

New Daily Mass Schedule!

MONDAY

7:30 am Holy Martyrs 8:00 am Sacred Heart

12:15 pm St. Jude

TUESDAY

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

THURSDAY

8:00 am Sacred Heart

FRIDAY

7:30 am Holy Martyrs 8:00 am St. Gregory the

Great

SATURDAY

8:15 am Sacred Heart 9:00 am Holy Martyrs

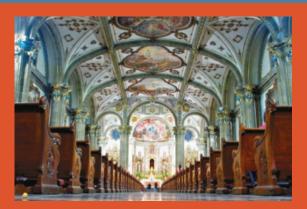
(1st Saturday Latin)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will

find it." - Matthew 16:24b-25

atholicism 101 classes begin September 15. See p. 4 for more info.



Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday		Monday	Tuesday
2 Cancelled - That Man is You 7:00 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart Latin Mass 9:00 am Holy Martyrs Eucharistic Miracles Display 9:00 am - 6:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	3 FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT Eucharistic Procession 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am - 2:00 pm St. Gregory the Great Eucharistic Miracles Display 9:30 am - 3:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	Benediction & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia Talk 2:00 pm St. Gregory the Great Calix 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs	4 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AA Meeting 10:30 am Saint Gregory the Great Cancelled - Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 - 8:00 pm Holy Martyrs Cancelled - Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Sacred Heart ACTS Men's Team Meeting 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs	Centering Prayer 9:30 am Holy Martyrs Catholic Homeschoolers 10:00 am Holy Martyrs Friends in Faith 10:30 am Holy Martyrs Knights of Columbus 6:00 pm Holy Martyrs
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Troops of St. George 6:00 pm St. Gregory the Great Advent Fair Meeting 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Together with Alzheimer's 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	7 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Holy Martyrs AA Meeting 7:00 pm Saint Gregory the Great	8 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great 3:00 - 6:00 pm St. Jude AA Meeting 7:00 pm Sacred Heart	That Man is You 7:00 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am St. Jude FIRE & Luncheon 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Holy Martyrs Calix 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs

Mass Intentions for September 2 – September 10

Saturday	, Septe	mber	2	Thursday	, Septe	mber 7	7
8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	†Jose Mayes by Estela Valle	8:00 am	SH	Fr. K	†Bill Hughes by Lewanne Hughes
9:00 am	НМ	Fr. C	★ Strengthening family life by a parishioner	Friday, So	eptemb	er 8	
4:00 pm	НМ	Fr. M	†Dorothy & Donald Fredriksen by the Fredriksen family	7:30 am	НМ	Fr. K	*Deceased members of the Rimkunas & Hahn families by Dolores Rimkunas
4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. C	†Patricia & Joe Croteau by the Holmquist family	8:00 am	SGTG	Fr. C	The Carrier family by Steve & Cindy Carrier
4:00 pm			†Michael & David Ferretti by Cathy Ferretti	Saturday,	Septer	mber 9	
Sunday,				_	-		★ Mr. & Mrs. Anges Litona , 5th Wedding
8:00 am			*Carole James by Frederick O. James	8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Anniversary by Annick Metoule
8:30 am 8:30 am	HM SGTG		Bruce Dominick by Barbara Keefe Louise & Dick Whitmire by Francis &	4:00 pm	НМ	Fr. K	William Sweeney, MD by Chris & Kim Kralik
9:30 am 10:30 am			Margaret Holnaider Roland A. Fraser by Evelyn M. Fraser	4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. M	*Special Intention for Antonia Carbungco Javier by Steve & Emilia Lawson
11:00 am	SH	Fr. C	*All POTHE Parishioners	4:00 pm	SH	Fr. C	Lionel & Rita Morency by Denise & Daniel Chapman
5:30 pm Monday ,	HM		*Sandra Quine by Carolee Carter & Tim Ferris	Sunday, S	Septem	ber 10	
7:30 am			*Special Intention	8:00 am	SH	Fr. C	†Sean Read by Ed & Gina Gawle
8:00 am			†Michael Kostin by the Kostin family	8:30 am	НМ	Fr. K	*Bruce Peaslee by Cathy & Peter Mullaney
12:15 pm	_	Fr. C	Deceased family and friends of the Dexter family by Timothy and Lorena Dexter	8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. M	†George & Rose Clark by Peter & Barbara Wood
Tuesday	, Septe			9:30 am	SJ	Fr. C	★ All POTHE Parishioners
7:30 am	НМ	Fr. C	*Children & Teens of POTHE by POTHE Faith Formation	10:30 am	НМ	Fr. K	Mary T. Honan by Sharon Leskanic Dottie Stackpole by the Sacred Heart
10:00 am	NH	Fr. M	† Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner (Brentwood NH)	11:00 am	SH	Fr. M	Choir †James & Mary Jane McBrady by their
Wedneso	lav Se	ntemb	,	5:30 pm	НМ	Fr. K	family
7:30 am	HM	•	Susan L. Berger by John Berger	NH—Nursi	ng Hom	e VP—	-Visiting Priest *Special Intention Deceased

