

Sunday,

December 17,

2023

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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our Christmas
Mass Schedule.



Cancelled Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Martyrs
December 18, 25, &
January 1

St. Jude
December 29

Cancelled Sunday Masses

December 24
Holy Martyrs
10:30 am and 5:30 pm
Sacred Heart
11:00 am



FATIMA MOVIE NIGHT!

See p. 4 for details.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'
as Isaiah the prophet said." - JN 1:23

OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI

We received a note and pictures!
More details inside.



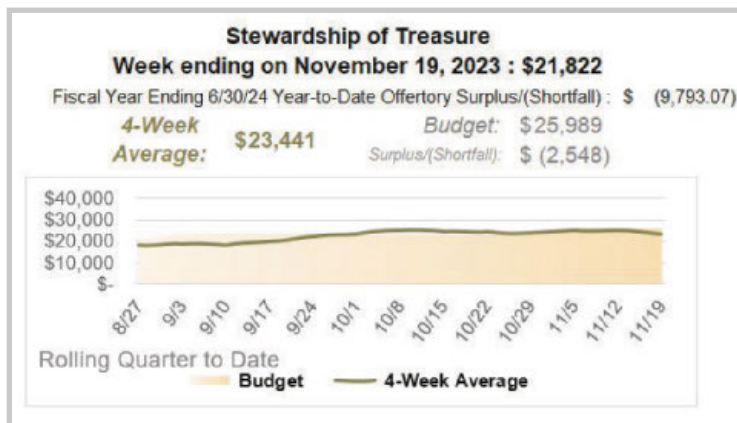
Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

| Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| 16 That Man is You! 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Caring Community Pick-up 9:00 am - 1:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Christmas Pageant Practice 10:00 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> EMHC to the Homebound Training 5:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 17 3rd Sunday of Advent Sanctuary Candle lit at Sacred Heart for Tammi Lyn December 17-23 Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> FLAME 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Christmas Pageant & Reception 10:00 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Jenaya Hodie Foukiahou & Addison Beta Drummond Baptism 12:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> EMHC to the Homebound Training 4:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> | 18 AA Meeting 10:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> CANCELLED - Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 - 8:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Youth Schola 4:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Cub Scout Meeting 5:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is On - Reconciliation 6:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Boy Scout Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> RCIA 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> | 19 Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Catholic Homeschoolers 10:00 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Friends in Faith 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> FLAME 5:15 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is On - Reconciliation 6:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> | 20 Christmas Food Basket Assembly 8:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 4:45 - 6:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> The Light is On - Reconciliation 6:00 pm <i>St. Jude</i> |
| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | |
| 21 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> CANCELLED - Senior Luncheon 12:00 - 2:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is On - Reconciliation 6:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> | 22 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 3:00 - 6:00 pm <i>St. Jude</i> AA Meeting 7:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> | 23 CANCELLED - That Man is You! 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Dianne Rodrigue Funeral 10:00 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> | 24 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> CANCELLED - Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> | |

Mass Intentions for December 16 - December 24

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| Saturday, December 16 8:15 am SH Fr. M † Richard Farr by Mary Hart & Richard Regan 4:00 pm HM Fr. M † George W. Cauty by Patricia LaClair 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. C † Elena Reichman by Steve & Emilia Lawson 4:00 pm SH Fr. K † Deceased family of Peter & Cindy McCabe Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am SH Fr. K † Sam LaCroix by his grandparents & family 8:30 am HM Fr. M † Philip & Adeline Hatch by the Hatch family 8:30 am SGTG Fr. C † Burchard Dunn by his family 9:30 am SJ Fr. K † Victor Alain Fraser by Evelyn M. Fraser 10:30 am HM Fr. M † Robert & Marcia Hayes by Stephen Hayes 11:00 am SH Fr. C * All POTHE Parishioners 5:30 pm HM Fr. M † Jeanne Pernice by Chris & Jeanne Madden Monday, December 18 7:30 am HM Fr. K † Frances DiPhilippo by Jane Mancini 8:00 am SH Fr. M * Special Intention for Joanna by her grandparents 12:15 pm SJ Fr. C † Lenore O'Leary by Judith & John Goodrich Tuesday, December 19 7:30 am HM Fr. C † Jean Luc Fecteau by Michael Esty 10:00 am NH Fr. M † Souls in Purgatory Mass at Heron House Nursing Home by a parishioner Wednesday, December 20 7:30 am HM Fr. C † Agnes Leskanic by Lisa Agren Thursday, December 21 8:00 am SH Fr. K † Robert & Cynthia Hoehl by the Kostin family | Friday, December 22 8:00 am SGTG Fr. K † Edward Ludwin by his daughter, Deborah 8:00 am SH Fr. C † Paul Hayward by the Bearse family Saturday, December 23 8:15 am SH Fr. M † Carol Leahy by Francis Leahy & Nancy Leahy Martin 4:00 pm HM Fr. M † Elizabeth Bachelder by Kathy Coster 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. C † David Maurice by Anne Maurice 4:00 pm SH Fr. K † Michael & David Ferretti by Cathy Ferretti Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve 8:00 am SH Fr. K † Richard Farr by Mary Hart & Richard Regan 8:30 am HM Fr. M † John Salvo by Anthony & Mary Salvo 8:30 am SGTG Fr. C † Charlotte Rowe by Maggie & Fran † Holnaider 9:30 am SJ Fr. K * All POTHE Parishioners 4:00 pm HM Fr. C † Betty Wakem & Thomas O'Connor by the family 4:00 pm SH Fr. K * † Living & deceased members of Desiree Douglas Clady's family 4:00 pm SJ Fr. M † Betty Goodwin by Gretchen Sayward 6:30 pm HM Fr. K † John W. Hogan Jr. by Vince Furey 6:30 pm SGTG Fr. C † Ernie Austin 3rd anniversary of death by Sue, Brett, Braden, Blessing & Breanne & family 6:30 pm SH Fr. M † Cousens family by a parishioner NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest * Special Intention † Deceased |
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SECOND COLLECTIONS

