

Sunday,
March 17,
2024

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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

**The Light is
ON for You!**

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Procession**

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Novena**

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."- Jn 12:24 – 25

Haiti Updates

As you may be aware, violence and unrest continue to escalate in Haiti, and the country is in chaos. We continue to stay in touch with the parishes we support.

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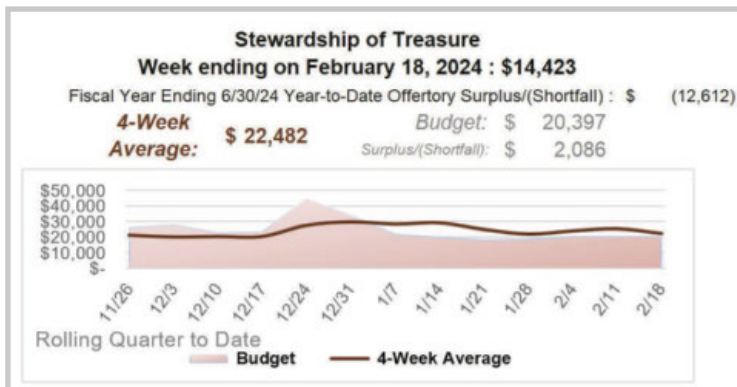
Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday / Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
16 That Man is You! 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> RCIA Retreat 9:00 am - 2:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> 17 Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> FLAME 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> St. Patrick's Day Potluck 11:45 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	18 AA Meeting 10:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 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 Boy Scout Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is on for You 6:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</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 for You 6:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	20 Easter Food Drive 8:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Opus Dei Recollection Day for Women 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for Men 5:00 - 9:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Convalidation of the Leddington/Dafni Marriage 3:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</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 for You 6:00 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Together with Alzheimer's 7:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	21 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Senior Luncheon 12:00 - 2:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is on for You 6:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> AA Meeting 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
22 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 3:00 - 5:20 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Making Music, Praying... 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm— <i>SGTG, SJ</i> 6:30 pm— <i>HM</i> Simple Supper 6:00 pm— <i>HM, SJ</i> <i>SGTG</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>	24 Palm Sunday Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> FLAME 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i>	The Oratory 5:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>

Mass Intentions for March 16 - March 24

Saturday, March 16 8:15 am SH Fr. M †Erle & Betrece Dunham by their family 4:00 pm HM Fr. K †John C. Flaherty by John M. Flaherty 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. M *Special Intention for Rosemary & Alfonse Ferrara & family by Roxanne & Bruce Murphy 4:00 pm SH Fr. C †Lionel & Rita Morency by Denise & Daniel Chapman Sunday, March 17 8:00 am SH Fr. C †Daniel McKenna & Norman Sawyer by Mike McKenna 8:30 am HM Fr. K †Mary Morgan by Tracy Winkeler 8:30 am SGTG Fr. M †Liz Chandler by Ray & Elinor Fogg 9:30 am SJ Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners 10:30 am HM Fr. K †Deceased members of the Davis-Strabley families by Richard & Betty Strabley 11:00 am SH Fr. M †William P. Dillon Sr. by the Dillon family 5:30 pm HM Fr. K †Deceased family members of David & Eileen Laconi by David & Eileen Laconi Monday, March 18 7:30 am HM Fr. K †Robert & Cynthia Hoehl by the Kostin family 12:15 pm SJ Fr. M †Francis & Pearl Popadak by Deacon Dennis & Bev Popadak 5:30 pm SH Fr. C †Msgr. Dan Trapp by Joseph Moreshead Tuesday, March 19 7:30 am HM Fr. C †Gorman family by Maureen Gorman 2:00 pm NH Fr. M *Intentions of the Residents at Sedgewood Commons 5:30 pm SH Fr. M †Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner	Wednesday, March 20 7:30 am HM Fr. K †Jerry Davis by Peter & Cathy Mullaney Thursday, March 21 8:00 am SH Fr. K †Debbie Belanger by Paul & Gay Metevier Friday, March 22 8:00 am SGTG Fr. C †Doris Mathew by John O'Brien 5:30 pm HM Fr. K †Robert P. Dyk by Trish Dyk Saturday, March 23 8:15 am SH Fr. M †Deceased family members by David & Renee Daniels 4:00 pm HM Fr. K *Special Intention for Zach by Lisa & Mats Agren 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. M †Paul Shufelt by Suzanne Sullivan 4:00 pm SH Fr. C †Richard J. Zboray by Michael & Debra Zboray Sunday, March 24 8:00 am SH Fr. C †5th anniversary of Francine Leary's death by John & Jeanne Collins 8:30 am HM Fr. K †Bruce Peaslee by Danielle & Mark Tracy 8:30 am SGTG Fr. M †Shawn Smith by Jennifer & Leonard Sherwood 9:30 am SJ Fr. C †Peggy Coccia by Gretchen Sayward 10:30 am HM Fr. K *All POTHE Parishioners 11:00 am SH Fr. M †Jocelyn Amoussou-Guenou by Caroline Nguembu Tagne 5:30 pm HM Fr. K †Anna Cameron by the O'Donovan family NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest *Special Intention †Deceased
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

