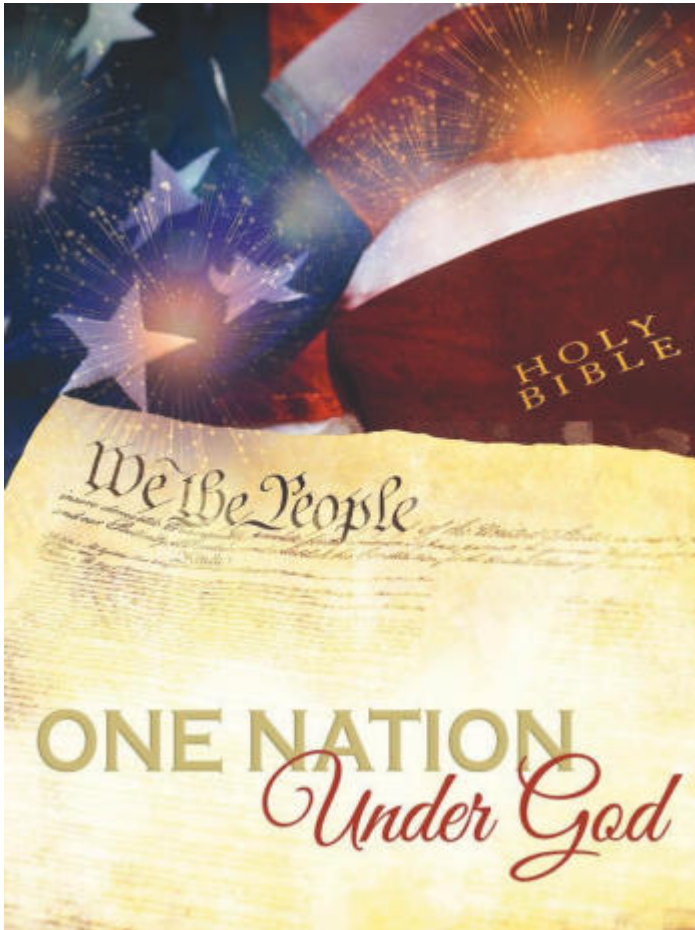


July 4, 2021

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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Weekly Readings for July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Liturgical Publications

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

July 18, 2021 Religious Education
August 1, 2021 Peter's Pence Collection

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!!!

I hope you are all well. As we continue to move toward a more normal celebration of the Eucharist I am hoping that some of you who participated in this ministry in the past would like to continue to distribute communion at Mass or to the homebound.

As I announced the week of May 23/24, communion to the homebound is allowed once more, as long as both the individual being visited and the minister agree to the visit. Currently Deacon Dave is communicating with the area Assisted Living Facilities about ministers returning to bringing communion to their residents and to see about the resumption of monthly Masses at the 3 locations where we celebrated them.

Right now, since we will not be offering the Precious Blood I would be looking for just one person for each Mass to assist me. Masses with the Deacon will be fine as he will assist me. Please call the office and let us know if you would be available to act, once more, as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and, if so, at what Church and Mass time.

THANK YOU ALL!

CALLING ALL LECTORS!!!

I hope you are all well. As we continue to move toward a more normal celebration of the Eucharist, I am hoping that some of you who participated in the ministry of lector in the past would like to continue.

Please call the office and let us know if you would be willing to return to ministry as a lector at Mass, and, if so, at what Church and Mass time.

THANK YOU ALL!

Weekly Collections

June 20, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$ 562.00	\$1,930.00



Father James Martel, Edwin H. Miller, Justin H. Miller, Waluk Family, Sam H and family, Linda O'Connor, Linda Hanscome, Rick, Kevin Krista, Dorothy Dubois, Brian Murphy, David Kimball, Donna Booth, Louise Dulac, Martin Keaveney, Catherine MacLaren, Patty Barry, Gail Dostie, Russ Titus, Robert Wintle, Rosalie Goulette, Colton, Mark Allen, Jay Family, Robert & Wanita Allen, Judith Slattery, Michael Watters, Ben Rollins, Cynthia Robinson

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!!

I hope you and your families are all well. As we continue to move toward a more normal celebration of the Eucharist, I am hoping that some of you who participated in our liturgies as Altar Servers in the past would like to continue.

Parents – I understand that you may want to wait a bit before having your children return to service in the Sanctuary and I completely understand the desire to protect your kids. Please contact me with any questions and concerns and I will happily discuss them with you.

Please call the office and let us know if you would be willing to return to ministry as a lector at Mass, and, if so, at what Church and Mass time.

THANK YOU ALL!

PASTOR'S CORNER



I hope that everyone is ready to enjoy this Independence Day, since last year was a bit subdued. It will be nice to be with loved ones, have a bar-b-que, enjoy the wonderful summer!

As we enjoy our short Maine summer I want to continue to encourage all our parishioners to take an active role in the parish, in whatever way they feel called. This could involve a liturgical ministry (i.e. Eucharistic Minister, lector, sacristan, server) or a ministry out side of liturgy. We will have a new volunteer taking over our ministry to the prisoners at the Charleston Correctional Facility and I'm sure they would love to have help. We will be going back to a more in person Faith Formation this fall, and we will need catechists to help teach our children. Our Lady's Kitchen was a wonderful ministry that with the participation of many fed many neighbors each Sunday, I would love to see the teams come back together with additional folks who may not have participated before to help and learn for the future!

