

Sunday,

August 24,
2025

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



SCHEDULING ALERTS!

Wednesday, August 27

- The Parish Office is closed for staff in-service.
- No 7:30 am Mass at Holy Martyrs
- Opus Dei Morning and Evening of Reflection are still being held
- There will be a 5 pm Mass at Holy Martyrs for the Feast of St. Monica.

Friday, August 29

- No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jude



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And you will say, ‘We ate and drank in Your company and You taught in our streets.’ Then He will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart from Me, all you evildoers!’ And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.” —Luke 13: 26 — 28



**Have you registered your
family for Faith
Formation?**

Classes begin in September. Scan the QR code or visit our website for more details: pothe.org/fire.

Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
23 Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Rose of Lima That Man is You 7 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Catholic Youth of Maine Bonfire 6 - 9 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sanctuary Candle lit in loving memory of Kristin Gould August 24 to 30 <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 8 am <i>St. Jude</i>	25 St. Joseph of Calasanz St. Louis AA Meeting 10:30 am - 12 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Eucharistic Adoration 12 - 8 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Catechist Orientation 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Boy Scout Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	26 Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Donations to Friendship House 12:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Young Adult Groups <i>Women</i> - 6 pm <i>Men</i> - 6 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	27 St. Monica Parish Office Closed Opus Dei Recollection Day <i>for Women</i> 9:30 am - 12:30 pm <i>for Men</i> 5 - 8:45 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Mass for the Feast of St. Monica 5:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
28 St. Augustine Meals on Wheels 8 am - 12:30 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Advent Fair Planning Meeting 4:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> AA & AI-Anon Meetings 7 - 8:30 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	29 Passion of St. John the Baptist Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> CANCELLED - 3 - 6 pm <i>St. Jude</i> AA Meeting 6:30 - 9:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	30 Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary That Man is You 7 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i>	31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Choir Rehearsal 8 am <i>St. Jude</i>	

Mass Intentions for August 23 to August 31

Saturday, August 23	Wednesday, August 27
8:15 am SH Fr. J † Mary & Edward Hanlon by the Hanlon family	7:30 am HM MASS CANCELLED
4:00 pm HM VP † Charles E. Prinn III by Betsy, Ed & Sam Manganello	5:00 pm HM VP † Kristen Gould by Walter & Marianne Purda
4:00 pm SGTG Fr. J † Brian Beach by Bill & Mary Keith	Thursday, August 28
Sunday, August 24	8:00 am SH Fr. J † Donald Hamalainen by his family
8:00 am SH Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners	Friday, August 29
8:30 am HM Fr. K † Mark C. Mullaney by Joanne & Eduard Van Loenen	7:30 am HM Fr. J † Bill Hughes by Lewanne Hughes
8:30 am SGTG Fr. J † Louise Milanese by the Dempsey family	8:00 am SGTG Fr. C † Rose Clark by Peter & Barbara Wood
9:30 am SJ Fr. C † James Daviau by the Daviau family	Saturday, August 30
10:30 am HM Fr. K † Elsie D. Allen by Peter & Mary Longley	8:15 am SH Fr. J † Harry Mattioli Sr. by Matt Martino
11:00 am SH Fr. J † Anna M. Cameron by Wilfred & Wendy Joy	4:00 pm HM Fr. J † Carleton Emmons by the Shaw family
5:30 pm HM Fr. C † Bert & Karin Agren by Mats & Lisa	4:00 pm SGTG Fr. C † Rita Picard by Bret & Marie Sullivan
Monday, August 25	Sunday, August 31
8:00 am SH Fr. J † Cindy Sheib by Paul Sheib	8:00 am SH Fr. J † Rita & Lionel Morency by Daniel, Denise & Luke Chapman
12:15 pm SJ Fr. C † Kelli Williams by Cindy Leighton	8:30 am HM Fr. C † Mark Mullaney by Happy Copley
Tuesday, August 26	8:30 am SGTG Fr. K † Louise Anne Lechner by Edward & Marcia Lechner
7:30 am HM Fr. C *Intentions of the St. Monica Club by a friend	9:30 am SJ Fr. J † Marie McCann by Gabrielle Tilton
	10:30 am HM Fr. C † Brenda Downey by Dave & Deb Twomey
	11:00 am SH Fr. K † Charles M. Belisle by his children & grandchildren
	5:30 pm HM Fr. J *All POTHE Parishioners
	NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest *Special Intention † Deceased

