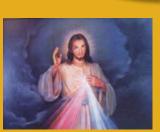
April 20,

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Divine Mercy Sunday Service

Join us for the solemn celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27 at Holy Martyr's Church from 3-5 pm beginning with Eucharistic Adoration and including 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 concluding with Benediction.

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins at 1:30 pm and remains



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day."-Lk 24:5-7

Bishop Ruggieri and Fr. Cartwright break ground for our Fr. Jim Morrison Memorial Narthex!

On April 8, what would have been Fr. Jim Morrison's 79th birthday, POTHE held a groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off the construction phase of our Fr. Jim Narthex project. We've reached \$390,000 of our \$400,000 goal. Thank you for support.

We are almost there!



Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Saturday 19 Holy Saturday CANCELLED - That Man is You 7 am Sacred Heart CANCELLED - Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart	20 Easter Sunday Sanctuary Candle lit in loving memory of Doris Mathew, OFS March 30 - April 30 St. Gregory the Great Choir Rehearsal 8 am St. Jude Calix 7 pm	Monday 21 Patriots Day Parish Office Closed All Parish Activities Cancelled	Tuesday 22 Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am Holy Martyrs Friends in Faith 10:30 am Holy Martyrs	Opus Dei Recollection Day for Women 9:30 am - 12:30 pm for Men 5 - 8:45 pm Holy Martyrs Choir Rehearsal 4:45 pm Sacred Heart 7:00 pm
Thursday 24 Meals on Wheels 8 am - 12:30 pm St. Jude Senior Luncheon 11:30 am - 2 pm Sacred Heart Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7 - 8:30 pm St. Gregory the Great	Friday 25 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great 3 - 6 pm St. Jude AA Meeting 6:30 - 9:30 pm Sacred Heart Adult & Teen Confirmation & Reception 7:00 pm Holy Martyrs	Saturday 26 That Man is You 7 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart	Sunday 27 Divine Mercy Sanctuary Candle lit in memory of Chet Hemenway April 27 - May 3 Sacred Heart Choir Rehearsal 8 am St. Jude CGS 9:30 - 11 am Holy Martyrs St. Gregory the Great Sacramental Prep 9:30 am Sacred Heart Divine Mercy Sunday Service 1 - 5 pm Holy Martyrs Oratory 5 - 7 pm Sacred Heart Calix 7 pm Holy Martyrs	

Mass Intentions for April 19 to April 27

Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday	Wednesday, April 23			
8:15 am SH CANCELLED	7:30 am HM Fr. K Mrs. Reynolds Sargent by Maureen Gorman			
4:00 pm HM CANCELLED	Thursday, April 24			
4:00 pm SGTG CANCELLED	8:00 am SH Fr. K Mary & Ed Nowak by Stephen & Sally Hunt			
4:00 pm SH CANCELLED	Friday, April 25			
8:00 pm SH All *All POTHE Parishioners	7:30 am HM Fr. K Bill Hughes by Lewanne Hughes			
Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday	8:00 am SGTG Fr. C Thomas J. Murphy by Kathy Kelly			
8:00 am SH Fr. K † Diane Ryan O'Kelly by the Ryan-Ertz family	Saturday, April 26			
8:30 am HM Fr. M †Rosemarie & John Taliento by their family	8:15 am SH Fr. M *Intentions of the St. Monica Club by a friend			
8:30 am SGTG Fr. C *John Bergeron by Pauline Bergeron Flood				
9:30 am SJ Fr. K Fr. Richard Rice by Catherine M.	4:00 pm SGTG Fr. K Conchita & Dexter Heuschkel by Rose York			
Family of Poy & Joan Fitznatrick by Joan	4:00 pm SH VP †William & Charity Gray by the Albert family			
10:30 am HM Fr. M Fitzpatrick	Sunday, April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday			
11:00 am SH Fr. C Randal Lloyd	larrilly			
	8:30 am HM Fr. C Faith Bailey by the Ewald family			
5:30 pm HM CANCELLED	8:30 am SGTG Fr. K †Scott Fuller by Jonathan Fuller			
Monday, April 21 Patriots Day	9:30 am SJ VP *Special Intention for Joe Becker by Chip & Gay Metevier			
7:30 am HM Fr. K Mary Beth Wonson by Jack & Judy Fallon	10:30 am HM Fr. C TK. J. & Catherine Joseph by Savio Tony &			
8:00 am SH Fr. M † Charles Belisle by Mary Belisle	family			
12:15 pm SJ MASS CANCELLED	11:00 am SH Fr. K Mary Dello Stritto by Jill Velazquez & family			
Tuesday, April 22	5:30 pm HM Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners			
7:30 am HM Fr. C Patricia DeGrinney by Joanne Van Loenen				

Pastor's Ponderosa ~ From Fr. Cartwright

CHRISTUS SURRÉXIT! - SURRÉXIT VERE, ALLELÚJA!

