

Good Shepherd Parish

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December 8, 2019, Second Week of Advent



Message from Monsignor René Mathieu:

(1) Due to vacation for the member of our staff responsible for the bulletin, we are distributing **only a handout** this weekend. (2) Because December 8, our national feast day, falls on a Sunday this year, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be observed on Monday, December 9 but not as a day of obligation. (3)

An Advent Meditation - **From a catechetical instruction by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (c.315-386), bishop:** We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom... At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged... His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity... That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.* Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new. (4) The **cold and flu season is upon us** so I urge church ministers including ushers, servers, and ministers of the Eucharist to make use of antibacterial solution available at all locations. Parishioners should not drink the Precious Blood if there is any concern over spreading illness. For the same reason, some parishioners may want to avoid physical contact during the sign of peace, but a gesture or a few words are also appropriate. (5) We continue our collection of toys in support of the **“Northern York County Toys for Tots Campaign.”** Cash donations are also welcome. A **Giving Tree** in our churches will benefit veterans and residents of the Maine Way & Esther Residence, Stone Soup, & Milestone. All toys and gifts are needed by next Sunday, December 15, so they can be distributed in time for Christmas. *Thank you one and all for your generous participation.* (6) **Shepherds of Hope:** Our parish campaign, Shepherds of Hope, continues to grow week by week. Gifts and pledges have increased every week since the campaign began last summer. During the month of November, 37 additional gifts/pledges raised the amount by \$44,408 for a total of \$1,343,160. Projects will be undertaken once adequate cash has been received, but currently, we are firming up quotes for stained glass restoration work at St Joseph Church and planning for window replacements at St Margaret Church. We expect and need payments on pledges to gradually add to the cash totals; that will allow us to make our way through the project list in the priority order established at the start of the campaign. (7) Coming up Soon: **The Light Is On For You** – For several years, parishes in our diocese have offered additional times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation/Confession during the seasons of Advent and Lent. This Advent, all parishes are scheduling times for this sacrament during the Third Week of Advent, the week beginning December 16. In Good Shepherd Parish, the schedule is as follows (6:00-7:00 pm & longer if necessary): Monday the 16th at St. Joseph; Tuesday the 17th at St. Philip; Wednesday the 18th at St. Margaret; Thursday the 19th at Most Holy Trinity. (8) **Thank You of the Week:** To volunteers who worked with parish staff to clean, scrape, trim, cut, paint, patch, plant, prune, haul and do all sorts of other work to beautify our parish buildings, grounds and cemeteries over the course of spring/summer/autumn. Given the age of our facilities and the harshness of Maine winters, it is a never ending job! *Thank you!*

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests - Dec. '19

8. All Priests, living & deceased†
9. Rev. John d'Anjou SJ, Rev. Normand Richard
10. Rev. Richard MacDonough SS,
Rev. Vincent Mellone
11. Rev. Joseph Cahill, Rev. David Raymond
12. Rev. Thomas Lee, Rev. Joseph Daniels
13. Rev. David Affleck, Rev. Robert Levens SJ
14. Rev. Andrew Bisson OFM,
Rev. Augustin Sebasthian HGN

Let us also pray for our Deacons & Seminarians.

Vocations: “Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?”

If you are considering avocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471; email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org; Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME.

Intercessions: *For all those especially chosen by Christ to “prepare the way of the Lord” in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.*

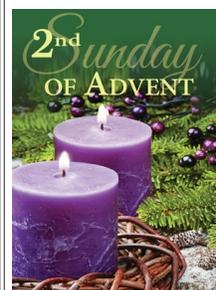


WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP:

FIAT is a women’s discernment group for high school students, college students & beyond who want to know more about Religious Sisters, and may be questioning this vocation for themselves.

FIAT meetings are typically the 2nd & 4th Fri./mo., 6-8 pm at St. Joseph Convent, 409 Pool St, Biddeford, 04005.

Come join us **Fridays, Dec. 13 & 27.** FMI: fiatmaine@gmail.com ; Instagram: @fiatmaine



JOKES PRIESTS CAN TELL,
Vol. 2—Msgr. Tonne:

The patient was coming to after surgery. “Where am I, in Heaven?”
“No dear,” his wife soothed.
“You’re down here with me.”

PARISH LITURGIES



We try to list the name of the priest who will celebrate every scheduled weekend Mass. However, this schedule may be changed without notice.

Saturday, December 7

- 4:00 pm St. Joseph: (Fr. Claude Gendreau) William Dusseault (1st Ann.) / Frank R. Libby
4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity: (Fr. Dominic Tumusiime) Roland Hebert (35th Ann.) / A. Norman Sevigny (6th Ann.)
4:00 pm St. Margaret: (Msgr. René Mathieu) Thomas Leavitt / Jan Moore
4:30 pm St. Philip: (Fr. Brad Morin) Wilfred Daigle (1st Ann.) / Annette DesRoberts

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am St. Joseph: (Fr. Brad Morin) Mme. Eva Spénard Carrier / Claudette Nolette
8:30 am St. Margaret: (Msgr. René Mathieu) Annette Caron / Roger Jalbert
8:30 am Most Holy Trinity: (Fr. Dominic Tumusiime) Marie Claire Farrell (36th Ann.) / Marlene & Paul Fortier
9:00 am St. Philip: (Fr. Joseph Manship) Emilien Beaulieu / Raymond Sylvestre
10:30 am St. Margaret: (Msgr. René Mathieu) Kerry F. Staples / For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity: (Fr. Dominic Tumusiime) Raymond "Moe" Montpas / Sacred Heart for favor obtained
11:00 am St. Joseph: (Fr. Brad Morin) Norman Harper / William Fulford, III (3rd Ann.)

