

Sunday,

December 24,

2023

# PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

POHE

Holy Martyrs | St. Jude | St. Gregory the Great | Sacred Heart

**Christmas Mass  
Schedule inside!**



**Mary, Mother of  
God, January 1**

Typically, a holy day  
of obligation, but not  
in 2024.

See p. 4 for an  
explanation.



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT


"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." - Lk 1:38

**CATHOLIC WOMENS  
CONFERENCE**

Details and registration  
information on p. 5.



# Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

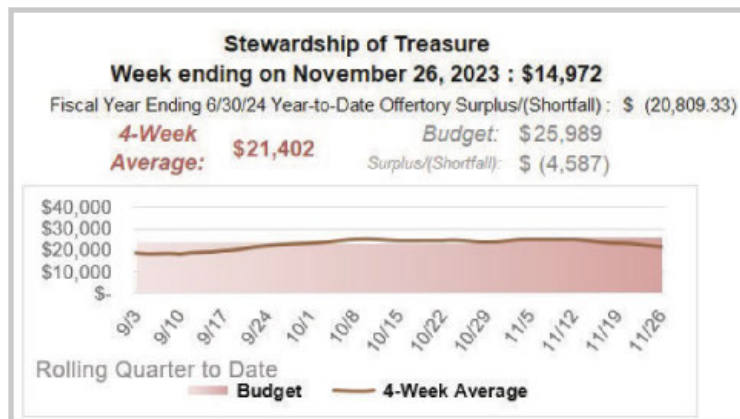
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>23</b> <b>CANCELLED - That Man is You!</b> 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> <b>Dianne Rodrigue Funeral Mass</b> 10:00 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> <b>CANCELLED - Calix</b> 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>All Activities Cancelled</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Centering Prayer Group</b> 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> <b>CANCELLED - Friends in Faith</b> 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> <b>CANCELLED - ACTS Small Group Faith Sharing</b> 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 4:45 - 6:00 pm <b>CANCELLED - Sacred Heart</b> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> <b>Together with Alzheimer's</b> 7:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<b>28</b> <b>Meals on Wheels</b> 8:00 am - 12:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> <b>CANCELLED—Choir Rehearsal</b> 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 3:00 - 6:00 pm <b>CANCELLED - St. Jude</b> <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	<b>30</b> <b>CANCELLED - That Man is You!</b> 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i>	<b>31</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> <b>Kiera Grace Petropoulos Baptism</b> 11:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	<b>Eugene Bear Norton &amp; Addison Beta Drummond Baptisms</b> 12:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> <b>CANCELLED - Calix</b> 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>

## Mass Intentions for December 23 - December 31

<b>Saturday, December 23</b> 8:15 am SH Fr. M †Carol Leahy by Francis Leahy & Nancy Leahy Martin 4:00 pm HM Fr. K †Elizabeth Bachelder by Kathy Coster 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. M †David Maurice by Anne Maurice 4:00 pm SH Fr. C †Michael & David Ferretti by Cathy Ferretti <b>Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve</b> 8:00 am SH Fr. C †Richard Farr by Mary Hart & Richard Regan 8:30 am HM Fr. K †John Salvo by Anthony & Mary Salvo 8:30 am SGTG Fr. M †Charlotte Rowe by Maggie & Fran Holnaider 9:30 am SJ Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners 10:30 am HM CANCELLED 11:00 am SH CANCELLED 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 5:30 pm HM CANCELLED 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 <b>Monday, December 25 Christmas Day</b> 12:00 am SH Fr. C *Special Intention by Judith Pollock 8:30 am HM Fr. K †Olga A. Griffin by Gerald Griffin 8:30 AM SG Fr. M *Peace in our world by a parishioner 9:30 AM SJ Fr. C †D.Giampetruzzi family 11:00 AM SH Fr. M †All the Souls in Purgatory	<b>Tuesday, December 26</b> 7:30 am HM Fr. C †Bruce Peaslee by the Bouchard family <b>Wednesday, December 27</b> 7:30 am HM Fr. K *Gerald & Faye Johnson by the O'Searcoid family <b>Thursday, December 28</b> 8:00 am SH Fr. K †Jack Fecteau Sr. by Rosemary Fecteau <b>Friday, December 29</b> 7:30 am HM Fr. K †Joseph & Helene Willimann by Chris Shaw 8:00 am SGTG Fr. C †Steve Noury by Marcia & Norman d'Entremont <b>Saturday, December 30</b> 8:15 am SH Fr. M †Mary Ripa by the Ogden family 4:00 pm HM Fr. C †Gertrude Chandler by Chris Shaw 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. K †Carl & Mary Ann Lechner by Edward & Marcia Lechner 4:00 pm SH Fr. M *Special Intention for Fran Kimball by Peter & Cindy McCabe <b>Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve</b> 8:00 am SH Fr. M †Tim Flaherty by his wife Terry and family 8:30 am HM Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners 8:30 am SGTG Fr. K †Kathleen O'Wrill by the O'Wrill family 9:30 am SJ Fr. M †Theo Ferrara by Sandra Morini 10:30 am HM Fr. C *Marriage of Matthew Martino & Rachel Allenby by the POTHE Community 11:00 am SH Fr. K †Harold & Rita O'Connell by James & Gail O'Connell 5:30 pm HM Fr. C †Candace Bushnell by Chris Madden NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest *Special Intention †Deceased
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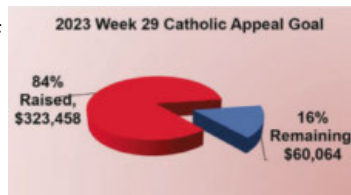
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## SECOND COLLECTIONS

