Sunday,

December 10,

2023

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PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."" -Mk 1:3



SUCCESSFUL SPARKLE PARADE Over 40 people came out to support POTHE in the Sparkle Parade in Freeport on December 1!

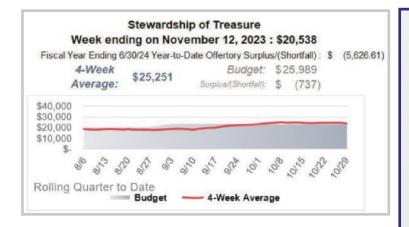


Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday / Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday						
Saturday / Sunday		Monday Tuesday				
That Man is You! 7:00 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart Christmas Pageant Practice 10:00 am St. Gregory the Great EMHC to the Homebound Training 10:30 am St. Jude 5:00 pm Holy Martyrs	Joan Walsh Funeral 11:00 am Holy Martyrs 10 2nd Sunday of Advent Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am St. Jude FLAME 9:30 am Sacred Heart The Oratory 5:00 pm Sacred Heart Calix 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs	11 AA Meeting 10:30 am St. Gregory the Great Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 - 8:00 pm Holy Martyrs Youth Schola 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Cub Scout Meeting 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Boy Scout Meeting 6:30 pm Sacred Heart RCIA 6:30 pm	Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am Holy Martyrs Friends in Faith 10:30 am Holy Martyrs Prayer Shawl Group 2:00 pm Sacred Heart FLAME 5:15 pm Sacred Heart Rehearsal: Lessons & Carols 7:00 pm Sacred Heart	13 Opus Dei Recollection Morning for women 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Evening for men 5:00 to 9:00 pm Holy Martyrs Choir Rehearsal 4:45 - 6:00 pm Sacred Heart 7:00 pm St. Gregory the Great The Troops of St. George 6:00 pm St. Gregory the Great Together with Alzheimer's 7:00 pm		
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday		Sunday		
14 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Holy Martyrs Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs Boy Scout Leadership Meeting 6:30 pm Sacred Heart AA Meeting 7:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great 3:00 - 6:00 pm St. Jude Caring Community Drop-off 9:00 am - 9:00 pm St. Gregory the Great Making Music, Praying Twice 10:30 am Holy Martyrs Lessons & Carols 7:00 pm Sacred Heart AA Meeting 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Mass Intentio	That Man is You! 7:00 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart Caring Community Pick-up 9:00 am - 1:00 pm St. Gregory the Great Christmas Pageant Practice 10:00 am St. Gregory the Great	EMHC to the Homebound Training 5:00 pm Sacred Heart 17 3rd Sunday of Advent Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am St. Jude FLAME 9:30 am Sacred Heart Christmas Pageant & Reception 10:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	Jenaya Hodie Foukiahou & Addison Beta Drummond Baptism 12:00 pm Sacred Heart EMHC to the Homebound Training 4:30 pm Holy Martyrs Calix 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs		