March 29—Church in the Holy Land

March 31—Clergy Health and Pension Plans

April 7—Haiti Door Collection

HAITI UPDATE: Since they are in the southern part of the country they remain safe but the unsafe road conditions near the capital have delayed the delivery of food and other supplies. When asked about the situation in Marbial the pastor Fr. Herol responded: "Good evening to you and to each member of your church, supporters of the parish of Sainte Thérèse de Marbial! Yes, violence is gradually increasing in the country's capital (Port-au-Prince). I am doing well in Marbial....the Marbialese community is doing well, however the high cost of living and the division of the country are causing great hunger. Thank you for your solidarity, thank you for always thinking of the parish community (Marbial)." We will be sending an Easter gift to Haiti soon. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

EASTER FOOD DRIVES:

Holy Martyrs—We are working to support families at the food pantry with hearty Easter dinner fixings. We will collect food throughout March to be delivered Wednesday, March 20. Please see the flyer in the narthex.

Sacred Heart—Please help us provide The Yarmouth Food Pantry with needed items for Easter. Bags and shopping lists are available in the narthex. We ask that all donations be returned by Palm Sunday weekend, March 23 and 24, to the hall downstairs. We will make a delivery to the food pantry during Holy Week.

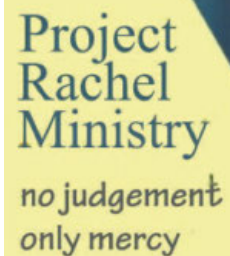
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING NEEDS: Thank you to all who have so generously helped clothe those in need. We are still accepting warm winter clothing for women and men. Currently, we have an urgent need for men's pants. At Sacred Heart inside the side door, we added another bin for collecting donations. **All clothing must be bagged, clean and in good, usable condition! No dress clothes.** 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.



SENIOR LUNCHEON: The next Senior Luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 21, always the third Thursday of the month. There will be fellowship beginning at 11:30 am and a St. Patrick's Day themed lunch will be served at noon. This event is free to any Senior age 55 plus. Bring a friend! Donations are graciously accepted.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: Women and men impacted by an abortion experience often feel pain, grief, and regret. Project Rachel offers hope and healing by offering God's love, forgiveness, and compassion in a safe nonjudgmental environment during our Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The retreat provides an opportunity for anyone affected by abortion to release their pain and embark on a journey of healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Maine will be held from April 5-7 in mid-coast Maine starting on Friday at 3 p.m. and concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The registration deadline for the retreat is Wednesday, March 27. To talk about attending a retreat, please leave a confidential message at (207) 321-7897; email projectrachel@portlanddiocese.org; or submit a confidential online form at <https://portlanddiocese.org/form/contact-project-rachel>



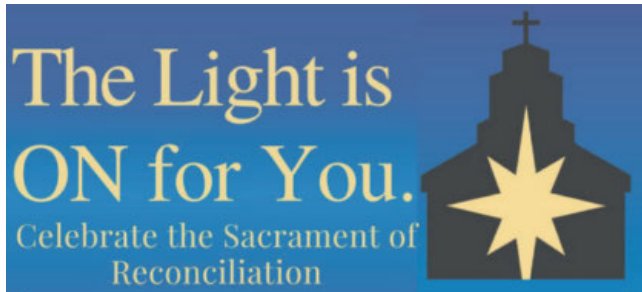
CAPUCHIN FRIARS COME & SEE WEEKEND:



