

September 1, 2019

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

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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 September 1, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

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Activities for this Week

- Sunday 09/01** **Our Lady's Kitchen Dinner**
@ St. Anne Parish Center @ 12 PM
- Wednesday 09/04** **St Agnes Ladies Guild**
Monthly Meeting @ 7 PM @
St Agnes Parish Hall downstairs
- Wednesday 09/04** **St Agnes Knights of**
Columbus @ 7PM @ St Agnes
Parish Hall Upstairs
- Thursday 09/05** **Prison Ministry 1:30-4:30 PM**
@ Charleston Correctional
Facility
- Friday 09/06** **Fatima Rosary @ St. Agnes**
From 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
- Saturday 09/07** **Youth Ministry at St. Thomas**
Aquinas 7—9 PM

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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

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) 999-9928.

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.

Weekly Collections

August 18, 2019	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,043.00	\$3,159.00



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.

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.

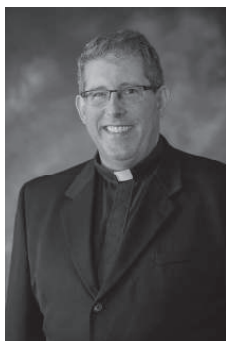
CLUSTER WIDE PARISH PICNIC

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEK-END!

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful Labor Day weekend, whether traveling or relaxing at home. The traditional end of the summer week-end seems to have gotten here early, at least that's how I feel. I'm sure I'm not alone!



There is a new series of Sprite commercials on TV. The premise is that a young person meets someone who compliments them on some aspect of their person – “You look sharp!” “Oh, look a famous rapper!” or some other small compliment to them or their appearance. The young folks receiving the compliment aren't happy about it though! No, they don't want a small compliment – they must make sure that everyone knows that's not enough!! “I'm going to be a world-famous designer!!” “Or I'm going to be a generation defining artist!” Just exactly what is Sprite selling here?

I'm sure they would say they are selling aspirational hope, but the emphasis on overwhelming success, celebrity and lots of money is a bit shallow from my, admittedly older, point of view. All our readings today are stressing a value that is in opposition to putting ourselves first, especially putting ourselves over and above others – the virtue of humility. That doesn't mean treating yourself like trash or hiding talents – it means thinking of the other first – or as C.S. Lewis put it, **“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.”** . May we ask the Lord to help us think of ourselves less in order to serve Him in those we meet.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE
NEXT WEEK AT THE PICNIC!

Fr. Robert Lupo



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.

A Teaching Moment: How scripture readings are chosen for Mass



Scripture scholars tell us that early Church services were based on what the Jews had experienced in their synagogues. These services had two readings from Scripture, a talk based on these readings (like our homily), and a prayer. One of the objects of using these readings was to help those attending the synagogue to become more familiar with Scripture.

During the Mass you will see people reading from the *Lectionary*, the name given to the book containing the Scripture readings. If you listen closely, in three years you will have reviewed all four gospels and major sections of the Old Testament. The *Lectionary* has a three-year Sunday cycle. For example, the year 1990 brings readings from the A cycle, 1991 from the B cycle, and 1992 the C cycle, and so on.

Cycles change beginning with Advent of the previous year. During the week, there is a two-year cycle. Year 1 is for odd years (1991) and Year 2 for even years (1992), and so on. These alternating cycles are not used for Lent and Easter. The same fixed week-day readings are used each year. This is to aid in our day-to-day renewal in this season of spiritual growth.

God Bless, Deacon Dave

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

St. Thomas Aquinas is in need of volunteers to help do church laundry. If you would like to help with this please call the parish office at (207) 924-7104 and let Tricia know. Thank you.

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.

Please be advised that faith formation will start on Sunday, September 15, 2019, right after the 8:30 AM morning Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

Monday September 2—Labor Day

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

9:15 AM St Agnes

NO INTENTION

Tuesday September 3—St. Gregory the Great

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Souls in Purgatory, by Michelle

8:30 AM St Anne

†Pepe Joseph Gilbert, by Sandra Crocker

Wednesday September 4

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

†Anne Maria Schmidt, by the Family

Thursday September 5

6:30 PM St Agnes

NO INTENTION

Friday September 6

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

8:30 AM St Anne

NO INTENTION

Saturday September 7—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Rebekah Folgherait, by Nans

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

†Gertrude Thompson, by the Family

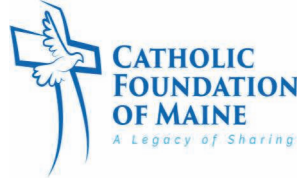
Sunday September 8—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

11:00 AM St Agnes

NO INTENTION



Endowments for Our Lady of the Snows and St. Agnes Parishes

Endowments for Our Lady of the Snows and St. Agnes Parishes include the **Our Lady of the Snows Parish Endowment** and the **St. Agnes Parish (Pittsfield, ME) Endowment**. Anyone can make a gift, in any amount, to these endowments, and anyone can start a new endowment. Neither donations to nor grants from endowments are subject to assessment and donations can be of cash, stock, insurance, property, or a bequest. Your gift will make a difference and assist the needs of the school or parish in perpetuity. The Foundation makes distributions annually to the school or parish as directed, and the funds are used as designated by the endowment. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Foundation of Maine, noting the appropriate endowment.

For more information about how you can *leave a legacy* through a gift to any of these endowments, contact Elizabeth Badger, Executive Director, at the Catholic Foundation of Maine, **207-321-7820** or **www.catholicfoundationmaine.org**

ST. AGNES LADIES GUILD

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 7:00 PM downstairs in the parish hall.

The Ladies Guild helps with many parish activities such as organizing the Rosary for funerals, helping with funeral receptions, help pay for robes and altar supplies and so forth.

We are in need of new members as our current ones are dwindling. Please consider giving some time to your parish and join the St. Agnes Ladies Guild. If you would like to join, please contact Connie Craven at 278-5430.

ST. AGNES BIBLE STUDY

There will be a new bible study starting on Tuesday and Fridays. Sign up sheets are located by each entrance. More information to come.

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