

# Good Shepherd Parish

February 21, 2021

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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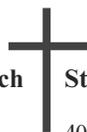
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**G**ood Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

**Most Holy Trinity Church  
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**St. Margaret Church**  
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OOB, ME 04064



**St. Philip Church**  
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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 Takashi Nagai

By Fr. Brad Morin



This Japanese scientist and professor of radiology at the University of Nagasaki faced his greatest challenges after the atomic bomb turned his city into a nuclear wasteland. While bedridden and slowly dying from the consequences of overexposure to radiation, he prayed, offered his suffering, and wrote extensively as a witness for peace to his own people and the world.

Takashi Nagai was born in 1908 in the rural Shimane Province, to a Shinto family. His father was a Western educated doctor. When Takashi himself entered Nagasaki's medical college in 1928, he considered himself an atheist and scientific materialist. Though he had high aspirations, something seemed to be missing.

He tried to numb his dissatisfaction with intensive study and occasional drinking and carousing. But at his mother's deathbed, he was struck with the sense that she had not been simply annihilated; her spirit somehow lived on. And on hospital rounds, he saw that medical techniques were not in themselves enough to care for the whole suffering human person.

Then there was one Western scientist he greatly admired — Blaise Pascal — who was also an intense Christian believer. He wrestled with the challenges of Pascal's *Pensées*, and decided to see what ac-

tual living, praying faith was like.

Nagasaki presented him with a unique opportunity: it contained the only significant Catholic population in all of Japan. Here martyrs had shed their blood and ordinary Christians had handed down the Faith secretly for three centuries without priests. When Japan opened to the West, Nagasaki's Christianity flourished anew.

Takashi took lodgings with the Catholic Moriyama family, where he had a decisive encounter. Their adult daughter Midori befriended him, and in her he saw a conviction and a purity of soul unlike anything he had ever known. When Japan invaded Manchuria, Takashi was drafted and Midori promised to pray for him every day.

In Manchuria, he endured the horrors of scientific warfare for the first time, treating wounded from both sides under appalling conditions. Meanwhile Midori prayed for his safety and for his conversion. She wrote to him and sent him a Catechism, which he read. He began to realize that this devoted, beautiful woman and her faith held the answer to the meaning of life, and the brutal military grind of the invasion — with its battles, prostitutes, and drunkenness — only served to make it clearer.

He survived the tour of duty, and returned safely. Midori's prayers were answered. In June of 1934 he was baptized, and soon after they were married. Takashi's faith grew stronger through the companionship he and Midori shared from 1934 until that awful day of August 9, 1945. Later, he found — in the wreckage that had once been their home — only her bones, ashes, and an object fused together into a metal lump in the skeletal remains of her hand. At the moment of the fiery atomic explosion, she had been praying the rosary.

He dedicated the rest of his own short suffering life to witnessing what he had learned from her: that the love of God is greater than the violence of this world, and is our hope for peace.

### LET US PRAY

**Rest in Peace** | Sr. Veronique Metivier (born 1922)  
Roland Cote (born 1942) | Daniel Ouellette (born 1935)

**Livestream Prayer Opportunities** | The parish continues to livestream the 4pm mass at Most Holy Trinity on Saturday evenings and makes that mass available afterwards for viewing on the parish website,  
[www.goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses](http://www.goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses).

**Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | February 2021**

21. Pope Francis
22. Rev. Bruce M. Siket
23. Rev. Philip M. Tracy, V. Rev. Daniel P. Greenleaf
24. Rev. Alexander Boucher, Rev. Dac J. Philip J. Clement
25. Rev. Arockisamy Santhiyagu HGN, Rev. Patrick J. Finn
26. Rev. Maurice T. Lebel, Rev. Fredrick H. Morse
27. Rev. Kevin JT Martin, Rev. Jacques D. Dolbec SOLT

*Let us also pray for our Deacons and Seminarians.*

**Vocation** | As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! (Psalm 25). I 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](mailto:seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org);  
Website: [www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations);  
Facebook: [VocationsME](https://www.facebook.com/VocationsME).

**Intercession** | That the generous lives of those who preach that the Kingdom of God is at hand will invite our young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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

**RCIA** | The Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at 5pm, Sunday February 21, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland. Individuals in the process of initiation will be presented to Bishop Deeley.

