

Sunday,
January 12,
2025

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Catholicism 101

WINTER SESSION!

It's not too late to catch up! Visit our website for previously recorded classes and check the schedule for upcoming classes.

See p. 5.



OPUS DEI January 22

If you've been wanting to check out a Morning (women) or Evening (Men) of Recollection, your next opportunity is Wednesday, January 22. Visit our website for more information including the schedule for each session.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" -Lk 3:21-22

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Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday/Sunday		Monday		Tuesday
11 Cancelled - TMIY 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Cancelled—Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Dan Wellehan Funeral 11:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Catholicism 101 5:15 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Song of Bernadette movie sponsored by Knights of Columbus 7 - 10 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	12 The Baptism of the Lord Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> Sacramental Prep 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Oratory 5:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	13 St. Hilary AA Meeting 10:30 am - 12 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Children's Adoration Hour 11:00 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Eucharistic Adoration 12 - 8 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Youth Schola 4:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>		14 Catholicism 101 9:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> 7:00 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>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15 Sylvia Boluduc Funeral Mass 11:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Choir Rehearsal 4:45 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> ACTS Core Meeting 6:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	16 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00 - 8:30 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	17 St. Anthony Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 3 - 6 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Making Music, Praying Twice 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Catholicism 101 6:05 pm <i>St. Jude</i> AA Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	18 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary That Man is You 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Catholicism 101 5:15 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	19 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> CGS 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> 40th Anniversary Concert for Phil Thibault & Ron Siviski 2:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>

Mass Intentions for January 11 – January 19

Saturday, January 11 8:15 am SH MASS CANCELLED 4:00 pm HM Fr. C † John Tyrrell by Joanne Van Loenen 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. K † Doris Mathew by Joseph Mathew & family 4:00 pm SH VP † Clarence & Charlotte Croxford by Daniel & Denise Chapman		Wednesday, January 15 7:30 am HM Fr. C † Michael Kostin by the Kostin family	
Sunday, January 12 8:00 am SH VP † Basil & Estella Latty family by Penny & Anthony DeGance 8:30 am HM Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners 8:30 am SGTG Fr. K † Adam Fogg by his family 9:30 am SJ VP † Margot & John Dionne by Georgette B. Dionne 10:30 am HM Fr. C † Deceased members of the Regan & Hart families by Richard Regan & Mary Hart 11:00 am SH Fr. K † Bill Eycleshymer by his wife Judith Pollock 5:30 pm HM Fr. C † Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kowalsky by John & Loreen Kowalsky		Thursday, January 16 8:00 am SH Fr. K † The souls of the unborn & their parents	
Monday, January 13 7:30 am HM Fr. K † Deceased members of the Charbonneau family by Joan & Adam Winters 8:00 am SH MASS CANCELLED 12:15 pm SJ Fr. C † Edwin Ludwin by Deb Swift		Friday, January 17 7:30 am HM Fr. K † Carole Welch by Mike & Theresa Beaulieu 8:00 am SGTG Fr. C † Maurice Pelletier by James & Jeanne Mavor	
Tuesday, January 14 7:30 am HM Fr. C † Gerald Griffin by the Mazzone family		Saturday, January 18 8:15 am SH Fr. M † Deceased members of the Napolitano family by John & Linda Napolitano 4:00 pm HM Fr. M † Dorothy "Dottie" Joaquin by Tony Joaquin 4:00 pm SGTG Fr. C † Jeanne Lefebvre by Anne Maurice 4:00 pm SH Fr. K † Mary Z. Morgan by William J. Morgan	
		Sunday, January 19 8:00 am SH Fr. K † Alice Waylein by Sheila Anderson & family 8:30 am HM Fr. M † Deceased Baldante & La Vopa family members by Linda La Vopa 8:30 am SGTG Fr. C † Louise Way by Linda & Paul Nicak 9:30 am SJ Fr. K † Silvio Schiaroli by Randal & Sylvia Ann Lloyd 10:30 am HM Fr. M † Olga A. Griffin by Gerald Griffin 11:00 am SH Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners 5:30 pm HM Fr. M † Tom Carll by Helen Stanbro NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest *Special Intention †Deceased	

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Stewardship and Pastoral Life

Welcome, Visitors!

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



PASTOR'S PONDEROSA



My dear parishioners,

This week, from Saturday, January 18 through Saturday, January 25, during the octave of the feast days of Sts. Peter & Paul, we begin the annual eight days of prayer for **Christian unity**. We can pray that the Lord makes the bonds of affection between Christians to grow stronger. We also pray that all Christians be strengthened in our common witness to the Lord and to living the Gospel in daily life and in society.

Monday, we remember the American leader **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** and his quest for racial equality in our country. In our country, we know that any number of people continue to harbor racial prejudice in their hearts. That is very sad. Racism is a sin, and we should all constantly examine our own consciences for the unreflected prejudices which impact our way of thinking about and acting toward persons of different races.

