November 17,

2024

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



A Saint for Maine?

Could Maine have its own native canonized saint? On Sunday, November 17 at 1:30 pm at St. Pius X Church in Portland, Fr. Bill Clark of the College of the Holy Cross will be speaking on the story behind the Maine missionary and martyr, Fr. Sebastian Rale, and the controversies that surround him.



MEETING FOR USHERS!

If you currently serve as an usher or are interested in learning about becoming one, check next week's bulletin for details about upcoming informational meetings.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away. 'But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.'"

-Mk 13:31-32

All Saints Costume Parade

A special thank you to all the volunteers and parents who made this event a success!



Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
16 St. Gertrude St. Margaret of Scotland	17 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	19	20
That Man is You 7:00 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart Catholicism 101 5:15 pm St. Gregory the Great	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am St. Jude CGS 9:30 am Holy Martyrs Sacramental Prep 9:30 am Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus 1:00 - 4:00 pm Holy Martyrs Oratory 5:00 pm Sacred Heart Calix 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs	AA Meeting 10:30 am St. Gregory the Great Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 - 8:00 pm Holy Martyrs Youth Schola 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Cub Scouts Meeting 5:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm Sacred Heart OCIA 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs	Catholicism 101 9:00 am Sacred Heart 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am Holy Martyrs Catholic Homeschoolers 10:00 am Holy Martyrs Friends in Faith 10:30 am Holy Martyrs Sacramental Prep 4:00 pm Sacred Heart	Opus Dei Recollection Day for Women 9:30 am - 12:30 pm for Men 6:00 - 7:45 pm Holy Martyrs Choir Rehearsal 4:45 pm Sacred Heart 7:00 pm St. Gregory the Great ACTS Small Faith Sharing Group 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm	22 St. Cecilia Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am	23 Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Clement I St. Columbanus That Man is You 7:00 am	24 Christ the King Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am	Fiona Marie Mecham Baptism
St. Jude Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00 pm St. Gregory the Great	St. Gregory the Great 3:00 - 6:00 pm St. Jude Making Music, Praying Twice 10:30 am Holy Martyrs Catholicism 101 6:05 pm St. Jude	Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart Catholicism 101 5:15 pm St. Gregory the Great	St. Jude Sacramental Prep 9:30 am Sacred Heart Roan Terrance Brown Baptism 11:30 am Holy Martyrs	12:00 pm Sacred Heart Calix 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs

Mass Intentions for November 16 - November 24

Saturday, November 16		Wednesday, November 20					
8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	†Joseph & Annie Yokell by their family	7:30 am	НМ	Fr. K	†Pauline Bilodeau by Michael & Theresa Beaulieu
4:00 pm	nm and er with ane frequescen by her family		Thursday, November 21				
4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. C	Lucille Catherine Grassi by Chris & Lori Grassi	8:00 am Friday, No	SH	Fr. K	*Jo Luncher by her family
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. K	† Michael Kostin by the Kostin family		oveilib	GI 22	† Robert & Cynthia Hoebl by the Kostin
Sunday,				7:30 am	НМ	Fr. K	Robert & Cynthia Hoehl by the Kostin family
8:00 am	SH	Fr. K	†George DiDonna by Jerry & Brigid DiDonna	8:00 am 6:30 pm	SGTG	Fr. C	Jon Carrier by Cindy & Steve Carrier Enrolled Souls of our Purgatorial Society
8:30 am	НМ		†Obar & Jarbis families by Barb Obar	Saturday,			
			† Manny Rideout by Pat Rideout	8:15 am	SH		Joan Phillips-Sandy by Danielle Ogden
9:30 am			† Mark Bastey by Megan Bastey	4:00 pm	НМ		Helen Kralik by Chris & Kim Kralik
10:30 am			† Margaret Tringale by the Gove family	4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. K	†Doris Mathew by Mark & Cynthia Junco
11:00 am			★ All POTHE Parishioners	4:00 pm	SH	Fr. M	†George DiMauro by Peter & Cindy McCabe
5:30 pm	5:30 pm HM Fr. M ★Intentions of the St. Monica Club		Sunday, November 24				
Monday, November 18		8:00 am	SH	Fr. M	★ All POTHE Parishioners		
7:30 am			† James Gorman, Sr. by Maureen Gorman	8:30 am	HM		Richard G. Bachelder by Tracy Winkeler
			★ Special Intention for Lucie Beauchesne by	8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. K	Denise Bagdon by the Bagdon family
8:00 am	SH		*Special Intention for Lucie Beauchesne by Denise & Daniel Chapman	9:30 am	SJ	Fr. M	Matthew Garrett Peskovitz by Kathy Peskovitz
12:15 pm	SJ	Fr. C	†Tom Stanford by the Jordan family	10:30 am	НМ	Fr C	† Michael Robb by the Regan family
Tuesday, November 19				- · · ·	† Charles Belisle by Paul & Maryann		
7:30 am	НМ	Fr. C	† Jacques Guay by Joanne Poulin	11:00 am	2H	Fr. K	Pendleton
10:00 am	NH	Fr. M	†Residents' Intentions at Coastal Manor	5:30 pm NH—Nursi	HM ng Hom		Arthur Bower by the Denoia family —Visiting Priest *Special Intention Deceased

