August 31, 2025

PARISH OF THE **HOLY EUCHARIST**



ON 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 more about ways of moving forward.

More details on p. 4



FAMILY CATECHESIS (FIRE) - PARENT **M**EETING

> Holy Martyrs September 10 6:30-7:30 pm

FMI about FIRE, scan the QR code to the right or visit our website.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who



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.

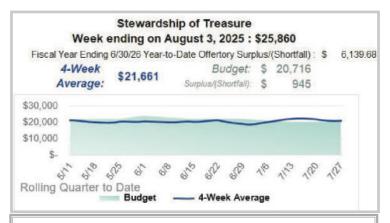
Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30 Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Labor Day	2	3 St. Gregory the Great
That Man is You 7 am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart	Choir Rehearsal 8 am St. Jude Farewell Party for Liam Scott 9:30 - 10:30 am Holy Martyrs	Parish Office Closed All Parish Activities Cancelled AA Meeting 10:30 am - 12 pm St. Gregory the Great	Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am Holy Martyrs Catholic Homeschoolers 10 am - 12 pm St. Gregory the Great Friends in Faith 10:30 am Holy Martyrs Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs	ACTS Core Meeting 6 - 8 pm Holy Martyrs Together with Alzheimer's 7 - 8:30 pm Sacred Heart Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm St. Gregory the Great
Thursday	Friday	Saturday		Sunday
4	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)	6 Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary		7 23nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Meals on Wheels 8 am - 12:30 pm St. Jude Marie McCann Funeral 10 am St. Jude Grief Support Group 6 - 7:30 pm St. Jude St. Monica Club 6:30 pm Holy Martyrs AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7 - 8:30 pm St. Gregory the Great	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	That Man is You 7 am Sacred Heart First Saturday Confession & Rosary 8 am Holy Martyrs Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am Sacred Heart	Latin Mass 9 am Holy Martyrs ACTS Day of Recollection & Reunion 9 am - 12 pm St. Gregory the Great	Feast of St. Gregory the Great (Observed) Choir Rehearsal 8 am St. Jude Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting 9:30 am Sacred Heart Teen Sacraments 4 pm Sacred Heart The Oratory 5 - 7 pm Sacred Heart

Mass Intentions for August 30 to September 7

Saturday, August 30			Wednesday, September 3				
8:15 am	SH	Fr. J	† Harry Mattioli Sr. by Matt Martino	7:30 am	НМ	Fr. J	†George DiDonna by Jerry & Brigid DiDonna
· · · · ·		Thursday, September 4					
4:00 pm	НМ	Fr. J	† Carleton Emmons by the Shaw family	8:00 am	SH	Fr J	†Mary Z. Morgan by William J. Morgan
4:00 pm	SGTG	Fr. C	† Rita Picard by Bret & Marie Sullivan	Friday, S	eptem	ber 5	
Sunday,	Augus	t 31		7:30 am	НМ	Fr. J	† Alice Lyons by the Pluto family
8:00 am	SH	Fr. J	† Rita & Lionel Morency by Daniel, Denise & Luke Chapman	8:00 am	SGTG	Fr. C	★ Special Intention for Eva Garwood by Diane Walp
0,20 am	1.18.4	F., C	* Mark Mullanay by Hanny Canlay	Saturday Sentember			6
8:30 am			† Mark Mullaney by Happy Copley	8:15 am	SH	Fr. J	*Children & Teens of POTHE by POTHE Faith Formation
8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. K	†Louise Anne Lechner by Edward & Marcia Lechner	9:00 am	НМ	Fr. C	†Nell Siegfried by Helen Stanbro
9:30 am			† Marie McCann by Gabrielle Tilton	4:00 pm	НМ	Fr. C	† William M. Sweeney, MD by Chris & Kim Kralik
10:30 am	НМ		†Brenda Downey by Dave & Deb Twomey	4:00 pm	SGTG		†Doris Mathew, OFS by Joseph Mathew, OFS & family
11:00 am SH Fr. K † Charles M. Belisle by his children & grandchildren		Sunday, September 7					
11.00 0111	511		_	8:00 am	SH	Fr. K	†lan Keith by Bill & Mary Keith
5:30 pm	НМ	Fr. J	★ All POTHE Parishioners	0:20 am	НМ		Richard Charest by Alice Jenkins
Monday, September 1 Labor Day			8:30 am				
8:00 am	СП	Fr. J	†Basil & Estella Latty family by Penny & Anthony DeGance	8:30 am	SGTG	Fr. C	†Deceased family & friends of Maria Ramos by Maria Ramos
8:00 am SH		rı. J An	Anthony DeGance	9:30 am	SJ	Fr. K	†Roland Fraser by Evelyn Fraser
12:15 pm	SJ		MASS CANCELLED	10:30 am	НМ	Fr. J	*William Reed by Margie Reed & family
Tuesday, September 2		11:00 am	SH	Fr. C	*All POTHE Parishioners		
7:30 am	-		† Bert Agren by the Agren family	5:30 pm NH—Nursi	HM ing Hor		William McPhee III by Karen McPhee P—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.