On Wednesday, the Church in the United States observes a **day of penance** in atonement for the legalization of abortion on demand in our country. I suppose for many people the reality of abortion has just become part of the landscape of our culture. They might shrug their shoulders and feel like it is a reality which is part of life now. But for us as believers, we can never become complacent. It is a scandal that women feel they have no choice but to end the lives of their unborn children because of lack of support when they become pregnant. It is a scandal that we treat abortion as a right, one which now threatens the proper exercise of the rights of conscience and religious freedom. It is a scandal that we who object to such a violation of fundamental human rights are treated as fanatics in a society which was founded on the right to pursue "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." If one cannot get out of the womb of their mothers, then no other rights make sense. On **Wednesday, January 22**, you might want to abstain from meat, or fast at one meal, or make a special effort of prayer or charity to atone for our society's indifference to unborn human life.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 12—POTHE Utilities Collection: Help heat our churches this winter by donating to this important second collection. Utilities have seen significant rate increases this year, including electricity and water. Please help defray costs.

January 26—Latin American Mission: For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through this second collection.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT: You are invited to join us for a spiritually uplifting weekend! Set aside some time for God and yourself. Get away from your



busy schedule and join men from our Diocese, like yourself, who are seeking God's answers to life, family, and eternity. This weekend will strengthen your faith and renew you spiritually. You'll begin friendships with some awesome men. Parish of the Holy Eucharist and Our Lady of Hope Parish are collaborating to offer this lay-led ACTS Retreat. All men aged 21 and older are encouraged to attend. Retreat will be held Thursday evening, April 24 to Sunday morning, April 27, at a beautiful lakeside retreat center in Winthrop. Retreat cost is \$195. Travel to retreat center and all meals are included. Cost should not be an obstacle for attendees; scholarship funds are available. Act now—space is limited and the retreat is already filling up! For more information and to register, visit <https://pothe.org/acts-retreat> or contact Paul at (207) 773-5507 or Mike at (214) 422-8149. Put this on your calendar now!

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January Knight of the Month

Brother Timothy Winkler

January Family of the Month

Brother Peter and Wife,
Cathy Mullaney

THE JUBILEE YEAR AND HOW TO CELEBRATE IT— SCARBOROUGH:

Join Father Jack Dickinson and Michelle Valcourt, faith formation director of St. John Paul II Parish, on Monday, January 13, as they explore the meaning of the Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of Hope* and how to celebrate it. Discover the rich tradition behind this sacred time and learn practical ways to engage in this special year of renewal, grace, and mercy. The session will be held at 7 pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road in Scarborough.

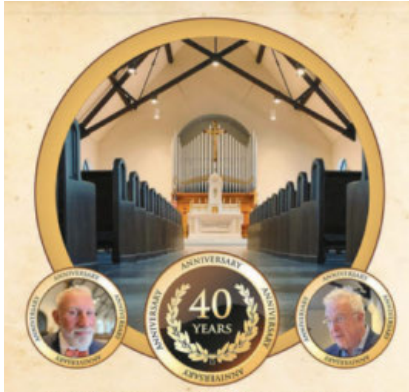
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CANCELLATIONS:

Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at **Holy Martyrs** on **January 20**.



Called to Discipleship ~ Through Faith Formation and Pastoral Life

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS! All are warmly invited to celebrate 40 years of service in Parish Music Ministry in honor of Ron Siviski and Phil Thibault! Join us Sunday, January 19, 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church for an organ recital and hymn singing. A reception will follow. FMI, Jen Runge, Director of Sacred Music, (207) 847-6884. or Jennifer.runge@portlanddiocese.org.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

The POTHE Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive at Holy Martyrs on Friday, January 31 from 9 am-2 pm. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KOCF. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE: Please join us to pray for the sanctity of life at our *Prayer Service for Life* on Sunday, January 26, from 2 pm to 4 pm, at Holy Martyrs church on Foreside Rd, Falmouth. We'll include the Rosary for Life and the Divine Mercy Chaplet; there will be time for silent Eucharistic Adoration and contemplation. This prayer service is sponsored by the OLF/POTHE ACTS Ministry. All are welcome! Bring your families and friends, and join us in praying for this important



NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE: On a national scale, the *National Prayer Vigil for Life* will convene in Washington, DC earlier that same week. The faithful are invited to observe this nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 23 to Friday, January 24, 2025, and are encouraged to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life in post-Roe America. Both the Opening and Closing Mass will be livestreamed from the Basilica. FMI, please visit the information page on the Basilica's website, <https://nationalshrine.org>, and search National Prayer Vigil for Life.



PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, January 11	Rev. Prabuu T.P. Antony Raj, HGN Rev. James R. Albert
Sunday, January 12	Bishop Emeritus Robert P. Deeley, JCD
Monday, January 13	Rev. James L. Nadeau Rev. Matthew Valles
Tuesday, January 14	Rev. Prabu N. Magimaidass, HGN V. Rev. Wilfred P. Labbe
Wednesday, January 15	Rev. Kyle L. Doustou Rev. James Doran
Thursday, January 16	Rev. Aurelijus Gricius, OFM
Friday, January 17	Rev. Fredrick H. Morse Rev. Emile H. Dube
Saturday, January 18	Rev. James S. Plourde Rev. Raymond D. Auger
Sunday, January 19	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 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 Roy; 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, Mark Mullaney, brother of Brother Peter Mullaney.

