

Good Shepherd Parish

January 31, 2021

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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Good Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

**Most Holy Trinity Church
Parish Office**
271 Main St.
Saco, ME 04072

St. Margaret Church
6 Saco Ave.
OOB, ME 04064

St. Philip Church
404 Goodwins Mills Rd.
Lyman, ME 04002

St. Brendan Chapel
40 Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.
Biddeford Pool, ME 04006

**St. Joseph Church
St. Anne Chapel**
178 Elm St.
Biddeford, ME 04005

Series | Saints of the 20th Century, Frontline Heroes of the Faith

Blessed Teresa Bracco

By Fr. Brad Morin

Teresa Bracco was an ordinary farm girl born in a rural town in Northern Italy in 1924. She was named after St. Thérèse of Lisieux and possessed a similar childlike simplicity.



Her family fostered her faith at a young age and she was known to pray many rosaries as she went about her daily chores. Every day Bracco would rise early in the morning to walk to Mass and often became entranced by Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, staring at the tabernacle for extended amounts of time.

After learning about St. Dominic Savio she adopted his motto for her life, "Death rather than sin." She kept a picture of the saint hanging over her bed that inspired her on a daily basis.

Then one day in 1944 Bracco was out in the fields when she heard gunshots. A few people ran past them and urged her and her sisters to take cover. The Nazi soldiers quickly found Bracco hiding in the field and one of them carried her to the forest with the intent to rape her.

She was defiant in her resistance and the soldier became increasingly angry with Bracco. He then shot her twice and left her body in the forest. The local priest searched for her remains and brought her body to a doctor, who confirmed what happened. Bracco died at the age of 20.

St. John Paul II beatified her in a visit to Turin in 1998 and pointed to her as a powerful example of faithfulness.

That courageous stance was the logical consequence of a firm desire to remain faithful to Christ, in accordance with the intention she had several times expressed. When she learned what had happened to other young women in that time of turmoil and violence, she exclaimed without hesitation: "I would rather die than be violated!"

In his homily John Paul II then lifted her up as an inspiration to all young people.

"What a significant Gospel witness for the young generations who are approaching the third millennium! What a message of hope for those who are striving to run counter to the spirit of the world! To young people in particular, I hold up this young woman whom the Church is proclaiming blessed today so that they may learn from her clear faith, witnessed to in daily commitment, moral consistency without compromises and the courage of sacrificing even life if necessary, in order not to betray the values that give it meaning."

She stands with St. Maria Goretti as a patron of rape victims.

LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Dolores Lajoie (born 1937)
Pauline Haidysz (born 1942)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at Most Holy Trinity and St. Joseph | *In memory of Robert L. Cassette, Sr. and Jeanette Curro.*

Livestream Prayer Opportunities | At the beginning of November 2020, Fr. Brad Morin concluded the weekday livestream offering, but the parish will continue to offer the weekend livestream and archived mass on the parish website, www.goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses.

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | January, February 2021

1. V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie, Rev. Thomas Lequin
1. Rev. Costanzo Piselli, Rev. Antony Pischai Muthu HGN
2. Rev. Roland P. Nadeau, Rev. Dominic Savio HGN
3. Rev. Amandus B. Sway AJ, Rev. Eugene J. Gaffey
4. Rev. Arockiasamy Snathiagu HGN, Rev. Joseph W. Cahill
5. Rev. Philip A. Tracy, V. Rev. Louis J. Phillips
6. Rev. Seamus G. Griesbach, Rev. Donald Gagne SM

Let us also pray for our Deacons and Seminarians.

Vocation | God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20). Do you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471; email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org; Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations; Facebook: [VocationsME](https://www.facebook.com/VocationsME).

Intercession | For those called to serve Jesus as priests, deacons, or in the consecrated life, that amazed at the authority with which he speaks his invitation, they will be faithful to his choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

Clergy

Fr. Timothy Nadeau, Pastor | Rev. Brad Morin,
Parochial Vicar | Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ, Parochial Vicar
Deacons Robert Parenteau | Kevin Jacques | Rick Huot

Readings

First Reading

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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COLLECTIONS

Offertory Envelopes | The parish is aware that many of you have not received your envelope packets. We have contacted the vendor and after some checking they indicated the problem is due to delays with the USPS. Thank you for your patience.

