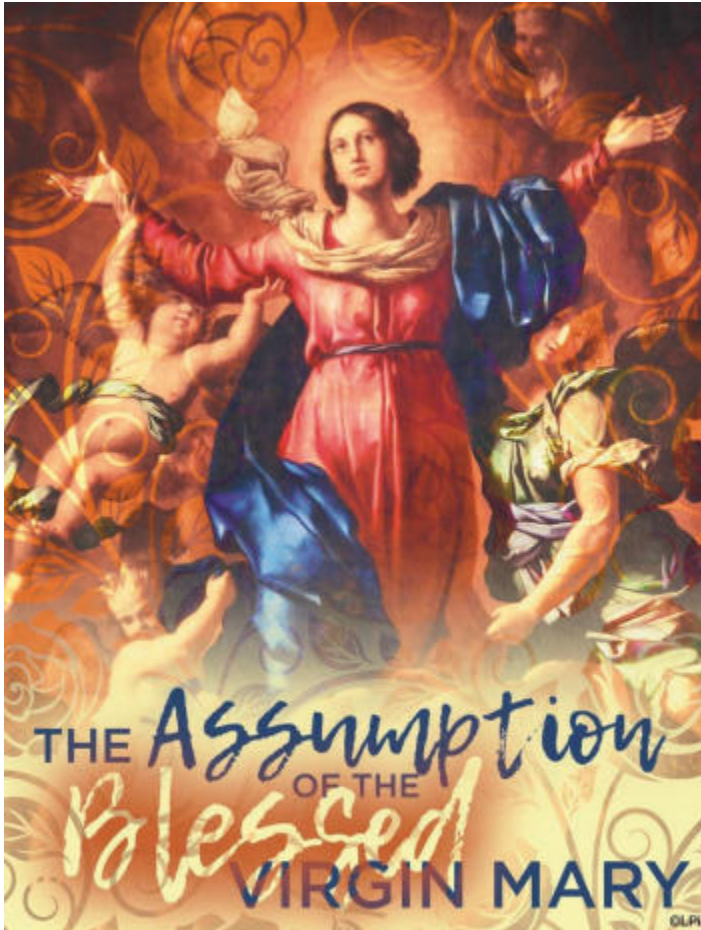


August 15, 2021

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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Deacon.....David Denbow

Faith Formation St. Thomas.....Melissa Wanat

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Weekly Readings for August 15, 2021

- Sunday: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

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

September 12, 2021 Catholic University & Special Education Needs

October 3, 2021 Fuel Collection

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		
August 1, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,600.65	\$3,506.00



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, Robert Wintle, Rosalie Goulette, Colton, Mark Allen, Jay Family, Robert & Wanita Allen, Judith Slattery, Michael Watters, Ben Rollins, Cynthia Robinson, Kenneth Robinson

Livestream Schedule for Our Lady of the Snows & St. Agnes Parishes

4:00 PM Saturday – Livestream from either St. Agnes or St. Francis & St. Paul;
10:30 AM Sunday – Livestream from St. Anne;
9:00 AM Tuesday – Livestream from St. Anne;
10:00 AM Thursday – Livestream from St. Agnes

Beginning in August this will be the schedule for livestreams going forward.

ST. AGNES FAITH FORMATION

The parish office is looking for a preliminary head count as to how many children will be attending faith formation for grades K-8 in the fall at St. Agnes.

Would you kindly call Tricia at the parish office at (207) 924-7104 and let her know if your child or children will be attending faith formation at St. Agnes in the fall. Thank you.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are treated to a Holy Day of Obligation falling on a Sunday this week as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“The Assumption (August 15) refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed — body and soul — into heaven at the end of her earthly life. “Assumption” is different than “ascension” because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends). It is by the power of God Mary was assumed.

As evidenced by the writings of many early Church fathers, Christians have believed for more than a millennium that the Blessed Virgin was assumed into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued Munificentissimus Deus, which officially defined the Dogma of the Assumption. This means that the Church officially recognizes this belief as a true and necessary part of our Catholic beliefs about Mary. Like all beliefs about Mary, they illuminate our most treasured beliefs about her Son. The Assumption illustrates to us the truth about Christ’s promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the faithful.” (Caitlin Kennell Kim from Busted Halo.com)

For me, this Solemnity always reminds of the *Sensus Fidei* – the sense of the Faithful. It was because the belief in Mary’s Assumption into heaven was widespread throughout the history of the Church (really going back to about 300 CE) that Pope Pius XII, after consulting with the world’s Bishops, declared it a Dogma. So we, as a Church, have believed this wonderful truth about Mary for a long, long time before the Church recognized it as a belief to be held by all the faithful. Mary is truly our mother who is always interceding for us, and we, as the People of God have always recognized her love and care.

