

Good Shepherd Parish

October 17, 2021

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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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.
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St. Margaret Church
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St. Philip Church
404 Goodwins Mills Rd.
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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 Nikolaus Gross



While many in Germany were lured by Adolf Hitler's persuasive leadership, there was a remnant of individuals who saw the evil he did and worked hard against it. This included bold men such as Nikolaus Gross, who sought to fight for the lives of others.

Gross initially worked as a miner and was active in the St. Anthony's Miners' Association, becoming the editor-in-chief of its newspaper. However, political changes in Germany were presenting new challenges and he powerfully wrote in an edition of the newspaper in 1930, "As Catholic workers we reject Nazism

not only for political and economic reasons, but decisively also, resolutely and clearly, on account of our religious and cultural attitude."

Besides being a miner, Gross was also a loving husband and devoted father of seven children. He strove to foster their Catholic faith and taught them at a young age respect for the poor and suffering.

As the tides began to turn in favor of the Nazis, Gross was among the first to join the resistance. He continued to write, this time pamphlets, to strengthen the faith of workers. Not surprisingly, his home was subject to searches and he was repeatedly interrogated. Gross knew something must be done and did all that he could to influence his fellow Germans, as is displayed in this 1943 message.

Sometimes, my heart becomes heavy and the task appears insoluble if I measure my own human imperfection and inadequacy against the

greatness of the obligation and the weight of the responsibility. If a generation must pay the highest price, death, for its short life, we look for the answer in ourselves in vain. We find it only in Him in whose hand we are safe in life and in death. We never know what problems are waiting to test the power and strength of our souls ... Man's ways lie in obscurity. But even darkness is not without light. Hope and faith, which always hasten ahead of us, already have a presentiment of the breaking of a new dawn. If we know that the best thing in us, the soul, is immortal, then we also know that we shall meet each other again.

Being part of the resistance, Gross "was well informed of the plot to assassinate Hitler even though he took no part in its preparation and execution." Then on July 20, 1944, the assassination attempt failed "when a bomb planted in a briefcase went off but did not kill the Nazi leader" and resulted in a swift investigation to discover all those involved.

Gross was arrested on Aug. 12, 1944, because of his connection with those who planned the attempt. After being put in jail and tortured numerous times, he was finally executed on Jan. 23, 1945.

The cause for his canonization began in 1988, and he was declared a martyr killed "in odium fidei" (in hatred of the faith) in 2001, with St. John Paul II beatifying him on Oct. 7, 2001. The pope shared the following remark about the inspiration of his life:

Blessed Nikolaus Gross teaches us to obey God rather than men. Our time urgently needs convinced Christians, who listen to the voice of their conscience and have the courage to speak out when it is a question of the transcendence of the human person.

LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Jeanne Sirois (born 1935)

Charles Gajewski (born 1960) | Adrien Bedard (born 1932)

Martin Gonthier (born 1932) | Claudette Laverriere (born 1936)

Velma E. Williams (born 1929) | Jean Rachel Lamb (born 1936)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at Most Holy Trinity, St. Joseph, St. Margaret, and St. Philip | *In memory of William Sutton, Robert J. Bernier (10th Ann.), Seneca Bard, and Barbara Gouin.*

Baptisms | Taylor Ann Kenniston, Evelyn Joy Waller, Carmela Rhian McClure-Rothgaber, Libby Marie Bellerose and Carter James Morin.

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | October 2021

17. Pope Francis

18. All Priests

19. Rev. Antony Pichai Muthu HGN, Rev. Roland P. Nadeau

20. Rev. Dominic Savio HGN, Rev. Amandus B. Sway AJ

21. Rev. Eugene J. Gaffey, Rev. Arockisamy Santhiagu HGN

22. Rev. Joseph W. Cahill, Rev. Philip A. Tracy

23. V. Rev. Louis J. Phillips, Rev. Seamus P. Griesbach

Let us also pray for deacons and seminarians.

Vocation | Whoever wants to be great must serve others. Who are the ones you consider "great?" What can you do to carry on their legacy? (Mark 10:35-45) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Greg Dube: 773-6471 ;

Clergy

Rev. Timothy Nadeau, Pastor

Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Anthony Lawir, Parochial Vicar

Deacons Robert Parenteau | Kevin Jacques | Rick Huot

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Intercession | For reverent boldness on the part of the faithful as they approach the throne of grace in prayer, asking the Lord of the Harvest for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Saint of the Week

Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You.

- Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), Patron of Technical Educators, Feast Day October 24

FINANCIALS NOTICE

Parish & School Financial Statements/Budgets

Please be advised copies of Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and fiscal year 2022 Budget, for both the parish and St James School, are available at the parish office or posted on our website.

Don't hesitate to contact David Gadbois (parish offc. 207-282-3321) or Nancy Naimey (school offc. 207-282-4084) with any questions you may have.

COLLECTIONS

Special Collection Next Weekend | World Mission Sunday. The offerings collected are for a common fund distributed in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

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
11am St. Joseph
5:30pm Most Holy Trinity

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Joseph Church:
6pm Monday & Wednesday and
9am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The last 9:00 am Friday Daily Mass at St. Brendan Chapel (now closed for the season) was Friday, Oct. 8.

The 9:00 am Friday Daily Mass has now resumed at St. Joseph Church.

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 16:

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Roger & Carmen Cote
4:00 pm St. Philip Mass: Roger Millette (6th Ann.)
6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Ken Beauchaine, Sr.

Sunday, October 17 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Mme. Eva Spénard Carrier
9:00 am St. Margaret Mass: Aline & Joseph Mahoney *
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Barbara Ellis
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: For All People In Good Shepherd Parish
5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass: Renald Dion

Monday, October 18

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Ozea & Lydia Houde

Tuesday, October 19

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Robert Bissonnette (2nd Ann.)

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Michael Langevin

Thursday, October 21

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Elsa M. Hoyt (7th Ann.)

Friday, October 22

9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Theode & Germaine Legare

Saturday, October 23:

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed) William Sutton
4:00 pm St. Philip Mass: Raymond Sylvestre (9th Ann.)
6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Patricia Pinette

Sunday, October 24 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Roland Farley (4th Ann.)
9:00 am St. Margaret Mass: Roger Gagne
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: For All People In Good Shepherd Parish
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Richard "Bob" Mathieu (1st Ann.)
5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass: Renald Dion

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 | 790 household gifts , pledges | \$1,492,898 | 74% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of 9/30/21 | \$929,712

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.



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This year Saint James School will be holding its annual Trot for Catholic Education 5K and Kids Fun Run as a **VIRTUAL RACE** to support educational opportunities at the school. Join us! Run or walk anywhere you choose, at any time between, November 6—November 13, 2021. The cost to participate is \$25 and includes a race shirt and virtual bib number. Challenge your friends and family to participate and show your support for Saint James School: /runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=24221.

St. James School is Service, Academics, Faith & Excellence | A Catholic, parochial school committed to fostering spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth in a S.A.F.E. and collaborative environment while empowering students to be creative, to think critically, to act responsibly, and to serve with integrity.

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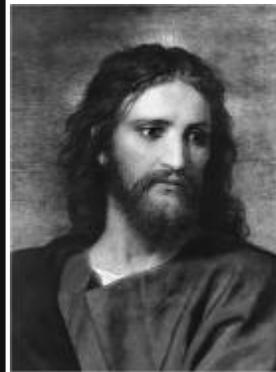
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for more information

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

High School Youth Ministry (9-12)

Join us on Sunday evenings 6:45 to 8:15pm
Most Holy Trinity Youth Room, Saco
Upcoming Sessions:
October 17, 24, 30 ABIDE RETREAT

ABIDE: Youth Ministry Day of Reflection ABIDE, a day of reflection for high school youth in Maine to relate, pray, receive, and witness will be held at St. John's Community Center in Brunswick on Saturday, October 30th from 10 am - 5 pm!
The cost is \$20 and includes a lunch and T-shirt. FMI, or to register, to go with our youth ministry, contact Emily Carter at Emily.Carter@portlanddiocese.org



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH FALL STUDY

Join us Tuesday evenings
beginning October 12,
6:30 to 8pm, Most Holy Trinity
Hall, as Dr. Bill Martel leads us
through a six-week study of the
New Testament
Register online at
goodshepherdparish.us or call
282-3321 x113

Family Faith Formation

Children's Ministry (1-5)
Parents Coffee & Catechesis
Sunday mornings 9-10:30am
Most Holy Trinity Hall
Upcoming sessions:

October 24
Contact:

Michelle.Philbrick@portlanddiocese.org ; 282-3321

Jr. High Youth Ministry (6-8)

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8pm
St. Joseph Church Hall, Biddeford
Upcoming sessions:

October 19, 26

Contact:

Cynthia.Bernier@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! Baptisms are scheduled after the preparation process is completed by the parents.

