

September 22, 2019

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A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH & ST. AGNES PARISH

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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 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezc 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezc 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezc 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

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Activities for this Week

- Sunday 09/22** **Our Lady's Kitchen Dinner**
@ St. Anne Parish Center @ 12 PM
- Sunday 09/22** **Faith Formation** at St. Agnes
at 9:00 AM
- Sunday 09/22** **Faith Formation** at St. Thomas
Aquinas @ 9:30 AM
- Monday 09/23** **Community Meal** @ the
Dover-Foxcroft
Congregational Church @
6:00 PM held by the Ladies at
St. Thomas Aquinas
- Monday 09/23** **St. Agnes Commission Council**
Meeting at St. Agnes Parish
Center at 6:00 PM
- Monday 09/23** **Second Story Ever Bible Study**
at St. Agnes Parish Hall @
6:30 PM
- Thursday 09/26** **Prison Ministry** 1:30-4:30 PM
@ Charleston Correctional
Facility
- Friday 09/27** **Fatima Rosary** @ St. Agnes
From 9:30 AM—11:00 AM
- Friday 09/27** **Second Story Ever Bible Study**
at St. Agnes Parish Hall @
3:00 PM
- Saturday 09/28** **Youth Ministry** at St. Thomas
Aquinas 7—9 PM

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The finance council meeting minutes for the August 20, 2019, meeting are now posted in each parish for anyone to review.

PROTECTING GODS' CHILDREN CLASS

There will be another Protecting Gods' Children class on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 2:00 PM, at St. Anne's Parish Center. Please contact Suzanne Nowinski at 249-8219 to let her know you will be attending the class.

Weekly Collections

September 8, 2019	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,644.00	\$2,885.00
Catholic University	\$ 476.00	\$ 737.00



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

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 564-0867 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 commenced on September 15, 2019.

PASTOR'S CORNER

It would seem that our readings today are calling us to honesty, but I think there is something else going on as well. Jesus is encouraging his listeners, and us, to be as prudent and wise in dealing with our spiritual lives as we are in dealing with our economic lives. We can sometimes devalue our spiritual lives, our time in prayer or spiritual reading, as being wasteful. As if the things of the world are more important than our relationship with God. As he does so many times throughout the Gospels, Christ is reminding us that there is 'only one thing' that should take priority. In giving our relationship with God primary place in our life all other things will fall into their proper places. That is the key-stone for us, but it is so easy to forget.

To think, 'No, paying my bills, ensuring I have a roof over my head,' (just like the servant in the Gospel) those things must come first, then I'll find time for God. is recipe for unhappiness, anxiety and emptiness. God is with us in our joys, our sorrows, or mountain-top moments, and in our rock bottom moments; it is for us to trust that that is true and to acknowledge it. To live in that unconditional love that pardons us whenever we ask. May we go into the world and show mercy as we have been shown mercy!

Fr. Robert Lupo



A Teaching Moment: Ordained Ministry

The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus selected Peter and the other Apostles to be shepherds of the Christian community. Their successors became known as bishops, who, along with priests and deacons, guide and build up the people of God through preaching, teaching, celebrating sacraments and working for unity.

These ordained ministers are assisted in this work by lay people. The pope, the successor of Peter as the Bishop of Rome, exercises the ministry of unity for the universal Catholic Church. Bishops and priests share in the ministry of teaching, governing and sanctifying in their dioceses and parishes.

Deacons serve in liturgical capacities at the pulpit and the altar as well as perform charitable works in their parish and community. Deacons may be either transitional or permanent depending on how God is calling them to service in the Church. Deacons who will continue in their studies to be ordained as priests are called transitional deacons because they remain deacons only temporarily. However, those who serve in their ministry as ordained deacons throughout their lives are called permanent deacons.

God Bless, Deacon Dave



*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019*

"Who will entrust to you the true riches?" The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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

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.

SECOND GREATEST STORY BIBLE STUDY

It is not too late to join us on Mondays at 6:30 PM or Fridays at 3:00 PM at the St. Agnes Parish Hall to watch the dvd and discuss the book about Saint Pope John Paul II and God's Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Every Told by Michale Gaitley. We still have a couple of spots in each session. For more information, please call Connie Cra-ven at 278-5430.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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, by the Family

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

Monday September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

9:15 AM St Agnes

NO INTENTION

Tuesday September 24

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

8:30 AM St Anne

†David & Francis Allen, by Tom & Terrie Allen

Wednesday September 25

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO INTENTION

Thursday September 26—SS. Cosmas & Damian

6:30 PM St Agnes

NO INTENTION

Friday September 27—St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO INTENTION

8:30 AM St Anne

R. Gregory Platt, by Mary Ann Elliot

Saturday September 28—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Joann Walter, by a Parishioner

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

Adam Brown, by his Grandparents

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

†Glenna Bearce, by Gary and Delila Dow

Sunday September 29—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Constance Hubbard, by Ken & Nanhee Dechaine

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Gary L. Dow, II, by his Parents

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp at St. Agnes burns in memory of Vincent Misita, by daughters and their families..



Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp at St. Thomas Aquinas burns in memory of Theresa LaBree Daughton, by her family.



THANK YOU!

I want to send out a big “THANK YOU” to all of St. Agnes parish for hosting such a wonderful Cluster picnic. The food was wonderful, the day was gorgeous and the hospitality was appreciated by all who attended.

I want to single out a few people, First Ken Dechaine who was the coordinator of the picnic and did a spectacular job. He had help setting up also from Merlon Ouellette and Merlon’s sister, Jeanette Chandler. Thanks again to Ken—to his helpers—and to all of St. Agnes Parish for being such gracious hosts!!

Already looking forward to next year!!!

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