Saturday, December 9		wednesday, December 13				
8:15 am		Fr. M [†] Ann, Pasquale & Joseph Napolitano by John Napolitano	7:30 am	НМ	Fr. C	†Josephine Zlakowski by Karen & Ken Rusinek
4:00 pm HM Fr. C * All POTHE Parishioners		Thursday, December 14				
			8:00 am			† Pat Becker by the Chapman family
4:00 pm		Fr. K	Friday, December 15			
4:00 pm SH Fr. M Nathan Stewart by Mary Ellen Clayman			_			†James Humphrey by Judith & John
Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent			8:00 am	SGTG	Fr. K	Goodrich
8:00 am	SH	Fr. M * Marriage of Nicholas Shillington & Kelly Gorham	8:00 am			*Sandra Twombly by her loving family
8:30 am			Saturday, December 16			
0.30 alli		Fr. C Kathy Albert by her family	8:15 am	SH	Er M	†Richard Farr by Mary Hart & Richard Regan
8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. K † Christine Johnson by Fran & Maggie Holnaider	0.15 a111	311	11.101	Regan
			4:00 pm	НМ	Fr. M	*George W. Canty by Patricia LaClair
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. M**Living & deceased members of Desiree Douglas Clady's family	4:00 pm	SGTG		† Elena Riechman by Steve & Emilia Lawson
3.50 am	33		4:00 pm	SH		† Deceased family of Peter & Cindy McCabe
10:30 am	НМ	Fr. C † Agnes Leskanic by Kara Salvadore				Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 am	SH	Fr. K † Dottie Stackpole by Cathy Ferretti	8:00 am	SH		Sam LaCroix by his grandparents & family
F 20		- Camelle & Rosaire Rossignol by their				† Philip & Adeline Hatch by the Hatch
5:30 pm	НМ	Fr. C † Camelle & Rosaire Rossignol by their daughter Nicole Clavette	8:30 am	НМ	Fr. M	†Philip & Adeline Hatch by the Hatch family
Monday, December 11		8:30 am			*Burchard Dunn by his family	
7:30 am	НМ	Fr. K † Lesley Anderson by Cathy Mullaney	9:30 am	SJ		† Victor Alain Fraser by Evelyn M. Fraser
8:00 am	SH	Fr. M † Michael Kostin by the Kostin family	10:30 am	HM		†Robert & Marcia Hayes by Stephen Hayes
12:15 pm		Fr. C * Kelli Ann Ross by Ann Belesca	11:00 am	SH		*All POTHE Parishioners
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Tuesday, December 12			5:30 pm HM Fr. M † Jeanne Pernice by Chris & Jeanne Madden			
7:30 am	HM	Fr. C † Bruce Peaslee by Michael & Diane Dunphy	NH—Nursi	ng Hom	e VP-	—Visiting Priest ★Special Intention †Deceased

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER 9/10—RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND: The fund benefits over 30,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for small stipends that did not include retirement benefits. Today, hundreds of religious communities lack sufficient retirement savings. Communities utilize these funds to bolster retirement savings and subsidize expenses, such as prescription medications and nursing care; promote collaborative care facilities; cultivate strategic partnerships with providers of healthcare; and generate numerous cost-saving measures.

HAITI DOOR COLLECTION DECEMBER 16/17: Please continue to support our sister parish in Haiti with your prayers and generous financial support.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 12 FUNDRAISER: Are you looking

for a practical gift or stocking stuffer for Christmas? Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Boy Scouts from Troop 12 will be selling VIP Coupon Books after Mass. The books include 3 free oil changes, 1 tire rotation, a free State Inspection and more! Total savings add up to \$300! Coupon



Books cost just \$30 each and are good to use starting January 2, 2024.

EUCHARISTIC GUARDIANS: We are fortunate to be able



to offer hours of Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Martyrs and we would like to continue offering this opportunity to our parishioners. We need your help! We need at least two Guardians per hour to commit to keeping watch with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Can you keep watch one hour a week at Holy Martyrs? Eucharistic Adoration is available from 12 pm – 8 pm each Monday except holidays. FMI: Tracy, tracywinkeler@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES: Our Christmas Giving Trees have returned!

HOLY MARTYRS—Long Creek Youth Development Center has been the beneficiary of the Holy Martyrs Giving Tree for numerous years. While the resident population of Long Creek has decreased significantly, they continue to support numerous youth. This year we again include support to refugees in the care of Catholic Charities. Envelopes will be found on the Giving Tree requesting gift cards. Please mark your card with the amount and put your donation in the envelope and return in the collection or to the office by December 16. Be sure the amount of the card is written on the card. The refugees and youth will be most thankful! FMI: Carol (207) 781-4852, Fredriks@maine.rr.com

We will be collecting food for a blessed Christmas dinner and to provide pantry supplies for the cold winter

months. We will be collecting food at Holy Martyrs through December and delivering December 20. FMI: Danielle, dtracy1@maine.rr.com.

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ST. JUDE—will be participating with the Holiday Helpline at Freeport Community Services. The Giving Tree with Christmas gift tags will be up by Sunday, December 3. Gifts should be returned by Sunday,

December 17. Donations of cash and gift cards are also welcomed. As always, we appreciate the generosity of our parishioners. FMI: Chris at (207) 712-8127

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT—In collaboration with Caring Community, the Giving Tree will be up starting December 2. Tags request gifts/gift cards for families in need in the Gray and New Gloucester areas. All gifts/gift cards must be returned to church by Sunday, December 17. FMI: Sherry (207) 847-6890.

