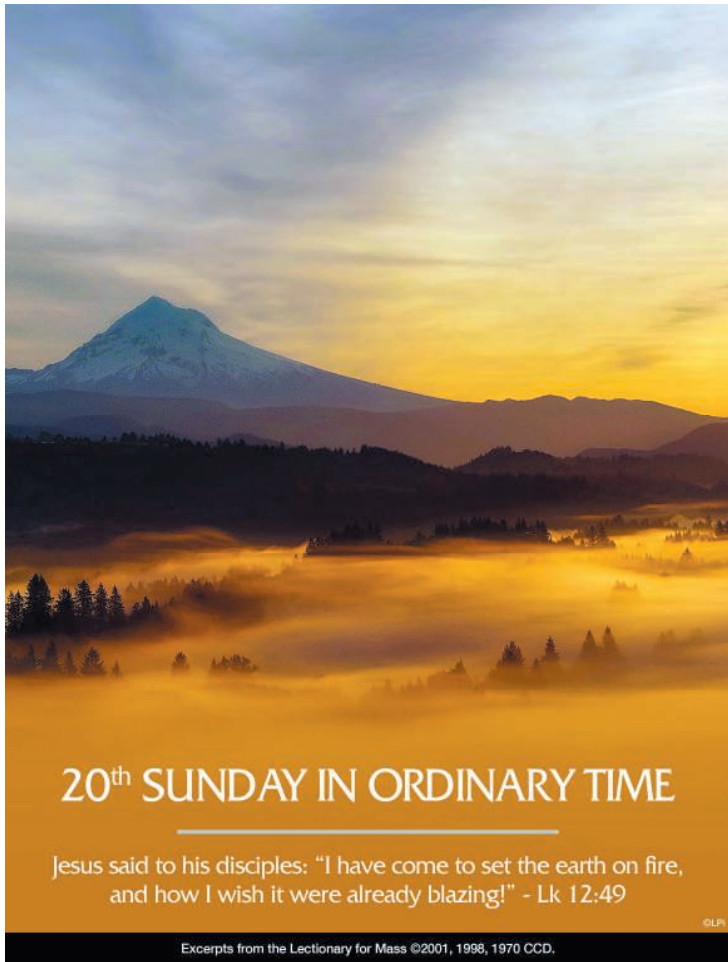


August 18, 2019

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH & ST. AGNES PARISH

Consists of the Catholic Churches of
St Anne

64 Free St, Dexter , ME 04930

St Francis & St Paul

128 Riverside St, Milo, ME 04463

St Thomas Aquinas

43 High St, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

St. Agnes

238 Detroit St, Pittsfield, ME 04967

Pastor.....Rev. Robert Lupo
Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Mark Nolette
Deacon.....David Denbow
Faith Formation St. Thomas.....Melissa Wanat
Faith Formation St. Agnes..... Ken Dechaine
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM—3:30PM - St. Agnes
Sunday 7:45 AM—8:15 AM St. Thomas
Sunday 9:45AM--10:15AM– St. Anne

OR by Appointment (Please call 564-2612)

SACRAMENTS

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism, Matrimony, or for the Sick, please call the parish office at (207) 924-7104 and an appointment will be made for you. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Beth Boddy at (207) 999-9928. Please call Beth if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

MASS CANCELLATIONS

If school is cancelled, due to inclement weather, in any towns where our parishes are located, then the weekday Mass for that parish is also cancelled.

Readings for the Week of August 18, 2019

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-
40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf.
9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt
20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab,
6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-
18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

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Activities for this Week

- Sunday 08/18** **St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**
@ St. Agnes Parish Hall from 8—9 AM
- Sunday 08/18** **Our Lady's Kitchen Dinner**
@ St. Anne Parish Center @ 12 PM
- Tuesday 08/20** **Finance Council Meeting** at
St. Anne Parish Hall at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday 08/21** **Gospel of Mark Bible Study**
@ St. Anne Parish Center @ 6:00 pm
- Thursday 08/22** **Prison Ministry** 1-4:30 PM
@ Charleston Correctional Facility
- Friday 08/23.** **Fatima Rosary** @ St. Agnes
From 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
- Saturday 08/24** **Youth Ministry** at St. Thomas
Aquinas 7—9 PM

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 8, 2019 Catholic University &
Special Education Needs

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Congratulations to Our Lady of the Snows for reaching 101% of the monetary goal for the Catholic Appeal for this year.

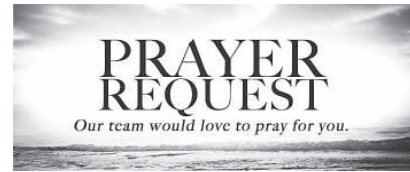
Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the 2019 Catholic Appeal.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

If you need to take the Protecting God's Children Class to become a volunteer, there will be one offered at St. Anne's parish hall on Saturday, August 31, 2019, at 2:00 PM. Please call Suzanne Nowinski to sign up for the class at (207) 249-8219.

Weekly Collections

August 4, 2019	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,847.00	\$3,694.69
Peter's Pence	\$ 387.00	\$ 601.00



Father James Martel, James Tobin, Edwin H. Miller,
Justin H. Miller, Rheba Michaud

LEND A HELPING HAND AND A SMILE!

Many seniors find themselves homebound and alone. Warm a senior's life by investing a few hours a week to an isolated senior through a friendly visit, a ride to the grocery store, or a phone call. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the Somerset county area or are a senior in deed, please contact the Cindy Whitney at the SEARCH RSVP program (207) 576-5730 or cwhitney@ccmaine.org.