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PASTOR'S PONDEROSA

EXPLAINING FUNERALS

PART III: THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY FUNERALS

One thing I have noticed over my years as a priest, and now as a pastor, is that families tend to put off funerals for their loved ones longer and longer. It used to be that two weeks was a long time to wait for a funeral. Now half a year or a year is not uncommon. I know that many of these families do so with the best of intentions. They want to be sure that most of their family can attend the funeral. For the grieving family and friends, a Catholic funeral provides essential spiritual and emotional closure. While a delay may seem practical, it detracts from the deeper purpose of the funeral. A Catholic funeral is not merely for human closure; it is a sacred act that both honors the body and prays for soul of the deceased in purgatory. This is evidenced in the funeral Mass prayers as outlined in the Roman Missal with language describing Jesus Christ as a loving savior and merciful judge and praying that the sins of the deceased "be wiped away."

Because God's justice demands expiation of our sins, Christ told St. Faustina that His mercy didn't want to send a soul to purgatory, but His justice demands it (Diary 1226, 20). He places in our hands the means to assist the souls in purgatory. We are their only resource, and we have an obligation to pray for our loved ones in a timely manner with a funeral Mass.

We know that the most powerful means to relieve or release a soul from purgatory is through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. You'll find that in the Catechism. It says it in 1032: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God."

We don't know what the state a soul was at the hour of death, and these days we tend to canonize everybody. Only God knows the state of the soul, if it is totally in line with His will. He's all-holy and majestic and pure. We're given this great power and privilege to release souls from purgatory. Only we are the deliverers. Christ turns to us, the Church militant. Heaven encourages us. For whatever reason, we've been given this great honor and privilege. We're responsible to pray for our dead.

I think about it like this. In life, when we have made or bought an incredibly amazing and special gift to give our loved one for some occasion, usually we cannot wait to give it to them just to see the reaction on their face. If in death we have the supreme gift to give them, namely heaven, then why do we hesitate in giving this gift? When we pray for souls, we must remember we're giving them paradise, the face of God, when we get them out sooner from purgatory. Our prayers are shortening this horrible suffering of being without God. They then show us their gratitude in the same proportion to their joy. What a gift!

Our loved ones need our prayers, and our delay has consequences. Make funeral arrangements immediately and do not neglect to have Masses said for them. It matters to your loved ones.

Next week: The meaning of the funeral rites (sprinkling of the casket, the final commendation, burial rites).

-Fr. Cartwright

FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY

CATHOLICISM 101—CHURCH HISTORY: Each class is

presented four times. Check the bulletin calendar or the website for options. FMI, visit pothe.org/catholicism101.



November 15, 16, 19: The Pope, the Head of Christendom

(1000 AD-1200 AD)

November 22, 23, 26: The Church Divided (1000-1400 AD)

ADVENT FAIR—HELP WITH BAKED GOODS: Our November meeting is Thursday, November 21 at 5 pm at

Sacred Heart church hall-it's not too late to help out! Plan to attend the Fair on December 7, and stop by our Bakery Table for



some holiday delights, such as pies, cakes, cookies, preserves, fudge, and other seasonal goodies! But we need your help creating these yummy treats first! Calling all bakers! Anything you love bake to welcomed! (Particularly pies, which are used in the cafe as well.) Items may be dropped off at Sacred Heart church hall beginning Thursday, December 5, through Saturday morning, December 7, just prior to the start of the Fair at 9 FMI about baked goods: Happy happycopley@gmail.com or signup at pothe.org/adventfair. ALSO, the Greens Table still needs colorful winter mugs and vases for tabletop decorations. Have you turned in the Gift Basket you created? Now is the time! Thank you for your support of our Parish Fair!