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Stewardship and Pastoral Life

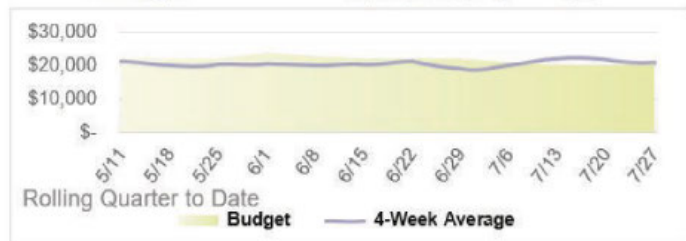
Stewardship of Treasure

Week ending on July 27, 2025 : \$21,640

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/26 Year-to-Date Offertory Surplus/(Shortfall) : \$ 995.80

4-Week
Average: \$20,606

Budget: \$ 20,132
Surplus/(Shortfall): \$ 474



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

September 7—POTHE UTILITIES: Your quarterly donation to our utility fund will help defray the high cost of utilities at our four church campuses.

MORNING STAR RECOVERY—THANK YOU! Two weeks ago, POTHE held a second collection for Morning Star Recovery. Thanks to your generosity, POTHE raised \$5,919!

2025 DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL: We reached 85% of our gift count goal as of Week 12 of the Diocesan Catholic Appeal. POTHE has contributed 340 gifts totaling \$321,928. **We are very close to reaching our goal of 400 gifts. Will you help us get there?** Every gift matters. To make your secure donation, visit <https://Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org>.

Donate here!



Week 12	2025	2024
Gift Count	340	278
Count Goal	400	365
Gift Amount	\$321,928	\$321,932
Goal Amount	\$403,816	\$373,904



Week 12: Catholic Appeal Progress Comparing 2025 and 2024 Goals



PASTOR'S PONDEROSA

Dear Parishioners,

My heart was full as I looked around at the parish picnic two weeks ago and saw all who gathered for fun and fellowship. How good it was for all of us to be together! The weather was great and tables were full of people enjoying food and each other. I want to express my sincerest thanks to all who helped make the picnic happen, especially our Knights of Columbus. All those who helped in any way, we couldn't have had the Parish picnic without you. I am so incredibly grateful. Next year, we'll watch out for the Blueberry Festival and hopefully get the dunk tank back!



Now, on to some recruiting. We're in need of dedicated volunteers who are willing to offer their time and talents to serve the parish in a two important roles:

First, we need a new **Liturgical Environment Coordinator** both at Holy Martyrs and at St. Jude. The Liturgical Environment Coordinator is responsible for the ornamentation of the church building to foster active participation of the faithful and dignity of the sacred place through decorating the interior of the church. The person in this role organizes the ordering, delivery, set up, and sustaining of all flowers, the set up and take down of all decorations, polishing brass items, and storing all decorations properly. Other responsibilities include tasks during principal liturgical seasons, coordinating volunteers, and working with others in various positions. For many years, both Sharon Leskanic at Holy Martyrs and Brenda Howard at St. Jude have been serving in this role. They and those who help them have put in many faithful hours of service, ensuring that our sanctuaries and churches always look as dignified and beautiful as they possibly can, especially for our many visitors at Christmas and Easter. I am extremely grateful to them for all the love, time, energy, and heart they have put behind this important ministry. If you are interested and would like to be considered for this position, please email Regina at pothe.liturgy@portlanddiocese.org.

Second, I am looking for individuals who would like to be considered to serve our parish as councilors on the **POTHE Finance Council**. Our Parish Finance Council is the consultative group that assists the pastor and the business office in managing the temporal goods of the parish and carrying out the material administration of the parish. It has the obligation of planning and supervising the financial affairs and physical properties of the parish. The Finance Council is concerned with parish resources, monthly and annual budgets and finances, church support, and the effective utilization and maintenance of the parish. Members could have skills or expertise in management and/or finance. Other skillsets of business, law, accounting, and communications will also be considered. The council formally meets once every two months from September-June. If you are interested and would like to be considered, please email me at pothe.pastor@portlanddiocese.org.

