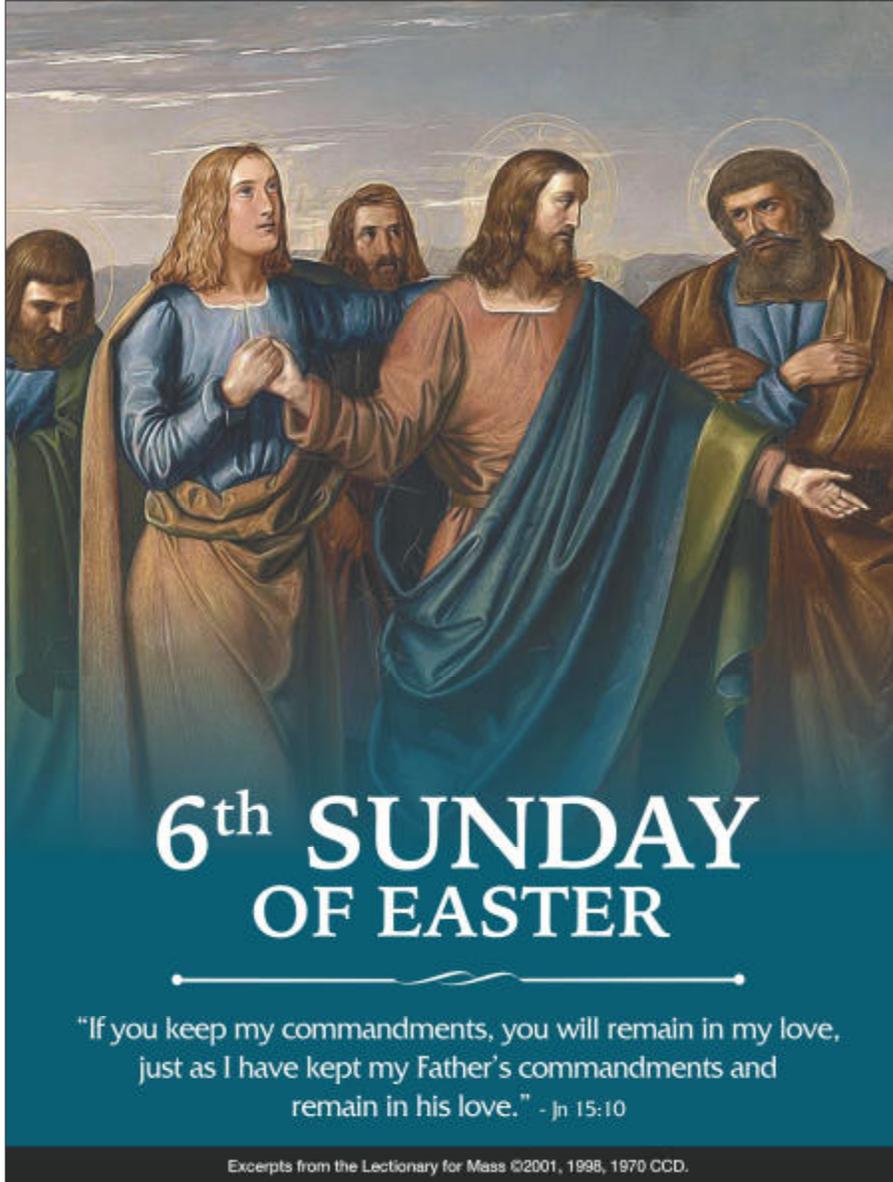


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May 9, 2021

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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
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 Giuseppina Suriano

By Fr. Brad Morin

Giuseppina Suriano was born on Feb. 18, 1915, in Partinico, an agricultural centre in the Province of Palermo, Sicily, to Giuseppe and Graziella Costantino. She was always known as "Pina" and received the sacrament of Baptism on March 6, 1915.



Pina was particularly sensitive to the religious, loving atmosphere that permeated her home, and was most docile and obedient to her parents. Her calm spirit drew her to the simple things in life, and she perceived God's presence in everything around her. Pina received her initial religious education from her parents and grandparents, and when she was four she began attending the nursery school directed by the Collegiate Sisters of St Anthony. In 1921 she went to public school in Partinico and was

admired by her teacher for the virtues she demonstrated at such a young age. In 1922 Pina received her First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and the same year she entered the Catholic Action group.