SACRED HEART—The Giving Tree will be up the weekend of December 2/3 with tags for: Immigrant/asylumseeking families, retired sisters, and retired veterans at Togus Hospital. The Knights will be helping to support the wall calendar gifts for the veterans. The last day to bring gifts will be Sunday, December 17. Please include the tag with the **wrapped** gift to Sacred Heart. Donations of cash or gift cards are always welcomed. FMI: Cathy, catherine.maria.martin@gmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE: Thank you! We had a very good response to our recent request for donations for the Friendship House. Several people brought ample main dishes: chicken cacciatore, tacos and fixings for a group, and a big ham with rolls and mustard. Other contributions for the men were a frozen lasagna, cereal, bologna, and farmers' market squash, apples, lettuce, tomatoes, and green peppers. Just as welcome were the men's toiletries and paper products. They were extremely grateful!

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TRAINING FOR COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Parishioners unable to attend Mass frequently ask that Holy Communion be brought to them. The parish relies on generous volunteers to make these visits. Veterans and new volunteers are asked to attend a training on bringing Communion to the homebound this December. Please contact pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org to RSVP for one of the followings dates:

Saturday, December 16, 5-6 pm, Sacred Heart Sunday, December 17, 4:30-5:30 pm, Holy Martyrs

RECOLLECTION WITH OPUS DEI: Opus Dei is a personal



Prelature of the Catholic Church, which endeavors to help people find God in their everyday lives. Groups are separated by men and women with each group meeting on the

fourth Wednesday of each month. The groups will meet this Wednesday, December 13 at Holy Martyrs. For more information, go to opusdei.org. Opus Dei is part of the Catholic Church. The name is Latin for "Work of God." Opus Dei's mission is to spread the Christian message that every person is called to holiness and that every honest work can be sanctified.

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: The morning schedule runs from 10 am to 12:30 pm and includes a meditation by a priest, a talk given by a lay member on topics relating to the Christian life, and time for silent prayer. There will also be an opportunity for Confession/Spiritual Direction beginning at 9:30 am. Holy Mass begins at 11:30 am. Babysitting is available.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN: The evening schedule runs from 6 to 7:45 pm and includes opportunities for Confession, a talk by a layman on Christian virtue, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation guided by a priest of Opus Dei, time for silent prayer, Adoration, and Benediction. Confession is available from 5:15-6:00 pm. Snacks and refreshments will follow in the hall.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP: The POTHE Prayer Shawl

Knitters have been busy knitting and crocheting. Why a prayer shawl? They are used to bring comfort to those undergoing medical procedures, comfort after a loss, birthing, illness and recovery, and other situations of stress or discomfort. Many prayers and blessings are prayed into every stitch. There is no cost to giving or receiving a prayer shawl. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, FMI: Bonnie (207) 8460-0817, celtic20@icloud.com. We deliver!

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENT SHARES HER EXPERIENCE: I will cherish having these prayers shawls to connect with my mother-in-law in these final days. Bless you for this gift of love. I don't always get a chance to read through the entire POTHE bulletin, but I did today and the prayer shawls just jumped out to me. Those shawls are a blessing made by loving hands. ~Meghan

PRAYER CORNER				
APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS				
Saturday, December 9	Rev. David M. Affleck Rev. Bernard J. Welch			
Sunday, December 10	Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD			
Monday, December 11	Rev. Michael Adegote Rev. Thanh Van Nguyen			
Tuesday, December 12	Rev. Brian J. Conley, SJ Rev. Robert Tumwekwase, AJ			
Wednesday, December 13	Rev. Augustin Sebasthiyan, HGN Rev. Anthony F. Kuzia, CM			
Thursday, December 14	Rev. Theodore Letendre, FIC Rev. Prabu N. Magimaidass, HGN, A.N.			
Friday, December 15	V. Rev. Paul H. Dumais Rev. D. Joseph Manship			
Saturday, December 16	Rev. Reginald R. Brissette Rev. Bruce M. Siket			
Sunday, December 17	† Bishop Emeritus Joseph J. Gerry, OSB			

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.

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 Rogers.