"Christ is risen" - "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Our broken world needs Easter more than ever. St. Paul tells us that "If Christ be not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15:14). Our observance of Easter is not just a mere recollection of one of the central historical events of Christianity, it is a life-giving Sacrament and sign of hope that is realized in our lives every year, and every single Sunday.

Especially now, it is so important for us to hear and embrace these words of hope and joy: "To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name." He also grants life to us who live here and now, amid a war-torn world, filled with confusion, doubt, sickness, hatred, persecution, death, sorrow, and fear.

However, it is interesting to note that the Feast of Easter begins with sorrow, emptiness, doubt, confusion, and fear. The Evangelists, in their telling of the story of Easter, begin, not with the joy of the Resurrection, but with the sadness, despair, and the shattered expectations of an empty tomb. Why did John pause outside the tomb? Why did he wait for Peter to catch up to him and then allow Peter to go in first? Perhaps John was afraid of what he might find? If he went in and Jesus' body was there, it would have been the ultimate end to any sliver of hope. Jesus' promise to "rise in three days" would only be empty words instead of an empty tomb. Is it better to know or better not to know?

Or what if he went in, and Jesus' body was not there? What if there were no footprints or clues that someone else like the Romans or the temple authorities had stolen the body...then what? Now what? Where is He? What does this mean? Then that means nothing's the same any longer! Is it true? Did He really rise as He said He would? Can I really hope that the One I loved, the One I gave my life to follow and then watched die on the Cross, is alive as He said He would be? And what does all this mean for me? What do I do now? Is it better to know or better not to know?

And then the brash and bold Peter arrives and goes into the tomb. The one who gave up everything in his life to follow Jesus goes in and sees what John sees. The one who brazenly swore that he would never betray Jesus and then did so three times. Perhaps Peter has more to gain? Perhaps he needs to know that his thrice-voiced betrayal was not his last words to the person of Jesus. Perhaps he needs the promise of the Resurrection to be true more than John does. *He needs to know*.

First comes emptiness, then comes fulfillment. First comes sorrow, then comes joy. First comes doubt. Then comes knowledge. First comes death, then comes life. Easter begins with nothing and ends with everything!

When we think about it, isn't there a tiny reflection of the Easter story in each of our lives? Just as Easter begins with emptiness, so do our lives begin with emptiness. Before we take our first breath, we are called to leave the comfort of our mother's womb. And throughout our entire life, every time we take a step forward, we are called to empty ourselves and leave something behind. Before we make a commitment to our spouse in marriage, we are called to let go of our independence. Before we respond to a vocation call or make a career choice, we are called to let go of other equally attractive opportunities. At every step of life, to receive new life, we are called to empty ourselves in some way.

The same applies to our spiritual life. Emptiness is part of the human experience. Emptiness can bring emotional pain, yet at the same time, it can also be received as a spiritual gift.

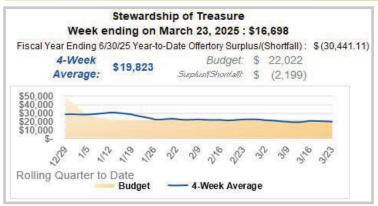
We all need that emptiness within ourselves: that space that makes room for something new, that space that can be opened to God. Last night at Sacred Heart, we were privileged to witness those, who even during these extraordinary times in which we live, emptied themselves to make room for the living Christ, Who rises triumphantly from the tomb today.

They needed to know. Do you need to know? To those who are visiting us today, whether you are returning after some time away or attending for the first time in a while, know that you are deeply loved by God and are always welcome here. Know that the Church is your home. Know that no matter how long it has been, no matter where life has taken you, know that Christ is calling you back into His embrace. Perhaps you have been away because of doubt, hurt, or simply the busyness of life. Whatever the reason, know that the doors of this Parish, and more importantly, the Heart of Jesus, remain open to you. Know that He desires to walk with you, to heal your wounds, and to fill your life with His peace and purpose.