When she was 12, Pina began to take an active part in parish and diocesan life and in Catholic Action. The parish became the "centre" of all of Pina's activities and she cooperated fully with the directives of her parish priest, Fr. Antonio Cataldo. He was also her spiritual director and confessor. From 1939 to 1948 Pina was secretary of Catholic Action, and from 1945 to 1948 she served as president of Youth Catholic Action. In 1948 she began the Association of the "Daughters of Mary," of which she was president until her death.

Pina's involvement in Catholic Action served as her "spiritual foundation" and was vital to her apostolate. She always drew strength and inspiration from daily prayer and meditation, the sacraments, the Word of God and the teaching of the Church.

Outwardly peaceful and joyful, always ready to be at the service of her family, the parish and Catholic Action, Pina secretly suffered an unceasing interior martyrdom. She felt called to give herself entirely to God in the Religious life, but her desire was never to be fulfilled. Circumstances did not allow it: her mother was opposed to all of Pina's "religious activity," completely ostracizing the girl because she wanted her daughter to marry and settle down. Pina once confessed: "The main reason why I give in to despair and cannot pull myself out of it is because of my vocation." Pina's vocation was not simply the

fruit of her will and desire; she truly felt called to the Religious life and received spiritual direction which led her to understand that this was truly God's will.

Time and time again, Pina sought to embrace this life and understood that Jesus wanted her "all to himself" as "his bride." Her family, however, wanting her to marry, repeated that it was "better to have a dead daughter than one who was a nun." Pina heroically accepted her failure to reconcile such contradiction, the inability to reach the goal to which she felt so called. She wanted to please God alone and resigned herself to live and accept this "dilemma" for love of her divine Spouse. Throughout her life, Pina kept a diary that revealed the "night of the soul" in which she was immersed up to her death. She once wrote: "Who can know of this drawn out and painful martyrdom I live and the tears I shed in silence? My soul cries out and is in danger of falling into a bottomless pit... it is a constant martyrdom of the heart." Pina also expressed the solitude that she experienced: "I feel alone and without help, human or divine, abandoned even by the One who is my entire life... I live in silence and do not answer back; I offer all this up to him".

It was clear, however, that Pina understood she was called to love: "Love for the Eucharist, love for the Cross, love for souls must be our ideal."

On April 29, 1932, with the permission of her spiritual director, Pina made a vow of chastity that she renewed every month. She tactfully declined the proposals of marriage that she received from those young men who were so impressed by her interior radiance and exterior beauty.

Finally, in February 1940, a ray of hope entered her soul when she received her parents' permission to enter Religious life. Saying goodbye to her family and companions of Catholic Action, she entered the Institute of the Daughters of St. Anne in Palermo. But after only eight days she was forced to leave following a medical examination that revealed a heart problem. Pina continued to be a leader and reference point for Youth Catholic Action and the "Daughters of Mary," making it her aim to accept and transform all into love.

On Easter Tuesday, March 30, 1948, together with three other women, Pina offered herself as a victim for the sanctification of priests. She made this decisive sacrifice of her life in the hands of her parish priest, Fr. Andrea Soresi. In early March of that year, the first signs of a violent form of rheumatic arthritis surfaced. Then on May 19, 1950, she suffered a sudden and fatal heart attack as she was preparing to go to Mass. Giuseppina Suriano died at the age of 35.

LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Leigh Parenteau Lambert (born 1978)
Paul Cookson (born 1926) | Florence Cookson (born 1928)
Leonard Lasczak (born 1947) | Joseph Donald Lavoie (born 1939)
Florette Lizotte (born 1926) | Rita Gilbert (born 1929)
Priscilla Cassette (born 1947) | Carol Abbott (born 1949)
Dolores Nolette (born 1933)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at St. Joseph, St. Margaret, Most Holy Trinity, and St. Philip | *In memory of* Jerry Langley & Janet "Langley" Sarno, Elvira Villacarlos Catamisan, Juliette Landry, and Roger & Irene Patnaude.