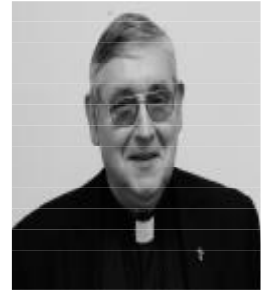
Have a blessed Assumption & God bless you all.

Fr. Robert Lupo



A Teaching Moment: 5 Things You Need to Know About Offering a Mass for Loved Ones or Intentions

It's a Catholic tradition that is almost as old as the Church itself. Records dating back to as early as the year 180 show evidence of early Christians having a Mass said for a loved one. Yet, it is one of the most commonly misunderstood practices in our faith. Here's what you should know about having a Mass said for a family member or friend.



1. **It doesn't cost anything...but if you're able to give, an offering is appreciated.** There is no price tag on the Mass, however, it is customary to give an offering when requesting a Mass for an intention. That said, money should never be the reason for deciding against this beautiful tradition. Simply make your request known and talk with a priest who will make sure that a Mass is able to be said if your financial situation does not allow for a donation. It doesn't have to be a large sum. Many parishes, including ours for example, suggests a donation of just ten dollars per Mass.
2. **A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living.** Though we often think of having a Mass said for those who have passed away, Masses can be offered for those who are still alive. The Council of Trent says that Mass may be said "for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities." In other words, if you know someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, there is no need to delay in doing so.
3. **You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration.** Again, most people remember to have a Mass said for the death of a loved one and a few may think to have a Mass offered for a special intention or friend who is suffering, but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration! Is there a better way to show our gratitude to God? Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!
4. **It's not a long or difficult process to request a Mass.** Though the practice of offering a Mass is ancient, the method for doing so is not! You can call the office and speak to Tricia. Simply give the person’s name and/or intention and mail/or drop off your donation marked clearly with the name or intention in an envelope.
5. **Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said.** St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered. "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice." Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love! Find a reason to have a Mass offered today.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday August 14—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Clifford Pelletier, by his Sister

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Joshua David Allen, by his Parents

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

Sunday August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM St Agnes

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Stephen G. Thibault, by the Thibault/Spooner Family

10:30 AM St Anne

†Roland Clukey, by Mr. & Mrs. John Maher

Monday August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Tuesday August 17

9:00 AM St Anne

†Leon & Cathy Tileston, by Joline Tileston

Wednesday August 18

NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday August 18

10:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

Friday August 19—St. John Eudes

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday August 20—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

For the Parishioners, Pro Populo

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday August 21—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Terry & Ruth Ann Boddy, by the Boddy Family

10:30 AM St Anne

†Elizabeth Krista, by her Husband

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Our Lady of the Snows has reached 75% of the monetary goal and St. Agnes has reach 58% 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.

**Maine Young Adult Catholics
Summer Gathering in Gray on August 7th**

On Saturday, August 7, there will be a gathering of Maine young adult Catholics (ages 18-39) at the St. Gregory campgrounds in Gray from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the option of attending Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Gregory. The event is “BYOB&L” (bring your own non-alcoholic beverages and lunch) and will feature outdoor games and opportunities to socialize with other young adults. For more information, see the flyer below or contact Hannah Gonneville at (207) 773-6471, extension 7885, or hannah.gonneville@portlanddiocese.org.

**ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!
ATTENTION!! LADIES OF ST. AGNES**

St. Agnes Ladies Guild meeting, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the St. Agnes Parish Hall, 238 Detroit St. Pittsfield. The Ladies Guild is finally able to resume our monthly meetings the first Wed. of each month. There is a need for new members in our Guild. Guild Membership is open to all Catholic Women and non-Catholic women of Catholic men beginning at 18 years of age. Annual dues are only \$5.00.

The Parishioners at St. Agnes accomplish much behind the scenes, those acts of faith, love and charity that are necessary to the vitality of any parish. These acts include, among many others, taking care of Altar supplies; decorating our church; organizing food pantry donations, Advent and Lenten devotions; organizing Parish fund raisers, Faith Formation and Parish and Community Suppers.

The member of the St. Agnes Ladies Guild are often involved in many of these accomplishments. Along with organizing the Rosary for funerals; helping families in the Parish Hall after funerals, helping at receptions for special church activities, supplying the hosts, cleaning our altar cloths, purchasing some of the robes, and with the Knights, paying for some robes and Altar supplies to be refurbished and cleaned. We also sponsor a Godchild in Honduras through Unbound.

Come and join us. For more information call our President, Lorrie Nayock, 487-2726 or Publicity, Connie Craven, 278-5430.

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