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.

APOSTLES OF JESUS—THANK YOU! Two weeks ago, POTHE held a second collection for the Apostles of Jesus Missionary. Thanks to your generosity, POTHE raised \$5,266!

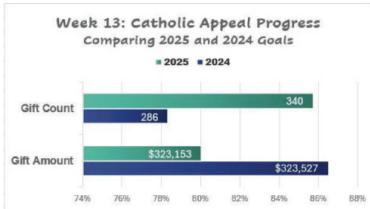
2025 DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL: We reached 86% of our gift count goal as of Week 13 of the Diocesan Catholic Appeal. POTHE has contributed 343 gifts totaling \$323,153. We are very close to reaching our goal of 400 gifts. Will you help us get there? Every gift matters. To make your



secure donation, visit https://Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org.

Week 13	2025	2024
Gift Count	343	286
Count Goal	400	365
Gift Amount	\$323,153	\$323,527
Goal Amount	\$ 403,816	\$ 373,904





PASTOR'S PONDEROSA

Dear Parishioners,

In addition to the construction of the Fr. Jim Morrison Narthex currently taking place at St. Gregory the Great, I need to draw your attention to other parish facility projects that must be completed and need your support.



A great blessing of our POTHE family is the gift of the buildings and grounds that serve as the "home base" for our Catholic Life. From our church where the Most Holy Eucharist is offered, to the halls and rectories where we gather, teach, and serve, these spaces allow us to live our mission as disciples of Christ. They are not simply structures; they are sacred places where God meets His people.

Yet, with this blessing comes a great responsibility. Our parish is entrusted with the care and maintenance of eight facilities. Each one requires attention to address the needs that arise in the natural course of time like roofing and parking lot repairs, and maintaining accessible entryways.

Maintaining eight facilities is no small task. Utility bills continue to rise. Insurance, upkeep, and repairs demand constant resources. While regular weekly offertory giving helps to sustain our daily operations, it simply cannot cover the large-scale needs that come with aging buildings and infrastructure. That is where our POTHE Capital Campaign comes in, where every single penny stays in our parish.

First, we need to repair the front stairs and ADA access ramp at St. Jude. The stairs and landing railings will be fixed to meet current building and safety codes. The current ADA ramp is rotting and unusable. The new ramp will be metal to withstand Maine's harsh weather. This project will cost \$25,000, and after receiving bids, we have contracted Dirigo Property Services from Litchfield to complete the work.

Second, the cedar fence at Holy Martyrs is beyond its lifespan as sections of the fence have already fallen. This fence needs to be removed and replaced. After receiving bids, we have contracted with Aroostook Fence from Lewiston to complete the work. They will be installing a new 6-foot white vinyl fence. This project is estimated to cost \$13,000 with the work being completed in mid-October, hopefully.

The truth is simple: we can only maintain eight facilities by a collective effort. Your generosity ensures that we are faithful stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Even more, your regular giving to the POTHE Capital Campaign is an act of hope, it proclaims that we believe our parish's future.

If you are interested in subsidizing either of these projects, please reach out to me personally, or you may donate directly to the POTHE Capital Campaign on WeShare. Our next quarterly collection will be next weekend, September 6 and 7. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to respond to these important efforts. The needs are real, but so too are the opportunities. Together, with trust in God and the intercession of Our Lady, we can build a strong foundation for the future of POTHE.

Called to Discipleship ~ Through Faith Formation and Pastoral Life

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIRS THIS FALL: Music ministry at POTHE provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us! Choir rehearsals resume in earnest in September making it the perfect time to add your voice to this ministry. Reach out in person to the following music ministers:

Holy Martyrs Jeffrey Coggins
 St. Jude Duncan McFarland

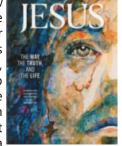
St. Gregory the Great Dave Bartoletti or Chip Carney
 Sacred Heart Ron Siviski or Jen Runge

Or fill out the online *Interest Form* at pothe.org/sacredmusic!

YOUTH SCHOLA: Our first rehearsal is September 22. Children in grades 3 and up can enroll in our youth choir program. Rehearsals are held weekly beginning Monday, September 22, 2025 from 4-5 pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. Choristers will sing the Mass approximately 3-4 times at 8:30 am Faith Formation Masses as well as at several other special liturgical events, including a field trip to the Cathedral in Boston! Benefits include learning healthy vocal development, how to read chant and modern notation, cantor training, and learning music theory. FMI, visit our website or contact Director of Sacred Music, Jennifer Runge, Jennifer.runge@portlanddiocse.org.