Baptisms | Felicity Rose Spang and Ricardo Patrick Cavazos Donlon.

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, goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses.

Clergy

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

OFFERTORY

COLLECTIONS

Holy Day Collection May 13 | The Ascension of our Lord. The Ascension of our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter. The final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the Risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. (Luke 24:51 & Mark 16:19)

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 9, 2021

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

INDOOR CAPACITIES RAISED TO 50%

Beginning Friday, March 26, Governor Mills increased the capacity for churches to 50%. Beginning Memorial Day, the capacity will go to 75%. Name and contact information, social distancing, and masks are all required.

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, May 8:

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Jeannette Graffam
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Robert Croteau (3rd Ann.)
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Anna Morissette

Sunday, May 9 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Doris Couture
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Vivien C. & James J. Sullivan
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: In honor of the Blessed Mother
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Theresa Sparkowich
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish

Monday, May 10

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: David O. Reed

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Lillian M. Gardner

Wednesday, May 12

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Jeanne Gelinas

Thursday, May 13 | The Ascension of The Lord

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Joseph DeHotman
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Andre Dube
12:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
6:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Phyllis Franck

Friday, May 14

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Irene Petit (32nd Ann.)

Saturday, May 15:

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Reynold M. Souliere
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: James Bouchard
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Marie Fernande Cote

Sunday, May 16 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Jacqueline Roberge
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Richard P. Lambert
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Kenneth Pendleton (12th Ann.)
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Patricia Pinette

NOTICES

WESHARE CAMPAIGN | Be aware that LPI, the company that publishes our bulletin and provides WESHARE the online giving service, will be sending invitations to encourage greater participation in automated recurring donations. This is their own initiative and at no cost to the parish. If we have your email and/or address on file, soon you should receive an email and postcard from LPI outlining how to sign up for this service. The COVID restrictions have reduced Mass attendance and consequently we are seeing a 20-25% drop in Offertory donations for the parish. Also, we have had to change how we process the weekly collections because of social distancing and the loss of volunteers who did the sorting, counting, and deposits. This service allows us to greatly reduce the administrative burden and streamline the record keeping. It 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 considering WESHARE and your support to Good Shepherd Parish.

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 | \$1,488,718 | 74% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of March 31 | \$828,033

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.

Saint for the Week

A single 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity.

- St. John of Avila (1500-1569), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day May 10

COMMUNITY

Lay Carmelite Meetings | If you would like to learn about the spirit of Carmel, we invite you to join our meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10am-noon in the Religious Education center upstairs at Notre Dame in Springvale. We pray Morning Prayer from the Divine Office, Lectio Divina (meditating on Sacred Scripture) and learn about the history and the charism of Carmel. FMI, please call our director, Ruthie Larivee, at 793-5268.

Baby bottle drive | The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the annual Baby Bottle Drive again this year. You can pick up your bottle at any Good Shepherd Mass the weekend of Mother's Day (May 8 and 9). Continue to collect loose change and return the bottles and money the weekend of Father's Day (June 19 and 20). All money collected will be donated to Knights of Columbus life saving organizations. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Any questions, call Guy at 205-4271 or Dennis at 286-6101. Thank you! .

Good Shepherd Parish Christmas Fair | Thank you to those who have already begun donating to the Christmas Fair. It is heartwarming to see your response thus far. Kim Goulet is your contact person for donating to the Christmas Fair. Her phone number is: 205-3369; or mail donations to the parish office in care of: GSP Christmas Fair, 271 Main St., Saco, ME 04072. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support. For those who traditionally donate to the New and Like New tables of the fair please know that we do not

plan to offer these tables this year. Instead, please consider donating to the Yard Sale to benefit GSP to be held at St. Philip's Church. FMI, contact Connie Dale at 985-4585. God is good, all the time! May he bless us all! Dan and Denise Bastarache, Co-Chairs, 284-5195.

Yard sale to benefit GSP | St. Philip will accept items starting May 3, Monday through Friday, 10am-2pm and 4-8pm; Saturdays and Sundays before and after Mass. Please, no TVs, computers, large appliances or clothing. Sorting and pricing will start at the schedule above. Help is much needed. Please consider spending a few hours with us. Yard sale is July 10, 9am-4pm and July 11, 10am-2pm. COVID rules will apply. FMI, contact Connie Dale at 985-4585.

