

Good Shepherd Parish

July 25, 2021

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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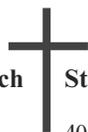
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Good Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

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



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



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



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



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

Fr. Brad Morin: Thank You For Your Kindness

I cannot express fully the gratitude and joy that being a part of Good Shepherd Parish has meant to me and my continued growth as a priest of God. I don't think one ever gets used to moving from one parish to another. However, as I move to take on the role as pastor for the first time, I go feeling well prepared and I have you to thank for that. Thank you to everyone for the lovely reception last Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and kindness, especially that which you showed to my parents who were here.

They were amazed by all the people who came to offer their farewells to me. To all who I got to see one last time, but especially to those to which I did not get an opportunity to give a proper goodbye, please know of my continued prayers and my gratitude.

If you would like to send a note to Fr. Morin, his new mailing address is St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish: P.O. Box 898, Calais, ME 04619.

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

Saint Josemaria Escriva

Saint Josemaria Escriva was born in Barbastro, Spain, on Jan. 9, 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood in Zaragoza, Spain on March 28, 1925. On Oct. 2, 1928, by divine inspiration he founded Opus Dei. On June 26, 1975, he died suddenly in Rome, after a final affectionate glance at a picture of our Lady in the room where he worked. Pope St John Paul II canonized St Josemaria in Rome on Oct. 6, 2002. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 26.



Speaking about his own life, St Josemaria explained that, "the life of a man who lives by faith will always be the story of the mercies of God. At some moments the story may perhaps be difficult to read, because everything can seem useless and even a failure. But at other times our Lord lets one see how the fruit abounds and then it is natural for one's soul to break out in thanksgiving" (Conversations, no. 72).

The life of St. Josemaria Escriva, priest and founder of Opus Dei, was indeed a life of faith, a life holy and full of God—a life dedicated to doing God's will and bringing to the world the message God entrusted to him, that:

"Sanctity is not for a privileged few. The Lord calls all of us. He expects love from all of us—from everyone, wherever they are; from everyone, whatever their state in life, their profession or job. For the daily life we live, apparently so ordinary, can be a path to sanctity: it is not necessary to abandon one's place in the world in order to search for God...because all the paths of the earth can be the occasion for an encounter with Christ" (Letter 24-III-1930, no. 2).

St Josemaria Escriva only published a handful of books and only several more have been published after his death. Although the amount of writing he did is vast, the work that consumed him during his life did not allow him to focus on publishing. His priority was doing the will of God, taking care of Opus Dei, and serving souls. The books that we do have are each a treasure of loving guidance for a soul that is searching for meaning, for direction, and for a deeper union with God.

In the foreword to St Josemaria's book, "Christ is Passing By," Blessed Alvaro del Portillo explained that St Josemaria's writings "are addressed to people of widely varied cultural and social backgrounds, spoken with a gift of tongues that makes them accessible to everyone. Underlying these considerations is an assiduous and loving knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the divine Word. St. Josemaria is speaking not to specialists, but to persons of flesh and blood, whose soul already harbors the life of God and who, having begun to experience God's love, want to draw closer to Him."

LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Ronald Charette (born 1949)
Roger Bineau (born 1948) | Stephen York (born 1951)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at St. Joseph, Most Holy Trinity, St. Margaret, and St. Brendan | *in memory of Paul Emile Faucher, Lucien Z. Lessard, Lucien Z. Lessard, and Ernest Croteau (21st Ann.).*

Vocation | If you are willing to share what you have, God will multiply your gifts. Imagine how God can use you to nourish a hungry world. Consider being a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. (John 6:1-13). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 773-6471; email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org; Website: www.portlanddiocese/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME

Clergy

Fr. Timothy Nadeau, Pastor

Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ, Parochial Vicar

Deacons Robert Parenteau | Kevin Jacques | Rick Huot

Intercession | That the knowledge of our unity, one body and one spirit in Christ, will heighten each person's faithfulness to their vocation and encourage those he is calling to strengthen his bond of peace as priests, deacons, and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Special Collection | Peters Pence, Aug. 1. We unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.

Offertory at Daily Mass | During COVID we began the practice of taking an Offertory Collection at the Weekday Mass to allow parishioners to continue to support the parish without having to mail it to the office. Now that COVID restrictions are being removed the weekday collection will be dropped as well, starting on June 1. Thank you for your continued support.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Time Changes

July 31 | August 1

Confessions are held prior to the following Masses.
 3-3:45pm Saturday, prior to 4pm St. Philip
 3-3:45pm Saturday, prior to 4pm Most Holy Trinity
 4:30-5:15pm Sunday, prior to 5:30pm Most Holy Trinity
 Due to travel after Saturday 4pm Masses, we are unable to offer Confession prior to the 6pm Mass at St. Margaret.

You may also make an appointment for Confession by calling 207-282-332.

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 24:

- 4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Paul E. Lambert
- 4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Beatrice Blais (11th Ann.)
- 4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Dotti Hall
- Private Mass Intentions: Doris Couture (1st Ann.)