We are finalizing our second collections calendar for 2024. Please check back next week for upcoming second collections.

**2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT:** As of Week 29 of the Catholic Appeal 2023, our parish raised 84% of our goal with \$323,458 donated. To contribute securely online, please visit: <https://portlanddiocese.org/giving/make-gift>.



**FRIENDSHIP HOUSE:** The Friendship House is a temporary home in South Portland for men recovering from substance abuse. The first Wednesday of the month we bring meals and donations to the men. They always express deep gratitude for all of you. If you've been considering participating in this corporal work of mercy, next month's meal will be delivered on Wednesday, January 3. Perhaps you have a favorite homecooked meal you'd like to offer? Any meal or pantry donations are gladly accepted. Items can be dropped off at Holy Martyrs Tuesday from 9 am—4 pm or on Wednesday until 3 pm. Refrigeration is available. Thank you!

**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 three free oil changes, one 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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY:



The feast of the Holy Family takes place on the Sunday following Christmas, December 30 and 31. As with past years, there will be an opportunity during Mass to consecrate your family to the prayers and protection of the Holy Family. Consider committing to making the Holy Family your model in a special way and relying on the prayers of Mary and Joseph as you strive to live that model out.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS • COUNCIL #15791:



Thank you for your continued support of our Council through your participation in the CLYNK recycling program, sponsored by Hannaford stores. Empty CLYNK bags are available at the rear of each church. Please return filled green recycling bags to any Hannaford. Proceeds from this program benefit needy and worthy causes of the Knights of Columbus Council 15791. For more information about the Knights of Columbus in our parish, call Steve, (207) 712-2347. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at Holy Martyrs, beginning with fellowship and fraternity at 6:30 pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting is January 2. FMI, visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING NEEDS:** We are now in need of **warm winter clothing** especially for men but also for women. We are now accepting pants, tops, sweaters, and jackets. As always, we need undergarments, socks, shoes, boots, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, 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. Thank you for your help! FMI, contact Evelyn at (207) 447-1086.



## ST. MONICA CLUB MEETING:



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The next meeting of the St. Monica Club will be held on Thursday, January 4 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Holy Martyrs Church. The St. Monica Club is a prayer group for women who gather each month to pray for the conversion of their families. Meetings will begin in the Holy Martyrs chapel with prayers and reflections and conclude with social time in the hall. Meetings will be every first Thursday of the month. To sign up, visit our website or email us at [pothe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:pothe@portlanddiocese.org).

# Sharing God's Word ~ Through Pastoral Life and Ministry

**ADJUSTED OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 26-28:** The parish office in Falmouth will be open for visitors from 9 am to noon on December 26, 27, and 28.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Please pray for our children in sacramental prep who will making their first confession during the month of January. We have thirty-one children preparing for their sacraments this year.

**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](mailto:tracywinkeler@gmail.com).

**Eucharistic Adoration Cancellations:** No Eucharistic Adoration as follows.

- Holy Martyrs on December 25, and January 1.
- St. Jude on December 29.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD:** This year, January 1, falls on a Monday. As such, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses for the Solemnity will be offered at 7:30 am at Holy Martyrs and 8 am at Sacred Heart. The **parish office** will be closed that day, **Monday, January 1**.



## PRAYER CORNER

### APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	Rev. Divine Fossoh Msgr. Rene Mathieu
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	Rev. Sylvio J. Levesque Rev. Paul M. Sullivan
<b>Monday, December 25</b>	Our Holy Father
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b>	Rev. Joel R. Cyr Rev. Brittoraj Amalogam
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b>	Rev. Eddy J. Morin Rev. Andrew Bisson, OFM
<b>Thursday, December 28</b>	Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ Rev. Philip A. Tracy
<b>Friday, December 29</b>	V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie Rev. Aurelijus Gricius, OFM
<b>Saturday, December 30</b>	Rev. Simon Assogba, SMA Rev. Joseph R. McKenna
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	Rev. Gregory P. Dube Rev. John F. O'Hara

**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.

## 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 (Latin & English)

*Christmas Day Masses*

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





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

## KATE'S CORNER

### THE IMPORTANCE OF NAMES

As some of you may know, I spent three weeks last summer as a missionary in the streets of Boston. It was truly an amazing experience, and taught me a lot about people. One of the first things we learned as new missionaries was the importance of learning and remembering peoples' names. This may seem like a small, unimportant detail in the grand scheme of things, but it turns out that knowing a person's name can have a huge impact.