Totus Tuus | Hundreds of Maine teens and children will participate in a weeklong Catholic youth program dedicated to teaching the Gospel and deepening love for God and the Church. Totus Tuus will be presented in 10 Maine communities during summer 2021, including Saco. The program, organized by the Diocese of Portland's Office of Vocations, leads participants on an age-appropriate encounter with the timeless treasures of the Catholic faith through dynamic and faith-filled content that inspires young people to live the call of the Gospel in today's world. FMI, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations/totustuus.

DISCIPLESHIP

Celebrate Shrine | It has been a year since Our Lady of Lourdes' statue in St. Ann's Chapel is now a SHRINE. We wish to invite you to the first anniversary of its formation as a shrine by Msgr. Rene Mathieu. A Mass will be celebrated at 9am Thursday, May 27 in the upper church of St. Joseph to accommodate as many people who want to attend the celebration' Come and enjoy this feast with us.

Adore Christ at The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel | Access is limited to scheduled adorers only due to the COVID guidelines that have been implemented. If you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer or a substitute, please contact Steven Plante: 283-

0782. Please consider committing to one of the following hours of need: Tuesday, 11pm; Wednesday, 3am; Friday 2am; Saturday, 3am or 9am.

A Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes | Offered from May 1 for nine consecutive evenings at 6pm in Ste. Anne's Chapel. A reminder that Mary, herself, told us that the Rosary is the greatest reflection of Jesus Christ's life and the tool from which we are to feel the love of Heaven. It is the tool we use to defeat Satan just as when David used his sling and slayed Goliath with his stone. Our Rosary is our defense against evil and will someday defeat Satan and his minions. Join us, you will not be sorry!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 9 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us

friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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Saint James School Endowment Funds | A savings account for the school and support for scholarships. Please contact The Catholic Foundation of Maine to make a donation or to remember us in your estate planning. Let us be sure that we always have a Catholic school in the area by supporting this outreach of Good Shepherd Parish; as we prepare for the future, we build upon the faith and sacrifice of our ancestors, creating hope. Contact the Catholic Foundation of Maine, Elizabeth Badger, executive director: 321-7800 or Elizabeth.badger@catholicfoundationmaine.org.

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Celebrate the Earth



Saint James students found some time to go outdoors and celebrate Earth Day by planting seeds. We all need to take care of our common planet.

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; email for upcoming dates.

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, May 11.

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, HSYM Meeting. 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: elliot.hachey@portlanddiocese.org for Zoom link.

MISCELLANEOUS

Would you lend a hand to a priest in need? | Retired priests in our area need assistance with household tasks to remain living independently in their homes. As an Agape Aide you will provide a few hours of assistance weekly with laundry, house cleaning, grocery shopping, meal preparation, and errands. These are paid positions under the oversight of Catholic Charities Maine. FMI, or to apply online: www.ccmaine.org/agape.

Silver and Gold Mass | Catholics celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries of one year (married during the pandemic), 25 years, or 50 or more years are invited to participate in the annual Silver & Gold Mass, led by Bishop Robert Deeley, on Saturday, June 19, at 4 p.m. at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Lewiston. The Mass will also be livestreamed at www.princeofpeace.me. Marriage establishes a holy covenant among three: one man, one woman, and God. This Mass is a testimony to the goodness of Christian marriage and the blessings it can bring. Bishop Deeley will offer a special blessing to all married couples in attendance and those participating via livestream as part of the celebration. FMI, including a flyer and a link to register, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/silver-gold-mass.

“Praying with Hearts and Hands” | May 21-23, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford. Join the Holy Knitters Prayer Shawl Ministry as it joyfully shares in the care of God’s people by using the gifts of their hands to knit or crochet sacred prayer shawls. Prayers and blessings are woven into the shawls as hands work to fashion them. The shawls are then given to people for comfort, healing, or in celebration. Basic knitting or crocheting skills are a prerequisite for this re-

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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.

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