

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