Called to Discipleship ~ Through Stewardship and Service

PASTOR'S PONDEROSA

My Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, September 10, we welcome our shepherd, Bishop Deeley, who will be offering the 8:30 am Mass at St. Gregory the Great. Within the Mass he will bless the new mensa (top) of the newly acquired altar from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. I thank Chip Carney and Joe Moreshead for their assistance with this project. Bishop Deeley will also blessi a new statue of St. Gregory the Great. This coming Sunday, September 3, we will begin the blessing and commissioning of our newly trained extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion throughout our parish. Given these wonderful occasions in the life of our parish and parishioners, I thought that I would write this Ponderosa on the nature and importance of blessings.

What is a blessing?

Blessings come under the category of *sacramentals*. A sacramental is a special prayer, action, or object which, through the prayers of the Church, prepares a person to receive grace and to better cooperate with it. One example is when we make the Sign of the Cross using holy water when entering the church. That pious action and the holy water itself, which together remind us of our Baptism, awaken us to the presence of God and dispose us to receiving God's grace. Unlike a sacrament, a sacramental does not itself confer the grace of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, like a sacrament, a sacramental helps the faithful to sanctify each moment of life and to live in the paschal mystery of our Lord. By celebrating a blessing, the faithful can also sanctify various situations and events in their lives.

Blessings in Sacred Scripture

Throughout Sacred Scripture, we find how God issued various blessings. In the account of creation, God blessed all the living creatures and especially Adam and Eve, telling them to be fertile, to multiply, and to fill the earth and subdue it. After the flood, God blessed Noah and his sons. For us Christians, blessings have taken on an even greater meaning through Christ, who perfectly revealed to us the goodness and love of God. St. Paul wrote, "Praised be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing." Jesus blessed those He encountered: the little children (Mk 10:13-16) and the Apostles at the Ascension (Lk 24:50-53). He blessed objects: the loaves used to feed the 5,000 (Mk 6:34ff) and the bread of the Last Supper (Mt 26:26-30). Since Christ entrusted His saving ministry to the Church, it has instituted various blessings for people as well as objects to prompt the faithful to implore God's protection, divine assistance, mercy, faithfulness, and favor.

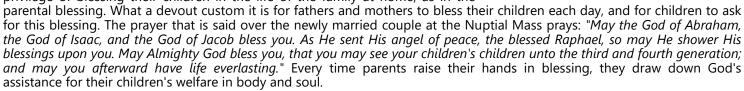
Who can give a blessing?

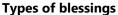
The Catechism #1669 states:

"Every baptized person is called to be a 'blessing' and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings; the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more its administration is reserved to the ordained ministry (bishops, priests, deacons)."

By virtue of their ordination by the sacrament of Holy Orders, bishops, priests, and deacons are given the authority to bestow blessings on behalf of the Church. They do so by making the sign of the cross with their right hand over the person. Bishops, priests, and deacons are the ordinary ministers of blessings, asking God's help for those people being blessed or dedicating something to a sacred service; the ordained's blessing is imparted with the weight of the Church and therefore has great value in the eyes of God.

