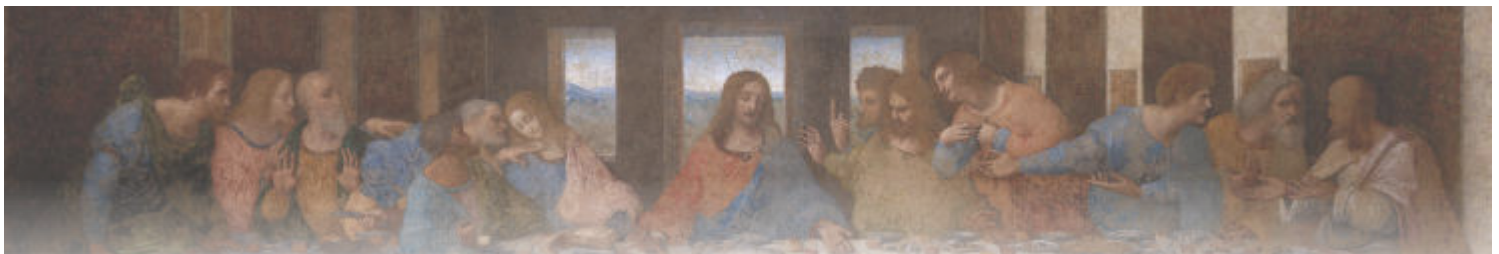


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Saturday Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart & St Gregory at 4:00pm

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 (see page 2 for more details)

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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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Monday	3/08	Rev. Dac J Philip Clement Rev. David R Raymond
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Wednesday	3/10	Rev. Raymond P Morency Rev. Andre-Joseph LaCasse, OP
Thursday	3/11	Rev. Jacob C George Rev. Donald Gange, SM
Friday	3/12	Rev. Francis P Morin Rev. Kevin JT Martin
Saturday	3/13	Rev. Frederick H Morse Rev. Johnson S Panneer Slevam, HGN
Sunday	3/14	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, 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 Salvatore, 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, Brother Charles Thurston

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