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FROM OUR FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

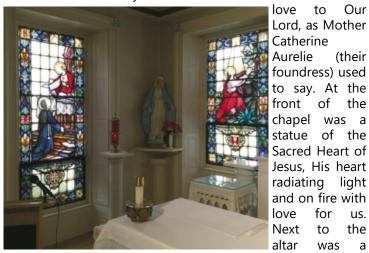
REFLECTIONS ON THE MONASTERY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (PART 2)

A church is the house of God. Its furnishings are meant first to honor Him, and second raise the minds and hearts of those who enter that church towards the King who dwells there. The monastery communicated both of those things in ways I had never seen before.

When you entered the monastery, the first thing you saw was the turntable. The turntable and the grille were the two visible reminders of the cloistered life that the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood led. When attending Mass, the Sisters were present, but they attended Mass from their chapel, looking through a barred window such that the congregation could not see them. When you went to pick up a Mass card from the monastery, you put your money on the turntable and turned it. The Sister would then place the card on the table and turn it back. You never interacted face to face. These were visible reminders that God comes first. The Sisters had chosen to make Him their absolute priority and in doing so, to leave behind everything and everyone but Him.

With that reminder, you entered the chapel. The altar was always beautifully furnished. The tabernacle was always beautifully veiled and (if I'm not mistaken) the veils were handmade by the Sisters. Votive candles were kept burning for Him on the reredos. Outside of Mass, there was a frontal draped along the altar that said, "Glory to the Blood of Jesus!" And of course, the statue of the Infant of Prague (Christ the child King) was always dressed in regal finery with colors corresponding to the season. Our Lord was honored in that chapel.

The artwork around you was a reminder to return love for



Aurelie (their foundress) used to say. At the front of the chapel was a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, His heart radiating light and on fire with love for Next to the

to

window showing the agony of Our Lord in the Garden, and at the back of the chapel was a large crucifix in which Our Lord was shown still alive, and in great pain. It was a reminder that on the Cross Our Lord sacrificed everything for love of us. It was a love that burned so fiercely that it consumed Him. Contemplate all He suffered for our sins and you'll find that it' true. In the face of such love, what should

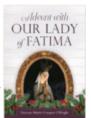
be our response? We should return love for love, and love and honor Him since He has so loved and suffered for us.

This brings me to the windows. It is notable that three of the saints depicted in those stained glass windows bore the stigmata: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. When we see that Our Lord gave all for love of us, how can we not want to give all for love of Him, even to the point of suffering, even when it costs us? The whole chapel pointed to the love Our Lord bore for us on the Cross and cried out, "Glory to the Blood of Jesus!"

-Joe Moreshead



PARISHWIDE READ: This year, parishwide Advent reading selection is titled, Our Lady of Fatima by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Books can be found at all of our churches. Pick one up for your household to read during this season of Advent.



LESSONS AND CAROLS: Join us for an uplifting Festival



of Nine Lessons and Carols befitting the Advent season. We listen to nine brief Scripture lessons. which Salvation history. Our Parish choirs and Scholas will lead the singing of a carol or hymn highlighting each lesson's

message. Friday, December 15 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: This year's Christmas pageant will be held at St. Gregory the Great on December 17 at 10 am. Plan to come watch this adorable tradition! Reception to follow. If you would like to join, please email Kathy at kgeorge2@maine.rr.com.

ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR CONFESSION: During the

third week of Advent, POTHE will Parish of the Holy Eucharist additional hours Confession to allow parishioners continue preparing Christmas. Confessions will begin at 6 pm. Check the schedule below for the location each night.



Monday, December 18: St Gregory the Great

Tuesday, December 19: Sacred Heart

Wednesday, December 20: St Jude

Thursday, December Dec 21: Holy Martyrs

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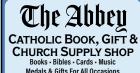
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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Paul Marquis



Senior Deacon: Dennis Popadak

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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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Phone: (207) 847-6890

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Website: pothe.org

Our Cemetery **Holy Cross Cemetery**

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Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule Monday:

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

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 N	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	<i>r</i> :			
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: Items are due 10 days prior to		8:00 am	St. Gregory the Great			
		Saturday:				
	on. Submit to	8:15 am	Sacred Heart			
pothe@portlanddiocese.org.		9:00 am	Holy Martyrs 1 st Sat. of the month			

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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, kim.lovett@portlanddiocese.org.

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

Sacrament of Matrimony: 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.