

# Parish of the Precious Blood

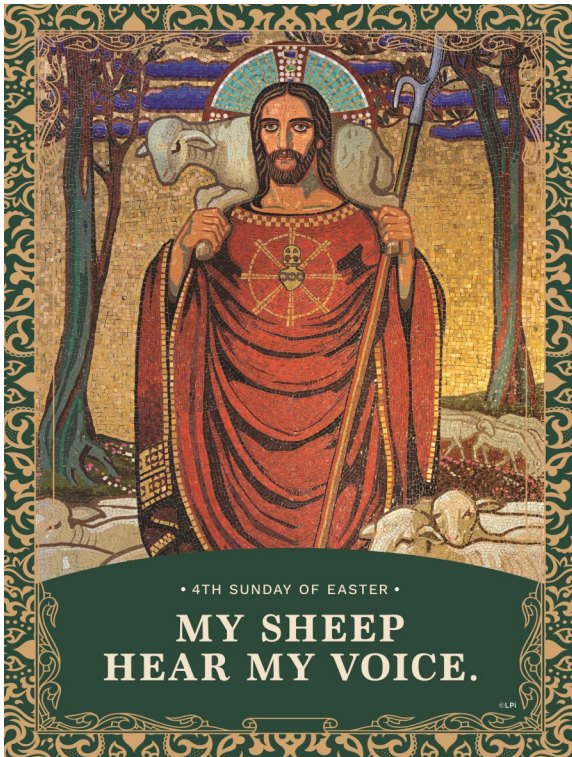


May 11, 2025



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On this 4th Sunday of Easter we celebrate Christ, our Good Shepherd who willingly laid down His life for us. We celebrate our Shepherd because He loves and cares for us in all circumstances. He is willing to lead all who follow and obey Him to the spring of eternal life. We, therefore, call this Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday. We are also celebrating Mother's Day weekend. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and those that act as mothers to others. We are thankful for your vocation of motherhood.

On Mother's Day, we honor our mothers and all those who have cared for us with a mother's love. From before we can even remember, they held us, fed us, changed us, and guided our footsteps as we learned to walk. Year after year, they cared for us, binding our wounds and encouraging our efforts. Throughout our lives, they have shepherded us. When we think of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we may think of our mother, holding us gently in her arms or by the hand, rescuing us when we were lost, willing to lay down her life for us. May this confluence of Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday help us link the love we are given by both.

Let us also pray for priestly and religious vocations. Vocations Sunday reminds us to pray for those who have responded or are responding to God's call. Our fervent prayer to God is that He may greatly increase laborers to His Church, ready to spread the Good News. We also ask the Lord to touch and form those who have said yes to His call to be men and women who love, who serve, who care and above all who have faith. We, as priests and religious, can only be Good Shepherds if we continuously mirror our lives to that of the One who called us. Because He, Jesus, loved all, even His enemies. He served all, even sinners and those who did not believe Him. He cured all and ministered to all, even the poor in spirit. He died for all, even the gentiles. Pray for us, your priests, to reflect this in our lives, so that we can be Good Shepherds, our shortcomings notwithstanding!

We as Catholics, in our small parishes and small Christian communities, are challenged to realize the universal character of the flock of Jesus the Good Shepherd, by accepting one another lovingly and without prejudice and by serving the needs of all others without discrimination. Let us bear in mind always that "WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK," and earnestly pray that we all be one in HIM.

## Question of the Week

How has my mother (or mother figure) been a good shepherd for me? Make sure to thank her today

**Fr. Anthony K. Korir, SMA**  
*With you a Christian,  
For you, a priest*

## PASTOR

Rev. Anthony Korir, SMA 'Fr. Tony'

## PAROCHIAL VICARS

Rev. Simon Assogba, SMA 'Fr. Simon'

Rev. Thomas Xavier, SAC 'Fr. Tom'

## RETIRED

Rev. David R. Raymond 'Fr. Dave'

## DEACON

Rev. Mr. Carl Joseph Gallagher 'Deacon Carl'

## PARISH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OFFICE

## HOURS

### Caribou Office:

31 Thomas Ave.

P.O. Box 625

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Caribou, ME 04736

207-498-2536

### Presque Isle Rectory:

6 Roberts St.

Presque Isle, ME

207-768-3671.

Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. **Closed Friday**

For Business Purposes Call:

207-498-2536

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



**Holy Rosary**

*In Memory of  
Helen Theriault &  
Doris Barnes  
By Donna & Charlie*

**St. Denis**

*In Prayerful Memory of  
Dick & Evelyn Levesque  
By Their Family*

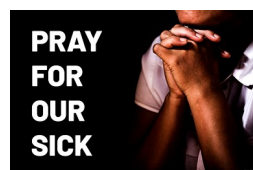
**OUR LADY LAMPS**

**Holy Rosary**

*In Memory of  
Blanche Cowett  
By Lorraine, Deloris, Josephine,  
Marlene & Fred*



If you would like to have a lamp burned in memory of someone or for a special intention, please contact the rectory during normal business hours.



BULLETIN MEMORIALS		
In Loving Memory of <b>MAURICE &amp; ANITA SOUCY &amp; LOVED ONES</b> By Their Loved Ones	In Loving Memory of <b>SHAWN BERNARD</b> By His Dad Charles	In Loving Memory of <b>WENDI VOISINE LEAVITT</b> By The Voisine Family
In Loving Memory of <b>Kenneth G. Murchison, Sr.</b> By The Murchison Family	In Loving Memory of <b>DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LONG</b> By Mom, Julia & Nieces	In Loving Memory of <b>ALBERT POWERS</b> By His Wife Lorraine & Family
In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT GUERRETTE</b> By his Loving Wife & Family	In Loving Memory of <b>BRENDA THIBODEAU</b> By Her Husband Galen & Family	In Loving Memory of <b>LINDA PAGE</b> By Norman & Family
In Loving Memory of <b>LIONEL, DORIS &amp; RAYMOND BLANCHETTE, LINDA &amp; BERT OUELLETTE</b> By The Family		In Loving Memory of <b>ROSAIRE "PEANUT" LAGASSE &amp; FAMILY</b> By Sons Shawn & Troy Granddaughters Megan, Grace & Faith
 In Loving Memory of <b>SANDRA BEAUPRE</b> By Her Loving Husband Gordon & Family	In Loving Memory of <b>SONIA &amp; DANNY LABBE</b> By The Labbe Family	In Loving Memory of <b>OMERINE CYR</b> By Her Loving Husband Peter Cyr & Family
In Loving Memory of <b>THE COTE &amp; JOHNDRO FAMILY</b> By Michealla & Family	In Loving Memory of <b>PRECIOUS GLENNA WIFE &amp; MOTHER</b> By Her Husband Peter, Audrey, Carla, Ned & Athena	In Loving Memory of <b>DALE CORBIN &amp; MICHAEL POISSON</b> By Sharon Corbin & Families
	 In Loving Memory of <b>Marie &amp; Bryan Cullins</b> By The Cullins Family	

**HOLY ROSARY, CARIBOU**

**Monday:**  
**6:00 p.m.** 1st & 3rd Mon. Women's ACTS Faith Sharing

**7:00 p.m.** 1st & 3rd Mondays ~ Men's Faith Sharing

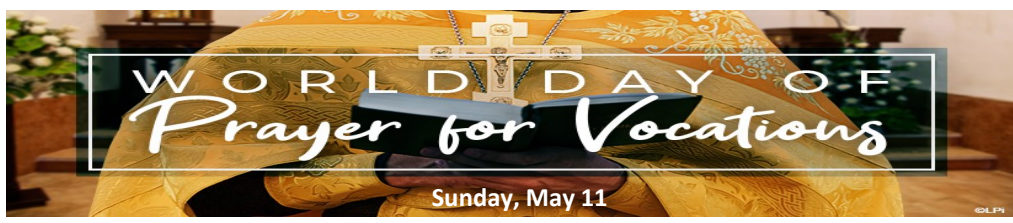
**Wednesday:**  
**9:00 a.m.** Scripture Study with Tea & Coffee at the Parish Center after Mass.