Sunday, July 25 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
- 8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Denis Collins (9th Ann.)
- 9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Fr. Thomas Lee
- 9:30 am St. Brendan Mass: Roger Gelinias (4th Ann.)
- 10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Theresa Sparkowich
- 11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Paul Emile Faucher (1st Ann.)
- Private Mass Intentions: Peggy Descoteaux

Monday, July 26

- 6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Roland H. Gervais

Tuesday, July 27

- 9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Ruth Nadeau (64th Ann.)

Wednesday, July 28

- 6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Anne Supczenski

Thursday, July 29

- 9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: John Delahanty

Friday, July 30

- 9:00 am St. Brendan Mass: Ila May & Harold Capell

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Saturday, July 31:

- 4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Reynald M. Souliere
- 4:00 pm St Philip Mass: Andre Dube
- 6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Joanne Wynne (6th Ann.)

Sunday, August 1 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Theresa Sparkowich
- 9:00 am St. Margaret Mass: Larry Holmquist *
- 9:00 am St. Philip Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
- 9:30 am St. Brendan Mass: Patty Bowers (3rd Ann.) & Terry McCarthy
- 11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Patricia Pinette (2nd Ann.)
- 5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass: Renald Dion

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

New Weekend Mass Schedule, begins 7/31 & 8/1

Saturday Mass Times

- 4pm Most Holy Trinity, Saco
- 4pm St. Philip, Lyman
- 6pm St. Margaret, Old Orchard Beach

Sunday Mass Times

- 7am St. Joseph, Biddeford
- 9am St. Philip
- 9am St. Margaret
- 9:30am St. Brendan, Biddeford Pool
- 11am St. Joseph
- 5:30pm Most Holy Trinity

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Joseph Church

- 6pm Monday & Wednesday
- 9am Tuesday & Thursday

St. Brendan Chapel (seasonal)

- 9am Friday

SHEPHERDS OF HOPE

Shepherds of Hope pledges | June marks the start of the 3rd year since we opened the Shepherds of Hope Capital Campaign. We are just short of 75% of our goal so we are looking for more support. Project work is underway or being completed at most church sites with many projects still to do. Please help if you can. If you have already donated, please consider doing so again, if you are able. Send donations to: Good Shepherd Parish, 271 Main St., Saco



04072.

Note | Any checks or cash can be dropped in weekend 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 | 788 household gifts , pledges | \$1,491,268 | 74% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of April 30 | \$848,715

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.

COMMUNITY

Your most important work may be after you retire | Would you like to make a significant contribution with your life to the lives of others? The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a national organization, now open in Portland, that offers adult men and women the opportunity to share their life skills and wisdom in service to the poor. IVC Portland Service Corps Members commit to work in social service organizations, schools, and non-profits for 1 to 2 days per week. In addition, they meet monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There are several open placements in the greater Portland area that need volunteers. FMI about IVC Portland, visit: www.ivcusa.org/Portland and contact Kathy Crosson, IVC Portland Regional Director at 808-8029 or kcrosson@ivcusa.org.

Good Shepherd Parish THANK YOU to everyone who did such a terrific job putting on the Yard Sale at St Philip Church and to all who came out to support it and make it such a success! The volunteer

hours are what make this annual event so special. The total money raised was \$4,513. God bless and Thank you!!

Crutches for Africa | The Social Justice Commission is joining the Saco chapter of Rotary International in collecting mobility devices such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc. to be shipped to countries in Africa. The collection box for Good Shepherd Parish will be located in the lobby of Most Holy Trinity church for the next two months. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

St. Francis Presentation | Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center is pleased to sponsor a presentation by Juliana and Richard L'Heureux at 10am Saturday, July 24 at the University of New England in Biddeford, the former site of the St. Francis institution. Join Juliana and Richard as they take a tour down memory lane. This is a free event, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged due to space. Please pre-register here: biddefordculturalandheritagecenter.org or email bchc04005@gmail.com.

DISCIPLESHIP

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel | The chapel is currently open Tuesday – Saturday and the capacity has been increased to 4 people allowing for drop ins between the hours of 6am-8pm. Between 8pm-6am remains scheduled adorers and their invited guests only. Please consider committing to spending 1 hour a week in the Eucharistic presence of Christ. The following hours are in need of scheduled adorers: Wednesday, 11am, 1pm; Thursday, 4am, 1pm, 2pm, 10pm; Friday, 2am; Saturday 3am, 10am, 4pm, 10pm. FMI, contact Steve Plante, 283-0782.

Rosary recital for the Unborn | 6pm every Tuesday, at the Knights of Columbus Monument, St. Joseph Cemetery. FMI, contact Don Maurice, 286-7410 or donaldmaurice47@gmail.com.

Daily Rosary Recitations | St. Anne's Chapel, 6pm nightly, Sunday through Saturday.

