

Parish of the Precious Blood

January 30, 2022



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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PROPHET

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict

(Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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Closed Friday

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SANCTUARY LAMP



Holy Rosary Church

Reginald Ouillette

by His Wife, Teresa Ouillette

Sacred Heart Church

Richard & Patricia Chapman

by Their Children

St. Denis Church

In Prayerful Memory of

Dick Levesque

by his Family

St. Louis Church

For the Health of Our Families

by Riola Morin & Families

St. Mary Church

Family of Ted & Matilde Bois









by Stella Carlstrom

OUR LADY LAMP



Reginald Ouillette

by His Wife, Teresa

BULLETIN MEMORIALS		
 In Loving Memory of DALE CORBIN & MICHAEL POISSON by Sharon Corbin & Families	  In Memory of ALBAN & CARMEN THIBODEAU by The Thibodeau Family	In Loving Memory of SHAWN BERNARD by His Dad, Charles
In Loving Memory of KENNETH G. MURCHISON, SR. by the Murchison Family	In Loving Memory of REGINALD OUILLETTE by His Loving Wife Teresa	In Loving Memory of ALBERT POWERS by His wife, Lorraine & Family
In Loving Memory of GILBERT GUERRETTE by his Loving Wife & Family	In Loving Memory of LAWRENCE, HILDA & PATRICIA BOSSE By Jim & Nancy Chandler	In Loving Memory of LINDA PAGE by Norman & Family
In Loving Memory of LIONEL, DORIS & RAYMOND BLANCHETTE by Their Children	In Loving Memory of MACKENZIE CHAMBERLAIN & THE BEAUPRE FAMILY  by Elaine & Dean	In Loving Memory of NAPOLEON & ANNA BOUCHARD & PETER & ALICE JACQUES by Rena & the Grandchildren
 In Loving Memory of SANDRA BEAUPRE by her Loving Husband Gordon & Family	 In Loving Memory of ARLINE ST.PETER by Her Husband, Alphy & Family	In Loving Memory of CLARE HITCHCOCK & MICHAEL ROBERTSON by Alan & Sherry
In Loving Memory of SONIA & DANIEL LABBE by Donna Labbe	Maurice and Anita Soucy  and Loved Ones By Their Loving Family	 In Loving Memory, DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LONG by Mom, Julia & Nieces

Group Prayer & Devotions Are Suspended Unless (✓) Check marked.

HOLY ROSARY, CARIBOU

Thurs:

6:30 p.m. ACTS-Women: ***No Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Burning Bush Group ***No Meeting**

✓ 1st Friday: Adoration & Confession

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:15 p.m. Prayers & Benediction

1st Saturday:

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Followers of the Cross—
Parish Center

9:30-10:15 Rosary & Confession 10:15 Mass

3:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotions & Rosary

Sunday:

6 PM Women's Faith Sharing Group—Parish Center

ST. MARY'S, PRESQUE ISLE

✓ Confession is offered after Daily Mass.

Tues:

1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

2:30 p.m. Rosary Team

Weds: 9:00 a.m. Rosary making

✓ *First Friday Adoration is now being held at St. Mary's after the
8:30 AM Mass on the First Friday of each month.

9:00 a.m. Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Sat: 2:30 PM First Saturday Devotions & Rosary.



ST. DENIS, FORT FAIRFIELD

✓ Confessions Every 3rd Sunday after Mass
and after Thursday daily Mass.

Weds. 9:30 a.m.

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Faith Sharing

✓ 2nd Fri. at 3:00 PM—Adoration & Confession

✓ Sun: 10:15 a.m. Rosary

ST. MARK, ASHLAND

✓ Tues: & Fri: at 9 a.m. Rosary

✓ Weds. 2 PM Faith Sharing—Church Hall

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, PORTAGE

✓ Sun:

8:30 a.m. Rosary before Mass

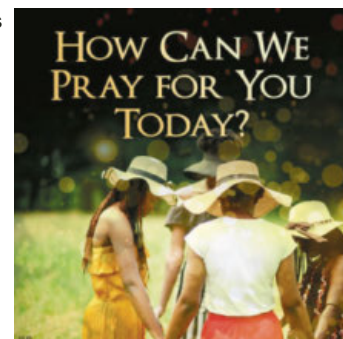
Tues: 6:30 p.m. Rosary

SACRED HEART, N. CARIBOU

Weds: 10:00 a.m. Rosary

✓ Sat: 5:15 p.m. Rosary

before Mass



Saturday, Jan 29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time #939

4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Doris Albert (Anniversary) by Gil, Jeanine & Family
 4:00 PM St. Mary ** Irene Labrie by Judy & Maylen Kenney
 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** **For the People**
 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Vocations by The Children of Gordon & Ann Tweedie

