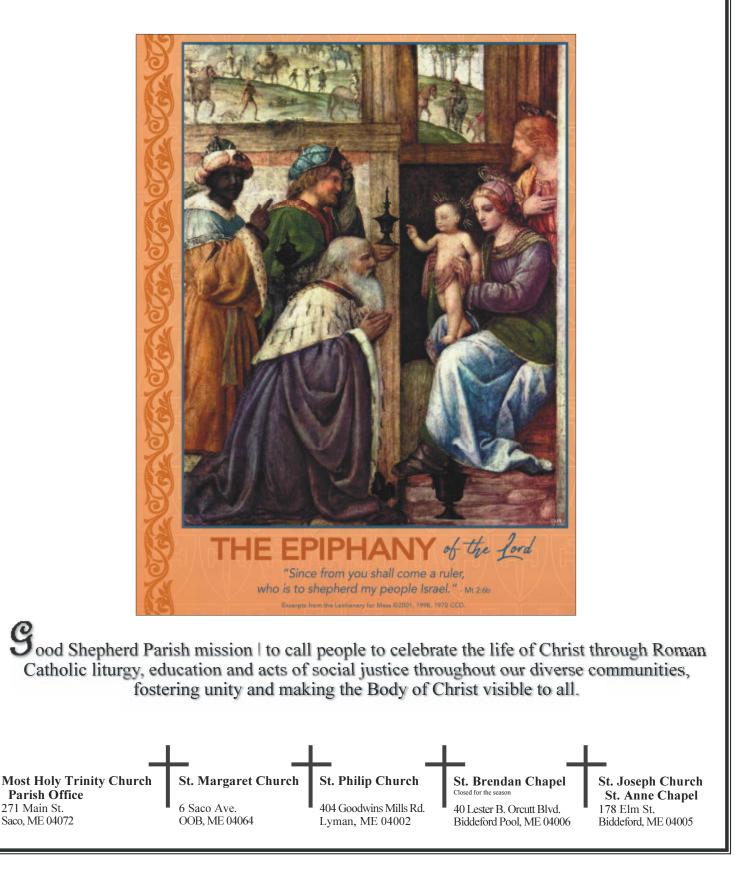
Good Shepherd Parish

January 2, 2022

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Pastoral Corner

New Year

The New Year brings the opportunity to give thanks to God for all that has been and to look forward with trust and faith for all that he will continue to bless us with. We have been through a couple of difficult Covid years and yet we live in hope, because of God's Christmas Gift to us. Through all of the ages, God chose to need human helpers. He calls His people, here in Good Shepherd Parish, to live and work in the midst of the world and all its fears, joys and concerns. In our Parish, God calls us to be effective witnesses to the truth of the gospel and to make the Church a living presence in Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Lyman. God's initiative always comes first, and that initiative is to lead souls to heaven. St. Therese of Lisieux puts her part and our part in all this, this way, "O Jesus, You know that it is not for reward that I serve You, but simply because I love you in order to save souls."

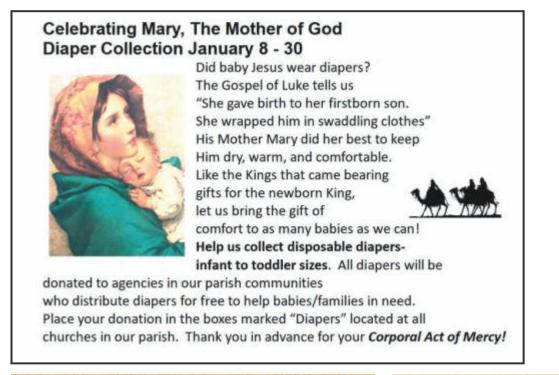
It is with this goal, that we continue to work at increasing the spiritual and pastoral life of our Good Shepherd Parish while emphasizing a deeper learning of our Holy Faith for all parishioners. This new year will continue to produce more spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

As we enter the new days of this New Year, may each one of us participate in the life of our parish with our church's homes we call St. Margaret, St. Philip, Most Holy Trinity, and St. Joseph. I pray daily and at each Holy Mass that each one of us may draw closer to Christ Jesus and be his witnesses in our world; that we may share the burdens of each other by our words and works.

Please know of the daily and New Year prayers of Father Dominic, Father Anthony and myself, and kindly remember us in your prayers.

Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your family.

- Father Timothy Nadeau



LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Gina Poulin (born 1965) Conrad Huot, Sr. (born 1942) | Princeton Osborne (born 2021)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at St. Joseph, Most Holy Trinity, St. Margaret and St. Philip | *In memory of Noella Croteau, Thomas & David O. Reed, Jacqueline Roberge, and Norman Perrault.*

Clergy

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

COLLECTIONS

Special Collection This Weekend | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation!

Second Collection Next Weekend | Religious Education Programs. Instruction of church teachings and the importance of the sacraments are available to young and old. We invite all to come into relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Good Shepherd Parish Main Office hours | 9am to 4pm, Monday - Friday.

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.

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 | Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Jennifer Ham ilton $(2^{nd} Ann.)$

4:00 pm St. Philip Mass: Mme. Eva Spénard Carrier 6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Cathleen L. Pinard

Sunday, January 2 | Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Rita Gilbert

9:00 am St. Margaret Mass: Aurel Paquette

9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Bobby LaRose

11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Par ish

5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass: Leigh Parenteau Lambert

Monday, January 3 6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: For St. Jude

Tuesday, January 4 9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Adrien Picard

Wednesday, January 5 6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Ozea & Lydia Houde

Thursday January 6 9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Fred D. Carey

Friday, January 7 9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Memorial Book Names

Saturday, January 8 4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Marcel G. Gagnon 4:00 pm St. Philip Mass: Paul E. Lambert 6:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Ann J. Walker (1st Ann.)