FAITH FORMATION SIGNUP

Melissa Wanat will be having tables set up at the following parishes to sign your children up for faith formation if you have not already done so.

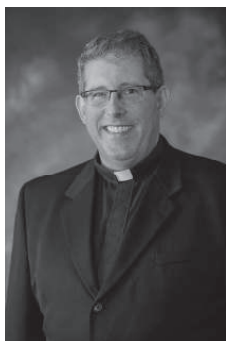
St. Francis & St. Paul on August 24, 2019, at the 4:00 PM Mass;

St. Thomas Aquinas on August 25, 2019, at the 8:30 AM Mass; and

St. Anne on August 25, 2019, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Just a few short weeks and we will be gathering at St. Agnes for our Parish Picnic – I am very much looking forward to our get together. For some kids, school has already started. In my own family my grandnephew will be starting kindergarten in just a week or so.



Naturally, his Mom and his Nonni -my sister – are a bit verklempt. I would really love to give them the comfort found in our Psalm today – “Lord come to my aid.” We can make that plea any time we feel lost, or abandoned – like Jeremiah in the first reading, but also when we are tired, a bit discouraged, a bit broken down by life, or a bit worried in the face of change – whatever is happening the Lord is there when we call.

So, whether you are jumping for joy that school is beginning once again, or you are like my family and facing change with the passing a those first wonderful years of a child’s life – know that all of us can voice this cry to God always – “Lord come to my aid.”

Fr. Robert Lupo

ALTAR GUILD

St. Thomas Aquinas is looking to start an Altar Guild. We would meet one or two afternoons a month for a few hours at St. Thomas Aquinas. The purpose of the guild is to keep the Altar and the entrances of the church clean and organized.

For more information, contact Beth Boddy at (207) 999-9928 or bethwood@hotmail.com. for more information available.

Thank you and please consider this important ministry.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp at St. Francis & St. Paul burns in memory of Robert Devine, by the family.



A Teaching Moment: Why the priest washes his hands at Mass



During the time of Jesus, it was literally a sin for an Israelite to eat without washing his or her hands. Hands might have been washed before the Last Supper, and the washing of hands might have been assimilated into the sacred meals celebrated after Pentecost.

However, we do know for sure that hands were washed at the start of Mass as a symbol of purity of heart as early as the fourth century. In later centuries when gifts were incensed at the offering time, it would be natural to wash hands to remove traces of incense. Hands were also washed to remove any traces of the gifts, gifts not limited to bread and wine and money but including other items destined for use in the Church. The symbolism today is still a washing away of what separates one from God. The priest says softly as he washes his hands, “Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.”

God Bless, Deacon Dave



*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019*

“Run the race which lies ahead.” Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471; email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org; Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME.

OUR LADY'S KITCHEN

Ever wonder what smells so good next door to St. Anne's on Sunday afternoons? It's Our Lady's Kitchen! This volunteer ministry serves free meals to the community every Sunday at noon in the hall next to St. Anne's. Many hands make light work! If you think you can occasionally lend a hand or if you are simply curious about the yummy smelling meals you smell, reach out to Maggie Siemerling at 564-2613, 356-8370 or siemerling7@gmail.com or better yet, stop in one Sunday to see first hand! There is always room for one more!



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday August 17—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Rick Jenkins, by his Mother

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

Sunday August 18—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Katherine Weber, by the Family

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

Marge Riitano, by her Husband

10:30 AM St Anne

NO INTENTION

Monday August 19—St. John Eudes

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

9:15 AM St Agnes

NO INTENTION

Tuesday August 20—St. Bernard

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Raymond Berube, by his Daughter

8:30 AM St Anne

NO MASSI

Wednesday August 21—St. Pius, X

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

†Albert F. Hackett, by the Parish

Thursday August 22

6:30 PM St Agnes

NO INTENTIONI

Friday August 23—St. Rose of Lima

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

8:30 AM St Anne

Special Intention, by Mary Ann Elliot

Saturday August 24—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Robert Devine, by the Family

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

†Doran "Gus" LaBree, by the Family

Sunday August 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Theodore, Ruprecht, by Joyce Ruprecht Martin

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†James Green, by Brennan Family

10:30 AM St Anne

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

FAITH FORMATION OPEN HOUSE

There will be a faith formation open house on Sunday, September 1, 2019, at St. Thomas Aquinas faith formation building after the 8:30 AM morning Mass.

CLUSTER WIDE PARISH PICNIC

Our cluster wide parish picnic will be held at St. Agnes this year on Sunday, September 8, 2019 after the Mass which will be held at 11:00 am at St. Agnes

The food will be catered, except for desserts. Please call the office to let Tricia know if you are planning on attending, so that we may get a head count for the caterer. It is very important that you call the office to let us know if you are coming, so that we can order enough food for everyone that attends!

The menu will consist of barbeque chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, hamburgers, hot dogs.

Like the previous parish picnic, we are asking the attending parishioners to bring a dessert to share.

We will have our regular Mass schedule on Saturday, September 7, 2019, as usual and there will only be two Masses on Sunday, September 8, 2019. One will be at St. Thomas Aquinas at 8:30 AM and then the cluster wide picnic Mass will be at St. Agnes at 11:00 AM. **Depending on the head count the Mass may be outside.**

It is important that you respond no later than 10:00 AM on August 15, 2019, as to whether or not you will be attending, as Ken Dechaine has to give a head count to the cater no later than August 15th, to ensure that enough food is made for everyone that attends.

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry will be starting back up on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 7—9 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas following the 6 PM Mass.

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