**Thursday:**  
7:00 p.m. Burning Bush Prayer Group  
7:00 p.m. That Man Is You--Men's Group

**1st Friday: Adoration & Mass**  
5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 p.m. Mass

**1st Saturday:**  
9:30 a.m.-12:00 PM Followers of the Cross Parish Center Large Room  
9:30-10:15 Rosary & Confession

**1st Saturday** 10:15 a.m. Mass



**GROUP PRAYER & DEVOTIONS**

**ST. MARK, ASHLAND**

**Tues. & Fri.** Rosary at 9 a.m.  
**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE Portage**

**Sun:** 8:30 a.m. Rosary before Mass each Sunday

**SACRED HEART, N. CARIBOU**

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

**ST. MARY'S, PRESQUE ISLE**

Confession is offered after Daily Mass & before Sat. & Sun. Masses.

**Tues:** 9:00 a.m. Rosary Making Team  
**Weds:** 6:30 p.m. Faith Sharing in the Rectory. All are welcome. (In Session)

**1st Fri.**  
5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confession  
6:00 p.m. Mass.

**Sun** Rosary before the 9 a.m. Mass

**ST. DENIS, FORT FAIRFIELD**

Confessions Every 3rd Sunday after Mass. And after Thursday daily Mass.

**Rosary:** 8:00 AM prior to Daily Mass. \*10:15 AM on Sundays

**Tues:** 9:00 a.m. Faith Sharing  
**Thurs:** 9:15 a.m. Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**2nd Fri.** at 3:00 PM—Adoration & Confession. 4:00 PM Mass.

**Sun:** 10:15 a.m. Rosary.

**Sunday, May 11: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations Year C #909**

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Odette Jandreau by The Family
- 9:00 a.m. Our Lady \*\* For the People
- 9:00 a.m. St. Mary \*\* Rachael Marquis & Daughters Delores Pelkey & Mary Leach by Marcella & Family
- 10:30 a.m. St. Mark \*\* Diane Scelza by Lisa Bromiley, Sherry & Dean Scelza
- 11:00 a.m. St. Denis \*\* Troy Theriault by Anne & Rosaire
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis \*\* Annette LaBreck by Her Daughter Sharon & Son-In-Law Jerry

**Monday, May 12: Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras**

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Roger Pelkey by His Wife, Jeannette & Family
- 1:30 p.m. Leisure Village \*\* Souls in Purgatory
- 1:30 p.m. Mars Hill Nursing Home \*\* Edna Watson by Doreen McCarthy

**Tuesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima**

- 8:30 a.m. St. Denis \*\* Philip Levesque by Mona Lynch
- 8:30 a.m. St. Mary \*\* Virginia Packard by Judy & Maylen Kenney & Family

**Wednesday, May 14: St. Matthias**

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Deceased Relatives & Friends by Tim & Donna Sturzl
- 1:00 p.m. Hilltop Heights \*\* Harry & Sue McCarthy by Doreen McCarthy
- 6:00 p.m. St. Mary \*\* Alan Whitaker by Leah & Dan Girardin

**Thursday, May 15: St. Isadore**

- 8:30 a.m. St. Denis \*\* Nancy Cyr Libby by Gary & Linda Sirois
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Ghislaine Martin by John, Gail & Wayne

**Friday, May 16:**

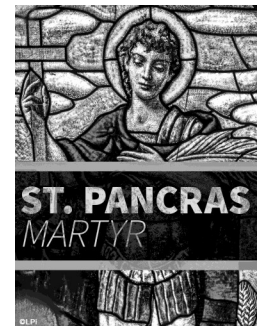
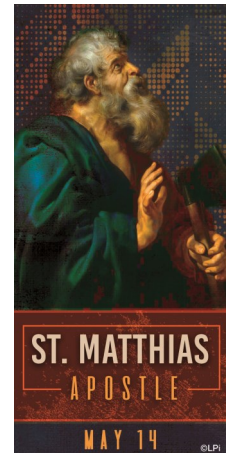
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Freddy Baron by His Mother Rena & Sister Linda
- 8:30 a.m. St. Mary \*\* Claire Dubay (Birthday) by Victor & Claudette

