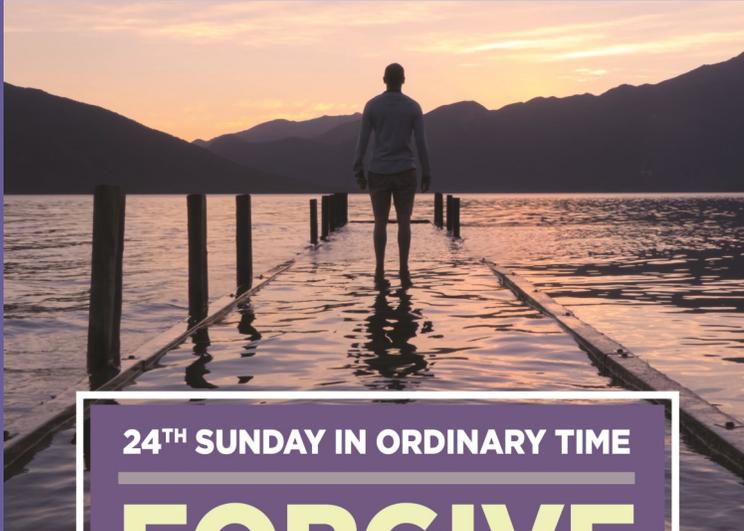


# Parish of the Precious Blood

September 13, 2020



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24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# FORGIVE

“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” - Mt 18:35

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## **Sacramental and Pastoral Care**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office to register by the first Friday of the month.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please call the Parish Office six months to one year in advance of the desired date of your wedding.

### **Sacrament of Penance**

Reconciliation is available 45 mins before Mass or by appointment.

### **Pastoral Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

Please call the Parish Office with the name, address and telephone number of the person who is in need.

## **PARISH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OFFICE HOURS**

**Caribou Office:**  
31 Thomas Ave.  
P.O. Box 625  
Caribou, ME 04736  
498-2536 or 498-2537  
\*Hours: Mon. -Thurs.  
9 AM - 3:30 PM.  
Closed Friday

**Presque Isle Office:**  
6 Roberts St.  
Presque Isle, ME 04769  
768-3671 or 764-8644  
\*Hours: Mon.-Thurs.  
9 AM - 3:30 PM  
Closed 12-1 PM for Lunch.  
Closed Friday

## **Forgiveness**

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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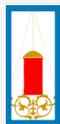
Rev. David R. Raymond 'Fr. Dave'  
david.raymond@portlanddiocese.org

### **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Selvaraj Kasi 'Fr. Raj'  
selvaraj.kasi@portlanddiocese.org

### **DEACON**

Rev. Mr. Carl Joseph Gallagher 'Deacon Carl'  
carl.gallagher@portlanddiocese.org



### St. Denis Church

In Prayerful Memory of  
Dick Levesque  
by His Family

### OUR LADY LAMPS



Reginald Ouillette  
by his wife, Teresa

For the Healing of  
Larliah Gagnon

by Jeanette & Scott St. Peter



**Grandparents Day**

	BULLETIN MEMORIALS	
In Loving Memory of <b>DALE CORBIN &amp; MICHAEL POISSON</b> by Sharon Corbin & Families	In Loving Memory of <b>CONRAD CARON</b> by His Wife & Children	In Loving Memory of <b>LUCIEN &amp; MELVIN TROMBLEY</b> By The Rand Family
In Loving Memory of <b>KENNETH G. MURCHISON, SR.</b> by the Murchison Family	In Loving Memory of <b>REGINALD OUILLETTE</b> by His Loving Wife Teresa	In Loving Memory of <b>SHAWN BERNARD</b> by His Dad
In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT GUERRETTE</b> by his Loving Wife & Family	In Loving Memory of <b>EVELYN TROMBLEY</b> By The Rand Family	In Loving Memory of <b>LINDA PAGE</b> by Norman & Family
In Loving Memory of <b>LIONEL, DORIS &amp; RAYMOND BLANCHETTE</b> by Their Children	In Loving Memory of <b>LAWRENCE, HILDA &amp; PATRICIA BOSSE</b> By Jim & Nancy Chandler	In Loving Memory of <b>GLO &amp; CLIFF MARTIN</b> by Their Children & Their Families
		
