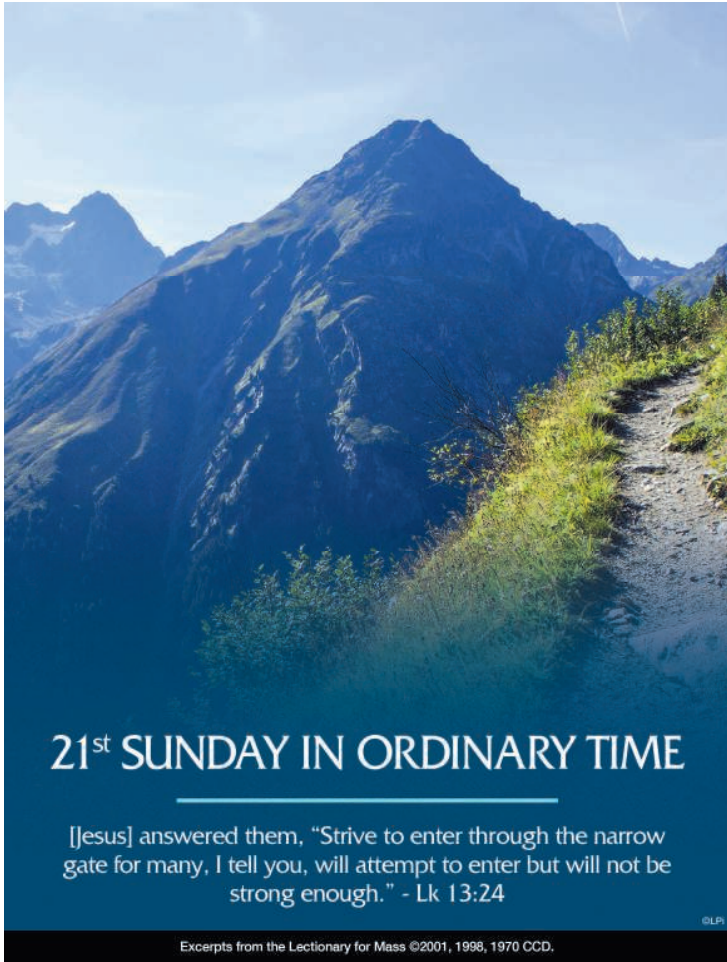


August 25, 2019

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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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

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Deacon.....David Denbow
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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 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5 -6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

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Activities for this Week

<u>Sunday 08/25</u>	Our Lady's Kitchen Dinner @ St. Anne Parish Center @ 12 PM
<u>Monday 08/26</u>	Community Meal @ the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church @ 6:00 PM held by the Ladies at St. Thomas Aquinas
<u>Monday 08/26</u>	St. Agnes Commission Council Meeting at St. Agnes at 6 PM
<u>Thursday 08/29</u>	Prison Ministry 1-4:30 PM @ Charleston Correctional Facility
<u>Friday 08/30</u>	Fatima Rosary @ St. Agnes From 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
<u>Saturday 08/31</u>	Youth Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas 7—9 PM

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 8, 2019	Catholic University & Special Education Needs
September 22, 2019	Fuel Collection

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.

ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild will meet the second Tuesday of every month following the 8:30 AM Mass, beginning Tuesday, September 10, 2019. All are welcome. Please stop by and lend a hand.

For more information, please contact Beth Boddy at (207) 9699-9928.

Weekly Collections

August 11, 2019	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$2,396.15	\$3,167.93



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

Jesus warn us this weekend against being too sure of our stance before God. We also receive the message from all our readings on the 21st Sunday that God has come for all people, not just a select population. Do we heed these words?? How do we treat “the other??” How do we speak about immigrants, documented or otherwise? How do we speak about those different from us in appearance, status, or way of life? Do we tend to see those that are outside knocking to whom Jesus says, “I do not know where you are from; depart from me you evil doers” as someone else? Do we ever worry that we may end up on the outside looking in?? If that thought never enters our mind, then perhaps we are bit too complacent or a bit too sure of our place in the Kingdom! I spoke last week, in my homily, about all things being gift – that means that we ARE NOT deserving of all the blessings that Christ bestows on us. If we ever start thinking that we are, then it is time to take a step back and be honest with ourselves and with God – there is NOTHING we can do to earn God’s grace – it is freely given all of us who do not deserve it. As may we be humble and open to God’s will in our lives; may we always welcome the other in word and deed, just as God ask us to do.

Fr. Robert Lupo



A Teaching Moment: Why changes were made to the Mass over time

Over the years since the Church began, the Mass had become less and less an action of a celebrating community. During the Middle Ages there was a feeling that ordinary lay-people were unworthy of contact with God. God was remote and mysterious. The divinity rather than the humanity of Christ was emphasized. (Church architecture reflected this with altars built farther and farther from the “unworthy” congregation.) The people attending Mass received Communion infrequently, if at all.

The situation became so acute that a Church rule had to be made saying that the faithful must receive Communion once a year. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, however, there was a renewal of interest in the Church as a community, the biblical basis of Church traditions, and the liturgical year as a source of personal renewal.

During the early twentieth century Pope Pius X issued decrees urging frequent Communion. In 1947 Pius XII stressed the importance and necessity for frequent Communion and the priestly office of all Christians. A German liturgical commission sparked reforms in Europe, laying a foundation for the renewal based on the Second Vatican Council’s *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (1963). The use of the altar in today’s churches summarizes this century’s changes. It is placed close to and facing the congregation, who gather around this table for a meal as in New Testament times.

All are united in worship using language, symbols, and gestures designed to foster community participation and individual and group spiritual growth.

God Bless, Deacon Dave



***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019***

“Make straight paths for your feet.” Will your path of holiness be 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.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp at St. Anne burns in memory of Marguerite Laflamme, by the family.





EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

Monday August 26

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

9:15 AM St Agnes

NO INTENTION

Tuesday August 27—St. Monica

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Souls in Purgatory, by Michelle

8:30 AM St Anne

Special Intention

Wednesday August 28—St. Augustine

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

†Anne Maria Schmidt, by the Family

Thursday August 29—The Passion of St. John

6:30 PM St Agnes

NO INTENTIONI

Friday August 30

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

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8:30 AM St Anne

†Edward & Evelyn Pullyard, by Sandra Crocker

Saturday August 31—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Jordan Brochu, by Una May Lord

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Eddie & Bobby Parda, by their Mother

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

Sunday September 1—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Dennis Moody, by David & Laure Moody

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Verna Paradis, by Roger & Geraldine Cyr

10:30 AM St Anne

†John, Margaret & David Allen, by June Rush

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.**

ST. AGNES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next eucharistic adoration will be held at St. Agnes Parish on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, from 11 AM to 7 PM. The intention is to save and protect life.

RCIA AND FAITH FORMATION

RCIA will be starting back up the second week in September. If you are interesting in taking these classes, please contact the office at (207) 924-7104, and your name will be given to Deacon David Denbow and he will schedule a time to meet with you.

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