

# Good Shepherd Parish

August 29, 2021

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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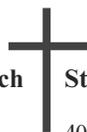
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**G**ood Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

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Parish Office**  
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**St. Margaret Church**  
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OOB, ME 04064



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

### Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

Franz Jägerstätter was born on May 20, 1907, in St. Radegund, Upper Austria, to his unmarried mother, Rosalia Huber, and to Franz Bachmeier, who was killed during World War I. After the death of his natural father, Rosalia married Heinrich Jägerstätter, who adopted



Franz and gave the boy his surname of Jägerstätter in 1917.

Franz received a basic education in his village's one-room schoolhouse. His step-grandfather helped with his education and the boy became an avid reader. It seems Franz was unruly in his younger years; he was, in fact, the first in his village to own a motorcycle. However, he is better known as an ordinary and humble Catholic who did not draw attention to himself. After his marriage to Franziska in 1936 and their honeymoon in Rome, Franz grew in his faith but

was not extreme in his piety.

Besides farm work, Franz became the local sexton in 1936 and began receiving the Eucharist daily. He was known to refuse the customary offering for his services at funerals, preferring the spiritual and corporal works of mercy over any remuneration. In the mid to late 1930s, while much of Austria was beginning to follow the tide of Nazism, Franz became ever more rooted in his Catholic faith and placed his complete trust in God. While carrying out his duties as husband and bread-winner for his wife and three daughters, this ordinary man began thinking deeply about obedience to legitimate authority and obedience to God, about mortal life and eternal life and about Jesus' suffering and passion.

Franz was neither a revolutionary nor part of any resistance movement, but in 1938 he was the only local citizen to vote against the "Anschluss" (annexation of Austria by Germany), because his conscience prevailed over the path of least resistance. Franz Jägerstätter

was called up for military service and sworn in on June 1940. Shortly thereafter, thanks to the intervention of his mayor, he was allowed to return to the farm. Later, he was in active service from October 1940 to April 1941, until the mayor's further intervention permitted his return home. He became convinced that participation in the war was a serious sin and decided that any future call-up had to be met with his refusal to fight.

Jägerstätter was at peace with himself despite the alarm he could have experienced witnessing the masses' capitulation to Hitler. mesmerized by the National Socialist propaganda machine, many people knelt when Hitler made his entrance into Vienna. Catholic Churches were forced to fly the swastika flag and subjected to other abusive laws.

In February 1943, Franz was called up again for military service. He presented himself at the induction center on March 1, 1943, and announced his refusal to fight, offering to carry out non-violent services: this was denied him. He was held in custody at Linz in March and April, transferred to Berlin-Tegel in May and subject to trial on July 6, 1943, when he was condemned to death for sedition. The prison chaplain was struck by the man's tranquil character. On being offered the New Testament, he replied: "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord, and any reading would only interrupt my communication with my God."

On Aug. 9, before being executed, Franz wrote: *"If I must write... with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering.... People worry about the obligations of conscience as they concern my wife and children. But I cannot believe that, just because one has a wife and children, a man is free to offend God."*

Franz Jägerstätter, who would not bow his head to Hitler, bowed his head to God, and the guillotine took care of the rest. He was obviously called up to serve a higher order.

### LET US PRAY

**Rest in Peace** | Henry Petit (born 1941)  
Michael Arenstam (born 1937) | Precille Beebe (born 1936) | Vivian Hickey Tremblay (born 1925) | Colette Boucher (born 1951)  
| Dennis Bolduc (born 1945)

**The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at St. Joseph, St. Margaret, and St. Philip** | *In memory of Jean Paul Perron, in honor of Lillian Greene, and in memory of Hermance Collin (1<sup>st</sup> Ann).*

**Vocation** | You are called to be a person of integrity. Live in a way that shows that God is your center. (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23). 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

**Intercession** | For the willingness among our young people, by the

### Clergy

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

grace from the Father, to make a generous gift of their lives as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | August-September 2021

- 29. Rev. Richard C. McLaughlin, All Deceased Priests
- 30. Rev. Gabriel Muteru, Rev. James S. Plourde
- 31. Rev. D. Joseph Manship, Rev. Benedict O. Faney OP
- 1. Rev. Francis P. Morin, Rev. Eddy J. Morin
- 2. V. Rev. Richard C. Malo, Msgr. Andrew Dubois
- 3. Rev. Antonio A. Amato, Msgr. Marc B. Caron

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

### COLLECTIONS

**Second Collection Next Weekend** | Joan Beaudry Catholic School Sponsorship. Benefits students attending St. James School. Joan Beaudry was a parishioner and dedicated teacher at St. Mary's School in Biddeford. This fund was established in her memory and is typically collected around Labor Day weekend.

NOTICES

**Parking** | Reminder to all parishioners attending Mass at St. Margaret on Aug. 29: Please be aware of the Ironman Race in OOB. There will be some traffic and congestion along the race course. Access to the Church from Cascade and Portland Avenue will be difficult. Please allow some extra time to arrive at Mass on time.

**Parish Buildings and Grounds** | When you happen to be driving by the church, the parish would like your help keeping watch on our properties and reporting any suspicious or inappropriate activity you see to police in your community. If you see trespassing and loitering on parish grounds that can be a harbinger to problems requiring additional maintenance and or repair work. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**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.

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 | 789 household gifts , pledges | \$1,492,228 | 74% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of July 31 | \$897,299**

**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.

\* **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.