While the ordained have the authority to bless the faithful, parents have the privilege of blessing their children in the life of the family at home, as in the





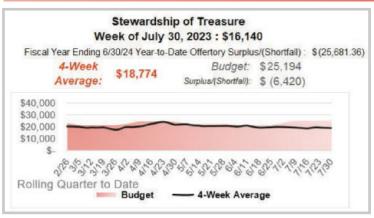
Blessings are categorized into two types: *invocative* and *constitutive*. In an *invocative* blessing, the minister implores the divine favor of God to grant some spiritual or temporal good without any change of condition, such as when a parent blesses a child. This blessing is also a recognition of God's goodness in bestowing this "blessing" upon us, such as when we offer a blessing for our food at mealtime. In blessing objects or places, a view is also taken toward those who will use the objects or visit the places. A *constitutive* blessing, invoked by a bishop, priest or deacon, signifies the permanent sanctification and dedication of a person or thing for some sacred purpose. Here the person or object takes on a sacred character and would not be returned to non-sacred or profane use. For example, when religious Sisters or Brothers profess final vows, they are blessed, indicating a permanent change in their lives. When a chalice is blessed, it becomes a sacred vessel dedicated solely to sacred usage.

In all, in bestowing His own blessing, God declares His goodness. We in turn bless God by praising Him, thanking Him for all His benefits, and offering to Him our service, adoration, and worship. When we invoke God's blessing, we implore His divine benevolence, trusting that He will respond to our needs.

-Fr. Cartwright



Sharing God's Word ~ Through Pastoral Life and Ministry



FRIENDS IN FAITH: Our group of faith-filled women welcomes new members from around the parish as we gather again this fall. Plan to join us in September! We meet in hybrid mode, so you may join in person at Holy Martyrs Conference Room in Falmouth, or via Zoom. Our first meeting of the new season will be September 5 at 10.30 am. Some topics we are exploring this year include a study of God the Father, the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, a study about Angels, and more. FMI, contact Happy at happycopley@gmail.com.

ADVENT FAIR MEETING! Come one, come all! For anyone



interested in being part of the Advent Fair, we will hold our first meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at

6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Join last year's team and get involved! We are looking for new ideas, people to chair tables, and team members to join our fun. Everyone has a place: men, women, and teens! Hope to see you there!

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars now! Our Men's Retreat will be held **Thursday evening, November 16 to Sunday morning, November 19**. This weekend will strengthen your faith, renew you

spiritually, and begin friendships with some awesome men. Parish of the Holy Eucharist and Our Lady of Hope Parish are collaborating



to offer this lay-led ACTS Retreat. All men age 21 and older are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register, visit https://pothe.org/acts-retreat or contact Tom Luna at 207-518-9236.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DONATIONS: We are now in need of **fall clothing** for women and men. **No more**



shorts and sandals. We are accepting pants, tops, and lightweight sweaters. As always, we need socks, undergarments, shoes, sneakers, and backpacks! All clothing must be clean and in good, usable condition! Donations can be dropped off in the blue bins in the hallway between the narthex and

hall at Holy Martyrs or in the back of Sacred Heart church. For more information, contact Evelyn at 207-447-1086.

PRAYER CORNER				
APOSTOLATE OF	PRAYER FOR PRIESTS			
Saturday, September 2	Rev. Francis P. Morin Rev. Emile H. Dube			
Sunday, September 3	Our Holy Father			
Monday, September 4	Rev. Amandus B. Sway, AJ Rev. Kevin C. Hughes			
Tuesday, September 5	Rev. David P. Cote Rev. Gerald A. Levesque			
Wednesday, September 6	Rev. Roland P. Nadeau Rev. John Mazzei			
Thursday, September 7	Rev. Vincent P. Mellone Rev. Alfred Jacques			
Friday, September 8	All Priests			
Saturday, September 9	Rev. Nehru Stephen Savarayia, HGN Rev. Peter A. Shaba, SMA			
Sunday, September 10	Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD			

WHY WE ASK FOR PRAYERS: We know God hears all our prayers. Many of us have known the power of His answers. As a faith community, we are called to pray for each other, which is why we publish a list of people in need of healing in the bulletin. Please call our parish office (207) 847-6890 to include yourself on the list. If you want to add someone else, please ask permission from that person first.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Andrew Bailey, Erin Donlon, Hoa Tien Nguyen, Vin Nguyen, Than Duc Pham, Matthew Valles, Ezekiel Banla, Yongyee Evans Bongwunyuy, Lam Thanh Vo, Joseph Beale, Nick Hershbine.