Sunday, January 9 | Baptism of the Lord 7:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Priscilla Cassette 9:00 am St. Margaret Mass: Urica Picard (27th Ann.) 9:00 am St. Philip Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish 11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Aurel Paquette 5:30 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass: Donald Neault

NOTICES

Requesting 2021 Parish Contribution Statement: It would be best if requests be made only after mid January as time is needed to close the month and update records for yearend transactions. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Requests can be made as follows:

Visit our website to fill out the request form: www.goodshepherdparish.us/annual-donation-report (most preferred way) or

• Email Amy.Loring@portlanddiocese.org with 2021 GSP Contribution Statement in the subject line. Leave your name, Envelope Number, address, email & phone number or

• Call the parish office at 207-282-3321x105, leaving the same info noted above.

Remember if all your contributions to Good Shepherd Parish for the year were made through WESHARE, the online giving service, you have the ability to run your own report from your account. Log in and go to GIVING HISTORY.

With gratitude, we wish you all God's Blessing, Peace and Joy this Christmas Season.

SHEPHERDS OF HOPE

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our capital cam-



paign. We have now raised more \$1.5M, or 75% of our goal. Some people who can one-time donet giving a second or third time, as they are able, and it is making a difference. In 2021 we made a lot of progress on capital campaign projects at all church sites, and we will do more in 2022. We hope you all have a chance to see the renovations at St Margaret

Old Orchard Beach. Our goal remains \$2M, so please Church in consider helping us get there, if you are able. Send donations to: Good Shepherd Parish, 271 Main St., Saco 04072.

Current totals | 793 household gifts, pledges | \$1,503,703 | 75.2% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of 11/30/21 | \$1,007,163

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.

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.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

25 Graham Street, Biddeford, ME 04005 | (P) 207-282-4084 | (F) 207-286-3693 GSPschools@portlanddiocese.org | www.sjsbiddeford.org

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.

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.

Consider St. James Preschool | Does your preschool have licensed teachers? Do the children learn about their faith? Are they taught by certified teachers? Do they have art, music, P.E., French and library each week? Are they part of a bigger school community and take part in all the special events of the school? Does your preschool have an award-winning lunch program offering fresh fruits and vegetables each day? If not, consider Saint James Preschool for your child.

Student artists

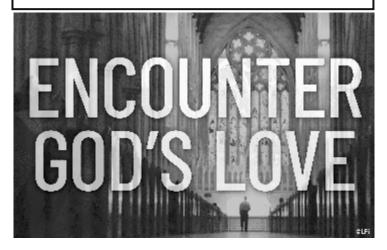


Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" art winners. The art will go on to a national competition. Thank you Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this event!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION— Children & Youth

Faith Formation – January 9 Jr. High Ministry – January 4 RCIA for Teens – January 6 High School Ministry – New Dates Coming Soon



NOR'EASTER CATHOLIC Contact our Good Shepherd UNE Campus Ministers

Katie at Katherine.Dube@portlanddiocese.org Jake at Jacob.Buttarazzi@portlanddiocese.org



DISCIPLESHIP

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel | The chapel is currently open Tuesday through Saturday with a capacity of 4 people allowing for drop ins between the hours of 6am-8pm. Please consider committing to spending 1 hour a week in the Eucharistic presence of Christ. The following hours are in urgent need of scheduled adorers: Wednesday, 7am, 9am; Saturday, 9am. FMI, contact Steve Plante, 283-0782.

Most Holy Trinity Usher Ministry Invitation | Have you always wanted to help out at Mass but not sure what you could do or who to ask? Most Holy Trinity Church needs Ushers for Saturday and Sunday Mass. What does an usher do? Ushers/Greeters welcome people to Mass, help them find a seat if needed, hand out bulletins, count parishioners as needed and bidding them farewell when the Mass concludes. Training and guidance are provided for this ministry. Contact Liz Williams with questions at 282-3321 x110 or Elizabeth.Williams@portlanddiocese.org.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. **Vocation** | "Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be give to the Lord as priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact Fr. Greg Dube: 773-6471; email:

vocations@portlanddiocese.org;

Website: www.portlanddiocese/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME

Intercession | That all those called to share the promise of the Gospel of Christ Jesus through their vocations as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers, will do so with humble confidence in the commission of God's grace which has been given to them, we pray to the Lord.

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | January 2022

- 2. Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD
- 3. V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie, Rev. Mark P. Nolette
- 4. Rev. Eddy J. Morin, Rev. David E. Schlaver CSC
- 5. Rev. Antony Pichai Muthu HGN, Rev. Ramundas Bukauskas OFM
- 6. Rev. Anthony F. Kuzia CM, Rev. Bruce M. Siket
- 7. Rev. Robert J. Levens SJ, Rev. Michael E. Sevigny, OFM Cap
- 8. All Priests

Let us also pray for deacons and seminarians.



COMMUNITY

Walk for Life a Success

With your generous support, we raised a total of \$9,100 in our Virtual Walk for Life. We are extremely overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Funds were donated to three Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout the State of Maine. Many families will benefit from your wonderful life saving gift. God Bless and Merry Christmas!!!! - The Culture of Life Committee of the Knights of Columbus

The Daughters of Isabella Mater Circle #389 COME JOIN US!!

If you find it rewarding to help other people you are exactly the person who should join. Maine's oldest continuous circle of charitable woman, ages 16 and above, who support our churches, communities, and each other through Friendships, Unity, and Charity. We have our meetings on the second Thursday of each month except January and February For more information or to fill out an application contact Regent, Paula Roy (207) 219-1282.

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.

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