Second Collection This Weekend | Winter operations. Please help the parish defray the additional costs of operating our parish in Maine during the winter months.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 31, 2021

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

Priests are honoring all Mass intentions previously scheduled. Mass intentions will be celebrated on the date indicated but not necessarily at the requested time and location. We will announce changes on our website. We need and appreciate your understanding during this unusual time.

Saturday, January 30

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Gerard S. Morin (1st Ann.)
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Lucille Raymond
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Henry Camire
Private Mass Intentions: Dick Camire (1st Ann.)

Sunday, January 31 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Mme. Eva Spénard Carrier
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Robert Macolini & Ed Moran
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Juliet & James Danforth
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Sandra Mailhot

Monday, February 1

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: John Cushing

Tuesday, February 2

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Donald Beal

Wednesday, February 3

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: In Honor of St. Joseph

Thursday, February 4

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Andre & Jeannette Tardif

Friday, February 5

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Memorial Book Names

Saturday, February 6

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Reynald M. Souliere
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Madeleine Poissant
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Annette DesRoberts
Private Mass Intentions: Rita & Andrew Bouffard

Sunday, February 7 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Norman Faucher
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Linwood & Dorothy Bickford
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Joe & Priscilla Morissette
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Peggy Descoteaux
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Donald Wilson / For All People in Good Shepherd Parish



NOTICES

Requesting a Parish Contribution Statement | The parish office tracks offertory donations via Offertory Envelopes, which are recorded to your account. We will begin processing contribution statement requests in February and prefer handling these via email to reduce administrative costs to the parish. Please request as follows:

- Visit our website to fill out the request form: www.goodshepherdparish.us/annual-donation-report (most preferred way) or
- Email Amy.Loring@portlanddiocese.org with 2020 GSP Contribution Statement in the subject line. Leave your name, Envelope Number, address, email & phone number or
- Call the parish office at 207-282-3321 x105, leaving the same info noted above.

If all your contributions were made through WESHARE, the online giving service, you have the ability to run your own report from your account. Log in and go to GIVING HISTORY.

Due to the large number of requests received, we ask that you please be patient, and we will do our very best to respond as quickly as possible.

Be advised: All Souls donations are non-deductible since a Mass is given for those intentions.

Smaller amounts donated by check that are not in Offertory Envelopes are scanned and deposited to the bank. You must then rely on your canceled check and bank statements, as record for your donation. THANK YOU for your generosity throughout the year!

Winter safety | Please be mindful of your safety when deciding whether or not to attend Mass. Maine winters can create hazardous conditions and a real challenge for maintenance staff who are doing a difficult job. We want everyone to avoid any undue risk. Please be careful and watch your step!

Parish Office | Staff continue working reduced hours due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which means closing the reception office at noon. It is our desire to help mitigate some of the lost offertory revenues with a payroll reduction. Thank you for understanding, and please keep Good Shepherd Parish in your prayers.

SHEPHERDS OF HOPE

Shepherds of Hope pledges | For parishioners who have not made a pledge, we need your help. Please pray about taking that step. There are cards at each church or the parish office to fill out or take home for prayerful consideration. Bring pledge to the office or mail to: Good Shepherd Parish, 271 Main St., Saco.

Note | Any checks, cash can be dropped in collection basket, inside a blank envelope and must have a name and ID number to receive credit. Check payments should be made out to: Good Shepherd Parish; "Shepherds Of Hope" in memo line.

**Current totals | 782 household gifts | \$1,486,222 | 74% of goal
Cash collected, available for projects as of Dec. 31 | \$752,201.83**

Shepherds of Hope Pledge Payments | Please note that if you intend to use ACH or credit card for payment and/or installments on pledge, you must do so by signing into the parish's online giving service, WESHARE. Please do not include bank account information or credit card number on pledge card. Go to the parish website to sign up and make a payment or set up a recurring payment schedule. If you decide to use WESHARE, mark that on your pledge card so we handle the pledge properly.