**What are these rituals all about?**

**Rite of Election** | This is the liturgical rite celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens express the will to receive these sacraments. They become members of the "Elect", the chosen. Catechumen is a term the early Christians used to denote those preparing to be baptized and become Christians.

**Call to Continuing Conversion** | This is the liturgical rite in which in the candidates are presented to the bishop, the minister of Confirmation. Candidates are baptized Christians seeking reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

### COLLECTIONS

**Special Collection Ash Wednesday** | Church of Eastern Europe & Solidarity Fund for Africa. Please help to support evangelization efforts in these locations through this national collection.

**Second Collection This Weekend** | Native American and Black Missions. Support evangelization efforts among African American and Native American communities throughout the U.S.

**Second Collection Next Weekend** | Fuel and heat. This second collection goes directly to offsetting heating costs for our churches, parish halls, rectory and office.

# GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 21, 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 20

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed):** Ozea & Lydia Houde  
**4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass:** Reynald M. Souliere (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)  
**4:30 pm St Philip Mass:** Andre Dube (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)

### Sunday, February 21 | First Sunday of Lent

**8:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Guy Perron  
**8:30 am St. Margaret Mass:** For All People in Good Shepherd Parish  
**9:00 am St. Philip Mass:** Marcel & Anna Morissette  
**10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass:** Lillian M. Gardner  
**11:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Lucien Lehouillier (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Monday, February 22

**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** Roger Legare (15<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Tuesday, February 23

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Edgar Lavigne (45<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Wednesday, February 24

**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** Bette Hoyt (18<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Thursday, February 25

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Fred D. Carey

### Friday, February 26

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** James R. Windle

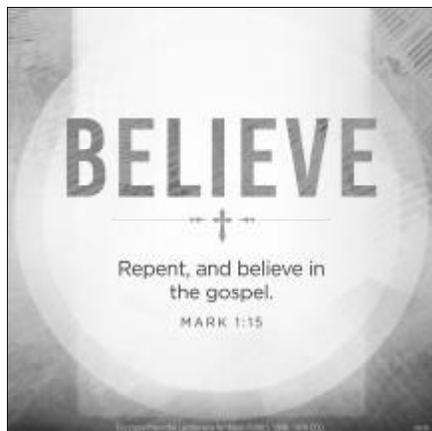
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### Saturday, February 27

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed):** Roger & Carmen Cote  
**4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass:** Madeleine Poissant  
**4:30 pm St Philip Mass:** Leon Morissette

### Sunday, February 28 | Second Sunday of Lent

**8:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** For All People in Good Shepherd Parish  
**8:30 am St. Margaret Mass:** Vivien C. & James J. Sullivan  
**9:00 am St. Philip Mass:** Robert Croteau  
**10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass:** Richard Cook  
**11:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** George Tourigny (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.)



## NOTICES

**WESHARE EMAIL CAMPAIGN** | Once again the parish is collaborating with LPI (at no expense to the parish), our online giving service provider, to encourage greater participation through this online platform. If we have your email on file, soon you should receive an email from LPI outlining an invitation to sign up for this service and it couldn't be more timely! The service is safe and easy to use and can be found by going directly to the parish website: <https://goodshepherdparish.weshareonline.org>. Feel free to call Amy Loring or David Gadbois at 282-3321 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

**Requesting a Parish Contribution Statement** | The parish office tracks offertory donations via Offertory Envelopes, which are recorded to your account. We began 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](http://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!

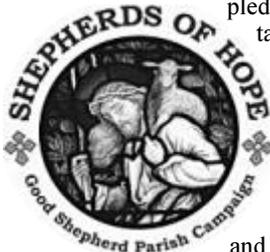
## SHEPHERDS OF HOPE

**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/](http://goodshepherdparish.us/). For assistance, call Amy Loring at 282-3321, ext. 105.



LENT

**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 donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word online video during Lent** | Each Sunday during Lent we hope that you will join us for the Gospel Reading, THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD! You will hear the same Gospel reading at Mass, but we will read from the Children's Lectionary. We will read, discuss, and pray together so we can better understand how Jesus is talking to us and how much he loves us. There will be downloadable activities for the week that are not only FUN, but help us to better understand Jesus' Gospel message!