DIOCESAN JOB OPENING—COMMUNICATIONS

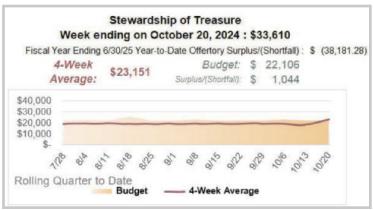
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media, monitors the media/press, provides event support and coverage, and produces graphics and multimedia. FMI, portlanddiocese.org/employment.

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Welcome, Visitors!

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



CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE: We've reached 88% of our goal for this year's Appeal. Can you help us to reach 100%?

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 17—Haiti Door Collection: The generous donations of our POTHE parishioners allows us to provide much needed financial support to our sister parish in Haiti. Thank you!! Please see the update from Fr. Pierre below.

November 24 — Catholic Campaign for Human **Development:** Funds support local parish initiatives aiming to solve communitywide problems, empowering the poor to make life changes promoting self-sufficiency.



HAITI UPDATES: From Fr. Pierre- "Our parish is experiencing significant growth in both community and spiritual life, thanks to our various prayer activities and community achievements at both the parish center and our two chapels (Ste Thérèse de Cyvadier and Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours de Bréman). In addition to the Masses we celebrate every Sunday, we hold weekly Adoration sessions. Recently, we organized 7 days of prayer for our parishioners and friends. To support the youth during vacations, we arranged a football championship with different Catholic action groups within the parish." Please read the full report of current conditions, needs, and financials on our website, pothe.org/haiti under NEWS.

PRAYER CORNER				
APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS				
Saturday, November 16	Rev. Fredrick H. Morse Rev. Peter A. Shaba, SMA			
Sunday, November 17	Rev. Sahaya P. Remigius, SAC V. Rev. Claude R. Gendreau			
Monday, November 18	Rev. Patrick J. Finn Rev. Normand P. Richard			
Tuesday, November 19	Rev. Michael Adebote, SMA Msgr. J. Joseph Ford			
Weds., November 20	Rev. James Doran Rev. Roger P. Chabot			
Thursday, November 21	Rev. Selvaraj Kasi, HGN Rev. Roland Bemgeh			
Friday, November 22	V. Rev. Richard C. Malo Rev. Nathan D. March			
Saturday, November 23	Rev. Robert C. Vaillancourt Rev. Dae J. Philip J. Clement			
Sunday, November 24	Rev. Algirdas Malakauskis, OFM Rev. Alexander Boucher			

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.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Vin Nguyen, Ezekiel Banla, Evans B. Yongyee, Joseph Beale, Nick Hershbine, Deacons: Erin Donlon, Thanh Duc Pham, Hoa Tien Nguyen.

PRAY FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FAMILY: 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 Rov: Art Crowley, brother of Brother Mike Crowley; Brother Manen Clements and wife Pat; Brother James King; Cindy Carrier, wife of Brother Steve Carrier; 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, Charles Pinette, Michaela McGee, Hannah Robinson, Pat Rideout.

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

TEMPORAL SATISFACTION: WHAT IT IS, WHY IT'S A THING

"Truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny." – Matthew 5:26

I remember being in the 5th grade and talking to one of my friends who was from a fairly secular family. Somehow the sacrament came up; I explained that if someone was truly sorry for their sins and went to Confession, God would forgive them and they would go to heaven. I generally thought of this as a good thing. My friend replied unhesitatingly, "That's stupid!!" The idea that bad people (Adolf Hitler being a classic example) could make a deathbed confession and simply get away with it is scandalous to people. Doesn't God care about all the people Hitler hurt? Doesn't he care about evil at all?

God does care. It is true that a sincere deathbed confession can save a soul, but it is not true that all those crimes are simply forgotten. That soul is restored to grace and is spared the eternal punishment that was its just due. But God leaves in place a limited, temporal punishment to impress upon that person (and upon every victim and observer) the gravity of those sins.

To give a modern example, imagine a judge about to sentence a minor. He knows the minor is guilty. He could throw the book at him, but if he does, that teen's life is over. A prison sentence would end any hope of a normal life. Further, the convict seems to have learned a lesson and appears contrite. The judge might refrain from sentencing the teen to prison, but he wouldn't let him off completely. At the very minimum, there would be some community service he would be required to do.

