

Sunday,

December 31,
2023

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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



**Daily Mass
Cancellations**
First week in January.
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."- Lk 2:40

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
A SUCCESS!**
Details and more pictures on p. 4.



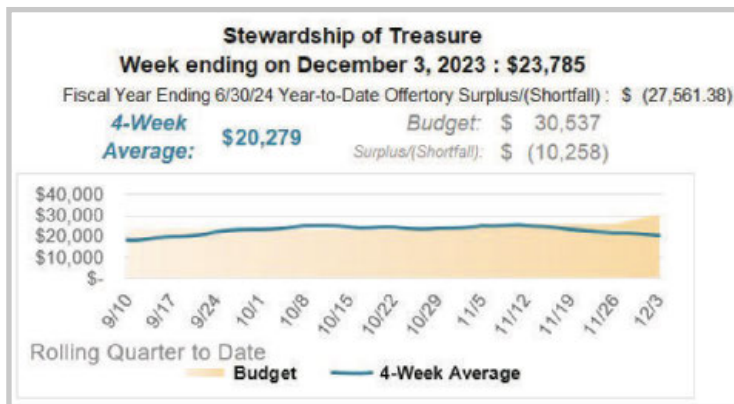
Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30 CANCELLED - That Man is You! 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i>	31 New Year's Eve Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> Kiera Grace Petropoulos Baptism 11:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Eugene Bear Norton & Addison Beta Drummond Baptisms 12:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> CANCELLED - Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	1 New Year's Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED All Activities Cancelled	2 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> Knights of Columbus 6:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	3 Choir Rehearsal 4:45 - 6:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>
Thursday	Friday	Saturday		Sunday
4 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> St. Monica's Club 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> AA Meeting 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	5 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 3:00 - 6:00 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Catholicism 101 6:05 pm <i>St. Jude</i> AA Meeting 7:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	6 That Man is You! 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> First Saturday Rosary & Confession 8:00 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i>		7 Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> FIRE & Luncheon 8:30 am - 12:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>

Mass Intentions for December 30 - January 7

Saturday, December 30				Wednesday, January 3			
8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	†Mary Ripa by the Ogden family	7:30 am	HM	MASS CANCELLED	
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. C	†Gertrude Chandler by Chris Shaw	Thursday, January 4			
4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. K	†Carl & Mary Ann Lechner by Edward & Marcia Lechner	8:00 am	SH	MASS CANCELLED	
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. M	*Special Intention for Fran Kimball by Peter & Cindy McCabe	Friday, January 5			
Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve				7:30 am	HM	MASS CANCELLED	
8:00 am	SH	Fr. M	†Tim Flaherty by his wife Terry and family	8:00 am	SGTG	Fr. C	†Laura Logler by Linda Nicak
8:30 am	HM	Fr. C	*All POTHE Parishioners	Saturday, January 6			
8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. K	†Kathleen O'Wrill by the O'Wrill family	8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	†Robert & Cynthia Hoehl by the Kostin family
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. M	†Theo Ferrara by Sandra Morini	9:00 am	HM	Fr. C	*For the Priests & Faithful of the Latin Mass Community by Una Voce Maine
10:30 am	HM	Fr. C	*Marriage of Matthew Martino & Rachel Allenby by the POTHE Community	4:00 pm	HM	Fr. M	†John Salvo by Mary & Anthony Salvo
11:00 am	SH	Fr. K	†Harold & Rita O'Connell by James & Gail O'Connell	4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. C	†Pauline Polonsky by Anne Maurice
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. C	†Candace Bushnell by Chris Madden	4:00 pm	SH	Fr. K	†Lucy Sesto Burke by Terry Flaherty & family
Monday, January 1 New Year's Day				Sunday, January 7			
7:30 am	HM	Fr. K	†Edward F. Walsh Jr. by Lisa & Mats Agren	8:00 am	SH	Fr. K	*Special Intention for Joanna by her grandparents
8:00 am	SH	Fr. M	†Michael Kostin by the Kostin family	8:30 am	HM	Fr. M	†Susan L. Berger by John Berger
12:15 pm	SJ	MASS CANCELLED		8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. C	†Daniel Fox by Linda Nicak
Tuesday, January 2				9:30 am	SJ	Fr. K	†Maureen Perkins by Tamara Watson
7:30 am	HM	Fr. C	†Richard Farr by Mary Hart & Richard Regan	10:30 am	HM	Fr. M	†Agnes Leskanic by Happy Copley & Friends in Faith
				11:00 am	SH	Fr. C	*All POTHE Parishioners
				5:30 pm	HM	Fr. M	†Joann McFarland by Kevin O'Donovan
				NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest *Special Intention †Deceased			

Called to Discipleship ~ Through Stewardship and Service

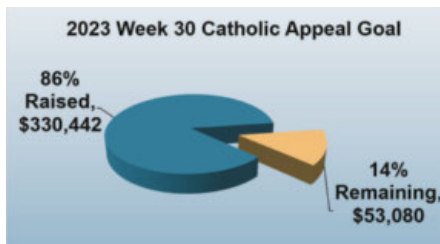


SECOND COLLECTIONS

HAITI DOOR COLLECTION: Our next Haiti door collection, which supports our sister parishes in Haiti, will be held on January 6/7. Please continue to support our sister parish in Haiti with your prayers and generous financial support in the scheduled Haiti door collections.