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, Judy Edwards, Joe Slattery. Parish of the Holy Eucharist p. 4

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

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

TAKING THE ORATORY ON THE ROAD

Last month, a group of teens from the Oratory (our middle school and high school group) went with Kate McGrath-Holmquist and myself to Kennebunk for Christmas Prelude. There have been plenty of outings in the past in the Parish of the Holy Eucharist, but this was the first we had done since the Oratory started. Originally the idea was to go to the LaSalette Shrine in Massachusetts to see the Christmas lights, but it would have been a long drive. Instead, we decided to go to Christmas Prelude and join in candlelight caroling at the Franciscan Monastery.

Six teens came on the trip. In theory, the first stop was supposed to be a tree lighting ceremony, but in my eagerness to get to Dock Square (how often do you get to see a Christmas tree with a lobster on top?), we passed right by the tree lighting ceremony conveniently located right where the bus dropped us off. It was just as well. Given the cold, the extra walk was welcome and it gave us a little more time to see the monastery. Plus, there was a candy store in Dock Square.

When we first arrived at the monastery, the grounds were already filled with people. The Lourdes grotto was lit up and the choir was set up inside of it. There were several bonfires lit around the grounds where people were warming themselves.

The candlelit component to caroling started to make more sense once things began. Your candle was the only way you were going to be able to see your program outside in the dark of night. The teens were given a quick admonition not to inadvertently light their programs on fire while trying to read them. It really was an amazing sight to see hundreds of people filling the monastery grounds, all holding candles.

After an introduction from the friars, the caroling was off and running. As this huge crowd belted out "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman" and "Away in A Manger" it stirred up memories for me. While the monastery ran the caroling, this was essentially a community event. Many in the crowd were Catholic, but many were not. They were all here simply because this was Christmas in Kennebunk. In a world where the explicit mention of Christmas as such is fading, it was heartwarming to see so many people turn out to sing songs about the birth of Jesus Christ and even to pray.

When the carols finished, we made our way to the gates with the crowd and were able to get a blessing from one of the friars on our way out. Besides being a bit cold, spirits were high. It had been a festive outing for the Oratory and one we just might do again next year. —Joe Moreshead

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR VOCATION? "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22) God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

CATHOLICISM 101—CHURCH HISTORY: The winter session began January 10. Each class is offered multiple times over a week, and classes are available to watch on demand on our website. Classes as follows:



- Fridays, 6:05 pm, St. Jude;
- Saturdays, 5:15 pm, St. Gregory the Great;
- Tuesdays, 9 am, Sacred Heart;
- Tuesdays, 7 pm, Holy Martyrs (livestreamed)

FMI, previously recorded classes, and to sign up for email reminders, visit pothe.org/catholicism101.

January 10, 11, 14: Mattin Luther

January 17, 18, 21: The Early Reformation

MAKING MUSIC, PRAYING TWICE—SHAKY EGG SHAKE UP! Come beat the winter blues in our parish's own *free* early childhood music and movement class! For all parents and caregivers with their little ones 5 and under. Classes meet at Holy Martyrs, Fridays, 10:30 am January 17 - February 14. FMI or to register online, pothe.org/makingmusic or Jen Runge, (207) 847-6884.

SAVE THE DATES!

MARDI GRAS VOLUNTEER PARTY: It's back! We want to thank you, our dedicated volunteers on Tuesday, March 4 in the afternoon. Details coming soon!

VALENTINE'S DAY BALL: The St. Valentine's Day Ball will take place once again on Saturday, February 15, 5-8 pm in the hall at Holy Martyrs church.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: July 14 – 18 at St. Gregory the Great, 9 am – 12 pm. Registrations opening soon.

REV HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: There will be a high school retreat at St. Joseph's Church in Brewer on Saturday, March 29 from 10 am – 6 pm. The retreat is called *REV*, which stands for Revitalization of the Eucharist and Vocations. FMI, Joe Moreshead, pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org.

TEEN CONFIRMATION: We have a group of teens preparing for their Confirmation this year. Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings at Holy Martyrs Church from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm from February 26 through March 26. To sign up, go to pothe.org/teenconfirmation or contact Joe Moreshead at (207) 847-6885.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are a baptized Catholic age 12-120 and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we highly encourage you to contact us about starting preparation to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. Adult and teen confirmations typically take place in the spring, which means winter is a great time to start the process. Classes will be tailored to your needs and we are happy to work with your schedule. FMI, pothe.org/confirmation or Joe Moreshead (207) 847-6885.

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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 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.

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 Regina Prince,
regina.prince@portlanddiocese.org.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants: Please contact our parish office to begin the process.

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.