

Good Shepherd Parish

March 21, 2021

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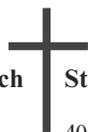


Good Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

**Most Holy Trinity Church
Parish Office**
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St. Margaret Church
6 Saco Ave.
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.
Biddeford, ME 04005

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

Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko

By Fr. Brad Morin

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko was born in the village of Okopy on September 14, 1947 - the feast of Holy Cross.



In 1954, he started elementary and then continued his education in the local high school. As a school student he was an altar boy at the parish church. As his mother recalls, he would get up at 5am every day, irrespective of the weather, to perform his duties of an acolyte during Holy Mass. The decision to choose priesthood was made after the final exam in high school. In 1965 he entered the Archdiocesan Seminary in Warsaw.

After a year of study, he was drafted into the army and inducted into a special unit created to destroy priestly vocations among young people. Two years in the army had adversely affected his health. In spite of bitter persecution ensuing from the practice of his faith, Jerzy Popieluszko firmly defied the authority's attempt to marginalize Catholicism. On one occasion, when Jerzy refused to crush his rosary beneath his heel he was cruelly beaten and placed in solitary confinement for a month. Also on account of his refusal to remove a medal from about his neck he was forced to stand for hours in the freezing rain. He was also made to crawl around the camp on his hands and knees as a punishment for saying the rosary. The results of this barbarity were that on the completion of his two-year tour, Jerzy had to undergo a life threatening surgery to undo the damage done to his heart and kidneys from his beatings. The recovery caused his ordination to be delayed,

but he was ordained at the hands of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński on May 28, 1972. From 1972 through 1979 he was a curate in several parishes. Father Jerzy had an extraordinary gift of entering into good relations with people.

Mounting health problems seriously affected his ministry. When in January 1979 he fainted at the altar and spent the following month in hospital, Cardinal Wyszyński transferred him to the chaplaincy at the student Church of St. Anne in Warsaw, and then to St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. There he continued his ministry and assisted in the parish as a resident.

In February 1982 he started celebrating Mass on the last Sunday of every month for freedom of Poland. As months passed, more and more people came from near and far to participate in the Mass. The communist leaders at that time were not pleased with the actions of Fr. Jerzy and the respect he was enjoying from people all over Poland. More and more often things happened that were meant to scare Fr. Jerzy and force him to resign from ministry. His home was bombed and his car was doused with paint. In December 1983 he was arrested. He was facing a possible 10 years in prison. From January to June 1984, he was interrogated 13 times.

On Oct. 19, along with his driver he travelled to Bydgoszcz. At 6pm on that day, he celebrated Rosary Devotions and Holy Mass in Polish Saints Martyred Brothers Church. On their return trip at about 10pm he was abducted in a place called Przysiek near Torun by three members of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He was brutally beaten, he was tied up in a way that any movement caused the noose to tighten around his neck, and then he was locked in the trunk of a car. A boulder weighing about 24 pounds was tied to his legs, and he was thrown into a tributary of the Vistula River near Wloclawek.

His body was finally found on October 30th. His body was buried on the grounds of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Warsaw. Hundreds of thousands of faithful people from all over Poland participated in the funeral. Since interment, the grave of the Martyr has been visited by more than 18 million people from all over the world. Father Jerzy Popieluszko was beatified on June 6, 2010 in Warsaw's Pilsudski Square. His mother, Marianna Popieluszko, who had reached 100 years of age a few days earlier, was present at the event.

LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Madeleine Gemme (born 1939)
Linda Peltzman (born 1956) | Roland Bourque (born 1954)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at St. Margaret, St. Joseph, Most Holy Trinity, and St. Philip | *In memory of Timothy Ian Murphy, Patricia Pinette, Lucille Fennell, and Steven Bergeron.*

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.

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | March 2021

21. Bishop Emeritus Joseph J. Gerry OSB
22. Rev. John R. Skehan, Rev. Vincent C. Curtin SJ
23. Rev. Steven G. Cartwright, Rev. Hubert J. Paquet
24. Pope Francis
25. Rev. Albin A. Andrus, Rev. Daniel J. Baillargeon

Clergy

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

26. Rev. Raymond D. Auger, Rev. Maciej Pawlowski
27. Rev. Richard P. Rice, Rev. Albert B. Colpitts

Let us also pray for our Deacons and Seminarians.

Vocation | To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and marginalized (John 12:20-33). 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 | That God's name will be glorified by the faithful love of those men and women being called by Christ to serve and follow him as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

COLLECTIONS

Second Collection This Weekend | Repair and maintenance. Donations will provide support for maintenance of parish buildings and properties. We work all spring, summer and fall repairing and improving aging systems burdened by harsh winter conditions. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

INDOOR CAPACITIES RAISED TO 50%

Beginning Friday, March 26, Governor Mills has increased the capacity for churches to 50%. After reviewing all churches in Good Shepherd Parish taking into account social distancing, we are able to seat the following:

- Most Holy Trinity – 175
St. Joseph – 225
St. Margaret – 160
St. Philip – 60

Registration is required for weekend and Holy weekday Masses.

