

September 8, 2019

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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Activities for this Week

<u>Sunday 09/08</u>	Our Lady's Kitchen Dinner @ St. Anne Parish Center @ 12 PM
<u>Thursday 09/12</u>	Father Patrick Hayes Council #3172 Knights of Columbus Meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas @ 7:00 PM
<u>Thursday 09/12</u>	Prison Ministry 1:30-4:30 PM @ Charleston Correctional Facility
<u>Friday 09/13</u>	Fatima Rosary @ St. Agnes From 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
<u>Saturday 09/14</u>	Youth Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas 7—9 PM

Weekly Collections

August 25, 2019	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$2,220.00	\$3,254.30



Father James Martel, James Tobin, Edwin H. Miller, Justin H. Miller, Rheba Michaud, Waluk Family, Rae Ann Paradis

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

September 22, 2019 Fuel Collection

October 6, 2019 Religious Education

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.

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.

HOMESCHOOLED SACRAMENT STUDENTS

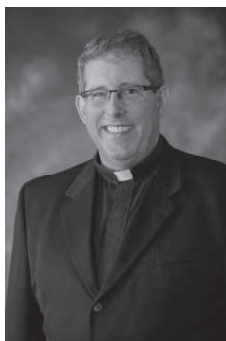
If you have any home schooled sacrament students that will be making their sacraments, you need to contact Melissa Wanat at 564-0967 to get them registered for the upcoming faith formation year.

She will have the necessary sacrament books that you will need to teach your children as all students need to use the same books.

The faith formation year commences on September 15, 2019.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The author of the Book of Wisdom tells us that we cannot know God's counsel without the help of His Spirit. That is a gift we've all been given at our baptism. So how do we interpret the wisdom that Jesus give us today – "Hate your father and mother..." "... carry your cross..." "...renounce all your possessions..." Rather than telling us to be loaners, bereft of physical or familial ties Jesus is urging us to make being his disciples our first priority, and let nothing take precedent over following Him.



As we enter a, hopefully, beautiful autumn we can ask ourselves some questions based on what Jesus is saying to us today.

Are we too attached to our possessions? Do we endure our sufferings, our crosses, with patience and the knowledge that Our Lord is helping us carry them? Are our emotional attachments healthy or do they exert an oversize influence on our behavior? Who do we give our allegiance to?? Political parties? Celebrities? Individual Churches or Parishes? We need to examine our attachments, to people and to things, in the light of our desire to be disciples of Christ. We need to do this continually in order to orient ourselves to the Lord. May the Spirit we received at our baptism always help us to be ready to do as Jesus asks.

I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE PICNIC ON SUNDAY!!

Fr. Robert Lupo



*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019*

"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship 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:

A Teaching Moment: When did the Mass begin?



Today there is a great interest in roots, in tracing the lines of particular families back to the past. The roots of the word Mass lie in the word *Missa*, a Latin term used at the end of the Eucharistic service and meaning "dismissal." *Missa* finally came to be used to signify the entire Eucharistic event. The roots of the Mass celebration go back to the first realization of humans that thanksgiving and praise should be offered to the Creator. (the word Eucharist comes from the Greek eucharistia, which means "thanksgiving.")

The greatest of the Jewish family feasts of thanksgiving and praise was the Passover, reliving the Exodus that established the Jews as the covenant People of God who were saved by God's power.

The gospels tell us that at the Last Supper the night before Jesus died, he instituted the Eucharist. The Scriptures also show us that the Eucharist was celebrated from the very beginnings of the Church as a supper, probably held in the early afternoon like the customary Roman suppers. Later the Mass was celebrated in the morning on the day after the Jewish Saturday Sabbath, and as the Church grew and the early members of the Church died, the celebration was formalized so that it could be passed on to others.

God Bless, Deacon Dave

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

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

FAITH FORMATION

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.

If you have not yet registered your child/children please contact Melissa Wanat right away at 564-0867.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

Monday September 9—St. Peter Claver

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS

9:15 AM St Agnes

Ryan Rush, by his Mother

Tuesday September 10

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS

8:30 AM St Anne

NO INTENTION

Wednesday September 11—Patriot Day

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS

Thursday September 12

NO INTENTION

Friday September 13—St. John Chrysostom

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS

8:30 AM St Anne

NO INTENTION

Saturday September 14—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

Greg Rush, by his Mother

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†*Rick Jenkins, by his Mother*

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

Sunday September 15—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

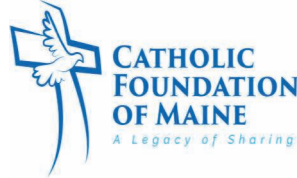
†*Katherine Weber, by the Family*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

10:30 AM St Anne

End to Abortion, by Estate of John & Margaret Allen



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 GROUP STUDY

Parishioners of our cluster. Starting on Monday evening September 16, 2019, at 6:30 PM and on Friday afternoon September 20, 2019, at 3:00 PM, there be another group study on the Marian Hearts Afire program.

The group study will take place at St. Agnes Parish Hall. Any Christian is welcome to come join us for this group study about *The Second Story Ever Told* by bestselling author Father Michael Gaitley as he reveals St. John Paul II's witness for our time.

There will be sign up sheets at both entrances of St. Agnes. It is important that you sign up so that enough books will be ordered.

For more information, please contact Connie Craven at 278-5430.

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