<u>This Easter season is the perfect time to know.</u> Return to the Sacraments, encounter Christ in the Eucharist, experience His mercy in Confession, and rediscover the joy of being part of a vibrant, growing, building, and faith-filled family. *Know* that you are not alone, your parish family is here to support you, encourage you, and journey with you in faith.

Our broken world needs Easter more than ever. Christ fills our spiritual emptiness with the knowledge that Resurrection brings, the knowledge of the promise of eternal life! My prayerful wish for each of us today on this glorious Easter day is that our hearts and souls be filled with the indescribable and incomparable joy and knowledge of Our Lord's Resurrection from the tomb. May this joy fill every emptiness within us, wipe away all pain and fear, conquer every doubt and temptation, and remain with us forever!

Serving All in Need ~ Through Stewardship and Prayer



Welcome, Visitors!

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



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 20, Easter Sunday—Clergy Health and Pension Plans: Please support this collection to provide health and pension plans for our faithful and dedicated clergy.

April 27—Catholic Home Missions: This Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

May 4—Haiti Door Collection: Since 1992, through your generosity, our sister parishes have been able to feed the poor, provide safe gathering spaces, and places of worship Thank you for your support! FMI, pothe.org/haiti.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN: Mac Economy from LPi, our bulletin publisher, will be securing new ads for our our parish on April 23 and May 6,7. As a valued member of the

business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or



a digital ad featured on <u>ParishesOnline.com</u>. Mac will be in our parish office to answer questions. FMI, contact Mac or our office, (207) 847-6890.

BISHIOP RUGGIERI AT POTHE SUNG TRADITIONAL

LATIN MASS: Our First Saturday Mass is held at 9 am on each First Saturday of the month at Holy Martyrs with fellowship to follow. Prior to Mass, Confessions will be heard beginning at 8 am with the



recitation of the Most Holy Rosary at 8:05 am. On August 2, His Excellency, Bishop James Thomas Ruggieri will be in attendance. We look forward to welcoming him. FMI on the Traditional Latin Mass, visit https://www.unavocemaine.org/.

PRAYER CORNER APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS Rev. Thomas Andrews J, Xavier, SAC Saturday, April 19 Rev. Brian J. Conley, SJ Sunday, April 20 Our Holy Father Rev. Robert C. Vaillancourt Monday, April 21 Rev. Algirdas Malakauskis, OFM All Priests Tuesday, April 22 Rev. Michael Seavey Rev. Simon Assogba, SMA Weds., April 23 Msgr. Charles M. Murphy Rev. Michael E. Sevigny, OFM, Cap. Thursday, April 24 Rev. Selvaraj Kasi, HGN Rev. John P. Davis Friday, April 25 Rev. Claude R. Gendreau Rev. Joseph W. Cahill Saturday, April 26 Rev. John F. O'Hara Rev. Amandus B. Swav, AJ Sunday, April 27 Rev. Peter A. Shaba, SMA



Sanctuary Candle Lit
SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
March 30 – April 30
In loving memory of
Doris Mathew. OFS

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, Joe Slattery, Dennis Chick, Michael Connolly.

Serving All in Need ~ Through Stewardship and Ministry

SERVICE TO OUR GREATER COMMUNITY: Over the last vear, our Parish has assisted those in need in our community through donating to food drives, the Friendship House, St. Vincent de Paul Ministries, and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you to our generous parishioners for continuously showing God's love to our neighbors in need!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—THANK YOU: In February, our Parish participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through your donations and a \$1200 contribution by our Social Justice and Peace Commission, POTHE gave \$1000 each to six food pantries in our Parish area: Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Gray, New Gloucester, and Yarmouth. We in turn received personalized Thank You letters from each of the pantries expressing their gratitude for your generosity and explaining that your gifts will help them meet the increasing needs of our neighbors.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING NEEDS: We are

accepting spring clothing for men and women. Clothes must be clean and in good, usable condition. We especially need men's pants with long-sleeved tops, jackets, sweatshirts, socks, shoes, and undergarments. **ADULT CLOTHING ONLY.** Thank you to all of our volunteers who support St. Vincent de Paul Mission. FMI: Evelyn, (207) 447-1086.



