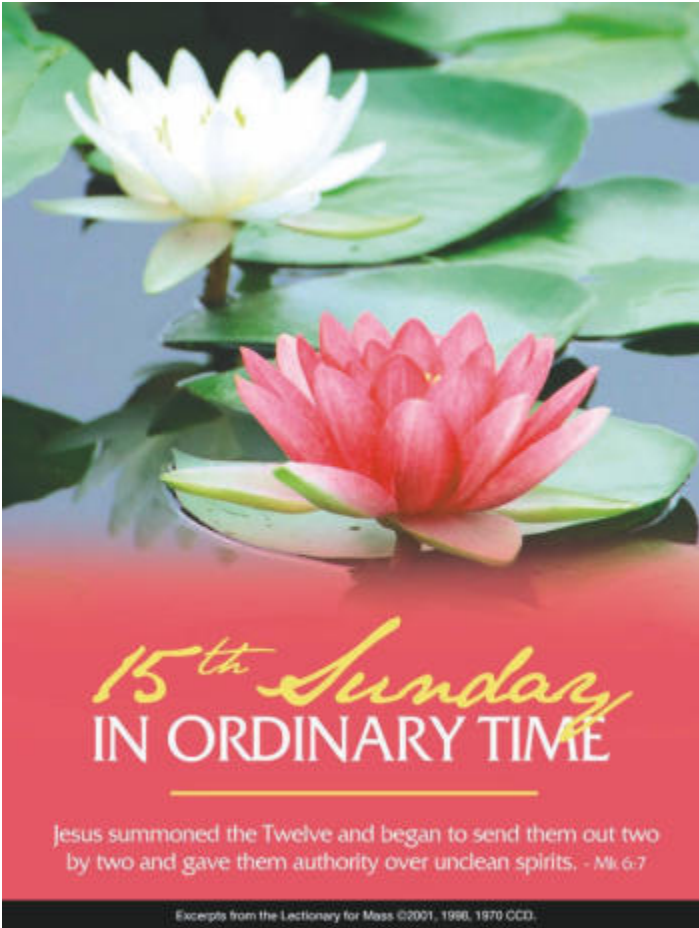


July 11, 2021

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 11, 2021

- Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-2

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

WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP FOR OUR CATHOLIC MEN WITH BISHOP DEELEY

On August 7-8, Bishop Deeley and Fr. Daniel Greenleaf, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, will join any interested Catholic man for white-water rafting down the Kennebec River, starting at the Magic Falls Base Camp on Route 201 North in West Forks. Participants will arrive on Saturday after 3 p.m. and enjoy the celebration of Mass on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. as well as campground activities. On Sunday, the rafting trip down the Kennebec will take center stage, followed by a barbecue.

The rafting guides have an average of 25 years of experience on the Kennebec River and the rafts are custom-designed, self-bailing Aire rafts featuring double-skinned hulls with air chambers and safety handles. Personal flotation devices have the highest flotation rating.

The Kennebec River Gorge is one of the most beautiful in the country with steep rock walls covered with conifers on both sides. Participants will paddle into rapids then, with the rapids behind, they can jump in and float with the current if they wish to experience riding downstream. After the trip, participants will enjoy a meal of steak, chicken, fish, or veggie burger, rice pilaf, coleslaw, lemonade, and homemade berry cake, followed by a slide and video show of the trip.

The cost is \$70 per person plus a choice of overnight accommodations including camping, cabin tents, and bunk rooms. Space is limited so interested parties with questions or wanting to book a spot should call 1-800-207-RAFT (7238).

HOLY HOUR WITH EUCHARIST ADORATION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Holy Hour with Eucharist Adoration will take place at St. Thomas Aquinas on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM.

Weekly Collections		
June 27, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,190.00	\$2,514.00



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

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Ministerial Training for all Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Servers & those who would like to help as Sacristans will take place at the following times and locations:

Monday July 12 – St. Anne – 7PM to 8PM;
and
Thursday July 15 – St. Agnes – 7PM to 8PM

These sessions will also be live streamed through the Parishes Facebook page. All those who ministered in these capacities before and all who would like to learn more about the ministries are welcome to come and see!

ST. AGNES HOLY HOUR

Please join us on Thursdays from 11 AM to 12 PM at St. Agnes Church. Please come in the front door. There are no more masks or social distancing requirements. For more information, please call Kathie Clark at (207) 938-4856.

PASTOR'S CORNER

St. John Vianney: “If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.”



The realization of this hits me periodically as I celebrate Mass, and in small moments are able to reflect on the amazing journey that brought me to the Altar of the Lord.