HAITI DOOR COLLECTION DECEMBER 16/17: Please



continue to support our sister parish in Haiti with your prayers and generous financial support.

Because of your continued generous support we were able to provide for two parishes in the southern portion of Haiti. The pastor of Sacre Coure de Meyer, Fr Bertrand Deauville, sends his gratitude and lists the ways the

funds are used: We pay school fees for 75 students at the rate of three by fraternity. In December, we prepare food kits for the elderly and the sick. We pay the women who are responsible for cleaning and maintenance of the parish church, pictured in the photo. We also support the parish in Marbial, located in a remote rural location. Fr. Joseph uses the funds as needed, but particularly in support of the secondary school run by the parish.

Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. FMI about becoming involved, POTHE Office, (207) 847-6890.



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.



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.



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. Return **wrapped** gifts and gift cards with their tags 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/asylum-seeking 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.

ADVENT FAIR—THANK YOU: A heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who contributed their time, talents, and labor to make the 2023 advent fair successful. How wonderful to see the socializing among our parish families at the various tables, whether purchasing that special something or enjoying haddock chowder, pie, and coffee. A special Thank You to our dedicated Knights of Columbus, our publicity guru, Ted Walsh, and the super capable café crew, the Fogg and Storey families.

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Pastoral Life and Ministry



Sanctuary Candle Lit
SACRED HEART
December 17-23
for
Tammi Lyn

FATIMA MOVIE NIGHT: Join us at Sacred Heart on 5 pm Saturday, December 30 to watch a movie on Our Lady of Fatima, focused on the apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917. This event will be the perfect way to tie up our Advent study with Our Lady of Fatima. Come with your family! Pizza and popcorn will be provided.

EUCCHARISTIC 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. **Cancellations:** No Adoration at Holy Martyrs on December 18, 25, and January 1.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR DECEMBER 24: Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, Mass will be offered on Sunday, December 24 in the morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent. That same evening, Mass will be offered for the Nativity of Our Lord. In order to prepare our churches for Christmas Masses, the later morning Masses are cancelled. See below for details.

CANCELLED, DECEMBER 24

- Holy Martyrs: 10:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses
- Sacred Heart: 11:00 am Mass

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Mass at 4 pm:

Holy Martyrs, St. Jude
and Sacred Heart

Mass at 6:30 pm:

Holy Martyrs,
Sacred Heart and
St. Gregory the Great

Mass at Midnight

Sacred Heart

Christmas Day Masses

Holy Martyrs & St. Gregory ~ 8:30 am
St. Jude ~ 9:30 am
Sacred Heart ~ 11 am



PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Saturday, December 16 | Rev. Reginald R. Brissette Rev. Bruce M. Siket |
| Sunday, December 17 | † Bishop Emeritus Joseph J. Gerry, OSB |
| Monday, December 18 | Rev. Albert Roux Msgr. Paul F. Stefanko |
| Tuesday, December 19 | Rev. Alexander Boucher Priests Unassigned |
| Wednesday, December 20 | Rev. John R d'Anjou, SJ Rev. Patrick J. Finn |
| Thursday, December 21 | Rev. Michael E. Seigny, OFM Cap Rev. Anthanasius S. Wirsy |
| Friday, December 22 | V. Rev. Wilfred P. Labbe Rev. Albin A. Andrus |
| Saturday, December 23 | Rev. Divine Fossoh Msgr. Rene Mathieu |
| Sunday, December 24 | Rev. Sylvio J. Levesque Rev. Paul M. Sullivan |

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 Rogers.