Sunday, Jan 30: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time #939

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Arline St. Peter by Christopher & Debbie Rockwell & Family
 9:00 AM Our Lady ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 9:00 AM St. Mary ** James Cyr by His Wife Eva and daughter, Pat.
 10:30 AM St. Mark ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 11:00 AM St. Denis ** Adrienne Bernard (5th Anniversary) by David & Family
 11:00 AM St. Louis ** Emma Cote by Her Sister, Beatrice

Monday, Jan 31: St. John Bosco, Priest

8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Daniel Labbe by Donna Labbe
 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Rene Dube Jr. by Mary Ann Raymond

Tuesday, Feb 1:

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Louis & Effie Bernard by David & Family
 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Florian Levesque by His Wife & Family

Wednesday, Feb 2: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

6:00 PM St. Mary ** John Dufour by Scott & Diane Smith

Thursday, Feb 3: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Reginald Ouillette by Michael & Tammi Ouillette
 6:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Richard Lizotte by Marlene, Mark & Kay

Friday, Feb 4:

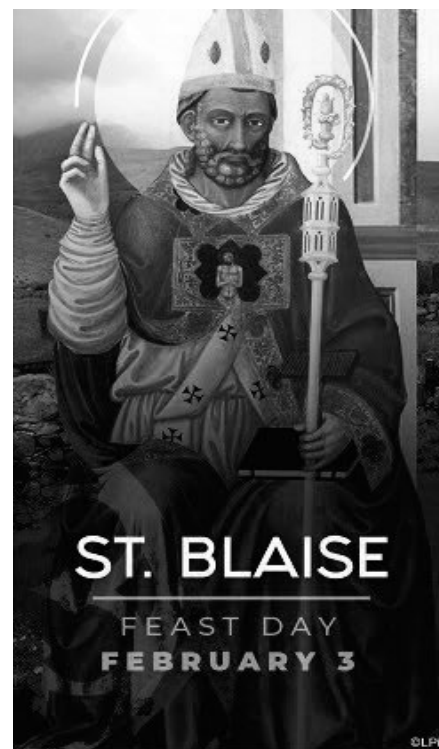
8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Lorina Violette (2nd Anniversary) by Richard & Judy Smith
 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Ida & Armand Fournier by Marlene Habeeb

Saturday, Feb 5: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time #942; St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Fernand Cyr by Deanna Cyr
 4:00 PM St. Mary ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Ada Plourde by Ladies of St. Anne Holy Rosary
 5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Fern Guerrette & Brenda Sperry by Betty & Galen Thompson
 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Doris Pelkey by Knights of Columbus #1870
 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**

Sunday, Feb 6: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time #942;**St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Wilfred & Corinne Martin by Bertha & Bev Libby
 9:00 AM Our Lady ** Patricia Plourde by Adeline & Ryleigh
 9:00 AM St. Mary ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 10:30 AM St. Mark ** **For the People**
 11:00 AM St. Denis ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest
 11:00 AM St. Louis ** Michael St. Pierre (4th Anniversary) by His family

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



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Ashland Food Pantry ~ 435-6015

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Basket of Blessings Food Pantry ~ 325-1635

Fort Fairfield. Call for information.

Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry ~ 493-4860

31 Herschel St., Caribou, ME.

Please call between **8—10 AM on Tues. & Thurs.** to receive a food box.

Holy Rosary is a member of the Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry. The

number to the pantry is: [493-4860.](#)

Grace Interfaith Food Table (G.I.F.T.) Food Pantry ~ 764-8584

11 Industrial St., Presque Isle, ME 04769.

Mars Hill Community Cupboard ~ 429-8043

Needs all varieties of boxed, canned & jarred foods; pastas, cereals, baking goods, desserts and snacks. Cash donations may be mailed to: Mars Hill Community Cupboard,

P.O. Box 285, Mars Hill, ME 04758

St. Louis Ecumenical Food Pantry ~ 325-4842

100 Main St., Limestone. Hours are 1st & 3rd Tuesday from

11 am—2 pm and 2nd & 4th Tues. from 3:00-6:00 pm.

FMI contact Lois Bourgoth at 325-1167.

Bread of Life Soup Kitchen ~ 493-4858

62 Collins St., Caribou. Open Monday's & Wednesday's between 4:30 - 5:50 pm. **Take out only.**

M & M Ministries - Soup Kitchen ~ 764-0758

21 Parsons St., Presque Isle.

Meals served: Mon. 2:00 pm—5:00 pm Mon., Weds., & Fri.

Good Shepherd Thrift Shop ~ St. Mark's, Ashland.

Weds. & Thurs. 1-4 pm and 6-8 pm. FMI contact Lois Howe at 435-6534.