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 happycopley@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				
Sat., August 30	Rev. Antonidass Amirthanathan, I-IGN Rev. Sylvester Nwaokolo, OP			
Sun., August 31	Rev. Thanh Duc Pham Rev. Raymond P. Morency			
Mon., September 1	Rev. Alou M. Pilizue, SMA Rev. William F. Modlin			
Tue., September 2	V. Rev. Paul H. Dumais Rev. Philip P. Cyr			
Wed., September 3	Rev. Nyohnunfon Kilian			
Thu., September 4	All Deceased Priests Rev. Daniel J. Baillargeon			
Fri., September 5	Rev. Johnson S. Panneer Slevam, HGN Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ			
Sat., September 6	Rev. Mark P. Nolette Rev. Benjamin Simon, HGN			
Sun., September 7	Bishop James T. Ruggieri			

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

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

A New Catholic High School in Portland

There is a project in the works that I am really excited about, and you should be, too.

Over the years, one of the major questions in my mind has been, "How are we going to make Maine Catholic again?" It is clear to me that living the Faith today means having to stand up to challenges that my parents and grandparents never had to. It is also clear to me that the foundations my generation received in the Faith are a lot weaker than those my grandparents received. If you put those two factors together, it explains a lot about the downward trend of the Faith among millennials.

So how to reverse the trend? In past years, it was Catholic education that gave our children the foundations and defenses they needed to hold to the Faith through the ups and downs life and society threw at them. I've been campaigning for a renewal in Catholic education since I was a student. Our schools are trying hard, but the reality is that places like my alma mater Cheverus aren't in a position to give the robust kind of Catholic education they used to. Too many compromises have been made over the years and changing the culture of the school (while a worthwhile project) would take a lot of work. Besides, the price tag for such schools has become unaffordable for most families.

So what do you do if you want a robust Catholic education for your child? Where do you look that hasn't in some ways surrendered to the tide of modern culture? And if you did find such a place, how would you afford it?

Enter Chesterton Academies. Chesterton Academies are a relatively new movement and they're spreading like wildfire around the country. They are affordable, classical, thoroughly Catholic schools. There was a Chesterton Academy starting up when I was living in Detroit. I actually applied to teach there and had the privilege of touring the school. I was deeply impressed. The students at that school were exposed to the variety and riches of Western culture. They were learning rhetoric, philosophy, Latin. They were reading and engaging the great works of Western civilization, like Dante and Chaucer. They were developing critical thinking skills that would enable them to hold their own in any discussion or debate. They were doing all this in a thoroughly Catholic environment. They had Mass as a school every day. They prayed every day. Their classes on Theology were based on the Bible and the Catechism and never apologized for the Faith.

The Diocese of Portland is starting up a Chesterton Academy in the Portland area. The goal is to open in the fall of 2026. This is an incredible opportunity for Catholic families. If you have a child who will be a freshman in fall 2026, I strongly encourage you to go to https://mainecatholiceducation.org/ chesterton-academy to express interest. We need at least 15 students enrolled to start. Trust me, it's worth checking out.

-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. 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.

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 the Sunday, September 7 at Sacred ORATORY 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/ffreq.

FAMILY CATECHESIS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 28: Families with children in first through fifth grade are encouraged to

sign up for our parish family catechesis program called Families In Religious Education (FIRE). The theme for this year is Christian prayer. This is whole family catechesis, so parents or quardians are asked to attend, and childcare is available for infants and



toddlers. Our first monthly FIRE meeting will be on Sunday September 28 at Holy Martyrs Church, beginning with 8:30 am Mass, followed by breakfast at 9:30 am and classes 9:45 am-11:30 am. To sign up, go to https://pothe.org/ffreg.



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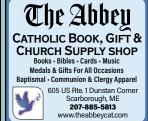




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Our Mission

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

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Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Monday:

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Holy Martyrs (except holidays) **Friday:**

8:30 am - 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm St. Jude

Saturday:

8:45 am - 9:45 am Sacred Heart

Our Confession Schedule Saturday:

8:00 am Holy Martyrs, 1st Saturday of the month 8:45-9:45 am Sacred Heart 2:30-3:30 pm 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	8:00 am	Sacred Heart		
4:00 pm	St. Gregory the Great	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		
BULLET	BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:		St. Gregory the Great		
Items are due 10 days prior to		Saturday:			
	on. Submit to	8:15 am	Sacred Heart		
pothe@portlanddiocese.org.		9:00 am	Holy Martyrs 1 st 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.