Friday, April 5, 5 pm to Sunday, April 7, 1:30 pm, St. Michael Friary, 282 Warwick St., Brooklyn, NY, discover how the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience are the way that the Lord creates joy and peace in the hearts of Capuchins. Weekend includes prayers, adoration, meals, and presentations. Please register today: <https://forms.gle/LziQT7o1HZvhjPEY6>

MARCH RECOLLECTION WITH OPUS DEI—DATE CHANGE: Since Holy Week falls on the fourth week in March, Opus Dei will hold their morning and evening of recollection one week earlier than regularly scheduled. This month, please join us on March 20 from 10 am to 12:30 pm for our Women's Morning of Recollection and from 6 to 7:45 pm for our Men's Evening of Recollection. For more information, go to opusdei.org.

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Pastoral Life and Ministry



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! OPPORTUNITIES: This week, POTHE will offer four evenings to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession will be available from 6-7 pm according to the following schedule:

- Monday, March 18, St. Gregory the Great
- Tuesday, March 19, Holy Martyrs
- Wednesday, March 20, St. Jude
- Thursday, March 21, Sacred Heart

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: On March 24, there will be a procession with palms at Holy Martyrs Church at the beginning of the 10:30 Mass. We will gather outside the church on the Foreside Road side where the palms will be blessed. We will then process along Foreside Road to Johnson Road and then back through the parking lot to the church. All are welcome! Please dress for the weather as this will be outside.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Parish of the Holy Eucharist invites you to join us for the solemn celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at Holy Martyrs from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The celebration will begin with Eucharistic Adoration and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy image, reading from St. Faustina's diary, the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, meditation, litanies of the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy and concludes with Benediction. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1:30 pm and throughout the service. The service will be livestreamed on the parish website.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Please join the Parish of the Holy Eucharist in praying the Divine Mercy Novena, which begins on Good Friday in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. For each of the 9 days, our LORD gave St. Faustina a different intention. The Novena and Chaplet will be prayed following all Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, prior to the Easter Vigil that begins at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart, following daily morning Masses, and at Eucharistic Adoration (see the website for days/times). Novena brochures will be available at each church. To join from home, visit relevant radio online at <https://relevantradio.com/divine-mercy-novena/>

PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, March 16	Rev. Albert B. Colpitts Rev. Johnson S. Panneer Slevam, HGN
Sunday, March 17	Rev. Dominic Savio, HGN Rev. Divine Fossoh
Monday, March 18	Rev. Paul R. Marquis Rev. Vincent P Mellone
Tuesday, March 19	Our Holy Father
Wednesday, March 20	Rev. Robert D. Lariviere Rev. Joseph O. Osunde, OP
Thursday, March 21	Rev. Peter Uhde Rev. Joseph W. Cahill
Friday, March 22	Rev. Albin A. Andrus Rev. Raymond Picard
Saturday, March 23	Msgr. Paul F. Stefanko Msgr. Rene Mathieu
Sunday, March 24	Rev. John F O'Hara Rev. Thomas Andrews J, Xavier, SAC

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, Edward Hartnett, Joe Becker, Kalee Gwarjanski, Peter Allen Longley, Marie McCann, Dolores Hartnett, Keith Stackpole, Charlie Pinette, Ann Marie Branigan, Ryan Holden, Denise Tibbetts, Bob Pigeon, Nancy Crouch, Doris Charest, Charlie Miller, Jack Laibinis, Sr, Tiffany Eaton.

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

ST. PATRICK AND THE SEEDS OF FAITH

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all!

It's a rare occasion that St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday and it affords me an unusual opportunity to talk about this great saint (not that I ever needed an excuse.)

It's no secret that March 17 is mostly an occasion for ethnic pride. I fondly remember going to Mary Honan's annual St. Patrick's Day party (of Holy Martyrs fame) and seeing Jack Mullen decked out from head to toe in green sequins. A feeling of national pride fills the air that day and you could be forgiven that day if you thought the Promised Land was somewhere in County Cork.

