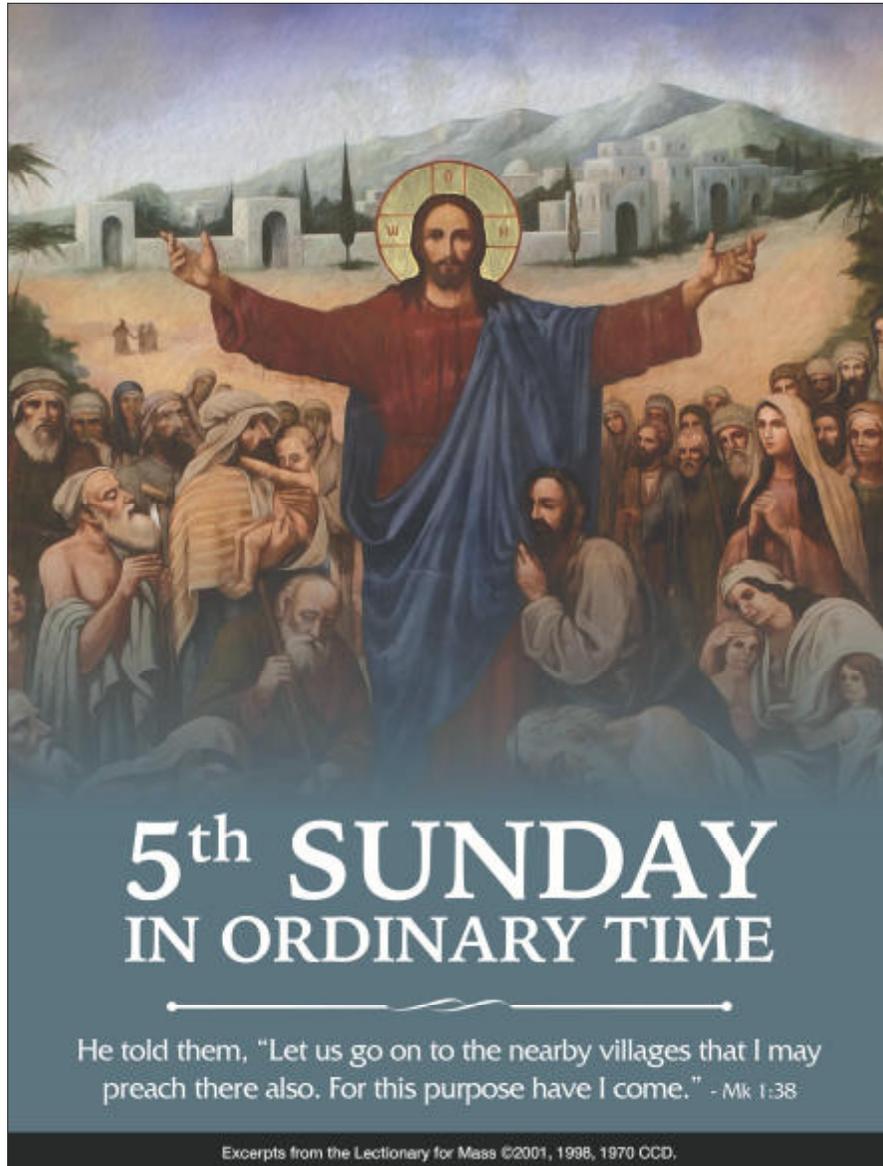


Good Shepherd Parish

February 7, 2021

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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.
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OOB, ME 04064

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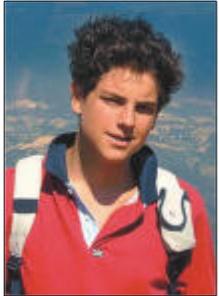
St. Brendan Chapel
40 Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.
Biddeford Pool, ME 04006

**St. Joseph Church
St. Anne Chapel**
178 Elm St.
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Series | Saints of the 20th Century, Frontline Heroes of the Faith

Servant of God Carlo Acutis

By Fr. Brad Morin



Carlo Acutis died at the age of 15 of a galloping leukemia, leaving in the memory of all those who knew him a great feeling of emptiness and great admiration for his brief but intense testimony of authentic Christian life.