Monday, December 9

- 9:00 am Most Holy Trinity: Hazen L. Hoyt, III (8th Ann.) / Aurore Dube (40th Ann.)

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00 am Most Holy Trinity: Ozea & Lydia Houde / Priscilla Poisson (5th Ann.)

Notes regarding Masses/Mass Times:

During the winter months please check weather listings for school opening delays, cancellations, and parking bans in each church community. Cancellation of the daily Mass is tied to these community advisories as well! Consult the parish website and/or app during storm conditions for updates on closings.

Our decisions are based on safety for all concerned when snow & ice create hazardous travel conditions. Overnight winter storms make cleaning our parking lots and priest travel in the early morning hours, very difficult. Thank you for your understanding.

The Sanctuary Lamps at Most Holy Trinity & St. Joseph Churches are burning this week: in memory of: Ozea & Lydia Houde * Connie LaCourse



ADVENT VESPERS: will take place on Sunday afternoons during December at 4:00 pm. Parishioners will join together in prayer, reflection and sacred music as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord.

Please join us at Most Holy Trinity Church on: Dec. 8th, 15th, & 22nd. (Please note: Incense will be used.)

Second Collection This Weekend - for Retired Religious:

supports retired women and men religious in the United States, many of whom served our Catholic institutions for years without receiving adequate compensation.

Second Collection Next Weekend - for Snow Removal:

Please help the parish cover costs associated with snow clearing, salting & sanding, and the winterization of parish properties. This is an essential part of operating over the long Maine winter. Thank you!

NOTICE: The Saco Police Dept. will be implementing additional parking and access restrictions on Main Street to improve public safety during the Saco Main Street's Festival of Lights on Sat., Dec. 7. Please refer to SPD social media for more information. Parishioners are advised not to park on Main St. The closure will be from Beach St. to Pepperell Square.

Wednesday, December 11

- 8:30 am St. James School: Henri Petit / Deceased members of the Picard Family
9:00 am St. Philip: Fr. Zenon for favor obtained / Annette DesRoberts

Thursday, December 12

- 8:00 am St. Margaret: Norman Harper* / Special Intention*
9:00 am St. Philip: Fr. Zenon for favor obtained / Claudette Nolette

Friday, December 13

- 9:00 am Most Holy Trinity: Theodora Reed (Ann.) / Deceased members of the Picard Family

Saturday, December 14

- 4:00 pm St. Joseph: (Msgr. René Mathieu) Keith Curit / Blanche Chretien
4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity: (Fr. Brad Morin) Yvette Hebert (8th Ann.) / Catherine King
4:00 pm St. Margaret: (Fr. Dominic Tumusiime) Talmadge Allen (15th Ann.) / Roger Jalbert
4:30 pm St. Philip: (Fr. Joseph Manship) Fr. Zenon for favor obtained / Annette DesRoberts

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am St. Joseph: (Fr. Joseph Manship) Priscille Dion (2nd Ann.) / Michael Bedard
8:30 am St. Margaret: (Fr. Dominic Tumusiime) George Driscoll / Richard (24th Ann.) & Cindy (13th Ann.) Sawtelle
8:30 am Most Holy Trinity: (Fr. Brad Morin) Rachel Dinsmore (1st Ann.) / Jacqueline Nicol
9:00 am St. Philip: (Msgr. René Mathieu) David Genest / Jeanne Boissonneault
10:30 am St. Margaret: (Fr. Dominic Tumusiime) Special Intention* / Chip Beauchaine
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity: (Fr. Brad Morin) Richard Lamarre (1st Ann.) / Timothy Loughlin (21st Ann.)
11:00 am St. Joseph: (Msgr. René Mathieu) Robert Guay (4th Ann.) / For All People in Good Shepherd Parish



SHEPHERDS OF HOPE PLEDGES: For parishioners that have not yet made a pledge, we need your HELP! Please pray about taking that step. There should still be cards at each church or the parish office, so fill one out or take it home for prayerful consideration. Bring the pledge to the office/mail to: Good Shepherd Parish, 271 Main St, Saco. NOTE: Any Checks/Cash can be dropped in the collection basket, inside a blank envelope, AND must have a name & ID number in order to receive credit on a pledge. Check payments should be made out to: Good Shepherd Parish with "Shepherds Of Hope" in the memo line.

Current totals: 633 household gifts * \$1,343,160 * 67% of goal

SHEPHERDS OF HOPE PLEDGE PAYMENTS:

- Please note that if you intend on using ACH or your Credit Card for payment and/or installments on your Shepherds of Hope pledge, you must do so by signing into the parish's online giving service: WESHARE. Please do not include your bank account information or credit card number on the pledge card. Simply go to the parish website to sign up and make a payment or set up recurring payments. If you do decide to use WESHARE please mark that on your pledge card so we handle the pledge properly. Thanks so much.



We have created a live link with the Shepherds of Hope logo on the Homepage of our website (https://goodshepherdparish.us/). Just click the logo and it will take you to where you need to be to get started.

If you need assistance, call Amy Loring at the parish office: 282-3321x105. Please be aware that with the convenience comes a price. WESHARE does charge a fee on each transaction as follows:

* ACH withdrawals from bank account - the fee is a flat 10 cents per transaction plus 1%, calculated as follows:

For example, a \$50 donation will have a charge of 50 cents, 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 Card / Debit Card Transactions - the fee is 3.25%, calculated as follows:

Using the same \$50 donation example as above, the 3.25% transaction fee will 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 do prefer use of ACH. Please consider this when deciding on your source of payment. Thank you for your generosity.