1st Sunday of Lent 2021



Watching each Sunday is a great way for us to grow closer to Jesus this Lent! Good-shepherdparish.us, Liturgy & Prayer, Children's Liturgy of the Word.

READINGS | OBSERVANCES

Readings

**Sunday** | Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Monday** | 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday** | Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday** | Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday** | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday** | Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday** | Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday** | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Observances

**Sunday** | 1st Sunday of Lent

**Monday** | The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

**Tuesday** | St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

**Next Sunday** | 2nd Sunday of Lent

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# What our students love about SJS

*From St. James School third graders.*

What I like most about S. James is Stream and Catholic Schools Week. I like Stream because right now we are making game boards. During Catholic Schools Week, we will have so much fun. Mrs. Naimey is the best principal. She is so nice to each student. She also is always caring for every St. James family. Mrs. Yvette has the best school meals ever. That's what I like about St. James School and community.

The things I like the most about St. James are we get to have Mass right down in our cafeteria, the teachers and staff are so nice and they help us learn. The people that make lunch work so hard

and we thank them for lunch every day! St. James means so much to be and I am blessed to be here. There are five things I like about St. James School. The first thing I like is that we have Casual Day. I also like Art and Stream because I can be creative. I like that we have recess and Mass too.

What I like at Saint James School is my friends. They are there when you need them and one of my friends is like another brother. That is why I like it here at Saint James.

I really like St. James School because we get to learn about Jesus and to be kind. The teachers are really nice. We play fun games, but my most favorite subjects are Art and Stream. I also like library.

I mostly like St. James School because I know it's safe. It's fun too. And I like that Mrs. Naimey puts so much work into this school and we got this. I mostly like Saint James School because I can make new friends.

What I like most about St. James is March Madness. It's like Catholic Schools Week but it lasts a whole month. Last year I never got to have the full experience but the first two weeks were really fun.

What I like about Saint James School is I get to see my friends because I get to play with them. The teachers are really nice, like really nice. I like the classes like Art, Stream and Science. This school is really fun.

What I like the most about St. James is being with my friends because I never get to see my other friends much. I like going to a Catholic School because I like learning about God, and I like learning about God because he's really important.

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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; Upcoming in-person sessions: Feb. 21; March 7 & 21. 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, Feb. 23; March 2, 9, 16 and 23.  
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, Feb. 21 & 28; March 7, 14, 21 and 28.  
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 Sundays 7-8:30 PM via Zoom for this semester. Join us for an evening of prayer & fellowship  
FMI: elliot.hachey@portlanddiocese.org for Zoom link.

MISCELLANEOUS

**"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.

**A Day Retreat on Alcohol & Drug Abuse** | 9:30am-4pm, Saturday, March 13, with Paul Lemieux, PHD. Without doubt our society, countless individuals and families suffer from the ill effects of alcohol and drug abuse. This retreat will deal with (but not only) how parents and caregivers can help prevent serious alcohol and drug problems. We will discuss the nature of addiction. Spiritual aspects of alcohol and drug abuse will be dealt with along with treatment options. There will be ample opportunity to discuss all issues in a concrete way. Cost: \$60 Overnight option: \$120.00. FMI, go to [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call 207-284-5671.

**A Day with St. Ignatius: Shadow Self-Image as an Attachment** | 10am-3:30pm, March 23, 2021, with Deacon Fran Burke. As we approach the end of Lent 2021, we will take an Ignatian look at two subjects: What have we learned recently about ourselves in relation to God? And how well does our self-image correlate with the person Jesus sees in us? Through these questions, we will seek insight into the shadow elements of our self-image and healing from our wounds. From there we will discern growth opportunities that might be available to us. Cost: \$60.00 Overnight option: \$120.00

**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

**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](mailto:volunteerinfo@ccmaine.org)

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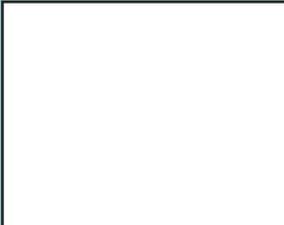


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