I can't tell you how often at Mass, either Daily or Sunday, I would sit and wonder – “What is that like? To stand in that place, to say those words?” Mass quickly became a touchstone for me, and the Eucharist a vitally important source of God's power and grace in my life. That is why it was such a hardship for so many to be away from the Sacrament for so long. It is truly a joy be able to welcome people back to the Table of the Lord.

I hope and pray that with continued vaccinations we conquer COVID for good so that all will feel comfortable returning to public worship. There are folks out there with very valid and just reasons for not yet returning to our reopened Churches and we need to support and respect them as Jesus would ask us to. If anyone out here is feeling distressed that they cannot yet return, please call me, I would love to talk with you and reassure you.

We are all one family in Christ – here in our part of the Maine that family encompasses Our Lady of the Snows and St. Agnes Parishes – may we continue to pray for and support each other in Christ's name.

Fr. Robert Lupo

FLOCK NOTE

We encourage all of our parishioners to sign up for Flocknote. It is a very informational resource for our parishioners.

To sign up please please go to your internet searching and type in the below information.

Flocknote: Text the key word **olots** to 84576 from your cell phone or visit:

<https://ourladyofthesnowsme.flocknote.com> to sign up.

A Teaching Moment: Where is Penance Found in the Bible?



Through the prophet Nathan, God confronts King David over grave sins: adultery and murder. The guilty sovereign responds by confessing his sin to the prophet and to God. Then he humbles himself by exchanging his royal raiment for humble sackcloth, and for a week he lies on the ground and refuses all food (see 2 SM 12:13-17).

David is performing penance in his deep grief for his wrongdoing. His attitudes and behavior illustrate how genuine penance includes both an interior and an exterior aspect.

Interior penance is a conversion of the heart, a turning away from sin and toward God (see Dt 4 29; jos 24:23). It involves the penitent's intention to change his life because he hopes in God's mercy. We see David's change of heart reflected in his prayer of repentance on this occasion, recorded in Psalm 51.

External acts of penance, as David demonstrates, include such actions as fasting, prayer, and giving to those in need. These behaviors can have several purposes: demonstrating the penitent's intentions to change; detaching him from the things he loves too much; drawing him closer to God; repairing some of the damage caused by his sin; and participating in the reparation to God (satisfaction) for sin made by Christ through his death on the cross.

David's acts of penance are self-imposed, but Scripture shows us that sometimes God himself imposes penances on the guilty – some sort of labor or adversity, often connected to the natural consequences of the sin, that can serve a redemptive purpose if the sinner responds in the right way. John the Baptist's father is struck mute when he refuses to believe God's message to him (Lk 1: 20). Voluntary penance is at the heart of the seasons of Lent and Advent, when Catholics traditionally make at small sacrifices in the hope of becoming more like our Lord. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest assigns a penance on God's behalf to help the penitent grow in holiness.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

Monday July 12

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Tuesday July 13—St. Henry

9:00 AM St Anne

†Richard Cyr, by the Parish

Wednesday July 14—St. Kateri Tekalwitha

NO PUBLIC MASS!

Thursday July 15—St. Bonaventure

10:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

Friday July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 AM St Francis & St. Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday July 17—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

Gloria Cote 90th Birthday, by Gloria Cote

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday July 18—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

10:30 AM St Anne

†Anna Cole, by Kevin Krista

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.

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, 2021**

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Bangor

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

**Would you like to volunteer at Totus Tuus?
There are many ways you can help!**

- Teaching team hospitality / meal coordinator
- Teaching team hospitality / meal volunteers
- Classroom aides
- Hall/bathroom
- Kitchen/snack/drink supervisor
- Kitchen/snack/drink helper
- Errands and classroom support
- Outdoor activity supervisor
- Outdoor activity helpers
- Bake and/or provide snacks/drink
- Prayer warrior (on/off site)

Volunteers must have completed the Diocese's safe environment training (Protecting God's Children).

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

For more information go to: totustuusmaine.org

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our faith formation coordinator, Melissa Wanat, is looking for Catechists for the upcoming fall faith formation calendar year for K—8.

Please contact the parish office at 924-7104 if you are interested in volunteering as a catechist.

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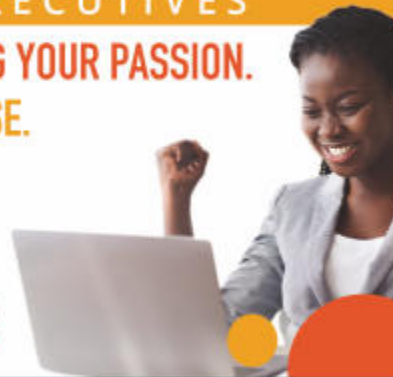
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