If the judge wants the teen to have a shot at a normal life, why not let him off completely? Because if he did, the teen wouldn't learn his lesson. He would think he could get away with crime, and that it was no big deal. The victims of those crimes would be scandalized, thinking the state didn't care about them and how they had been hurt. Some nominal punishment is necessary so everyone understands the gravity of the crimes committed.

When we speak of needing to make temporal satisfaction, this is what we are talking about. It's not enough simply to go to Confession, we also need to do penance. The greater our sins, the greater the penances we need to do. By doing this, we restore our souls to purity, we come to understand the gravity of our sins, and those people we have hurt also know that God is not saying our crimes were okay.

Yes, Hitler could have made a deathbed Confession, but it is not true that he would simply float into heaven as if nothing happened. He would have to make some kind of satisfaction for all those crimes, and for crimes like that, the satisfaction would be steep. How do we satisfy this debt? On this earth we do it by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. After death, we do this by fire and purgatory.



THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED: POTHE will be supporting as many families as possible by working with local food pantries to ensure that Thanksgiving is a bountiful and blessed day! All parishioners are asked to contribute food or assist in delivery. These efforts are being coordinated by the POTHE Social Justice and Peace Commission to support our mission "to follow Christ's example in serving those suffering from poverty, hunger, or injustice." FMI, visit pothe.org/holidayhelpers.

HOLY MARTYRS: Preparing Thanksgiving baskets for local families. Lists of food and donation envelopes will be in the narthex on November 2-3. Return donations by November 24. FMI, Danielle, dtracy1@maine.rr.com or (207) 232-5113.

ST. Jude: Collecting food donations to support Freeport Community Services and local families. Pick up a grocery bag and shopping list November 3 and 10. Return donations to St. Jude by November 17. FMI, Chris at (207) 712-8127.

St. Gregory: Collecting food for holiday baskets for those in need. Bags with suggested items will be available November 9-10. Return donations by November 24. FMI, Kathy, kgeorge2@maine.rr.com.

SACRED HEART: Collecting food to assist the Yarmouth Food Pantry in creating Thanksgiving baskets. Bags with shopping lists of needed items will be handed out after Mass November 3. Food will be collected November 16-17. FMI, call the parish office (207) 847- 6890.

MAKING MUSIC, PRAYING TWICE—ADVENT FRIDAYS:

Designed for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers. Classes run Fridays,10:30 am at Holy Martyrs. The last class on December 20



will feature a Lessons and Carols retelling of the Christmas story. FMI and to register, visit <u>pothe.org/makingmusic</u> or call Jen Runge, (207) 847-6884.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING NEEDS: We are

accepting warm, winter clothing for men and women. Clothes must be clean and in good, usable condition. We especially need men's pants, sweaters, long-sleeve tops, jackets, coats, socks, shoes, boots, and undergarments. Place donations in the provided collection bins at Holy Martyrs, St. Gregory the Great, and Sacred Heart. Thank



you to all of our volunteers! FMI: Evelyn, (207) 447-1086.



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Senior Deacon: Dennis Popadak

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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

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 Schedule						
Sunday N	Masses	Daily Masses				
Saturday	(Anticipatory):	Monday:				
4:00 pm	Holy Martyrs	7:30 am	Holy Martyrs			
4:00 pm	St. Gregory the Great	8:00 am	Sacred Heart			
4:00 pm	Sacred Heart	12:15 pm	Saint Jude			
Sunday:		Tuesday:				
8:00 am	Sacred Heart	7:30 am	Holy Martyrs			
8:30 am	Holy Martyrs	Wednesday:				
8:30 am	St. Gregory the Great	7:30 am	Holy Martyrs			
9:30 am	St. Jude	Thursday:				
10:30 am	Holy Martyrs	8:00 am	Sacred Heart			
11:00 am	Sacred Heart	Friday:				
5:30 pm	Holy Martyrs (quiet Mass)	7:30 am	Holy Martyrs			
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Items are due 10 days prior to		8:00 am	St. Gregory the Great			
		Saturday:				
	on. Submit to	8:15 am	Sacred Heart			
pothe@portlanddiocese.org.		9:00 am	Holy Martyrs 1 st Sat. of the month			

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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.