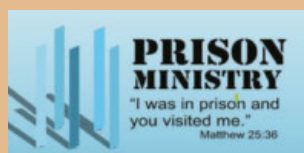


Sunday,
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PRISONS—A MINISTRY?

Scott Landry,
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Maine Department of
Corrections, presents
recent reforms
followed by a panel
discussion about
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Ministry.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." -Mk 9: 35

RED MASS

The Red Mass Committee calls judges, lawyers, and all who labor in the legal profession to join in prayer to the Holy Spirit. Our prayers at the Red Mass come at the beginning of the judicial year and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit in the administration of justice. A reception will immediately follow Mass at the Cathedral Residence. No RSVP needed. FMI, portlanddiocese/red-mass.



Bishop Ruggieri, Celebrant
October 1, 4pm
Chapel of the Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception

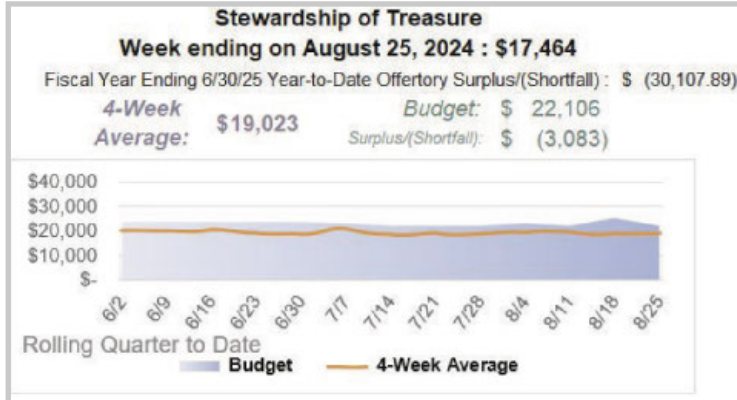
Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
21 St. Matthew That Man is You 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Boulet/Sheridan Wedding 1:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	22 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> Sacramental Prep 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Joseph Stone's Baptism (during Mass) 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) AA Meeting 10:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 - 8:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Cub Scouts Meeting 5:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> OCIA 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	24 Donations to Friendship House 1:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Friends in Faith 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Sacramental Prep 4:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> ACTS Women's Retreat Team Meeting 6:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>
Wednesday/Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25 Opus Dei Recollection Day for Women 9:30 am - 12:30 pm for Men 5:15 - 9:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 4:45 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	27 St. Vincent de Paul 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>	28 St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions <i>St. Wenceslaus</i> That Man is You 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Richelsen/Fallon Wedding 1:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	29 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> Sacramental Prep 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>

Mass Intentions for September 21 - September 29

Saturday, September 21 8:15 am SH Fr. M †George Rodrigues Sr. by the Rodrigues family 4:00 pm HM Fr. K †Robert & Rose Dyk by Trish Dyk 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. M Doris Mathew by Mark & Cynthia Junco 4:00 pm SH Fr. C †Ann Marie Sitzmann by the Sitzmann family Sunday, September 22 8:00 am SH VP †Edward & Connie Ryan by the Ryan-Ertz family 8:30 am HM Fr. K †Ronald Mayers by Margaret Mayers 8:30 am SGTG Fr. M †Doris & Joseph Murphy by the Fuller family 9:30 am SJ VP *All POTHE Parishioners 10:30 am HM Fr. K †Susan Keeley by the Boulos family 11:00 am SH Fr. M †Norman Moreau by Caroline Nguemba Taqne 5:30 pm HM Fr. K †Kathy Albert by her family Monday, September 23 7:30 am HM Fr. K †Art & Priscilla Bartholomew by Donna Crowley 8:00 am SH Fr. M †Teresa Miller Murray by Francis Murray 12:15 pm SJ Fr. C †Nancy March by Daniel & Denise Chapman Tuesday, September 24 7:30 am HM Fr. C †Joan Walsh by her husband, Bob Walsh	Wednesday, September 25 7:30 am HM Fr. K †Victor Medina by Helen Stanbro Thursday, September 26 8:00 am SH Fr. K †Bill Eycleshymer by his wife Judith Pollock Friday, September 27 7:30 am HM Fr. K †Michael R. Dilworth by Edward & Susan Dilworth 8:00 am SGTG Fr. C †Carlos Muniz by Deb Swift Saturday, September 28 8:15 am SH Fr. M *Special Intention for Han by Mom & Dad 4:00 pm HM Fr. C †Andrew Kralik by Chris & Kim Kralik 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. K †Carl Anderson Jr. by his wife & children 4:00 pm SH Fr. M †Frank & Irene Brochu by Debra & Michael Zboray Sunday, September 29 8:00 am SH Fr. M †Jack Cireco by Edward Johnson 8:30 am HM VP *All POTHE Parishioners 8:30 am SGTG Fr. K †Deceased loved ones & friends of Dennis & Laurene Dempsey 9:30 am SJ Fr. M †Mark Bastey by Megan Bastey 10:30 am HM VP †Deceased family members of Thomas & Elizabeth Griffin 11:00 am SH Fr. K †Leopold Tchatat by Solange Tchatat 5:30 pm HM Fr. C †Jenna & Bradford Hart by the Hart family NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest Special Intention †Deceased
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Called to Discipleship ~ Through Stewardship and Service