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE: The next collection of meals, side dishes, pantry items, and toiletries for the men recovering from substance abuse at Friendship House is April 21 and 22. Donations are accepted in the Holy Martyrs kitchen 9:00 am-4:00 pm on Monday, April 21, and 9:00 am-1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 22. Refrigeration is available. FMI, please call our parish office (207) 847-6890 or visit pothe.org/friendship -house, and submit an interest form. The men are always grateful for our support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | COUNCIL #15791: We are a

brotherhood of Catholic men who play a part in improving the world one community at a time, and who are dedicated to serving God and neighbor. Our next food drive will be in June. Also, keep watch for our annual Cash Calendar raffle coming May. FMI, visit pothe.org/knights-of-columbus Jacob, membership director, (603) 918-6969.



Fr. Paul Marquis Brother Luke Pluto and wife, Kerry

FAITH-SHARING INVITATION: Our OLH/POTHE ACTS Ministry is sponsoring a faith-sharing group for adults that once month

Wednesday evenings. We gather at St. Pius X hall. Our group leader is Fr. Brian Conley, SJ. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 30,

from 6.30 pm to 8 pm (there will be snacks!). Please plan to join us—all adults are welcome! FMI: Peter, (207) 329-5889.

SERVICE TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY: The vibrancy of our parish depends on YOU! No matter your season or state of life, there are opportunities to become more involved. If you'd like to learn more about any of these, please contact Regina des Rosiers, Director of Liturgical and Parish Life, pothe.liturgy@portlanddiocse.org or (207) 847-6890.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: Liturgical ministers at our parish include altar servers, altar linens stewards, Children's Liturgy of the Word facilitators or helpers, Eucharistic Adoration Guardians, readers, sacristans, ushers, and audiovisual volunteers. All ministries require training and some require the completion of Protecting God's Children with a background check. If you are interested in serving the Lord and the Church through a liturgical ministry, please contact Regina des Rosiers, Director of Liturgical and Parish Life at pothe.liturgy@portlanddiocese.org, (207) 847-6890, or visit our website, pothe.org, navigate to the Worship tab, find your ministry of interest, and submit an inquiry form.

MUSIC MINISTRIES: Our choirs are always open to new members! Holy Martyrs and Sacred Heart sing more traditional, SATB motets and anthems. St. Jude and St. Gregory the Great sing more contemporary hymnody. Men's and Women's Scholas learn the basics of chant at Sacred Heart. We have something for everyone! Do you play an instrument? Any brass players? FMI or to express interest, visit, pothe.org/sacredmusic.

VOLUNTEER WITH TED: Ted Walsh, who creates the posters of parish events for each of our parish churches, is

seeking volunteers to assist with the assembly of them each week. Printing the posters commercially would be cost prohibitive (retail cost approximately \$20 ea.). Ted is able to create them for well under \$2 however, they require



trimming and gluing four pages together to create the same effect as the full-size prints. Volunteers would use the tools pictured here (church provided) to accomplish the task. Full training will be provided and can be DONE AT HOME! If interested, email Ted at: tedretired2010@hotmail.com.

APRIL SENIOR LUNCHEON: Our next Senior Luncheon will

be held on April 24 at Sacred Heart, beginning with fellowship at 11:30 am and lunch served at Luncheon noon. Think spring and



Thursday April 24 Lunch at Noon

bring a friend! FMI or transportation help: contact Kim Lovett, (207) 553-7042 or kim.lovett@portlanddiocese.org.

MOVIE NIGHT AT HOME! The Boy from Milan, a powerful new documentary from the Augustine Institute about the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, is now available on Formed! POTHE offers every parishioner a free subscription to FORMED. There you will find Catholic movies, documentaries, faith formation series, and audiobooks! To sign up for a free subscription visit, formed.org.

Called to Discipleship ~ Through Faith Formation

FROM OUR FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR HIS WORK HAS ONLY BEGUN

In 33 AD, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Since that day He has been busy, searching for souls to lead back with Him to Heaven.

When you hear the stories of how Jesus appeared after His Resurrection to so many people, you realize that His work had not finished, but only begun. Those of you familiar with the Chronicles of Narnia will recognize this pattern of behavior in Aslan the Lion. He is not a tame lion, he appears when and where he wants, but it is always when souls are in



need. Two-thousand years ago, Jesus died on the Cross and since His Resurrection He has been busy calling souls back to Himself by guiding them to the straight and narrow way.