<b>Memorial Ad Donation:</b> \$20 for 1 month \$50 for 3 months \$100 for 6 months \$200 for 1 year		<b>If you would like to place a memorial ad in memory of a loved one please call the rectory office during normal business hours at 498-2536.</b>

## 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**

**Fri:** 9:00-10:00 a.m. Adoration

**1st Friday: Mass and Adoration**

5:30-6:00 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. Mass

6:30 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

### 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 beginning Sept. 4th.



### 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

**Fri:** 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Sat:** 1:00 p.m. Adoration

✓ **Sun:** 10:15 a.m. Rosary

### ST. MARK, ASHLAND

**Mon:** 8:30 a.m. Rosary.

✓ **Tues:** 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

✓ Confession after 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

2:30 p.m. Faith Sharing.

**Fri:** 8:30 a.m. Rosary

**Sun:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass.

### OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, PORTAGE

✓ **Sun:** 8:30 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Tues:** 6:30 p.m. Rosary

### SACRED HEART, NORTH CARIBOU

**Weds:** 10:00 a.m. Rosary

✓ **Sat:** 5:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass

If you would like to purchase your own Missal to bring to Mass you may order it online at

<https://www.ocp.org/en-us/hymnals/B20/journeysongs-third-edition> or call 1-800-548-8749 \$19.50

**Saturday, Sep 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary # 997**

4:00 PM Holy Rosary \*\* Norman Johndro by Joyce & Family  
 4:00 PM St. Mary \*\* Louie Murchison by His Wife, Bea  
 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 \*\* Danny Albert by Herm & Bernice Belanger  
 6:00 PM St. Joseph \*\* For all the Souls in Purgatory by the Parish Family

**Sunday, Sep 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day # 997**

9:00 AM Holy Rosary \*\* Marlene Keaton by Bob & Alice Ouellette  
 9:00 AM Our Lady \*\* **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**  
 9:00 AM St. Mary \*\* Edmund Michaud by His wife, Carol & Family  
 10:30 AM St. Mark \*\* **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**  
 11:00 AM St. Denis \*\* Glenda Monson Frank by Ed Kokoszka  
 11:00 AM St. Louis \*\* Linwood True by Paul & Gail Caldwell & Family

**Monday, Sep 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:30 AM Holy Rosary \*\* Deceased Family Members of Earl & Lela by Earl & Lela Kalkbrenner  
 8:30 AM St. Mary \*\* Lucille Boucher by Ladies of St. Anne

**Tuesday, Sep 15: Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:30 AM St. Mark \*\* John Underwood by The Underwood Family  
 8:30 AM St. Mary \*\* Russell Gagnon by Selena & Joe Kennaday & Family

**Wednesday, Sep 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

8:30 AM Holy Rosary \*\* Thomas & Rose Marie Burke by Martha Frank  
 6:00 PM St. Mary \*\* Kathy Dionne by Victor & Claudette Deeves

**Thursday, Sep 17: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 AM St. Denis \*\* Kenneth & Robert Knight by David Bernard & Family  
 6:00 PM Holy Rosary \*\* Sandra Beaupre by Her Husband Gordon & Son Shawn

**Friday, Sep 18:**

8:30 AM Holy Rosary \*\* Toni Michaud (4th Anniversary) by His sister Orilla Thibodeau & Family  
 8:30 AM St. Mary \*\* Delores Tardie by Peter & Terri Ouellette

**Saturday, Sep 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr #1000**

4:00 PM Holy Rosary \*\* Doris Blanchette by Ladies of St. Anne  
 4:00 PM St. Mary \*\* **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**  
 4:00 PM St. Theresa \*\* Linda McGlinn by Holy Rosary Faith Formation  
 5:30 PM Sacred Heart \*\* Marie Staples by Her Brother  
 6:00 PM St. Catherine \*\* Jean Bragdon by The Bragdon Family  
 6:00 PM St. Joseph \*\* **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**

**Sunday, Sep 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday #1000**

9:00 AM Holy Rosary \*\* Louie Murchison by The Murchison Family  
 9:00 AM Our Lady \*\* John Underwood by The Mosher Family  
 9:00 AM St. Mary \*\* **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**  
 10:30 AM St. Mark \*\* Rene Chasse by the Family  
 11:00 AM St. Denis \*\* **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**  
 11:00 AM St. Louis \*\* Ray Mulherin by His sister, Grace