PLEASE KEEP IN HEALING PRAYER: Marianne McNally-Purda, Gretchen Sayward, Dennis Chick, Edward Hartnett, Joe Becker, Liz Chandler, Kalee Gwarjanski, Peter Allen Longley, Marie McCann, Bill Stanbro, Dolores Hartnett, Keith Stackpole, Charlie Pinette, Ann Marie Branigan, Ryan Holden, Jeannine Gaillard, Denise Tibbetts, Bob Pigeon, Nancy Crouch.

LET US KEEP THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS: Brother Gary Potvin; Brother Chip Metevier; Father Ray Picard; Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey; Anne Theriault, sister-in-law of Brother George Spino; Brother Mark Bastey; Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford; Brother Gerald Bose; Brother Joe Mathew and wife Doris; Brother Charles Thurston; Luke Roy, son of Brother Mark Roy; Art Crowley, brother of Brother Mike Crowley; Brother Manen Clements and wife Pat; David Shaw, brother of Brother Richard Shaw; Brother James King; Cindy Carrier, wife of Brother Steve Carrier; Yvonne, wife of Brother Chuck Devine; Holly Spino, sister-in-law of Brother George Spino; Brother Peter LaRochelle; Natalie Bonnell, widow of Brother John Bonnell; Samuel Winkeler, son of Brother Tim Winkeler; Brother Peter Roger.

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Sharing God's Word ~ Through Faith Formation and Pastoral Life

FALL FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF

FIRE (GRADE K-5)

Sunday, September 10, 8:30 am-12:30 pm at Holy Martyrs

RCIA (ADULTS)

Monday, September 11, 6:30-8:00 pm at Holy Martyrs

GOD, LOVE, MARRIAGE (GRADES 6-12)

Monday-Thursday, September 11-14, 6:30-7:15 pm Middle School at Holy Martyrs 7:30 -8:15 pm High School at Holy Martyrs

CATHOLICISM 101 (ADULTS AND TEENS)

Friday, September 15, 6:45 pm at St. Jude Saturday, September 16, 5:15-6:00 pm at St. Gregory Tuesday, September 19, 9-9:45 am at Sacred Heart and 7-7:45 pm at Holy Martyrs

FLAME (GRADES 1 - 2 IN SACRAMENTAL PREP)

Sunday, September 17, 9:30-10:45 am at Sacred Heart Tuesday, September 19, 4-5:15 pm at Sacred Heart

ORATORY (GRADES 6-12)

Sunday, September 24, 5-7 pm at Sacred Heart

CATHOLICISM 101

Do you know what Catholics believe? Do you know why? Did you know at one point in time and need a refresher? Joe Moreshead will be offering a series of classes covering the basics of the faith from start to finish over the course of a year. The first session on faith goes from September 15 – November 18. Topics and class schedule listed below.

Fridays, 6-6:45 pm at St. Jude Saturdays, 5:15-6 pm at St. Gregory Tuesdays, 9-9:45 am at Sacred Heart Tuesdays, 7-7:45 pm at Holy Martyrs (livestreamed)

TOPICS				
Who is God?	September 15, 16, 19			
Why did God make you?	September 22, 23, 26			
What is sin?	September 29, 30, October 3			
Who is Jesus Christ?	October 6, 7, 10			
Why did Christ die?	October 13, 14, 17			
What is the Church and what is her mission?	October 20, 21, 24			
What happens after you die?	October 31, November 3, 4,			
How do you pray and does it work?	November 6, 10, 11			
What are all these devotions Catholics have? Where do they come from?	November 14, 17, 18			

GOD, LOVE, AND MARRIAGE: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START DATING:

This is a basic course on relationships and ethics for teenagers from a Catholic perspective. It will be held September 11 - 14 at Holy Martyrs. The schedule will be as follows: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm, middle school; 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm, high school. To register, please see: https://pothe.org/middlehighschool Register now! For more information, contact Joe at pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: September 27 through November 5,

you are invited to participate in 40 Days for Life – 40 days of



prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. Volunteers are invited to stand and peacefully pray with us during our daily vigil from 9am -1pm Monday through Saturday outside Planned Parenthood, 443 Congress Street in Portland. Please pray, fast, and help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information or to sign up for hourly timeslots, please contact 40daysportland@gmail.com, (207) 613-5910, or visit our webpage: www.40daysforlife.com/portlandme