If you think about it, it makes a lot of sense that having people remember your name would be important to anyone, but especially to the homeless. Most often, we hear our names called when we are needed or wanted by another person. We are recognized and known, at least at some level, and we are wanted by the person calling our name. Some of the friends I made on the streets had not had their names called like that in years, and it was both beautiful and a little sad to see how much it touched them every time we saw them and still remembered their names. In a similar way, many of them took great pride in remembering our names, and some fact about each of us.

Additionally, in the scriptures the Lord tells us "I have called you by name: you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1). In calling us each by name, Our Lord is showing that He knows and loves each of us individually. It's the same thing when we are speaking to each other. Using the other person's name in conversation can give them a sense of dignity and of being known, and even loved. If we are meant to love one another as Christ loves us, it seems like learning and using people's names could be a good (and relatively easy) place to start.

—Kate McGrath Holmquist

**CATHOLIC WOMENS CONFERENCE:** The 11th Maine Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 16, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland, 9:15 am to 5 pm. Dynamic speaker, author, and podcast host, Danielle Bean, will explore the theme "Loved as I AM," touching on God's gracious love that meets us where we are. The day will include keynotes by Bean, a witness talk, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation, a chance to shop our exhibit hall, Mass with Bishop Robert Deeley, and more. The cost is \$85/person. FMI: <https://portlanddiocese.org/mcwc>.

**FATIMA MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us at Sacred Heart on 5 pm Saturday, December 30 to watch *The Miracle of 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.



### DAY OF PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT IN BRUNSWICK:

The Diocese of Portland's Office of Vocations invites men discerning a possible call to the priesthood to come together for a Christmas Break Day of Prayer & Discernment. The day is an opportunity for discerners to pray together, get to know each other, meet diocesan priests, and spend time with the Lord. This annual Christmas season event will be held on December 30, 2023, 10 am to 2 pm, at St. John Church and St. John's Community Center, 39-43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick. It is intended for men who are over 18 years of age. If you think this event is for you and are interested in attending, please email the Office of Vocations at [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org) by December 27. There is no cost to attend.

### ORATORY DATES FOR THE WINTER AND SPRING:



Oratory, our ministry for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12, has completed a great first semester! Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we've met for

fellowship, catechesis and prayer. Meetings continue after Christmas on the following dates: January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 10 & 24, April 28, and May 12.

**CATHOLICISM 101 – WINTER SESSION:** After a break for Advent, Catholicism 101 will resume for the winter session beginning January 5 and ending February 6. Joe Moreshead will be offering five classes on the sacraments. Classes will meet weekly on Fridays at 6:05 pm at St. Jude, Saturdays at 5:15 pm at St. Gregory the Great, Tuesdays at 9 am at Sacred Heart, and Tuesdays at 7 pm at Holy Martyrs. The classes at Holy Martyrs will also be livestreamed and available to watch on demand. The topics are as follows:



- Week of January 5: Baptism
- Week of January 12: Confession
- Week of January 19: The Holy Eucharist
- Week of January 26: Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick
- Week of February 2: Matrimony and Holy Orders

For updates or to register go to <https://pothe.org/catholicism101>. Visit the same link to watch the fall session.



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# Parish Information ~ Celebrating the Sacraments

## OUR PRIESTS AND DEACON



Pastor:  
Fr. Steven Cartwright



Parochial Vicar:  
Fr. Peter Kaseta,  
O.F.M. Cap.



Parochial Vicar:  
Fr. Paul Marquis



Senior Deacon:  
Dennis Popadak

## OUR FAITH FORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Director of  
Faith Formation:  
Joe Moreshead



Coordinator of  
Sacraments:  
Kim Lovett



Coordinator of  
Family Life:  
Kalee Gwarjanski



Director of  
Sacred Music:  
Jen Runge



Director of  
Communications  
& Technology:  
Joyce Hale



Business  
Coordinator:  
Nicole Clavette



Bookkeeper:  
Terrie Casavant



Facilities  
Maintenance  
Technician:  
Chip Metevier



Facilities Maintenance  
Manager:  
Steve Tuttle



Faith Formation  
Assistant:  
Kate McGrath  
Holmquist



Handyman:  
Dave Therrien

## 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

### Address:

Parish of the Holy Eucharist  
266 Foreside Road  
Falmouth, ME 04105

**Phone:** (207) 847-6890

**E-mail:** [pothe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:pothe@portlanddiocese.org)

**Website:** [pothe.org](http://pothe.org)

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.  
of the month

## Sacramental and Pastoral Care

### Becoming Catholic:

Please contact  
[pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.