As we continue to enjoy this summer please take some time to pray about what God is calling you to as our Parishes strive to, not only come back to 'normal,' but to grow and prosper!

Fr. Robert Lupo

NEW MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 3, 2021

Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas at 8:30 AM
Tuesday: St Anne at 9:00 AM;
Thursday: St. Agnes at 10:00 AM;
Friday: St. Francis & St. Paul at 8:30 AM
Saturday: St Agnes at 4:00 PM;
St. Francis & St. Paul at 4:00 PM; and
St. Thomas Aquinas at 6:00 PM
Sunday: St. Agnes at 8:00 AM;
St. Thomas Aquinas at 8:30 AM; and
St. Anne at 10:30 AM

A Teaching Moment: What is Apologetics?



“In the begging...God.”
The first words of the Bible affirm an essential teaching of the Christian faith. *Before all else, God is.* It's a reality that seems obvious to most Christians, yet many people doubt or deny it.

Challenges are often issued to other articles of the Christian faith as well, such as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to specifically Catholic beliefs, such as the unique authority of the pope. For this reason, Christians – and Catholic Christians in particular – often find themselves defending their beliefs in conversations with non-believers.

The Greek word for “defense” is *apologia*. Our English word “apology” is derived from it. In its classical definition, “apology” did not mean an admission of wrong, as the modern English word suggests. Rather, an apology was a defense or justification of a belief. For example, students of philosophy or the classics are familiar with Plato's *Apology*: an account of Socrates' defense of his teaching.

In the present context, then, “apologetics” refers to the reasonable defense of the Christian faith. It is one aspect of what our Lord Jesus talked about when he urged us to love God with all our mind. Faith is not opposed to reason; in fact, reason, rightly understood, is a support to faith.

The foundations of Christian apologetics were laid by our Lord himself when he presented “many proofs” of his resurrection, including his appearance to skeptical, hard-nosed, “doubting” Thomas and the other apostles. The resulting apostolic proclamation of the gospel included eyewitness (legal or scientific) testimony as a central feature.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday July 3—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday July 4—14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Raymond “Slim” Clark, by his Wife

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

10:30 AM St Anne

†Andrew & Pearl Polovich, by the Kissloveges

Monday July 5—St. Anthony Zaccaria

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO PUBLIC MASS

Tuesday July 6—St. Maria Goretti

9:00 AM St Anne

NO PUBLIC MASS

Wednesday July 7

NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday July 8

10:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

Friday July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday July 10—Vigil Mass

4:00 AM St Agnes

†Charles & Laura Pelletier, by their Daughter

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†William Desmond, by his Wife

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday July 11—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

8:30 am St Thomas Aquinas

†Frank Joey Pinette, by Mary Julia Kidd

10:30 AM St Anne

†Elizabeth Krista, by her Husband

ST ANNE’S HOLY HOUR

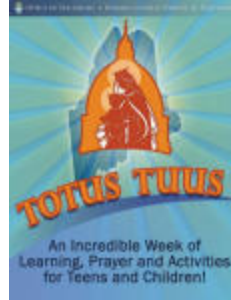
Every Tuesday, St Anne’s will hold a Holy Hour after the 9AM mass until approximately 10:30. This will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, and Benediction. Your own personal intentions will be offered, as well as specific intentions for Our Lady of the Snows.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES

OUR LADY'S KITCHEN

Our Lady's Kitchen facilitator, Margaret Siemerling has decided to step down from facilitating the Our Lady's Kitchen meal. Thank you Margaret for your service to this great program.

At this time we are asking if anyone would like to take over the helm and oversee the Our Lady's Kitchen meal. If you are interested in taking on overseeing this program, please contact the parish office at (207) 924-7104.



TOTUS TUUS **July 25-30** **St. Paul the Apostle** **Parish, Bangor**

To register: portlanddiocese.org/vocations/register-totustuus

Volunteers needed!

Contact Dawn MacKay or Shelley Gould for details.
dawn.mackay@portlanddiocese.org
shelley.gould@portlanddiocese.org

Public “Welcome Home” Section of Diocesan Website

Maine Catholics, non-practicing Catholics, and non-Catholics are encouraged to visit the new “Welcome Home” section on the Diocese of Portland website at www.portlanddiocese.org/welcome-home. On the page, you will discover information about returning to Mass in Maine, messages from Bishop Deeley, the importance of attending Sunday Mass, reflections on Sunday readings, columns about the beauty and gift of the Eucharist, videos from Pope Francis, and much more. The section will be frequently updated with additional material

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Our Lady of the Snows has reached 57% of the monetary goal and St. Agnes has reach 39% of the monetary goal. The Monetary goals are set for each parish by the Diocese.

Thank you to all that have contributed. If you have not yet contributed, please give what you can to help a worthy cause and to reach our diocesan goals.

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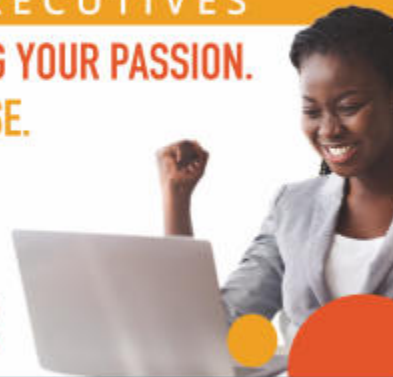
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