—Fr. Cartwright

Called to Discipleship ~ Through Faith Formation and Pastoral Life

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. MONICA: There will be a Feast Day Mass for St. Monica on Wednesday, August 27 at 5 pm at Holy Martyrs. St. Monica is the patron saint of mothers and her example of persistent prayer gave the church St. Augustine of Hippo, a Doctor of the Church. Please join us in praying for all who do not know Christ's love and mercy, and for those who have left the Church.

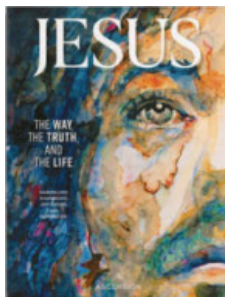


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ST. MONICA CLUB: POTHE is pleased to offer the St. Monica Club, a prayer group for women to gather each month to pray for the conversion of their families. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the Month. FMI, and to sign up visit pothe.org/st-monica-club.

OPUS DEI MORNING/EVENING OF REFLECTION: Opus Dei is a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church, which endeavors to help people find God in their everyday lives. Groups are separated by men and women with each group meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Opus Dei is Latin for "Work of God." Opus Dei's mission is to spread the Christian message that every person is called to holiness and that every honest work can be sanctified. Our next Recollection is Wednesday, August 27 at Holy Martyrs. The women meet at 9:30 am and the men begin with Confession at 5 pm. FMI and a more detailed schedule of each session, visit pothe.org/opus-dei.

FRIENDS IN FAITH—ALL ARE WELCOME! Our group of faith-filled friends welcomes new members at any time! We examine engaging programs from formed.org or Catholic publishers. Programming varies by liturgical season. Most importantly, we support each other with friendship and prayer on the road to salvation. We meet Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am to noon. You may join us in person at Holy Martyrs in Falmouth, or via Zoom. Our first meeting for this year is Tuesday, September 2. We are starting off with an exciting program from Ascension, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life* by Marcellino D'Ambrosio. You won't want to miss it! FMI: Happy at happycooley@gmail.com.



TRIBUNAL PRESENTATION ON ANNULMENTS: Some marriages lack the necessary knowledge or consent to make the marriage vows valid. When this happens, a member of the faithful can ask the Church to investigate and declare whether or not those vows were valid and binding. When the Church finds they were not, these are called "declarations of nullity" or annulments. If you are divorced and remarried, are in an irregular marital situation, or have questions about the validity of a previous marriage, this is a great opportunity to learn about ways of moving forward. A representative from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will offer a presentation on Tuesday, September 9 at 6 pm in the hall at Holy Martyrs.

PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, August 23	Rev. Erin Donlon Msgr. Rene Mathieu
Sunday, August 24	Rev. Robert J. Pecoraro, SJ Rev. Peter Onwe
Monday, August 25	All Priests
Tuesday, August 26	Rev. Matthew Valles Rev. Joseph R. McKenna
Wednesday, August 27	Rev. Roland P. Nadeau Rev. Anthanasius S. Wirsy
Thursday, August 28	Rev. Patrick Machayi, SMA Rev. Anthony Lawir
Friday, August 29	Rev. D. Joseph Manship Rev. Jacques D. Dolbec, SOLT
Saturday, August 30	Rev. Antonidass Amirthanathan, I-IGN Rev. Sylvester Nwaokolo, OP
Sunday, August 31	Rev. Thanh Duc Pham Rev. Raymond P. Morency



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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

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Vin Nguyen, Ezekiel Banla, Evans B. Yongyee, Joseph Beale, Nick Hershbine

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; 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, Peter Allen Longley, 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, Patricia Dunn, Mark Peterson, Donald McNeil, Peter Coffin.

