

July 25, 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 25, 2021

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

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

August 1, 2021 Peter's Pence Collection
August 15, 2021 Assumption

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.

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.

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.

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;
St. Thomas Aquinas at 6:00 PM
Sunday: St. Agnes at 8:00 AM;
St. Thomas Aquinas at 8:30 AM;
St. Anne at 10:30 AM

Weekly Collections

July 11, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,349.00	\$2,984.00



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, Kenneth Robinson

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME Faith Formation Open House

Faith formation registration and catechist inquiries for 2021-2022 will take place from August 1, 2021 through August 4, 2021, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM across from St. Thomas Aquinas Church at the CLC building in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Classes will be on August 22, 2021.

Watch for notices on Flocknotes for more information.

2021 LECTOR BOOKS

The new 2021 Lector Books are in. Due to Covid the books will need to be picked up at the Parish Office. If other arrangements need to be made, please call Tricia at 924-7104.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pope Francis: "We don't go to Mass to give something to God, but to receive from him that which we truly need."



What does Mass mean to you? As we come back to more normal and fuller celebrations of the Eucharist, I have been reflecting on my experience of the Mass in the past 21 years. The wording is a bit different than it was, and, for me, the orientation is quite different than when I began attending Mass during the summer of 1999, but the essentials remain.

It was around this time in the summer of 1999 while attending a Sunday Mass at the Cathedral that I had an epiphany. That summer the main part of the Cathedral was being renovated, so all the Masses were held in the Chapel, while though large, couldn't quite fit all the people that came. That meant that all the Masses I attended that summer (up until October!) were standing room only, and as a newcomer I was quite nervous and just stood in the back trying not to be noticed.

At this particular Mass I was standing to the right of the altar, facing it, in the back. Even though I always was in the back, I paid close attention; I was trying to learn and see if what was tugging at me was, indeed God. So, I was watching the priest very closely and as he held the Host in the air in front of him at the elevation – the words at that time where **“This is the Lamb of God”**. Up to this point I had been struggling with the teaching on the Eucharist. I understood what the Church taught; I just wasn't sure that I could accept that bread & wine could become the Body & Blood of Christ. Back to the priest holding the Host at the elevation and saying those words clearly – **“This is the Lamb of God.”** One thought went through my head at that moment, at that Mass – “I know that to be true.” That *is* the Lamb of God. It was a true gift of the Spirit to have that certainty in my heart.

The gift of the Eucharist is almost unimaginable. Christ blesses us with his Body & Blood to nourish us, to sustain us, to console us, and above all to go out into the world as members of His Body!! May we remember the immensity of what we receive each time we come to Mass, and may we bring Our Lord, in all humility to His people as we go about our days living in His love.

Fr. Robert Lupo

A Teaching Moment: Supernatural Nature of Marriage for Catholics



In the Catholic Church, marriage is more than a natural institution; it was elevated by Christ Himself, in His participation in the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), to be one of the seven sacraments. A marriage between two Christians, therefore, has a supernatural element as well as a natural one. While few Christians outside of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches regard marriage as a sacrament, the Catholic Church insists that marriage between any two baptized Christians, as long as it is entered into with the intention to contract a true marriage, is a sacrament.

The effect of the sacrament is an increase in sanctifying grace for the spouses, a participation in the divine life of God Himself. This sanctifying grace helps each spouse to help the other advance in holiness, and it helps them together to cooperate in God's plan of redemption by raising up children in the Faith.

In this way, sacramental marriage is more than a union of a man and a woman; it is, in fact, a type and symbol of the divine union between Christ, the Bridegroom, and His Church, the Bride. As married Christians, open to the creation of new life and committed to our mutual salvation, we participate not only in God's creative act but in the redemptive act of Christ.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow

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 go to your internet search engine 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.



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday July 24—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Gregory Woodard Jr., by the Smith Family

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

Warren & Lil Strout and Family, by Tom & Terrie Allen

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

†Doran “Gus” LaBree, by the Family

Sunday July 25—17th 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

†Douglas & Dorothy Allen, by the Mahers

Monday July 26—Ss. Joachim & Anne

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

Patty & Ted Strout, by Tom & Terrie Allen

Tuesday July 27

Bob & Wanita Allen, by Tom & Terrie Allen

Wednesday July 28

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday July 29—St. Martha

10:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

Friday July 30—St. Peter Chrysologus

NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday July 31—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Gerard & Adeline Duhaime, by the Roettgers

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday August 1—18th 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

†Elizabeth Krista, by her Husband

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Our Lady of the Snows has reached 70% of the monetary goal and St. Agnes has reach 41% 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.

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.

ORGAN LESSONS

Sandy Graham will be offering free organ lessons at St. Anne until mid September.

If you are interested in taken lessons, please contact Sandy at (207) 924-7820 for more information.

DOVER-FOXCROFT COMMUNITY MEAL

Dover-Foxcroft Community Meals will start doing take out only between 5:30-6:30 PM as long as the food lasts at the Congregational Church in Dover-Foxcroft. St. Thomas Aquinas will serve the meal on the 4th Monday of the month. Next month it will be July 26, 2021. Anyone who wants to help please call Rheba Michaud 564-7494. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Now that our Masses are now fully open again, we can resume our Mass ministries. If you are a lector or a Eucharistic Minister and would like to resume those roles, please contact Tricia at (207) 924-7104.

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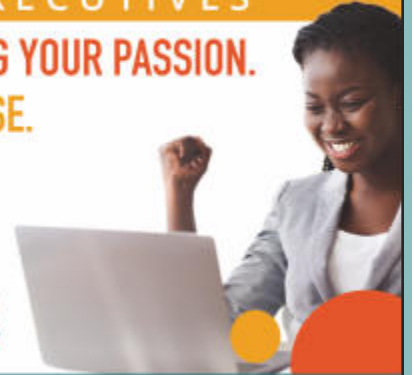
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