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP— Should I Stay or Should I Go?**

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started. – Tracy Earl Welliver  
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**Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020**

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
 Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



*“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”*

- Mt 18:33-35

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**PARISH PRAYER LINE****CONTACTS:**

St. Louis ~ Bea Beahm at 325-4435  
 Sacred Heart ~ Judy Gengler 492-5250  
 Holy Rosary ~ Gail Hjort 492-7901  
 St. Mary's ~ Marilyn Peary 762-0401  
 St. Joseph ~ Eleanor Grow 425-2683  
 St. Denis ~ Shirley Polom 476-5079  
 St. Mark & Our Lady ~ Joan Goodblood

## PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

CHURCH	MASS	CONTACT	NUMBER	WHEN TO CALL	TIME TO CALL
St. Mary	4:00 PM Sat.	Theresa Fowler	227-4390	Mon. – Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
		Leah Girardin	764-6226	Mon. – Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
	9:00 AM Sun.	Theresa Fowler	227-4390	Mon. - Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
		Leah Girardin	764-6226	Mon. – Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
St. Joseph	6:00 PM Sat.	Patti McCrum	227-4156	Mon.–Fri.	9 AM– 7 PM
Holy Rosary	4:00 PM Sat.	Cindy Blanchette	227-0035	Mon./Wed./ Thurs.	9:00-11:00 AM
		Mary Ellen Field	999-2378	Mon./Wed./Thurs.	9:00-11:00 AM
St. Denis	11:00 AM Sun.	Ed Schupbach	498-0502	3rd Week –for Jun. 21	
St. Mark	10:30 AM Sun.	Chris Grover	435-2591	Using Calling Tree	
Our Lady	9:00 AM Sun.	Corrine Routhier	227-0819	Anytime	9 AM – 7 PM
St. Catherine	6:00 PM Sat.	Barb Caron	455-4069	Using Calling Tree	
St. Louis	11:00 AM Sun.	Steve Brooker	551-8203	Using Calling Tree	
Sacred Heart	5:30 PM Sat.	Betty Thompson	498-8741	Call Anytime	
St. Theresa	4:00 PM Sat.	Rosemary Hede	492-2390	Call Anytime	9 AM – 9 PM

**DAILY and SUNDAY Masses are being Livestreamed from St. Mary's Church on the Parish Facebook Page.**



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**St. Louis Catholic Church** in Limestone will have their **Annual Harvest Supper Sunday, Oct. 4th from 4:00-6:00 PM** Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Anne. The meal will include Turkey and all the trimmings; dessert included. **Adults: \$10.00 and Children, 12 & Under: \$8.00.** It will be **DRIVE THRU– TAKE OUT ONLY**; at the lower right side door of the Church. Face Masks will be mandatory. All proceeds will go for **FUEL**. This may be our only fundraiser for 2020 so please support us. We welcome your aid thru monetary donations as well. Checks may be made out to our Treasurer, Angie McLaughlin. Let us unite to make this a very worthy parish effort. Thank you ! ~ Artheline Bernier, President.

### THANK YOU

for the beautiful flowering plant in honor of our **Blessed Mother's Birthday ~ September 8th**  
given by Jackie Shaw and Family.



### Faith Formation registration is still ongoing,

If you are in need of forms, please contact Stella immediately at **554.7086** to make arrangements for pick up. **An informational meeting for grades is Sept. 13th:** for Holy Rosary and St. Mary's, after the 9am mass; for St. Louis and St. Denis, at 10:30am before the 11am mass, for St. Mark's, at 10am before the 10:30am mass. Books, calendars and other materials can be picked up by families at that time. You can expect this to take about 30 minutes. If you have not sent in your registration forms yet, please turn them in at this time. We are still looking for volunteers to help at St. Mary's, Holy Rosary and St. Denis. Serving in this ministry is crucial to the support of our parish's growth and vibrancy. God is calling you to serve, not as a theologian, but as a guide to nurture and support our youth and families in their faith formation. Will you join us and be part of God's team? **Call 554.7086 or 498.2536 today!**

### The Word Among Us

If you wish to receive **The Word Among Us** daily devotional magazine, please call the rectory to register at **498-2536**. The cost is **\$20 per year**. The first edition will be the November 2020 edition.