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

FROM OUR FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

CATHOLIC SCHOOL—PART 4 MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

There was no doubt about it: religion shaped the culture of our school. Coming from a public school, I was extremely grateful. I had gone from a world in which my thoughts and beliefs had to be transposed into secular terms and values, to a world in which I could speak freely about these subjects. I wouldn't get in trouble for talking about God with other students. We had entire classes where we studied the Catholic faith. Several times a year, the entire student body went to Mass. It felt good to be Catholic above ground.

Prayer began every class. The particular prayer depended on the teacher. Mr. Tisdale started every class with, "Bless, O Lord this learning to our use and use to Thy service, and make us ever mindful of the needs of other people." Mr. LaVallee would call, "Stand up!" Blazers then had to be on and Mr. LaVallee would pull his sports coat together. I find myself still doing that to this day when I go to lead a prayer. Ms. Mahar would usually use the Suscipe of St. Ignatius (it has since become one of my favorite prayers) but she would always omit the line, "to give and not to count the cost," because in her words, "When I do work, I like to get paid." I suppose it was honest...

The Catholic ethos of our classes was encapsulated in the motto, "Men and women for others." A very high value was placed on service when I was at Cheverus, and we were reminded of it regularly. The Key Club was huge, although I must admit I was not its most active member. The annual Turkey Drive was an all-hands-on-deck affair with about half the school. What was more striking to me was the way this ethos was integrated into our classes. Some classes engaged the question of what it meant to be a good person (a person for others) directly. This typically came up in English and Theology classes. However, even in our math and science classes, there was a sense that our talents were being developed to be used at the service of others.

That concept had a big impact on me. Cheverus' insistence (combined with a timely introduction to Mother Teresa's writing) that I should put others before myself was a big shift in perspective. It led me to try to be more generous and kinder to my peers than I would have been before, and I don't think I was the only one who had this change of heart. Cheverus gave me opportunities to be stretched in this regard, with a service trip to the Dominican Republic and my month long service project at St. Joseph's Manor. Catholic education gave me a sense of purpose and mission that was distinct from anything I would have found in a public school.

—Joe Moreshead

BECOME CATHOLIC! CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8:

Those interested in becoming Catholic are invited to attend the first OCIA class of the year on Monday, September 8, from 6:30-8 pm at Holy Martyrs Church. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the process by which someone learns about the Catholic Faith and prepares to receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass in the spring. FMI, submit a *Request Info* form on our website, pothe.org/ocia.



ADVENT FAIR 2025 - FIRST PLANNING MEETING: It's that time again! We have our first Advent Fair planning meeting on Thursday, August 28, at 4:30 pm in the Sacred Heart hall. The Fair is such a fun event—and it's a great way to make new church friends! If you are interested in helping this year, join us on August 28. If you are unable to attend in August, but want to help, please contact Kim Lovett in the parish office or sign up online, pothe.org/adventfair.



CATHOLICISM 101: THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD: Catholicism 101 continues this fall with the final session on Church history. After two sessions discussing the ancient foundations of the Church, this year we will talk about the ideas and events that led to situations Catholics face today. From the overthrow of the English King James II for being a Catholic convert, to the persecution of the Church during the French Revolution, to the 19th century dispute about the degree to which Catholics could assimilate into American culture, the final session promises to be exciting. Classes meet weekly September 19 through November 25 at the following times: Fridays at 6:05 pm (St. Jude), Saturdays at 5:15 pm (St. Gregory the Great), Tuesday mornings at 9 am (Sacred Heart) and Tuesday evenings in person and livestreamed at 7 pm (Holy Martyrs). FMI and to sign up, visit: pothe.org/catholicism101.



CATECHESIS FOR TEENS—SIGN UP NOW! Students in Grades 6-12 are invited to the first meeting of the Oratory on Sunday, September 7 at Sacred Heart, from 5-7 pm. The Oratory is our catechesis program for middle school and high school students. The night begins with games and fellowship, followed by food, then a discussion on faith, and ends with prayer. This year, middle school will be discussing the hidden lessons on faith in *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and high school will be discussing atheism, relativism, and the nature of truth in the novel *The Ball and the Cross*. Groups are divided into middle-school boys, middle-school girls, and a co-ed high school group. To sign up, go to pothe.org/ffreg.





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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
(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 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

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:

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 des Rosiers, pothe.liturgy@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.