Good Samaritan Thrift Store ~ Caribou 498-8655

is open Tues. & Fri. from 9 am—1 pm and on Sat.'s from 9 am—12 Noon.

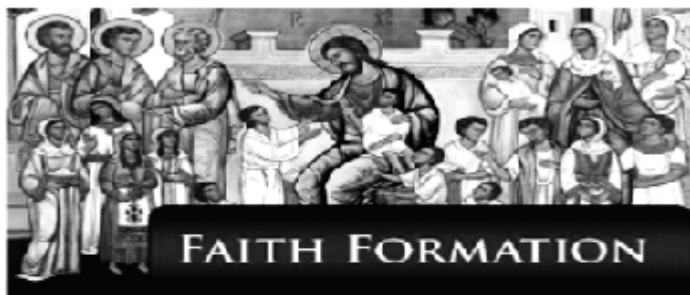
Donations of clothing for adults and children and household items are needed. **NO ELECTRONICS!**



"Candlemas," another name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, occurs 40 days after Christmas on February 2, marking the first time Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by Jewish law.

On **Wednesday, February 2, Parish of the Precious Blood at St. Mary's Church located on 331 Main Street in Presque Isle** will commemorate the feast with the blessing of candles at Mass.

The candles symbolize the light created by the birth of Christ as He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day, coining the term "Candlemas." Parishioners can bring their own candles to the Masses on February 2 to have them blessed for use at home throughout the year. The candles can be in any style (votive, tealight, taper, etc.).



JANUARY 2022

Jan. 30 – Faith Formation class day

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 6 – Faith Formation class day

Feb. 13 – Faith Formation class day

Feb. 27 – Faith Formation class day

FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS who completed at least **10 of the 13** lessons for the first semester of Faith Formation were **recognized at Mass the weekend of January 23rd.** Names were submitted by their Catechists as follows:

St. Mary, Presque Isle:

Michael Poisson

Carly Cole

Myra Mosher

Laura Blanchard

Emilynn Smyth

Taylor Buck

Holy Rosary, Caribou

Grayson Cote

Arthur Libby

Ryleigh Beaulieu

Ryson Rogers

Eamon Powers

Zoe Ciszewski

Easton Graves

Emelia Cote

Mackenzie Dinneen

Addison Nadeau

Oakley Patten

Addilyn Powers

Sophia Cote

Madison Dinneen

Reece Rogers

Olivia Dinneen

Arya Libby

St. Denis, Fort Fairfield

Chanelle Beckwith-Myers



Congratulations for keeping up with your Faith Formation lessons during these challenging times! God bless.



Bishop Robert Deeley has appointed **Fr. Anthony Kori, SMA** as a parochial vicar at Parish of the Precious Blood effective **Feb. 10, 2022.** This is a change due to a prior commitment. A citizen of Kenya, Fr. Korir was ordained to the Priesthood on July 15, 2006. We welcome Fr. Anthony and look forward to sharing our faith with him.