CONGRATULATIONS, FR. JOSEPH MANSHIP

On celebrating 45 years of ordination to the priesthood on September 3. We are grateful for the gift of your priesthood and the numerous ways you've ministered to our parish family over the years. May God continue to pour out His Holy Spirit on you and give you joy!



PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 28:**

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed):** Vince Pribish (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

**4:00 pm St Philip Mass:** Louise Sutton

**6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass:** Rita Bureau (32<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)

**Sunday, August 29 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Michael Binette (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

**9:00 am St. Margaret Mass:** Vivien C. & James J. Sullivan

**9:00 am St. Philip Mass:** Stephanie & Nelson Paradis \*

**9:30 am St. Brendan Mass:** John & Molly Brady

**11:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Robert "Bob" Mathieu

**5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass:** For All People in Good Shepherd Parish

**Monday, August 30**

**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** Hazen & Bette Hoyt

**Tuesday, August 31**

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Martha & Andre Cloutier

**Wednesday, September 1**

**6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass:** Fred D. Carey

**Thursday, September 2**

**9:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Memorial Book Names

**Friday, September 3**

**9:00 am St. Brendan Mass:** Germaine Legare (30<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**Saturday, September 4:**

**4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed):** Reynold M. Souliere

**4:00 pm St Philip Mass:** Patricia Pinette

**6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass:** The Thomas Leavitt Family

**Sunday, September 5 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** Violette Mercier

**9:00 am St. Margaret Mass:** Priscille & Gerard D. Paradis\*

**9:00 am St. Philip Mass:** Richard Boudreau (8<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**9:30 am St. Brendan Mass:** André & Lise Boucher

**11:00 am St. Joseph Mass:** For All People in Good Shepherd Parish

**5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass:** Richard Cook

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## COMMUNITY

**Good Shepherd Parish Christmas Fair 2021** | Be on the lookout for Major Raffle Tickets. They will arrive in the mail shortly. Please consider purchasing all of your tickets and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. The extra cash will come in handy just in time for Christmas should you/they win. Additional tickets may be picked up at the parish office. We are still monitoring CDC guidelines and it looks like our Christmas Fair will be different than in years past. We hope to post more information in the bulletin as the fair approaches. We are still accepting donations for the Penny Raffle and encourage your participation in the Major Raffle. Stay well. Peace be with you!

**Bean Supper** | The bean supper scheduled for Saturday, Aug.28, has been cancelled out of respect for a death in the organization.

**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. FMI, visit: [www.ivcusa.org/Portland](http://www.ivcusa.org/Portland) and contact Kathy Crosson, IVC Portland Regional Director at 808-8029 or [kcrosson@ivcusa.org](mailto:kcrosson@ivcusa.org).

## DISCIPLESHIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** | 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 207-282-3321.

**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.

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

through Saturday.

**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](mailto:donaldmaurice47@gmail.com).

**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 ministries. Contact Liz Williams with questions: [Elizabeth.Williams@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Williams@portlanddiocese.org) or 282-3321 x110.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner look-

ing for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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FAITH FORMATION



**"To always be close to  
Jesus, this is my  
life's plan."  
Blessed Carlos Acutis**

Good Shepherd Parish High School Youth Ministry - September 19!

### High School Ministry (9-12)

**Kick Off night is September 19!  
Meetings are Sunday evenings  
Most Holy Trinity, Saco  
6:45pm to 8:15pm after the 5:30pm  
Mass  
FMI, contact Emily Carter at  
Emily.Carter@portlanddiocese.org**

### Middle School Ministry (6-8)

**Kick Off is September 14!  
Meetings are on Tuesday evenings  
6:00 to 7:30pm at St. Joseph  
Church Hall  
FMI, contact Cindy Bernier at  
Cynthia.Bernier@portlanddiocese.org**

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Michelle Philbrick  
207-282-3321 x115

#### Do you have or know a child in Grade 1- 5?

Children in these grade levels are *brimming* with questions and ideas about God, His creation, and His people; we'd love to accompany them - and you - for this journey of faith!

Our program offers grade level sessions and activities, materials for at-home lessons, community building opportunities, teachings, explanations, and discussions for adults.

Please visit our website ([goodshepherdparish.us/registration](http://goodshepherdparish.us/registration)) to register, contact michelle.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org.



**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](mailto:donna.caron@portlanddiocese.org), or [www.goodshepherdparish.us](http://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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Saco Meals Program** | Three volunteers are sought to cook Thursday meals. FMI, contact Schlaver@maine.rr.com.

**Kitchen helper needed** | Marie Joseph Spiritual Center. Call 284-5671 and ask for Sr. Sue or email suebourret@hotmail.com.

**Retreat, "Diverse Perspectives"** | Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford, Sept. 19-24. During a six-day retreat, "Diverse Perspectives," Sister Helen Santamaria & Deacon Fran Burke will share the lessons they learned about God and life during time they spent in Nebraska and Iowa, walking hundreds of miles together over four summers. The cost is \$560. FMI or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call 284-5671.

**"Using Watercolor as Prayer"** | Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford. The familiar prayers of surrender, release, and/or letting go are enhanced using watercolors, since you cannot 'control' watercolors. The cost is \$260 for those staying at the center for the weekend or \$140 for commuters. FMI or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call 284-5671.

**"Breathing with Both Lungs"** | September 24-26, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford. A weekend retreat on the Eastern and Western Catholic traditions will be led by Fr. Jim Savage. The retreat will be rooted in the Eastern spiritual tradition with a focus on the theory and practice of Prayer of the Heart. The cost is \$260 for those staying overnight and \$140 for commuters. FMI or to register, call 284-5671.

**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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