We have created a link with the Shepherds of Hope logo at goodshepherdparish.us/. For assistance, call Amy Loring at 282-3321, ext. 105.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 31, 2021

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 GSPschools@portlanddiocese.org | www.sjsbiddeford.org



ALL WEEK Covid-Free Penny Tack organized by the eighth grade class

SAT. 1/30/21
 Talk to the class representative for more information

SUNDAY 1/31/21
 St. James will be celebrating the Church's 100th Anniversary. St. James is proud to bring what the Holy Spirit has inspired in our hearts. We are asking for your help to make this a special day for all. We are asking for your help to make this a special day for all. We are asking for your help to make this a special day for all.

TUESDAY 1/31/21
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SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7TH

Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities which began in 1990. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has created over \$160 million worth of support that stays completely local.

Normally our youth and families do a collection after Masses to help support the local food pantries in our Parish community. This year, due to COVID19 pandemic, we are asking for parishioners to make food or monetary donations similar to what we did at Thanksgiving, directly to the food pantries.

On behalf of Youth Ministry, thank you for any donations you are able to make to support the food pantries below:

- Biddeford Food Pantry**
 Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9-11am
 162 Elm St. Biddeford, ME 04005
 #207-282-4771
- Stone Soup**
 Mon. & Wed. 10-11:30am
 180 Main St., lower level, PO Box 186 Biddeford, ME 04005; 207-283-0055
- York County Shelters Food Pantry**
 Tues. & Thurs 9am-12pm
 5 Sweet Bridge Rd., Alfred, ME 04002; 207-324-1137
- Old Orchard Beach Community Food Pantry**
 Mon. 2-5pm, Tues. & Thurs. 9am-12pm
 155 Saco Ave. OOB, ME 04064; 207-937-8094
- Old Orchard Beach Food Pantry**
 Mon. & Wed. 9-11am
 6 Fountain Ave. OOB, ME 04064; 207-934-5553
- Salvation Army OOB**
 Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 1-3pm
 2 Sixth St. OOB, ME 04064; 207-934-4381
- Saco Food Pantry**
 Mon.-Fri. 9-10:30am
 67 Ocean Park Rd. Saco, ME 04072; 207-468-1305
- Saco Food Pantry, Inc.**
 P O Box 246
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FAITH FORMATION

Marriage Preparation | Marriage is a beautiful gift from God and it gives us great joy to help couples prepare for a joy-filled marriage in the church. If you are engaged to be married, or are married civilly and wish to marry in the Catholic Church, please contact us to begin your preparations by calling Liz at 282-3321.

Baptism Preparation | Are you presently expecting a child or seeking Baptism for your infant? We rejoice with you who are preparing for the Baptism of your child! FMI, contact: Donna Caron at 207-282-3321 x113, donna.caron@portlanddiocese.org, or www.goodshepherdparish.us. Sacraments/Baptism Baptisms are scheduled after the preparation process is completed by the parents.



Becoming Catholic, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults | Are you or someone you know Experiencing God's call but not sure how to respond? Participating in Mass but have never completed Sacraments of Initiation? Interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? We invite you to explore and learn more about the Catholic faith. FMI, call Donna Caron at 282-3321 x113.

Family Faith Formation Grades 1-5
 Meets 2 Sundays a month at Most Holy Trinity Hall, 9-10am
 Children attend grade level classes while parents participate in adult teaching and discussion
 FMI: michelle.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org | 207-282-3321 x115

Junior High Formation/Ministry Grades 6-7-8
 Meets Tuesdays at St. Joseph Hall, 6:30-8pm
 EDGE program, including community building activities, hands on learning of Catholic tradition, small group discussions on issues and teachings, and prayer
 FMI: michelle.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org | 207-282-3321 x115

High School Youth Ministry
 Meets Sundays at Most Holy Trinity, 6-7:30pm
 Journey to Emmaus program, social activities, discussion and application of Catholic traditions and teachings, and prayer
 FMI: emily.amann@portlanddiocese.org | 207-282-3321 x117

Nor'easter Catholic UNE
 CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND Mondays 7-8:30 PM
 Join us for an evening of prayer & fellowship
 FMI: elliot.hachey@portlanddiocese.org

COMMUNITY

Good Shepherd Parish – Lent 2021



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The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 19
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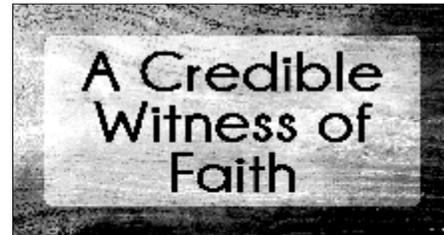
Rosary recitals | Monday through Sunday, 6pm for all our personal needs as well as our needs in these changing times All recitals held at St. Anne’s Chapel, except for Tuesdays at Most Holy Trinity. COVID-19 regulations in place. New comers welcome.