From the day he received his First Communion at the age of 7, he never missed an appointment with daily Holy Mass. He always tried, either before or after the Eucharistic celebration, to pause before the Tabernacle to adore the Lord, always truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady was his great confidant and he never failed to honor her by reciting the Holy Rosary every day. Carlo's modern and up-to-date ways combined perfectly with his profound Eucharistic life and Marian devotion, which helped to make him that very special boy who everyone admired and loved.

Carlo was very gifted with everything related to the world of computers so that both his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius. Everyone was amazed at his ability to understand the secrets of computers that are normally only accessible to those who have specialized university degrees. Carlo's interests involved computer programming, film editing, website creation,

editing and laying out small publications, to helping those most in need, especially children and the elderly.

This young believer of the Diocese of Milan was a mystery, who before he died was able to offer his suffering up for the Pope and the Church.

"To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life." These few words Carlo Acutis, the boy who died of leukaemia, said outline the distinctive feature of his short life: living with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus. (...) "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything displeasing to God."

Carlo, like many adolescents of our time, was busy at school, with his friends, and for his young age was an expert in computers. In the midst of all his commitments he encountered Jesus Christ.

He attended Holy Mass devoutly daily and would pause for hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. His experience and Christian maturity testify to the truth of Benedict XVI's words in the Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*: the sacrifice of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration strengthen, support, develop love of Jesus and the availability to ecclesial service.

Carlo also nourished a special devotion to Our Lady, to whom he faithfully recited the Rosary, and feeling her motherly love, he offered her acts of mortification.

This teenager sociologically similar to his school mates, was an authentic witness that the Gospel can be lived fully even by a teenager. In his short life, oriented to that encounter with Jesus, was like a light not only to shine on the path of those who knew him, but also of those who will come to know his story.

LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Yola Richards (born 1938)
Nellie Gregoire (born 1939) | Pauline Haidysz (born 1942)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at Most Holy Trinity and St. Margaret | *In memory of Patricia Pinette and Elvira Villacarlos & Theodore Ignacio Catamisan, USN.*

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 | February 2021

7. Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD
8. Rev. Richard MacDonough SS, Rev. Peter Kaseta OFMCap
9. Msgr. Rene Mathieu, Rev. Nehru Stephen Savaraya HGN
10. Rev. Johnson S. Panneer Slevam, HGN, Rev. Robert A. Parent
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12. Rev. Robert D. Lariviere, Rev. David M. Affleck
13. Rev. Robert Tumwekwase AJ, Rev. David R. Raymond

Let us also pray for our Deacons and Seminarians.

Vocation | Proclaiming the Gospel is our Christian mission. Jesus proclaimed the Good News and healed because was rooted in prayer. Take Jesus' lead – pray! (Mark 1:29-39). Do you think

Clergy

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

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/vocations;
Facebook: [VocationsME](https://www.facebook.com/VocationsME).

Intercession | For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a priest or a consecrated person that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits, we pray to the Lord.

Saint of the Week | I, Stephen, renounce the devil and all his pomps, and offer myself to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the one true God in three Persons."

- *St. Stephen Muret (1046-1124) Patron of the unrecognized, Feast Day February 8*

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 Next Weekend | Priest and employee benefit costs. Employers continue to experience significantly higher health care costs, and the parish is no different. This is an area of great concern because of its impact on budgets, staffing decisions and human resource administration. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 7, 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, 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

Monday, February 8

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Lorraine Labbe & Ronald "Mitch" Michaud (19th Ann.)

Tuesday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Fr. Ernest L'Heureux

Thursday, February 11

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: In honor of St. Jude

Friday, February 12

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Eileen Ford (2nd Ann.)

Saturday, February 13

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Jeannine Valley
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Raymond & Anita Cloutier
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Anna & Marcel Morissette
Private Mass Intentions: John Paquet (6th Ann.)

Sunday, February 14 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Robert & Noella Croteau
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Donovan J. Pfeiffer, Sr.
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Theresa G. Sparkowich
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Ashley Ouellette (22nd Ann.)

2021 Missals Available to Parishioners

2021 Missals will be available at all Good Shepherd Churches. Please feel free to take a Missal for individual use only and not to be shared with other households. You may bring it to Mass each weekend and take home with you. Thank you for not leaving your missal in the church. For safety reasons we will have to dispose of any missals left in the pews

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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 | The parish has just received a second Paycheck Protection Program Loan issued to support businesses and organizations impacted by the Pandemic. Consequently, staff will be returning to normal hours. Thank you for keeping 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 | \$1,486.49 | 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.