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 6—Catastrophe Assistance: Over the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called on parishes to conduct second collections in response to various natural disasters domestically or internationally. This has been a concrete and effective expression of solidarity of the Church in the United States with the suffering at home and abroad. .

October 13—Haiti Door Collection: Check out our POTHE website with links to the Facebook Pages of our Sister Parish in Haiti! Visit: pothe.org/haiti.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Meet and Greet Session #2—This Sunday, September 22, your Knights will host a meet and greet session at Sacred Heart hall from 1-3 pm. Refreshments will be served. Please consider coming to talk with your Parish Knights of Columbus Order.



SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: The St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen is open weekdays from 7:30 am to 1 pm. We are in need of volunteers to join our dedicated team on Tuesdays. Please consider sharing your time with those in need by volunteering for any of the Soup Kitchen's open hours. Thank you for your help! FMI, contact Jeanne at (774) 254-3334. ***Please note corrected phone number!**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING NEEDS: We continue to need men's and women's clothing for our clients who visit the Soup Kitchen. **At this time, we are only accepting fall, casual clothing, NO SUMMER CLOTHING.** As always, please donate items that are in good, clean condition. We have blue bins to collect donations at Holy Martyrs between the narthex and the parish hall, in the back of Sacred Heart, and at the back of St. Gregory the Great! Thank you to all of our volunteers who support St. Vincent de Paul Mission. FMI: Evelyn, (207) 447-1086.



Welcome, Visitors!

Want to participate in our Offertory collection? If you'd like to make your offering online, please scan the QR code.



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE MINISTRY—THIS WEEK! Beginning this month, we will deliver our Friendship House Meal on the last Tuesday of the month. This means we will deliver on September 24. Please have food and pantry/toiletry donations to Holy Martyrs by 1 pm on Tuesday, September 24. FMI, to sign up for email updates, or to volunteer, please contact Regina Prince at our Parish Office, (207) 847-6890, or sign up online, pothe.org/friendship-house.



ADVENT FAIR - THEME BASKETS! Our parish Advent Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7 at Sacred Heart. We will continue to have your favorite craft and jewelry tables and more! This year we are adding a Themed Basket Raffle to our Fair lineup! Baskets will be available soon in each church and we'll need your help filling them with a selection of items centered around a theme. Examples: *Dinner for Two, Gardener's Delight, Rainy Day Reading Corner, Family Games Night, and Baking Day Basket.* We'll have more ways you can support our Fair and join in the fun! FMI: Cathy (207) 337-0633 or Carol (20) 846-3216.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: If God were to ask, "What did you do about abortion?" ...how would you answer? Through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil you can be a light in the darkness and a witness to the sanctity of all human life. **From September 25 to November 3**, faithful believers will unite in Portland to pray for an end to abortion, to give hope to all those who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy, and to offer healing to those who have experienced abortion. **Join us in prayer on the sidewalk 9 am-1 pm daily, Monday through Saturday, outside Planned Parenthood, 443 Congress Street in Portland.** Sign up for a prayer shift: www.40daysforlife.com/portlandme, or contact (207) 613-5910, 40daysportland@gmail.com.