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has reopened | Due to COVID guidelines, access is limited to scheduled adorers only with a maximum of two people per hour. Please consider committing to one of the available hours listed: Tuesday 5pm and 11pm; Friday 2am; Saturday 3am and 4pm. Please contact one of the division leaders listed here if you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer or a substitute: 12am-6am, Steven Plante - 283-0782; 6am-12pm, Priscilla Welch - 710-1913; 12pm-6pm, Lucille Simard - 284-7627; 6pm-12am, Virginia Calvo - 432-1151.

Prayer to jumpstart the Cause for Fr. Zenon | St. Therese of the Child Jesus, obtain for us the grace of finding a petitioner and a postulator for Fr. Z  non’s “cause” for sainthood. Followed by: 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Marys and 5 Glory Bes.

Relevant Radio | Listeners can participate in Masses every night at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. on Relevant Radio. The network is available on a variety of platforms: on 106.7 FM in Portland.

Evening Telephone Rosary | Noon and 6pm. To Participate, dial 1-951-799-9866.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 31 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God’s special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus

taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, “When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world’s difficulties.” We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life’s challenges. That sounds doable, doesn’t it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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READINGS | OBSERVANCES

Observances

Tuesday | The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

Wednesday | St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Friday | St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday | St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MISCELLANEOUS

"We Are All Sinners Loved Passionately by God" | Thursday, Feb. 18, 10am - 3:30pm, with Sr. Ann Boyle, RSR. "I am a sinner." Are you a sinner, too? To the surprise of many, Pope Francis has described himself as a sinner. He did not leave us with this thought. He added: "I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon." In this he tells us that he lives in these two realities: he is sinful, and he is loved. We are all sinners, and we are loved passionately by God. With a contrite heart we enter the season of Lent, trusting in the Love of God and with hope in God's mercy. Come experience God's love for you. The day will include short presentations, prayer, time for personal reflection and sharing. Cost is \$60. FMI, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org.

"Contemplation and Quiet - Winter Special" | Feb. 12 - 14, with retreat center directors. This silent weekend will allow personal time to journey with self and for either a Private Retreat or a Directed Retreat. Time for Adoration will be available. Arrival: Friday 4pm; evening meal: 5:30pm; program begins at 7pm and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Cost: \$175 for Private Retreat; \$195 for Directed Retreat

"A Retreat for Men - Walking in the footsteps of St. Joseph" | Feb. 26 - 28, with Deacon Fran Burke. In the Ignatian tradition and using scripture as a base, the men attending this retreat will be guided through St. Joseph's journey of giving his life to God. The weekend will be largely silent but with conferences, one time for relevant conversation, and individual Spiritual Direction available. Arrival: Friday, 4pm; evening meal: 5:30pm; program begins at 7pm and concludes with the noon meal on Sunday. Cost is \$250 for residents, \$130 for commuters.

Parish Donations |

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Conveniently, WESHARE donors may also self-serve from their account to obtain giving/donation records directly without parish assistance. Be advised: All Souls donations are non-deductible since a Mass is given for those intentions.

To receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. THANK YOU ALL in advance for your cooperation and generosity

St. Louis Child Development Center Seeks Volunteers | Help the center nurture and care for children 6 months to 7 years old through a variety of flexible volunteer positions: From weekly grocery pickups to helpers needed daily for snack-time, as morning greeters and after school support - there are many ways to make a difference. FMI, contact Kelly Day, Volunteer Services at 245-8094, or email volunteerinfo@ccmaine.org

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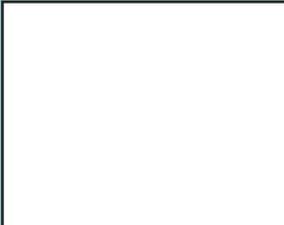
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