One of the privileges of my job as Faith Formation director is that I get to see this in real time. You will hear stories about how historically Jesus Christ changed people's lives and caused miraculous conversions. Those stories appear in my inbox whenever someone fills out the "Become Catholic" form on our website.

It happens more than you would think. We had roughly 25 people contact us last year about becoming Catholic. What is even more remarkable is that the majority of these people had no prior connection to the Catholic Church or anyone who was Catholic. By God's grace, they somehow found the faith. We didn't know these people or who they were. It wasn't that they had been to our Masses or heard someone talk about what it meant to be Catholic. By earthly standards, they should never have come to faith. But God saw them. God reached out to them. God started the process.

The sacrifices people make when becoming Catholic astound me. It is not everybody, but in an age that prides itself on tolerance, you would be amazed at how many relationships are broken because someone says they want to go to Mass or they want to get confirmed. Christ told us, "If the world hates you, it is because it hated me first." It is true. People lose friends, are disowned by their family, sometimes even have a spouse threaten to leave them, because they found Christ and the Catholic Church. Sometimes it is because they are of another religion, but more often it is from secular people that they have to endure this.

Those of us who are cradle Catholics can sometimes take our faith for granted. We should not. What we have is a treasure, one that many people are willing to make great sacrifices for. This is real: Jesus Christ is real, His longing for souls is real, heaven is real. This Easter, let us take the Resurrection seriously as proof of that. Let us live our faith with greater confidence and intentionality this coming year.

-Joe Moreshead

MEET OUR NEOPHYTES

Last fall, 9 adults and one teenager made the important decision to become Catholic! We welcome them into our Catholic family as fully initiated members of our faith community. We introduce them to you by their given name followed by their chosen Confirmation name. Please keep them in your prayers. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is searching, please see our bulletin insert on *Becoming Catholic*.



Ismael, Christopher, was born in Leominster, MA and has lived in Maine since the age of 8. He graduated in 2015 from South Portland High School. On his current embarking journey with Catholicism, he has been able to implement a newfound foundation in his life!

In his spare time, he likes to play sports, card games, and spend quality with friends and family.



Lilly, Louise De Marillac, is from Windham. A friend invited her to Christmas Eve Mass in 2022. She has been attending Mass ever since. She went on an ACTS Retreat fall of 2024 (highly recommends it!) In her spare time she enjoys knitting, gardening, and walking.



John, Richard of Chichester, was introduced to the Church in 2019 and grew closer to the faith when preparing for marriage. He has come to appreciate the comfort, joy, and sense of community the Church fosters. He especially enjoys being outside with family.



Malcolm, Michael, grew up in Worcester, MA. He enjoys music, cars, and the outdoors. He was drawn to the Catholic church by circumstance and wanting to find a purpose.

James, Ignatius of Antioch, is a Maine native and the father of a family of six, many of whom are now grown and married. He worked for much of his life as a fisherman and currently lives in Freeport.



Melissa, Lucia Filippini, wasn't raised with any religious background, but her journey led her to the Catholic Faith, which she has now embraced. Her decision to become Catholic was deeply personal, influenced in part by her daughter's faithful grandmother. She wants to

provide her daughter with a strong Catholic foundation, giving her guidance and the values that come with it.



Chloe, Philomena, has lived in Maine her entire life. She graduated from Yarmouth High School in 2018 and Wheaton College in 2022. Though she didn't grow up in the Church, she has gained an appreciation for God's Grace and Love over the last year. She loves to read,

go to the beach, go out for walks, and sing.

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Faith Formation

MEET OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS



Diana, Rose of Lima, grew up in midcoast Maine; graduated from Wiscasset High School in 2000 and Hobart & William Smith Colleges in 2004. She then moved to New York City to start a career in finance. Submerged in the Big Apple, Diana met her Italian, Luigi. In 2013

they married and soon had two beautiful children, Raymond (8) and Violet (7). In 2018, Diana returned to Maine with her family and settled in Falmouth. Luigi, a born Catholic, chose to raise their children Catholic, and so Diana felt a strong desire to convert to Catholicism. Having raised Protestant, God's love was always present. Diana very much looks forward to becoming more involved with the Church and strengthening her relationship with God.