Parish of the Precious Blood  
Statement of Financial Position  
As of June 30, 2020

	As of 06/30/2020
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 128,504
Petty Cash	175
Deposits - Diocesan S&L	221,879
Investments - Diocesan Pool	52,906
Accounts Receivable	2,384
Prepaid Assets	32,665
Beneficial Trusts	112,083
Other Assets	878
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 551,474</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 19,042
Accrued Expenses	2,231
Due to Parish/School/Cemetery	0
Mass Stipends Payable	1,760
Special Collections	(22)
Other Liabilities	15,488
Loans from Diocesan Savings & Loan	12,766
Loans - Other	69,800
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>121,085</b>
Unrestricted	220,316
Unrestricted - Designated	42,600
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	
Revenue	1,149,017
Expenses	981,544
<b>Total Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>167,473</b>
<b>Total Net Assets (Deficit)</b>	<b>430,389</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 551,474</b>

Parish of the Precious Blood  
Parish Statement of Activities  
As of June 30, 2020

	Year To Date 06/30/2020
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	
Revenue	
Offertory, Donations & Events	733,056
OFFERTORY	103,980
SPECIAL PURPOSE OFFERTORY	9,503
FUNDRAISING EVENTS REVENUE	67,145
DONATIONS - UNRESTRICTED	18,146
SPECIAL PURPOSE OFFERTORY - FAITH FORMATION	931,830
TOTAL OFFERTORY, DONATIONS & EVENTS	150,037
Interest and Dividends	4,112
Faith Formation Tuition and Registration	61,526
Other	1,512
Investment Gains (Losses)	1,149,017
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,149,017</b>
Expenses	
Worship & Spirituality	191,672
Faith Formation	76,812
Charity/Outreach	21,630
Other Programs	3,857
General & Administrative	383,618
Facilities	
Facilities - Office	4,991
Facilities - Church	211,490
Facilities - Rectory	60,430
Facilities - Parish Hall	16,724
Total Facilities	293,635
Other	10,320
Total Expenses	981,544
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>167,473</b>
Less Interest and Dividends	(150,037)
<b>Net Income From Operations</b>	<b>17,436</b>

Parish of the Precious Blood Cemeteries  
Statement of Financial Position  
As of June 30, 2020

	As of 06/30/2020
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 2,509
Deposits - Diocesan S&L	109,551
Investments - Diocesan Pool	430,023
Accounts Receivable	25
Due from Parish/School/Cemetery	422
Other Assets	14,737
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 557,267</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Unrestricted	19,789
Unrestricted - Limited as to Use - Cemetery Perpetual Care	156,264
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>393,118</b>
Revenue	86,595
Expenses	98,499
<b>Total Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(11,904)</b>
<b>Total Net Assets (Deficit)</b>	<b>537,478</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 557,267</b>

“Rejoice and be glad, for your  
reward will be great in heaven.”

Mt 5:12

# Parish Financial Stewardship

## Financial Blessings

OFFERTORY Aug. 30, 2020

Collections Last Week :

First Collection	\$	7,851
Second Collection—Faith Formation	\$	<u>1,016</u>
<b>Total:</b>	\$	<b>8,867</b>
Total Collections YTD:	\$	126,886
Collections Budget:	\$	116,308
Total of Weekly Collections		
this time last year	\$	147,921
<b>Current Weekly Average</b>	\$	<b>14,098</b>
Last Year Weekly Average	\$	16,436

**Up Coming Second/Special Collections:**

- Sep 13** Catholic University
- Sep 20** Fuel Fund
- Sep 27** Cemetery Upkeep

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



### HOPE Endowment at the Parish of the Precious Blood, Caribou

*This is an ecumenical fund designated to help the poor and needy of the communities and geography served by the Parish of the Precious Blood. Grants will be made in keeping with Catholic values, per Matthew 25.*

You can make a gift to this endowment, or you may establish your own to benefit our parish. Gifts may take the form of cash, stocks, property, insurance, or a bequest included in your will. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Foundation of Maine, noting the HOPE Endowment at the Parish of the Precious Blood, Caribou, and sent to PO Box 799, Portland, ME 04104.

*There is no minimum gift amount to give to these endowments or to start a new endowment..*

Please contact Elizabeth Badger, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Maine to learn how you can leave a legacy of your faith.

(207) 321-7820

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