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

FROM OUR FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, BRONX, NEW YORK

During my college visit to Fordham, my family did some poking around the neighborhood across the street. Historically, this was the Italian section of the Bronx. We happened to be visiting on a Sunday and I could hear church bells ringing down the street. In the middle of the neighborhood was a beautiful Catholic church named Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The main Mass (the one in Italian) was just letting out. I stopped in. The church had been full. The people streaming out were carrying on conversations in fluent Italian. People were praying after Mass. There were



several nuns (not a common sight in Maine.) And people were kneeling at the altar rail lighting votive candles. Immediately I felt at home. When I started attending Fordham, this was the church where I went to Mass most often.

The traditions at Our Lady of Mount Carmel were strong. The kind of piety you saw expressed there had deep roots. In many ways, it felt like getting in a time machine and going back to the days where whole neighborhoods were Catholic and everyone's faith had an ethnic flavor to it. What struck me most was the devotional life of that parish. The church was open all day, and you would see people stopping in to make visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. People would also come to light votive candles in front of the numerous statues that filled the side altars of the church.

To many people it would seem (and did seem) over the top, but in some ways that was precisely the point. The parishioners had a great love of Our Lord and His saints, and wanted to show it. The many different statues were a way to do that. They could see the saint of miracles, St. Anthony, who so frequently interceded for them. They could see in vivid details Our Lord's Sacred Heart blazing with love. They could see Our Lady pouring out rays of grace on us poor sinners. In gazing on these representations of the God and

the saints whom they so loved, they visibly, tangibly returned that love by kissing their feet, kneeling before them, and lighting candles to remind them of their prayers.

That kind of devotion used to be more common. I'm afraid as we've forgotten our roots, many of these treasures have been left behind. One way to recover this spirit is by learning about the patron saints of our churches: the Holy Martyrs of North America, St. Margaret Mary Alacque and the Sacred Heart, St. Jude Thaddeus, and St. Gregory the Great. Let's call on them and take pride in the fact that they are our patrons. So much of what made the hearts of the Italians at Our Lady of Mount Carmel swell was that they could claim St. Anthony as their own. For my Irish family, it was that St. Patrick was theirs. Let it be the same with us and the patrons of our churches.

—Joe Moreshead

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

ADVENT

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 offer additional hours for Confession to allow parishioners to continue preparing for 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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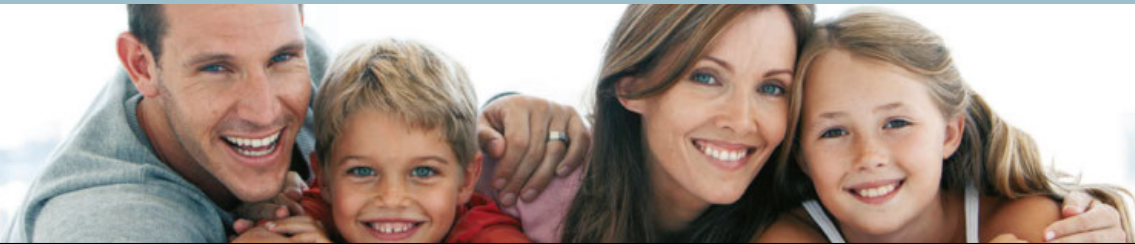
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Our Churches

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Sacred Heart: 326 Main Street, Yarmouth

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

St. Jude: 134 Main Street, Freeport

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Our Cemetery

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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

Saturday (Anticipatory):

4:00 pm Holy Martyrs

4:00 pm St. Gregory the Great

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

Sunday:

8:00 am Sacred Heart

8:30 am Holy Martyrs

8:30 am St. Gregory the Great

9:30 am St. Jude

10:30 am Holy Martyrs

11:00 am Sacred Heart

5:30 pm Holy Martyrs (quiet Mass)

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Items are due 10 days prior to
publication. Submit to
pothe@portlanddiocese.org.

Daily Masses

Monday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

8:00 am Sacred Heart

12:15 pm Saint 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 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,
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.