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Pastoral Life and Ministry

800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STIGMATIZATION OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

In the Fall of 1224, Francis of Assisi spent some time in a spiritual retreat on Mount LaVerna, which is about 75 miles northwest of his hometown, Assisi, in central Italy. While there in prayer, he had a vision of an angel. When the angel departed, there appeared in Francis' hands, feet and side the marks of Jesus' passion. Franciscans everywhere, including the Capuchins here in Maine, are celebrating the 800th anniversary of this amazing event in the life of St. Francis this year. We invite the members of the Parish of the Holy Eucharist to join the Capuchins in prayer and thanksgiving that recalls this extraordinary moment in St. Francis' journey. May this deepen our communion with our Crucified Lord and with one another. The liturgical observance of the Stigmatization of St. Francis occurs on September 17 each year.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Please join us with your pets and animals for a blessing! This tradition is in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi who loved all creatures. In this blessing, we ask God to grant that the animals may serve our needs and by His grace, we may be sustained and protected. Join us on October 5th, the day after St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, at 9:30 am at St. Gregory the Great or 10:30 am at Sacred Heart for this wonderful blessing!



ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT: Give yourself this special time with the Lord! This will also be a time to make new friendships with women who are walking the same road that you are.

An OLH parishioner remembers the ACTS Retreat:



"I thought I was doing pretty well in my relationship with God, but I got this little nudge inside me that I should try something different. With ACTS, I discovered new-found strength by focusing on that relationship with the support, example, and inspiration of other [folks] in my community. These folks share many of my same challenges, doubts, and yearnings. There is tremendous comfort in that. ACTS was not what I expected but it was what I needed. My spiritual life has been re-invigorated." -TL

The Women's Retreat will be held Thursday evening, November 7, to Sunday morning, November 10, at a lakeside retreat center in Winthrop. Retreat cost is \$195. Travel to retreat center and all meals are included. Cost should not be an obstacle; scholarship funds are available. Reserve your spot now—this Retreat will fill up! FMI or to register, visit pothe.org/acts-retreat or contact Cubby at (207) 577-7532.

PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, September 21	Rev. Elaiyareja Thaniyel, HGN Rev. Joseph Lukong
Sunday, September 22	All Priests
Monday, September 23	Rev. Kyle L. Doustou Rev. Anthony Korir, SMA
Tuesday, September 24	Rev. Brian J. Conley, SJ Rev. Robert J Pecoraro, SJ
Wednesday, September 25	Rev. James R Roy, MM Rev. James S. Plourde
Thursday, September 26	Rev. Paul M. Sullivan Rev. Richard C. McLaughlin
Friday, September 27	Rev. Jacob C George Rev. John R.. d'Anjou, SJ
Saturday, September 28	Rev. Anthanasius S. Wirsy Rev. Gerald A. Levesque
Sunday, September 29	Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ V. Rev. Paul H. Dumais

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 at (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: Vin Nguyen, Ezekiel Banla, Evans B. Yongyee, Joseph Beale, Nick Hershbine, **Deacons:** Erin Donlon, Thanh Duc Pham, Hoa Tien Nguyen.

LET US KEEP THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS: Brother Chip Metevier; Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey; Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford; Brother Gerald Bose; Brother Charles Thurston; Luke Roy, son of Brother Mark Roy; Art Crowley, brother of Brother Mike Crowley; Brother Manen Clements and wife Pat; Brother James King; Cindy Carrier, wife of Brother Steve Carrier; Jeanne Madden, wife of Brother Chris Madden; Brother Paul Tracy.

PLEASE KEEP IN HEALING PRAYER: Marianne McNally-Purda, Gretchen Sayward, Edward Hartnett, Joe Becker, Peter Allen Longley, Marie McCann, Dolores Hartnett, Keith Stackpole, Ann Marie Branigan, Ryan Holden, Denise Tibbetts, Bob Pigeon, Nancy Crouch, Doris Charest, Charlie Miller, Jack Laibinis, Sr, Tiffany Eaton, Gilman Michaud, Kelly Dupont, Jean Bissonnette, Tanya Ziegler, Michael Connolly.