**Saturday, May 17: Armed Forces Day**

- 4:00 p.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Tony Disy by Cheryl & Craig Bossie
- 4:00 p.m. St. Mary \*\* Rudolph & Vivian Tardif by Brother, Gene
- 4:00 p.m. St. Theresa \*\* Elaine Haines by Frank, Gloria, Thomas, Gary & Stephanie Mosier
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart \*\* Albert & Marie Theriault by Kermit
- 6:00 p.m. St. Catherine \*\* Vernon Levesque by Knights of Columbus #1870
- 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph \*\* For the People

**Sunday, May 18: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C #912**

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Rosary \*\* Stella Kiernan by Carl and Janice Gallagher
- 9:00 a.m. Our Lady \*\* Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis
- 9:00 a.m. St. Mary \*\* Mark Bailey by Leah & Dan Girardin
- 10:30 a.m. St. Mark \*\* Sylvia Beaulier by Our Lady of The Snows Sodality
- 11:00 a.m. St. Denis \*\* Scott Sirois by Gary & Linda Sirois
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis \*\* Clarence McLaughlin Sr. by Carol Leeman



*"We are his people, the sheep of his flock."*

*Psalm 100*



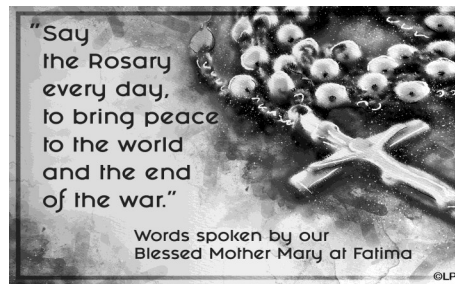
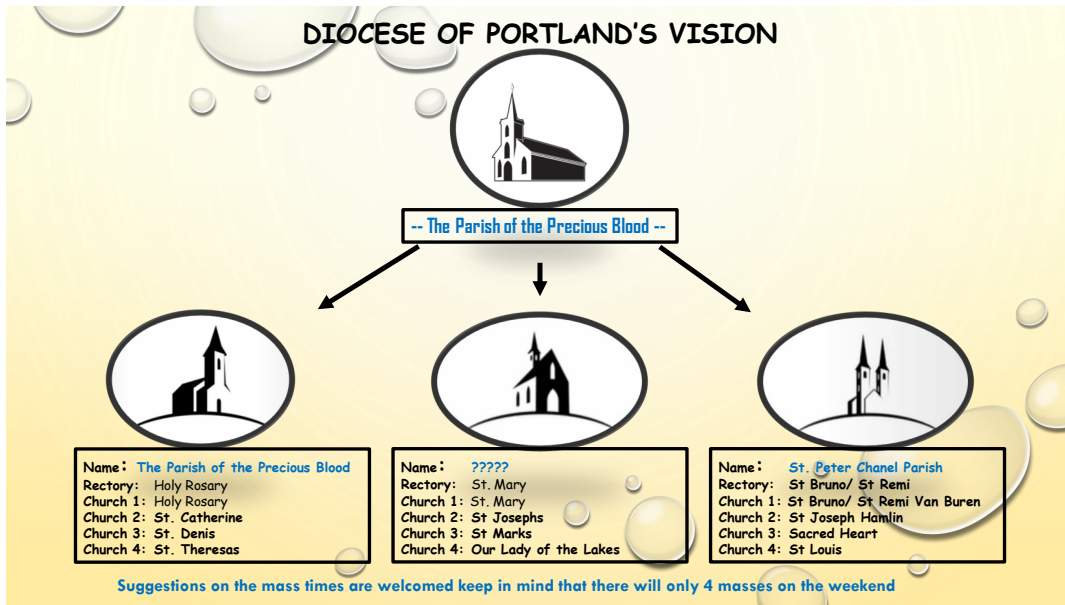
**Readings for the week of May 11, 2025**

