

September 15, 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

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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 15, 2019

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

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Activities for this Week

- Sunday 09/15** **Our Lady's Kitchen Dinner**
@ St. Anne Parish Center @ 12 PM
- Sunday 09/15** **St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffett**
at St. Agnes Parish Hall 8-10 AM
- Sunday 09/15** **Faith Formation** at St. Agnes
at 9:00 AM
- Sunday 09/15** **Faith Formation** at St. Thomas
Aquinas @ 9:30 AM
- Monday 09/16** **Second Story Ever Bible Study**
at St. Agnes Parish Hall @
6:30 PM
- Thursday 09/19** **Prison Ministry** 1:30-4:30 PM
@ Charleston Correctional
Facility
- Friday 09/20** **Fatima Rosary** @ St. Agnes
From 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
- Fidday 09/20** **Second Story Ever Bible Study**
at St. Agnes Parish Hall @
3:00 PM
- Saturday 09/21** **Youth Ministry** at St. Thomas
Aquinas 7—9 PM

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, October 8, 2019. All are welcome. Please stop by and lend a hand.

For more information, please contact Beth Boddy at (207) 999-9928.

Weekly Collections

September 1, 2019	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,956.00	\$4,764.50



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

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

Welcome back to Faith Formation to all the kids and families participating!! I hope you are all looking forward to a wonderful year learning and deepening your faith.

One of the most beloved of Jesus' parables comes to us this weekend. The parable of the Prodigal Son seems to always resonate in our hearts. Only found in Luke, the Gospel of compassion, this story reminds us of God's complete care for us – his desire for our company at all times & his unfathomable mercy towards us. I think it is easy to identify with the young son. We've all made mistakes in our lives at different times and the image of the father racing out to meet his sorrowful son upon his return is a beautiful image of unconditional love. I think we may need to focus on the older brother and be honest about the times that we share his rigid, authoritarian attitude. That attitude seems to have taken over a great many people in our society.

“Why should so and so get this benefit?” “Don't spend money on 'those' people!” “What about me?! What about what I'm entitled to!!??”

Those sentiments or ones very like them are rife in our world and in our country today, and they have no place in the heart of a person that follows Jesus. We are called to be honest, like the young son, but also, we are called to offer mercy and love just at the father does – unconditionally!! May we ask Jesus to help us to be honest about our biases and to open our hearts to love all our sisters and brothers!

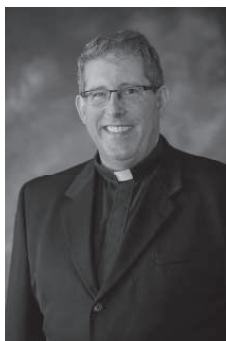
Fr. Robert Lupo



*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019*

“This brother of yours was dead and has come to life.” Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

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



A Teaching Moment: Celebrants Different Colored Robes and Significance

If you were living during the early days of the persecuted Church, you probably would have worn an outer cloak and an under-tunic somewhat like today's Mass vestments. This type of clothing is still used at Mass to remind us of those beginnings of our Church.

We are most familiar with the chasuble, the outer colored garment worn over the alb, the long white inner garment. Deacons may also wear an outer garment similar to the chasuble priests wear called a dalmatic, which is slightly different as it has sleeves. We have also seen the stole, a narrow or wide strip of cloth usually the same color as the chasuble, that is worn by deacons diagonally across the left shoulder and by priests around the neck, with both ends hanging down the front.

The colors used in the vestments have different symbolic meanings and are used to demonstrate the messages of the different seasons and feasts of the Church year. The colors used are: white (meaning new life, holiness, resurrection); red (martyrdom, love, kingship); green (eternal hope, spiritual growth); violet or purple (preparation and penance); and black (mourning and death, often replaced by white or purple).

God Bless, Deacon Dave

FATIMA'S PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Smith family will be hosting Our Lady of Fatima's Virgin Statue on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, from 6:15—8:15 PM. There will be an audio visual about the Fatima message and will end with the rosary. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Celeste at 948-3343 for more information.

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 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

Monday September 16—Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

8:30 AM St Anne

NO MASS

Tuesday September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

John & Barbara Allen, by Tom & Terrie Allen

8:30 AM St Anne

NO MASS

Wednesday September 18

†Tara Lea Hayes Lilly, by the Family

Thursday September 19—St. Januarius

6:30 PM St Agnes

NO MASS

Friday September 20

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

8:30 AM St Anne

NO MASS

Saturday September 21—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Eddie & Bobby Parda, by their Mother

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

†Theresa “LaBree” Daughton

Sunday September 22—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†MuSong Rho, by Ken & Nanhee Dechaine

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

10:30 AM St Anne

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

2019 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The “Giving Reasons for Our Hope in Christ” Parish Life Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Lewiston on October 4-5. The conference is open to anyone serving in a Catholic parish or school in Maine. It aims to help participants recognize and share God’s presence and to be inspired to return to their parishes and schools ready to better encourage discipleship in those they serve. The conference will include presentations by national speakers, Mass with Bishop Robert P. Deeley, an assortment of workshops, and a resource hall. For more details, visit the conference’s website at www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/parish-life-conference-2019. The Ramada Inn is offering a discounted room rate (more than 40% off the regular rate). To reserve your room, call the hotel directly at (207) 784-2331 and ask for the Parish Life Conference group rate. The special rate is only available until September 4 or until the discounted room block is sold out.

ST. AGNES GROUP STUDY

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
PARISHIONERS OF ST. AGNES PARISH, OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISHES AND OTHER INTERESTED CHRISTIANS:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR: Monday September 16, 2019 at 6:30PM or Friday September 20, 2019 at 3:00 PM. join us at St. Agnes Catholic Church Hall. Now the power and drama of Fr. Michael Gaitley’s best-selling book **THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD**. are captured in an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you. In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley (by DVD) connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God’s merciful love. (It’s ok if you miss some sessions, but you won’t want to). Come and find out what St. John Paul II taught. **FIND OUT WHAT JESUS WANTS TO DO FOR YOU.**

There are signup sheets at the front and side entrances to St. Agnes Church so we will know how many books we need, or you can call Connie at 278-5430 for more information and to sign up.

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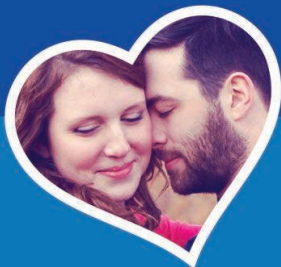
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