Public Rosary | A rosary dedicated to St. Joseph will be held on Sunday July, 25 in the front of St. Joseph Church at 2pm. The intent

is to pray for all priests in these tremulous times. We as Catholics need, love and support our priests. It is also a good time because Fr. Zénon's feast day is the following day. We can ask him for his prayers to meet our present need within the Church.

St. Margaret Mass Ministries Invitation | Have you always wanted to help out at Mass but not sure what you could do or thought that someone would say, "We are all set and you are probably not needed - We need you! St. Margaret Church needs sacristans for Saturday and Sunday Masses What is a sacristan? The sacristan prepares the materials necessary for the celebration of the Mass: the books, the vessels, the bread, and the wine. Training and guidance are provided. Greeters are also needed for the Saturday Mass at St. Margaret. Greeters welcome people to Mass, help them find a seat if needed, handing out bulletins, counting parishioners as needed, and bidding them farewell when the Mass concludes. Training and guidance are provided for both of these ministries. Contact Liz Williams with questions or FMI: Elizabeth.Williams@portlanddiocese.org or call 282-3321 x110.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is

to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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FAITH FORMATION

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.

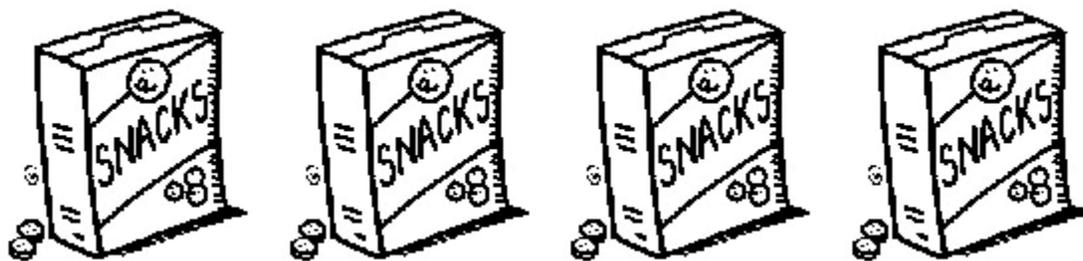
Becoming Catholic, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults | Are you or someone you know. Experiencing God's call but not sure how to respond? Participating in Mass but have never completed Sacra-

ments 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 | For families with children in grades PreK-5. This program includes preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion for children. We meet twice a month on Sundays and provide at-home materials for alternate weeks, each month from September thru April. We offer coffee and adult teaching and discussions while the children are in age/grade appropriate classes. FMI, contact michelle.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org | 282-3321 x115

Lifelong Formation

Please watch for details regarding our upcoming fall series intended for adults.



SNACK ATTACK

Little kids are always hungry. They graze throughout the day. Did you know that a 7-year-old should eat or drink something every two to three hours? Snacks are good for kids because they give them an energy boost between meals and it helps them stay focused at school. Guess what? Not every child is sent to school with a snack. Our elementary schools could use some assistance. We will be collecting PREPACKAGED, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED snacks for elementary school age children during the month of August. Donation boxes will be located at church entrances. Please help us! Here are some ideas:

- Ritz cracker sandwiches with peanut butter or cheese
- Granola or cereal bars
- Raisins, fruit snacks, pretzels, popcorn, goldfish packets
- Graham cracker snack packages

Thank you from all the hungry little kids and the Social Justice Committee!

MISCELLANEOUS

Part time Bookkeeper Admin / Payroll Clerk Job Opening | The parish is looking for someone with experience in bookkeeping work and payroll administration. This person will work closely with the bookkeeper to ensure parish receipts and disbursements are recorded timely and accurately, while also maintaining the necessary supporting documentation. The position will also provide support to the Business Manager with payroll processing and benefits admin / record keeping work. The position requires attention to detail and excellent organizational skills. Training to learn the General Ledger System will also be provided. The work is generally 2 or 3 days per week, but there is flexibility once the position and processes are learned. Ideally, this is a person of faith who would like to use his or her skills, experience, and talents supporting the back-office administration of the parish. To apply or inquire, email GoodShepherd@Portlanddiocese.org, with position title in subject line and attach a resume.

Part Time Receptionist Position Opening | Good Shepherd Parish is seeking a part time receptionist. This position assists those who visit, telephone, or email the parish office and is responsible for facilitating inter-office communication and the coordination of office resources. Please send letter of interest and/or resume to Fr. Nadeau at Timothy.Nadeau@portlanddiocese.org.

Echoes of Faith® Diocesan-wide Adult Faith Formation | Are you a Catholic adult in Maine who is interested in joining a diocesan-wide community of learners to rediscover the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith? The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation invites you to journey with them in exploring Echoes of Faith®. To join, contact your parish to register.

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. It is helpful to register in the parish beforehand, and you may do that online at: <https://goodshepherdparish.us/become-a-member> or call the office at 282-3321 to request a paper copy. THANK YOU ALL in advance for your cooperation and generosity.

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