

# Shepherd's Call

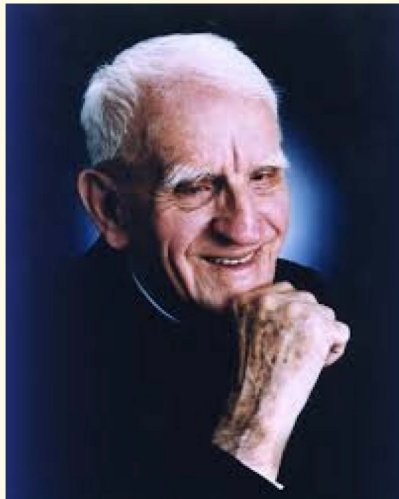


March 2025



74th Annual Brother Mathias  
*St. Patrick's Day Dinner*  
*Celebration of Faith and Service*

Honoring St. Patrick and our Founder, Brother Mathias



Join us at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church at 9502 - 4th St. in Albuquerque, March 17, 2025 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Purchase tickets via cash, check, or credit card at the door.

For more information or to sponsor the event go to [gscnm.org](http://gscnm.org)

Takeout Available!

Adults: \$17 Children \$7

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**A Message from Good Shepherd Center, Inc.  
of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God**

# Join Our Celebration—March 17th!

Over the years, the Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner has developed a faithful following in our community. Even during the pandemic, you have been there to support and spread the news of Good Shepherd Center's work. For that we are most grateful!

Since the very first year of our founding, this has become an event that people look forward to. Now we see the passing of the baton to younger generations—far too young to have known Brother Mathias. While they may not have met the man, they definitely know the spirit that he instilled in our mission to aid those most in need.

We hope to continue to build our services to reach out to the poor, afflicted, and homeless of Albuquerque. It is with your support that we are able to both celebrate Brother Mathias' legacy while looking forward to the future of how Good Shepherd Center can most fully serve those around us.

So come join us in another celebration of faith and service with friends, food, and fun at our St. Patrick's Day celebration!

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# Brother Gerard (Dennis) Sullivan, OH

Brother Gerard entered religious life September 15, 1969, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He professed first vows February 23, 1971, in Waterford, Ireland and final vows February 1, 1976, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Over the years, he served at Good Shepherd Centre, Wolverhampton, England; Good Shepherd Manor, Kansas City, Missouri; Good Shepherd Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Good Shepherd Center, Alameda, New Mexico; Barrett House, Toronto, Ontario; Cardinal Manning House of Prayer, Los Angeles, California; Camillus House, Miami, Florida and Good Shepherd Manor, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Brother Gerard was the Director of Novices for many years at the House of Formation in Toronto, Ontario; and served on the General Council for more than 25 years.

May he rest in peace.



July 20, 1945—December 2, 2024

*Well done, good and faithful servant*

# Prayer Requests

## For Health:

Cindy Aragon  
Michael Bowker



## Rest in Peace:

Bro. Gerard Sullivan, OH  
Eric Donald Hossley  
Alton Bertschinger  
Dolly Kelly  
George Aguirre  
Douglas C. Milligan  
Jay Gallemore  
Daniel Mayfield, Sr.  
Barbara Mohorcich  
Emma Gomez  
Marilyn Croitori  
Lorraine Borek  
Geronimo, Geronimo Jr.,  
Frank, Benjamin,  
and Pete Roybal

## Special Intentions:

William Kelly  
James Musulin  
Charles Ranalli  
Clara Sedillo  
Patty Snipes  
Brian, Chip, and T.J. McOlash  
Larry and Margaret Convissor  
Zach and Alda Spry  
William Dunbar  
William Shepherd  
Daniel Mayfield Sr.

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# Our New Program

Our new Reentry Program was conceived in December. We began noticing the same men coming to our overnight shelter night after night. The majority of these men presented with no addiction or mental health issues. While we were happy to help them stay out of the elements and provide a restful night sleep, we thought that if we got to know these men better, we may be able to help them long term.

A common theme began to develop. Many of these men had either suffered a family breakdown, loss of employment or another traumatic occurrence which caused their life to become unmanageable. We proposed to 15 of these men to come and stay with us for 90 days. We thought if they could escape the harsh realities of wandering the streets of Albuquerque, that possibly we could help them find a new footing and a new direction.

It's our hope that while they're under our care, receiving nutritious meals, adequate rest and the opportunity to socialize with other men in similar circumstances that we could be a positive motivator for change.

Often, an opportunity to become centered mentally, physically and spiritually is a catalyst for amazing change. I will keep you informed as to how this new program is working. As always, thank you for your continued support... and Happy St Patrick's Day!

—Brother Nicholas Foran

# Good Shepherd Origins

Brother Mathias Barrett, Good Shepherd Center's founder, was born in 1900 in Ireland and became a Brother of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in 1916. The Order is known for its medical ministry to the poor and destitute around the world. Back in 1572 when the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God was founded, the focus was on medical care for the poor. It wasn't until much later that their focus opened to helping the poor in general.

In 1950, during the time that the Order's focus expanded to caring for the homeless and destitute, Brother Mathias was tasked with continuing to expand the ministry to the United States. There he founded the congregation of The Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd. One year later he opened the Good Shepherd Refuge, what is today known as Good Shepherd Center.

While he would go on to found many other ministries and facilities in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Canada, as well as more in the

United States, much of his work was right here in Albuquerque serving the homeless and hungry. He strove to promote human dignity for those most in need.

Less than a year after opening its doors, Good Shepherd Center hosted its first Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner to celebrate both the founding of the Center and congregation, as well as to say "Happy Birthday" to Brother Mathias himself. Every year since then we have held the Dinner to remember our roots.

Today we provide not only meals and overnight shelter to those on the street, but also substance abuse treatment, respite, and assistance with housing for the homeless and unsteadily housed. In these ministries we carry on Brother Mathias' legacy. With your help we are able to provide these services to those in need. YOU are helping to continue his legacy. Thank you!

—Heather Mattax



**Our Current Clients**

# How You Can Help:

## Clothing:

Belts  
Pants  
Short Sleeved Shirts  
Light Coats and Jackets  
Underwear (new, especially S-XL)

## Toiletries:

Travel-Sized Lotion  
Travel-Sized Deodorant  
Travel-Sized Shampoo and Soap  
Razors and Travel-Sized Shaving Cream  
Toothbrushes and Travel-Sized Toothpaste

## Foods Most In Need:

### Coffee (ground or instant)

Canned Tuna and Meat

Canned and Dried Beans

Canned Vegetables and Tomatoes

Rice

Spaghetti

Bottled Water

Powdered Milk

***Founded in 1951 by Brother Mathias Barrett, Good Shepherd Center is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit mission of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, Province of the Good Shepherd in North America. All donations are tax deductible.***

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