Group	Meeting Location	Day	Time	Contact	Telephone
A.C.T.S. Core	Parish Center or CLC	4th Weds. of month	7:00 PM	Mary Ellen Field	498-6779
A.C.T.S. Women	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	*Not Meeting	6:30 PM	Cindy Blanchette	498-2175
Baptismal Prep.	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	3rd Weds. of month	7:00 PM	Deacon Carl Gallagher	498-2536
Baptismal Prep.	St. Mary's, P.I.	As Needed	6:00 PM	Hilary Blanchard	712-9408
Blanket Ministry	Holy Rosary -Parish Center	Mondays weekly	11 AM—2 PM	Judy Bougie Velma Castonguay	493-1366 551-8809
Burning Bush Prayer Group	Prayer Room, Caribou	* Not Meeting	6:30 PM	Yvette Legassie	498-3675
Catholic Golden Age	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	To Be Announced	2:00 PM	Ginette Rivard	592-2122
CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE	Holy Rosary Parish	Even Months	6:00 PM	VACANT	
Daughters of Isabella	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	1st Tues. of month	6:00 PM	Mary Ellen Field	498-6779
Daughters of Isabella	K. of C. Hall, Ft. Fairfield	2nd Weds. of month	6:00 PM	Annette Hull	476-5039
Daughters of Isabella	K. of C. Hall, P.I.	2nd Thurs. of the month	6:30 PM	Norma Levesque	540-6009
Followers of the Cross	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	*No Meeting until further notice.	9:30 AM	Martha Letasz	551-4525
PPB FAITH FORMATION	Holy Rosary -Parish Center	3rd Monday *2/28	5:15 PM	Jon Blanchard	768-2795
H.O.P.E. SOCIAL ACTION	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	2nd Mon. of month 2/14	6:00 PM	Pamela Murchison	492-6641
JH/HS Youth Ministry	St. Mary's, Presque Isle	Sundays	1:00-2:30 PM	Hillary Blanchard	712-9408
K. of C. #1753	K. of C. Hall - Ft. Fairfield	Thursdays	5:30 PM	Grand Knight-Wayne Troicke Tony Levesque	540-0599 473-7338
K. of C. #1870	K. of C. Hall, Caribou	2nd Weds. of month	6:00 PM	Grant Knight-Todd Pelletier	227-5105
K. of C. #2524	K. of C. Hall, P.I.	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues.	7:00 PM	Grand Knight-Jon Bonner	227-2149
K. of C. #2851	St. Louis, Limestone	1st & 3rd Tues.	6:00 PM	Grand Knight-Steve Brooker	551-8203
K. of C. 4th Degree #350	K. of C. Hall, Ft. Fairfield	2nd Tues. of month	5:30 PM	Dave Armstrong	472-6000
Ladies of St. Anne	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	2nd Tues.of month	5:30 PM	Elizabeth Care Long	493-1083
Ladies of St. Anne	St. Louis, Limestone	3rd Tues.of month	6:00 PM	Artheline Bernier	325-2030
Ladies of St. Anne	Sacred Heart Church Sacristy, N. Caribou	4th Tues. of month	5:30 PM	Leona St. Peter	498-8225
Men's Faith Sharing Group	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00-8:00 PM	Dr. Jim Savage Tom Goetz	551-6665 896-5675
Our Lady of Snows Sodality	St. Mark, Ashland	To Be Announced	6:30 PM	Mary Ellen Chasse	435-6649
PPB Bldgs & Grounds	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	Bi-Monthly -2nd Tues.	6:00 PM	Rodney Bourgoine	551-3387
PPB Cemetery Council	Holy Rosary – Parish Center	3rd Weds of month	5:30 PM	Michael Tardif	492-2614
PPB FINANCE COUNCIL	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	4th Tues of month 2/22	6:00 PM	Linda Bourgoine	551-3399
PPB PASTORAL COUNCIL	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	4th Thurs of month 2/24	6:30 PM	Leah Girardin	551-5124
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	2nd Sat. of month	9:00 AM	Dot Cyr/Diane Saucier	493-7709 / 895-3549
That Man Is You	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	Saturday Mornings	6:45—8:00 AM	Steve Gagnon	768-0433
RCIA	Holy Rosary, Caribou	Sundays	10:00 AM	Tom Goetz	896-5675
RCIA	St. Denis, Ft. Fairfield	Fridays	6:30 PM	VACANT	
RCIA	St. Mark, Ashland			Phyllis Pelletier	551-9967
RCIA	St. Mary, P.I.			Theresa Fowler Theresa Bonner	764-3928 488-6859
Women's Bible Study	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	*Sundays during Lent	6:00 PM	Jessica Ciszewski	694-6442
WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY	Holy Rosary Parish Center	2nd Tues of month 2/8	6:00 PM	Mary Ellen Field	498-6779

Parish Financial Stewardship

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY Jan. 16, 2022:

Collections Last Week :		
First Collection	\$	12,308
Second Collection	\$	2,315
Total:	\$	14,623
Total Collections YTD:	\$	464,221

Collections Budget:	\$	443,546
+/- Budget	+\$	20,675
Total of Weekly Collections this time last year	\$	480,609

Current Weekly Average	\$	16,008
2021 Weekly Average	\$	16,573
2020 Weekly Average	\$	17,520

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Up Coming Second/Special Collection

Jan. 30	Fuel Fund
Feb. 6	Maintenance Fund
Feb. 13	Faith Formation

WINDOW INSERT CLINICS

We're planning another window insert clinic for **February 5th** from 9am-noon, and need people to assist others in making them. We will train (it's pretty simple) and lunch will be provided! Please call the rectory office if you're able to assist. If you would like to make inserts for your home or neighbor's, call the rectory office to sign up.

With the high price of heating oil, these inserts will help save \$\$
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The Parish of the Precious Blood has a need for a **Sexton at St. Mary** to help with snow removal and general cleaning and care for the facilities, and a Cemetery assistant for the parish. Both are part-time positions requiring a valid driver's license. Applications are available at the rectory office and online at www.theppb.org.

Winter weather is unpredictable here in Northern Maine and sometimes can affect Mass schedules, and extra costs are incurred for snow removal. I know one of the most comforting things for me is knowing that no matter where I am on any weekend, my support is with Parish of the Precious Blood. Setting up for On-Line Giving is easy, secure and gives you the peace of mind that no matter where you are or what happens, your weekly support is uninterrupted. Go to www.theppb.org and click on "Donate Now". You can set up one-time or recurring donations and review other giving opportunities. We can help with any questions or concerns, please call 498-2536.



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