FMI, contact: Donna Caron at 282-3321 x113,
donna.caron@portlanddiocese.org, or www.goodshepherdparish.us.
Sacraments/Baptism

BECOMING CATHOLIC, RCIA

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, contact: Donna Caron at 282-3321 x113.

COMMUNITY

ALL SOULS - ALL SOULS



ALL SOULS WEEKEND

DECEASED LOVED ONES FROM AWAY

If you have family members or loved ones that passed away this year somewhere other than Good Shepherd, you may like to have their names also read at all weekend Masses in our parish

Oct. 30/31. If so, please get these names to Liz Williams (282-3321) or Sue Anne Bellavance (284-5860) by Sat., Oct. 23.

Good Shepherd Parish Christmas Fair 2021

Please keep in mind that the Good Shepherd Parish will still be having the Christmas Raffle drawing this Fall. Tickets sales are doing well and we hope to continue receiving your donations and stubs. Please help out by selling some if you are able. Remember that you can mail them in or drop them in the offertory basket. Prizes will be awarded in November. For more tickets please contact the parish office.

We also want to add to our list of donors by mentioning the following: Rolnick Chiropractic, Amato's, Kennebunk Trolley Museum and the Daughters of Isabella.

Additionally, many of you have called with questions about jewelry, knitting, and crafts. Please hold onto these items as we do hope to have an event at some later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Have a blessed fall season!

Dan & Denise Bastarache and the Fair Committee

Bottle Drive:

In an effort to make up for the lost revenue of various fund-raising activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, the St. Joseph Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a bottle drive from October 1 to November 30th. Programs like the Coats for Kids have had to take a back seat since the pandemic settled in and prevented meals and other group activities from taking place. KC member Don Maurice has agreed to pick up bottles and cans during these two months. You can reach him at 286-7410.

READINGS

- Sunday** | Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 - Monday** | 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
 - Tuesday** | Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
 - Wednesday** | Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
 - Thursday** | Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
 - Friday** | Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
 - Saturday** | Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
 - Next Sunday** | Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
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DISCIPLESHIP

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

Rosary recital for the Unborn | Thanks for the great turnout at recent Rosary Recitals at St. Joseph Cemetery at the Memorial for the Unborn. The shorter days and cooler weather prompt us to change the Rosary Recitals back to the St. Anne's Chapel starting Tuesday, October 5. Recitals will be held each week on Tuesday evenings at

6pm. For more information, contact: Don Maurice, 286-7410 or donaldmaurice47@gmail.com.

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. Make an appointment by calling 282-3321.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's

attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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NOTICES

Full Time-Maintenance, Custodian Job Opening | Employment opportunities during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic and our government's response has made hiring quite challenging. This has impacted many people and Good Shepherd Parish as well.

The parish is looking for someone familiar with building systems and facility mechanicals, light carpentry, and repairs, and able to do general handyman duties. This person will perform routine parish maintenance and cleaning duties and may be needed some evenings and weekends. Position will also schedule and oversee alarm inspections, routine service and maintenance calls for HVAC and elevator equipment. This person will supervise/coordinate other maintenance and custodial staff in the performance of their duties to ensure parish ministries, functions, and events are made ready and returned to normal order afterwards. Hours will generally be 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. The winter season will require some pre-Mass maintenance on weekends. The job supports all parish buildings and properties. Ideally, this is a person of faith who would like to use his skills, experience, and talents supporting the physical operations of the church. Persons interested in applying should email a resume to: goodshepherd@portlanddiocese.org. Please add Maintenance/Custodian Position in subject line.

Part Time-Maintenance, Custodian Staff Opening | The parish is looking for someone wanting a part time position of approximately 16-20 hours per week. The job includes a fair amount of work outdoors. This person will perform routine parish maintenance and custodial duties and may be needed some evenings and weekends. The normal schedule of hours would be 16 per week, Monday through

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.

Friday. The winter season will require some pre-Mass maintenance, including cleaning entryways and sidewalks on weekends. The job supports all parish buildings and properties. Ideally, this is a person of faith who would like to use his skills, experience, and talents supporting the physical operations of the church.

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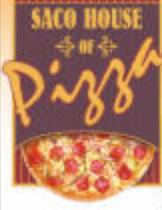
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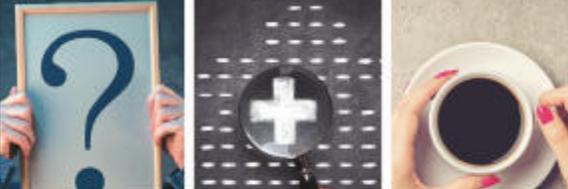


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