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

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLICISM 101: CHURCH HISTORY

When you're having the conversation, "Why be Catholic," there's a related question that's hidden behind it: what makes us different? What makes the Catholic Faith different from the Jewish, a Muslim, Orthodox, and Protestant faiths? In theory you could answer these questions by describing how our practices differ, but in reality, to understand the difference you have to understand the history.

To be Catholic is to judge that at key junctures in history, the Church's stand was correct and the split offs that occurred were departures from what we have always done and believed. To make that kind of claim with confidence, you have to know something about what was at issue and why the Church took the position she did. To know what makes us Catholic is to know history.



Now this comes with a further complication: the Catholic Church is the villain in almost every modern history textbook. In English-speaking countries, Protestants tended to write the history books, and they're not so fond of us. Now in modern society, secularists tend to write the history books, and they're not so fond of us either. The Church has been the chief enemy of the goals of secular liberalism for two hundred years and our history textbooks reflect that sentiment. But this means that you will not hear the Church's side of the conflict and it gives a false impression. After all, if you don't believe that Christ was God or Heaven is real, how fairly can you present the motives of people who built their entire lives on exactly that premise?

It is important as Catholics that we have an understanding of history through a Catholic lens. We know, as the atheists don't, that the teachings of Christ are real, that heaven is real, that souls are worth saving, that the sacraments are necessary to salvation, that Christ instituted the priesthood and that we need priests. We also know that we are sinners in the process of conversion, that it is possible to sincerely believe and also to fall short. Rather than letting atheists spin the narrative to build in their own prejudices, it is important we take a look at the record of events of ourselves and interpret them in the light of faith.

This year in Catholicism 101, we're going to go through Catholic history. We're going to start in 33 AD and follow the spread of Christianity during the three hundred years of persecution in the Roman Empire. We'll look at the internal conflicts of the Church as she battled early heresies. We'll look at her interaction with barbarians of Europe and how she won them over to Christ. Lastly in October, we'll look at Islam, its relationship to Christianity and the threat it posed

through much of Christendom's history. In November we'll cover the medieval Church, and in January we will cover the Reformation. The schedule of classes can be found online: pothe.org/catholicism101. Hope to see you there!

—Joe Moreshead

CATHOLICISM 101—CHURCH HISTORY: Following up on last year's survey of the faith, Joe Moreshead will be offering a survey of Church history over the next 2 years. During the fall session, beginning October 4, we will discuss major events in the life of the Church from the Ascension of Our Lord through the High Middle Ages. During the winter session, we will cover the Renaissance through the early Reformation. Classes will take place weekly at the following times: Fridays at 6:05 pm at St. Jude, Saturdays at 5:15 pm at St. Gregory, Tuesdays at 9 am at Sacred Heart, and Tuesdays at 7 pm at Holy Martyrs (livestreamed). The first class is titled, *The Church under the Roman Empire* (33 AD-314 AD). FMI and to sign up for email reminders, visit pothe.org/catholicism101.



JOINING THE TROOP OF ST. GEORGE: Do you have a son you want to become a virtuous man? The troop of St. George is a Catholic scouting group for boys age 6-18. Boys and their fathers / grand-fathers or male guardian work together building skills, having adventures and developing connections within the Catholic community. The troop of St. George promotes virtue, honor and fraternity in boys and young men through the outdoors and Catholic tradition. FMI, www.troopofsaintgeorge.org, email Troop423@tsghq.org or call Dan (207) 240-5419.



POTHE CHALICE PROGRAM: Attention all families! We invite you to join us in praying for our priests and seminarians in the Diocese of Portland. Each family can sign up to take a chalice to display in their home for a week. Over the course of the week, your family gathers each day to pray together for priests and to read about one of our local priest heroes. To sign up for a week or FMI, visit, pothe.org/chaliceprogram.



MAKING MUSIC, PRAYING TWICE OUTDOORS IN OCTOBER: Designed for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, together with caregivers, you will move and groove to upbeat songs tied to the liturgical year. Classes begin Friday, October 4, 10:30 am in the Mary Garden at Holy Martyrs. FMI and to register, visit pothe.org/makingmusic or call Jen Runge, (207) 847-6884.







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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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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. **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.

Making Funeral Arrangements: Please contact the funeral home, and they will assist you in making arrangements for the church.