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-9-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**PARISH PRAYER LINE CONTACTS:**

- St. Louis ~ (Gail Hjort) 492-7901
- Sacred Heart ~ (Gail Hjort) 492-7901
- Holy Rosary ~ Gail Hjort 492-7901
- St. Mary's ~ Marilyn Peary 762-0401
- St. Joseph ~ (Volunteer Needed)
- St. Denis ~ (Volunteer Needed)
- St. Mark & Our Lady ~ Joan Goodblood 435-6017






**Blessing of the New Votive Stand at Holy Rosary**

On Sunday, May 11, the new votive stand in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be blessed and dedicated in memory of Arnie G. Gahagan, Jr. The stand was donated by his wife, Ruth Gahagan. Whether you turn on a light in memory of a loved one, ask God for a special intention, or thank God for answering your prayers, we hope the light brings you peace, comfort and joy. A monetary gift of your choosing is greatly appreciated. Monies received from the lights will support the Holy Rosary fuel fund and the Holy Rosary Blanket Ministry. Thank you for your support.

It is that time of year and the Presque Isle Knights of Columbus will be holding its monthly Chicken BBQ take out event. The first one will be Saturday, May 17th. Chicken will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. until sold out. The price is \$12 and consists of a half of a chicken, a side dish, and extra bbq sauce. Your support of our charitable work is greatly appreciated





**ACTS Women's Retreat For Daughters of Isabella**  
**Retreat date May 29 to June 1, 2025**

This ACTS Retreat is offered to members of Daughters of Isabella throughout the State of Maine. The retreat is being held at the Christian Life Center (CLC) at Frenchville, Maine. Contact your Circle Regent for an application; or Director of Northern Maine ACTS, Mary Ellen Field ( PO Box 973, Caribou, ME 04736); or any Team member of this retreat for an application.

Deadline date is the Tuesday before the weekend of the retreat or when we are full with Retreatants, whichever comes first. We currently still have openings.

This is a moment for you to take some time for yourself and get closer to God.

**The Daughters of Isabella at Holy Rosary Church**

will be collecting baby items for the Pregnancy Care Center. A donated crib will be at the entrance doors starting April 26 until Mother's Day weekend. Any and all baby items will be appreciated.

God bless you for your support.

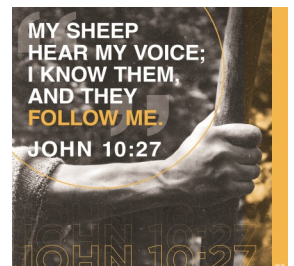


# Parish Faith Formation

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:27-30



# Parish Financial Stewardship

**Parish of the Precious Blood** has the following staff openings:

**Full-time Sexton** - This person will be responsible for the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of the facilities at Holy Rosary in Caribou and other sites as needed. Snow removal with the ability to operate a plow truck during winter months is essential, along with basic understanding of equipment functions and carpentry skills. A valid driver's license and pre-qualifying physical are required. Position is full-time with benefits including health insurance, vacation, paid holidays.

**Pastoral Communications Coordinator** - This person will be responsible for the parish bulletin, social media, website, and other communications. Position is part-time, 12-15 hours per week.

Job descriptions and application are available on our website, [theppb.org](http://theppb.org) or the Parish Business Office, 498-2536.

## Up Coming Second/Special Collections:

- May 11 - Energy/Fuel Fund
- May 18 - Building Maintenance Fund
- May 25 - Cemetery Upkeep

## Financial Blessings

### OFFERTORY May 4, 2025

#### Collections Last Week :

First Collection	\$ 12,712
Second Collection	\$ 171

**Total:** **\$ 12,883**

Total Collections YTD: \$ 733,340

Collections Budget: \$ 692,602

+/- **Budget:** + \$ 40,738

Total of Weekly Collections  
this time last year: \$ 664,904

**Current Weekly Average:** **\$ 17,054**

2024 Weekly Average: \$ 15,463

2023 Weekly Average: \$ 15,536

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don't have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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