Weekend Mass registration is required. You can register online through our website, https://goodshepherdparish.us/register-for-mass, or call 282-4812 and a member of our staff will help you. Weekday Mass registration for St. Joseph is not required, except for Holy Days. Holy Day weekday Masses do require registration. 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, March 20
4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Roger & Carmen Cote
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Priscilla Rousselle (4th Ann.)
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish

- Sunday, March 21 | Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Mme. Eva Spénard Carrier
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Emma Thibodeau
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Lillian M. Gardner
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Phoebe Legare (48th Ann.)
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: John Cushing
Private Mass Intentions: Ozea & Lydia Houde

- Monday, March 22
6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Maurice Legare (10th Ann.)

- Tuesday, March 23
9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Henry Petit, Sr. (50th Ann.)

- Wednesday, March 24
6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Robert "Bob" Mathieu

- Thursday, March 25
9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Theode & Germaine Legare

- Friday, March 26
9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Fred D. Carey

- Saturday, March 27
4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Vince Pribish
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Conrad Picard
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Raoul & Cecile Ferland

- Sunday, March 28 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Theresa Sparkowich
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Vivien C. (14th Ann.) & James J. Sullivan
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Raymond Hebert (20th Ann.)
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Herbert R. Dale (6th Ann.)

NOTICES

SAFE footing | We are in the season when daytime temperatures can lead to melting of snow and ice, but sunset and overnight freezing can create hazardous conditions for the next morning. This is a real challenge for maintenance staff. We want everyone to avoid any undue risk. Please be careful and watch your step!

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 | 783 household gifts | \$1,487,217 | 74% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of Jan. 31 | \$782,979

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.

* ACH withdrawals from bank account: Fee is 10 cents per transaction plus 1%, calculated as follows: For example, a \$50 donation will include a 50-cent charge, plus 10 cents, for a total fee of 60 cents. The \$50 donation results in a net donation to the parish of \$49.40.

* Credit, Debit Card Transactions: Fee is 3.25%, calculated as follows: A \$50 donation will include a 3.25% transaction fee and amount to a charge of \$1.63. The \$50 donation results in a net donation to the parish of \$48.37. Since the credit/debit card fees are more than double ACH fees, we prefer use of ACH. Please consider this when deciding your source of payment. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; (Heb 5:8)

Gospel: Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (Jn 20:24)

LENT

Rice Bowls | Due to COVID and the cancellation of Masses last year at this time, many of you may still have Rice Bowls from last year. You may continue to collect with last year's Rice Bowl as well. They are usually collected on Holy Thursday, April 1. You may also bring on Easter Sunday and place in the baskets marked "Rice Bowl Collection" at all churches or drop off at the main office: 271 Main St., Saco. If you prefer to make out a check for the amount



in your Rice Bowl, please make check payable to Good Shepherd Parish, and note "Rice Bowl" on the check. Thank you!

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

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 | 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; March 26; 4:30 - 6:30pm; \$11.00 Adults, Children \$6.00; Call 207-618-7662 on Fridays no earlier than 4:30pm 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

1st Sunday of Lent 2021



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!

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 25 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater

life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

A little bit of everything



Top left, Second graders at Saint James School learned about pixels in technology class. Center, students learn to play chess, COVID style. Right, students generated a list of positive words as part of Words Matter Week. Each class decorated around its door. Saint James is enrolling for the next school year; for more information, call 282-4084 or email nancy.naimy@portlanddiocese.org.

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: March 21. Children attend grade level classes while parents participate in adult teaching and discussion. FMI: michelle.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org | 282-3321 x115

Junior High Formation/Ministry Grades 6-7-8

Meets Tuesdays at St. Joseph Hall, 6:30-8pm, March 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 | 282-3321 x115

High School Youth Ministry

Meets Sundays at Most Holy Trinity, 6-7:30pm, March 21, 28. Journey to Emmaus program, social activities, discussion and application of Catholic traditions and teachings, and prayer. FMI: emily.amann@portlanddiocese.org | 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: elliott.hachey@portlanddiocese.org for Zoom link.

MISCELLANEOUS

Attention 50-50 players | Due to U.S. Postal Service Bulk mailing regulations, we are no longer including return envelopes when payment is due, you will need to provide your own envelope. Please be sure when submitting your payment, to mark "50-50" on the outside of the envelope to assure that your account is properly processed and credited. Thank you for your understanding and continued participation.

A Day with St. Ignatius: Shadow Self-Image as an Attachment | 10am-3:30pm, March 23, 2021, with Deacon Fran Burke, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center. 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? We will seek insight into the shadow elements of our self-image and healing from our wounds. FMI, or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org. or call 284-5671.

Virtual RCIA | The RCIA Lenten Afternoon of Reflection is set for Sunday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m. The virtual gathering is for elect, candidates, godparents, sponsors, and RCIA teams, and will be offered via Lifesize (link and guide will be emailed to participants the week before the retreat). The theme of the afternoon is "Entering the Paschal Mystery as a Way of Life." To register or for more information, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/rcia-lenten-afternoon-reflection.

Easter Triduum Retreat | Father Daniel Renaud, OMI, will lead an

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

Easter Triduum Retreat April 1-4 at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford. Father Renaud will share the recorded encounters of saints, mystics, and the Church Fathers to deepen retreatants' understanding and awaken their religious imagination, drawing them ever more deeply in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This retreat begins with dinner on Holy Thursday and concludes with brunch on Easter Sunday. FMI, or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org. or call 284-5671.

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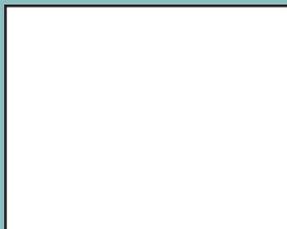


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