John, Sebastian, grew up in Hallowell after moving there from MA as a young child. He went to Cony High School and Colby College and remained in the state as an adult, residing in Yarmouth for the last 21 years with his wife, Erin. He is excited to join their daughter,

Chloe, in the Sacraments through OCIA and to convalidate his nearly 30 year marriage to Erin. When not operating his own business, John manages a large adult hockey group in Falmouth that plays 5 days per week.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: If you have thought about becoming Catholic and would like to learn more, now is the perfect time to talk to someone. The process begins with informal conversations about the Catholic Faith, during which we will help you get a sense of what Catholics believe and discuss any topics you might be interested in. Formal instruction begins in September with weekly OCIA meetings (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). Sacraments are typically received at the Easter Vigil Mass. FMI, visit pothe.org/ rcia, call our parish office (207) 847-6890, or email, pothe.faithformation@protlanddiocese.org.

CATHOLICISM 101-THE CATECHISM AND CHURCH HISTORY: If you'd like to learn more about Catholicism, visit our YouTube channel @POTHEME for a survey course on what we believe and why. Watch at your own pace, and contact our Faith Formation Team with any questions!

SACRAMENTS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS: If you are a teenager or adult, have been baptized Catholic but have not yet been Confirmed, or perhaps still, need to make your First Communion, please contact us at through our website at pothe.org/teenconfirmation. Teen Confirmation classes take place in February and March, and we can accommodate your circumstances as needed. Together, we can chart a path!

REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026: Faith Formation Registration will open on May 1 for the 2025-2026 academic year. Families can register online at pothe.org/ffreg. Programs are available for all ages!

FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a 5-week introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each session will include an introduction to the principles St. Ignatius lays down in the Exercises, a guided meditation from the Exercises, and time for faith sharing and discussion afterwards. We will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Holy Martyrs Church. Please RSVP to Joe Moreshead at pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org. Sessions begin April 29.

CONTRADANCE FOR TEENS: Teen contradances will be held on Wednesday, April 30 and Friday, June 6 from 5-8 pm in the Holy Martyrs hall. The night will conclude with compline (i.e. traditional night prayer) in the church. The contra-

dance is geared towards high school students but is open to those between ages 13 and 25. You do not need to know



how to dance prior to arriving; we will guide you through the steps. There were roughly 45 teens at the last contradance. We would love to have you join us! RSVP to catholicyouthmaine@gmail.com.

MAKING MUSIC, PRAYING TWICE-MUSIC **MOVEMENT IN MAY:** Join us for *Makina* sessions during the Easter Season! These are inspiring, fun, lively, faith-filled music classes for little ones under 5 (older children welcome) and their caregivers! Fridays in May, 10:30 am at Holy Martyrs. FMI/register, pothe.org/ makingmusic.

AND

YOUTH SCHOLA: The goal of the Schola is for the children to learn singing technique and sight-reading skills based on the Ward Method and to provide beautiful sacred music for the liturgy, particularly at FIRE Masses. Open to grades 3 and up. FMI, pothe.org/youthschola.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Join our parish at Vacation Bible

Camp this year, July 14-18, 9 am-This year's theme is noon. Wilderness Adventure. We are looking for campers in rising grades K-5 AND adult/teen volunteers. Camp will take place at



Holy Martyrs this year! Registration is open now!

MAKING MUSIC, PRAYING TWICE SUMMER CAMP:

Again this summer, POTHE will host a 4-day camp one week in June. Camp is free to parishioners, and consists of 1-hour daily classes. Through games and play, the under 5 child explores a method of music learning theory rich in the development of tone, rhythm, and harmony, based on the Edwin Gordon Method. Curriculum dovetails with the Catholic liturgical year. FMI, visit pothe.org/makingmusic.

Easter Flower Donations

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All Souls

by Armand & Dena Demers

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Baldante family

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Pat Becker_

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Maren Bennett

by Alicia Bennett

Alfred Berner

by Sara Beth Berner-Orcutt

Anna & Sam Bexon

by John & Linda Napolitano

Leon Bien

by Maureen Bien

Magdalina Blaza

by Maria Ramos

Asunda Blessing

by Randal & Sylvia Ann Lloyd

Bouchard & Peaslee families by Cecelia Peaslee

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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

Our Parish Office

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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

Tuesday:

5:30-6:30 pm St. Gregory the Great NEW!

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			
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