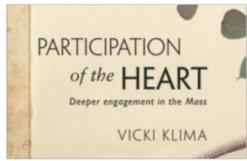
FRIENDSHIP HOUSE MEAL: Please consider donating



a meal, side dish, pantry item, or toiletries to the Friendship House. We will be bringing a meal to the men on Wednesday, September 6. You may drop off items Tuesday from 9 am - 4 pm, or on Wednesday from 9 am - 3 pm.

Refrigeration is available! For more information about Friendship House, contact Deborah at dpnicklas@gmail.com

WHAT ONLY <u>YOU</u> CAN DO AT MASS—AN EVENING FOR MAINE CATHOLICS: On Friday, September 8 from 7-



8:30 pm, St. Charles Church in Brunswick will host an evening for Maine Catholics to deepen their understanding of the Mass and the vital role each person fills in this community act of worship. Vicki Klima,

a highly regarded liturgist and educator, will highlight where Jesus Christ is present in the Mass and help us explore ways of being intentional about our participation in liturgy that also teaches us how to act in the world to carry out the mission of the Church. There is no charge for this event. Preregistration appreciated: www.portlanddiocese.org/event/what-only-you-can-do-mass.

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Parochial Vicar. Fr. Paul Marquis



Senior Deacon: Dennis Popadak

OUR FAITH FORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



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Coordinator of Sacraments: Kim Lovett



Coordinator of Family Life: Kalee Gwarjanski



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Our Mission

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.

Our Churches

Holy Martyrs: 266 Foreside Road, Falmouth **Sacred Heart:** 326 Main Street, Yarmouth

St. Gregory the Great: 24 N. Raymond Road, Gray

St. Jude: 134 Main Street, Freeport

Our Parish Office

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Parish of the Holy Eucharist

266 Foreside Road Falmouth, ME 04105 **Phone:** (207) 847-6890

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Our Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery

75 Smith Street, Yarmouth Contact Michele at (207) 773-5796

Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Monday:

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Holy Martyrs (except holidays)

Friday:

8:30 am - 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm St. Jude

Saturday:

8:45 am - 9:45 am Sacred Heart

Our Confession Schedule Saturday:

8:00 am Holy Martyrs, 1st Saturday of the month 8:45-9:45 am Sacred Heart

2:30-3:30 pm Sacred Heart, St. Gregory the Great, and Holy Martyrs

Or by appointment

Our Mass Schedule				
Sunday Masses	Daily Masses			
Saturday (Anticipatory):	Monday:			
4:00 pm Holy Martyrs	7:30 am Holy Martyrs			
4:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	8:00 am Sacred Heart			
4:00 pm Sacred Heart	12:15 pm Saint Jude			
Sunday:	Tuesday:			
8:00 am Sacred Heart	7:30 am Holy Martyrs			
8:30 am Holy Martyrs	Wednesday:			
8:30 am St. Gregory the Great	7:30 am Holy Martyrs			
9:30 am St. Jude	Thursday:			
10:30 am Holy Martyrs	8:00 am Sacred Heart			
11:00 am Sacred Heart	Friday:			
5:30 pm Holy Martyrs (quiet Mass)	7:30 am Holy Martyrs			
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:	8:00 am St. Gregory the Great			
	Saturday:			
Items are due 10 days prior to publication. Submit to	8:15 am Sacred Heart			
pothe@portlanddiocese.org.	9:00 am Holy Martyrs 1 st Sat. of the month			

Sacramental and Pastoral Care

Becoming Catholic: Please contact

pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office with the name, condition, address, and phone number of the person who is in need.

Communion to the Homebound: Please email Kim Lovett,

 $\underline{kim.lovett@portlanddiocese.org}.$

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants: Please contact our parish office as soon as your child is born.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the desired date of your wedding.

Making Funeral Arrangements: Please contact the funeral home, and they will assist you in making arrangements for the church.