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY: 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 30 of the Catholic Appeal 2023, our parish raised 86% of our goal with \$330,442 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!

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.



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:

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 the first Thursday of the month. To sign up, visit our website or email us at pothe@portlanddiocese.org.



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Sharing God's Word ~ Through Pastoral Life and Ministry

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Please pray for our children in sacramental prep who will making their first Confession during the month of January. We have 31 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.



Eucharistic Adoration Cancellations: No Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Martyrs on Monday, January 1.

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**.



MASS CANCELLATIONS IN JANUARY: Please note the following Daily Mass cancellations in January.

- January 1 - 12:15 pm St. Jude
- January 3 - 7:30 am Holy Martyrs
- January 4 - 8:00 am Sacred Heart
- January 5 - 7:30 am Holy Martyrs

Daily Masses will resume as scheduled beginning January 8.

POTHE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2023: The Annual Christmas Pageant was a delight to see! The hall was festively and wonderfully decorated for a reception following the pageant. Children from all over our parish participated! Thank you to all who contributed to this wonderful parish tradition.



PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, December 30	Rev. Simon Assogba, SMA Rev. Joseph R. McKenna
Sunday, December 31	Rev. Gregory P. Dube Rev. John F. O'Hara
Monday, January 1	Our Holy Father
Tuesday, January 2	Rev. Robert D. Lariviere Rev. Joseph O. Osunde, OP
Wednesday, January 3	Rev. Peter Uhde Rev. Joseph W. Cahill
Thursday, January 4	Rev. Albin A. Andrus Rev. Raymond Picard
Friday, January 5	Msgr. Paul F. Stefanko Msgr. Rene Mathieu
Saturday, January 6	Rev. John F. O'Hara Rev. Thomas Andrews J, Xavier, SAC
Sunday, January 7	Our Holy Father

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, 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 DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

WHY DOES GOD USE STUFF?

Catholicism 101 is starting up again on January 5th. For the next five weeks we will be talking about the sacraments.

Sacraments are visible signs of an invisible grace. What that means is that something visible, tangible, audible, happens in a sacrament; when it does, something spiritual, invisible and immaterial takes place in our soul. When water gets poured over our head and the Trinitarian formula is pronounced, all sin is wiped away from our souls. You see the water; you don't see the cleansing of sin. Likewise in Confirmation: you can feel and smell the chrism, but you can't see the Holy Spirit descending with His gifts. Sacraments are visible signs through which something spiritual and invisible takes place in our soul.

If God is all powerful (which He is) why would He need to use stuff like water, bread, or oil to give us grace? Can't He just snap His fingers in Heaven and make graces happen? In theory He could, but think about what would be lost if He did. Imagine that you were going about your everyday business one day and God in heaven snapped His fingers and gave you the grace of Holy Orders. You might have all the faculties of a bishop given by God to your soul, but how would you know? How would anyone know? You can try absolving

sins, but who knows if it works?

Think back to the scene in the Gospels where the blind man approaches Jesus to be healed and Jesus smears mud on his eyes. What's the point of that? Can't Jesus heal by just saying, "Be healed?" He can. In fact, He could heal the man without the man ever meeting Him or knowing who Jesus was. But Jesus wanted the blind man to know what He was doing. Just as God created Adam from mud, Jesus was giving a sign that He was recreating this man's eyes and restoring them to their original design. The man walked away understanding by this sign that Jesus was God and God had given him back his sight. Had Jesus snapped His fingers from a distance, the man would have thought himself a mere medical anomaly.

We are flesh and blood creatures. It is true, God does not need to use tangible things to give us grace, but He chose to do so in order that we would know what He was doing. Using physical signs, God shows us what He is invisibly doing in our souls. We know the exact moment when God grants us the grace of Baptism. We know exactly when and how Our Lord becomes present in the Mass and where to find Him. In the Sacrament of Confession we know the

moment in which we are restored to grace and need not doubt whether we are on track for heaven or not.

In His lifetime, Christ instituted seven signs of grace that we know as the seven sacraments. It's those signs that we will talk about in the upcoming weeks.

—Joe Moreshead

ORATORY DATES FOR THE WINTER AND SPRING: The



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

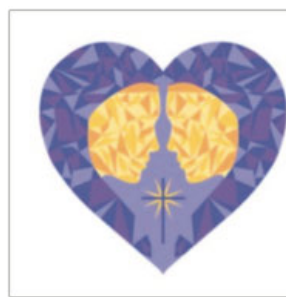
fellowship, catechesis and prayer. Meetings continue after Christmas on the following dates: January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 10 & 24, April 28, and May 12.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S 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.

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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

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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)

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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.