LENT

Good Shepherd Parish – Lent 2021



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
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Ash Wednesday | This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 17-right around the corner! Given the restrictions currently in place, this day will look quite different than in years past. However, following the recent directives from the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome and the Diocese of Portland, the method for distributing ashes will be amended this year. Following the more ancient tradition as used in Rome and throughout other parts of the world, ashes will not be placed on our foreheads this year, but rather will be sprinkled on the crowns of our heads. This contactless distribution, along with the priest saying the words of imposition collectively and not individually, will allow for a safer Ash Wednesday this year. We realize this will be quite a change for many of us, but we appreciate your understanding. Thank you all for your faithfulness, your stewardship, and your flexibility.

Rice Bowls | Available at all Ash Wednesday Masses, Feb. 17 and Feb. 20/21, first weekend of Lent. What is a CRS Rice Bowl? CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten



calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of

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Lenten Opportunities for Healing | Instead of the normal Light is On for You Week that is normally done during Lent, we will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on each Sunday of Lent indoors at two parish locations from 2-3pm. These will follow the same safety protocols that were done during Advent:

- Penitents waiting for confession are to stand 6 feet apart
- Penitents and confessor need to wear a face covering mask for the entire time
- Please sanitize your hands before entering the confessional
- Penitents will stand during confession with a screen between them and the confessor

February 21: MHT
 St. Philip

February 28: St. Joseph
 St. Margaret

March 7: MHT
 St. Philip

March 14: St. Joseph
 St. Margaret

March 21: MHT
 St. Philip

March 28: St. Joseph
 St. Margaret

Saturday Confessions in the St. Joseph's parking lot at 1pm will resume the Saturday after Easter (April 10).

The Stations of the Cross - Feb. 19 | Beginning Feb. 19, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday after the 9am Mass at St. Joseph Church and at 6pm at Most Holy Trinity Church. The Stations will also be prayed on Good Friday at 3pm at each of our worship sites. The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in parishes during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross.



Haddock Supper | Take out only, MHT Hall parking lot; February 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; 4:30 - 6:30pm; \$11.00 Adults, Children \$6.00; Call 207-618-7662 to order.

DISCIPLESHIP

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. Consider committing to one of the available hours : 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.

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SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7

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. 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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

This Lent, The Journey Begins | Discover Jesus in unexpected places this Lent. "The Journey Begins" is a book of Lenten reflections written by and for members of the Maine prison ministry and those currently incarcerated in our jails and prisons. These prayerful reflections, including from some serving at York County Jail, will touch your heart in their universal themes of suffering, loss, hope and forgiveness. This Lenten season find God's healing love in "The Journey Begins." You can receive these reflections daily in your email inbox by sending your email address to: psm@ccmaine.org. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

"Doing good isn't always easy. But it has never been more important" | This Lenten season reflect on a way of life inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. In Pope Francis's new encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti," the Holy Father invites us to respond to God's call with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship. Please join Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry as they present an online, 4-week look at "Fratelli Tutti" (All Brothers). These four sessions will be from 7-8 pm on Wednesday nights during March and will feature lively presentations by priests, sisters, deacons and other diocesan staff, with plenty of time for your questions and discussion. To participate, email: psm@ccmaine.org, and you will receive a link to the online presentations. We sincerely hope you will be enriched and inspired by this online offering.

"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 de-

Parish Donations |

Please be aware that the parish office can only track your offertory donations in our Parish Database when you use Offertory Envelopes or WESHARE (our online giving service). All donations received through your envelopes or WESHARE are recorded to your member account.

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

scribed 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.

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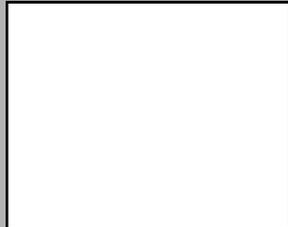


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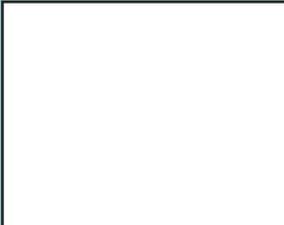
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