But there's another side to St. Patrick's Day and that is the commemoration of the saint himself. St. Patrick is the great patron of Ireland because he is responsible for bringing the light of faith to a land that until then dwelt in the darkness of paganism. Patrick is celebrated, not because he's the greatest of the Irish race (he was of Roman descent), but because he showed Erin and her children the way to heaven.

St. Patrick's preaching took deep roots and until recently it was taken for granted that those roots would hold until the world should come to an end. Such has not been the case. Irish Americans have largely abandoned the faith and (I'm told) so has Ireland herself. So much of what there was to be proud of in being of Irish descent was being able to claim membership in a race that kept the Catholic faith over centuries, who spread it to the far corners of the world, and did so in the face of great persecution and trial. Now those memories stand as a shameful judgment on the mass apostasy of our current generation.

But there is hope. We took for granted that the roots Patrick planted would last forever. I will speak for myself, but for a long time I never considered how Patrick planted the seeds of faith and under what circumstances. Patrick walked into a hostile environment when he first preached to the Irish. Almost all of Ireland was hostile and pagan and he must have thought the hope of bringing these people to the faith was slim. But Patrick was faithful and bold. He simply preached the faith. Not everyone listened (the high king at Tara tried to kill him), but some did.

Within a generation, the dynamic had changed entirely. I recently read a biography of St. Columcille who lived roughly a hundred years after St. Patrick. By Columcille's time, all of Ireland, including the high king, was Catholic. Monasteries had sprouted up everywhere and those monks, who so recently had been preached to, converted the rest of the barbarian tribes in Europe. Saints proliferated in Ireland to such a degree that in the whole biography, I couldn't find more than a couple of abbots mentioned who hadn't been canonized. All this happened within recent memory of a time when most of Ireland was pagan and was trying to assassinate the lone Christian missionary.

So the faith was planted, so it must be restored. If Patrick's bold preaching and practice of the faith brought the faith to Ireland and her children, so ours can bring it back.

St. Patrick, pray for us!

—Joe Moreshead

FIAT MINISTRIES DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Single women, age 18-30 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend an upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat at Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center from Friday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. to Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Medway, MA. Fiat Ministries cultivates an authentic culture of discernment for young women by inspiring them to say yes to God's call. Religious sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. Cost: \$150
Register here: <https://fiatministries.org/retreat-worcester/>

TENEBRAE: On Wednesday, March 27, we will offer a Tenebrae service at Sacred Heart church from 7-8 pm. The Office of Readings will be sung. FML, about Tenebrae Services, visit our website pothe.org/lent-2024 or contact pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org.

HOLY WEEK Masses and Services

HOLY THURSDAY March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 6 pm
Holy Martyrs Church

GOOD FRIDAY March 29

Stations of the Cross:	Service of the Lord's Passion:
Sacred Heart.... 12:15 pm	Saint Gregory..... 6 pm
St. Gregory..... 3 pm	Sacred Heart..... 6:30 pm
Holy Martyrs..... 3 pm	Holy Martyrs..... 7 pm
Saint Jude..... 4:30 pm	

EASTER VIGIL March 30

Sacred Heart..... 8 pm

Concelebrated Mass

*No 2:30 pm confessions or 4 pm Masses

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sacred Heart..... 8 & 11 am

Holy Martyrs..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Saint Gregory..... 8:30 am

Saint Jude..... 9:30 am

* No 5:30pm Mass



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Jen Runge

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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266 Foreside Road
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Phone: (207) 847-6890

E-mail: pothe@portlanddiocese.org

Website: 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, 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 Schedules until Holy Week

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

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Daily Masses

Monday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

12:15 pm St. Jude

5:30 pm Sacred Heart

Tuesday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

5:30 pm Sacred Heart

Wednesday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

Thursday:

8:00 am Sacred Heart

Friday:

8:00 am* St. Gregory the Great

5:30 pm Holy Martyrs

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. **If calling after hours**, when voicemail message begins, press 7 to leave a message for the on-call priest.

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.