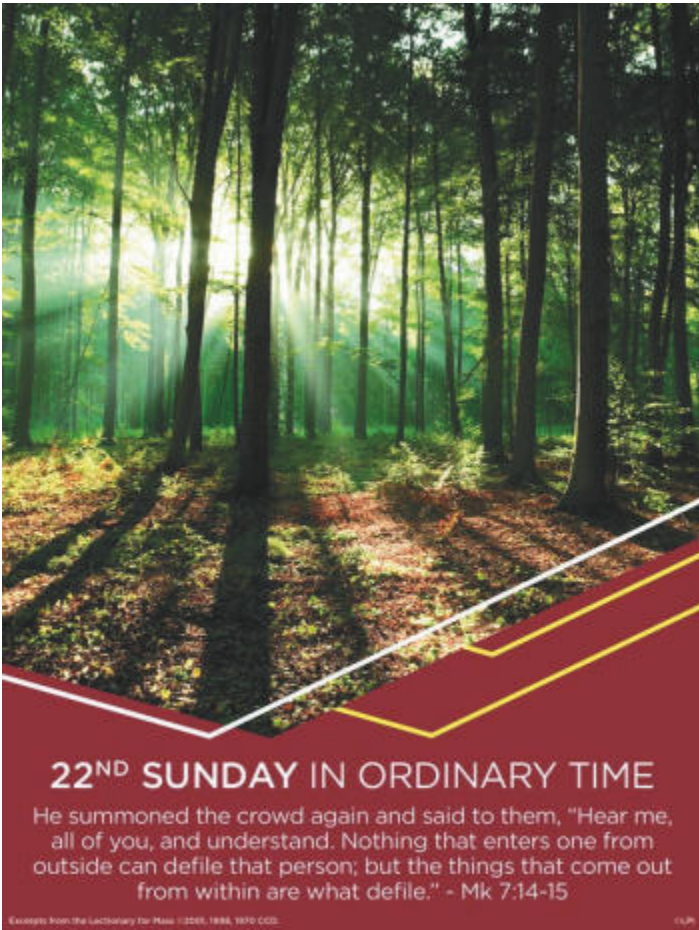


August 29, 2021

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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
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Weekly Readings for August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14
-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11
-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
[13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-
44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
[2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/
Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk
6:1-5

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.

**MASS CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

Effective September 11, 2021, there will be no more Saturday Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas at 6:00 PM until further notice.

**FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

Faith formation has begun at St. Thomas Aquinas after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday.

If you would like to register your child or children, please contact Tricia at the parish office at (207) 924-7104.

**Weekly Collections**

<b>August 15, 2021</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>OL Snows</b>
Regular Offertory	\$1,529.00	\$1, 892.00



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

*"Hear me, all of you, and understand.*

*Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.*

*"From within people, from their hearts,*

*come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within, and they defile."*

We had two wonderful Feasts on Friday and Saturday this week. The Feast of St. Monica and of her son St. Augustine. St. Augustine knew the truth of the Lord's words today first-hand as I think we all do if we are honest with ourselves. I wonder how many folks remember the comedian Flip Wilson? He had a variety show in the early seventies that my family watched every week. My father thought he was a riot! He would end the show with an appearance from Geraldine – who was actually Flip dressed up as a lady. Geraldine had a catchphrase to explain away her questionable behavior – "The Devil made me do it!"

Our Lord tells us that perhaps we should look a bit closer to home to find the reason for the bad decisions we make. The Devil certainly exists, but he can't 'make' us do anything we don't agree to – he can cajole, wheedle, beguile us, but we have free will. Outside of mental illness the decisions we make are our own. That includes our decision to follow Christ.

St. Augustine was a man that wanted to know all of human experience, and he immersed himself in it – all of it. His mother continually prayed for him to leave this path. She prayed that he would receive and accept the gift of faith. As we know, he ultimately did accept Christ into His heart and became one of the most prolific writers and thinkers in the history of the Church. One of the reasons that is so is that Augustine was honest before the Lord. We need to share that quality. Be honest when we are angry, full of ourselves, or filled with lust. That is when we need to ask for the Lord's help so that we may cultivate those inner states that are the opposites of the evil thoughts that the Lord warns us about today. With the Lord's help may we cultivate chastity, respect, care, fidelity, generosity, affinity, truth, humility so that we may treat others as we wish to be treated.

Fr. Robert Lupo



## A Teaching Moment: Why Catholics Confess to a Priest



This sacrament of Reconciliation, as it is called, is firmly grounded both in Scripture and in early, constant Christian Tradition. The priestly authority to represent God as an ambassador of his mercy was granted by Jesus to St. Peter and the other apostles – and by extension, to the priests they and their successors ordained: "Whatever you bind (that is, by imposing penance) on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose (that is, forgive in God's name) on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt 16:19; 18:18). "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:23).

In the early Church, confession of grave sin was often made to the whole Christian assembly as well as the priests. Certain instructions in the Letter of James are suggestive of this early practice. When sick, believers were to call the presbyters (priests). The priests were then to anoint them with oil and pray for them. In confessing their sins, the sick could be healed and forgiven (see Jas 5: 13-16).

Catholics are obligated to repent of all mortal, or grave, sins (contrition) and to confess them to a priest in order to be absolved. The penitent performs the assigned penance to repair the harm caused by sin and to reestablish habits that lead to holiness. The absolution imparted by the priest is not a mere expression of hope, but a sacramental, objective reality. If Catholics have any grave sin on their souls/consciences, they may not receive Holy Communion without first confessing to a priest.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow

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## SPANISH MASS

Every Friday at 12:00 PM, at St. Agnes parish, Father Michael Seigny celebrates Mass in Spanish and English.

Everyone is welcome to come and share the Holy Eucharist with our Hispanic Community.



## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

### **Saturday August 28—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*†Jordan Brochu, by his Memere*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

**NO MASS INTENTION**

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

*For the Parishioners, Pro Populo*

### **Sunday August 29—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

*For the Parishioners, Pro Populo*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†John Wood, by the Boddy Family*

10:30 AM St Anne

*†Anna Cole, by Kevin Krista*

### **Monday August 30**

8:30 AM St. Thomas Aquinas

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Tuesday August 31**

9:00 AM St Anne

*Special Intention, Mary Ann Elliot*

### **Wednesday September 1—World Day of Prayer**

**NO WEEKDAY MASS**

### **Thursday September 2**

10:00 AM St Agnes

**NO WEEKDAY MASS**

### **Friday September 3**

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

**NO WEEKDAY MASS**

### **Saturday September 4—Vigil Mass**

4:00 AM St Agnes

*†Paul W. Lord, by his Wife*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

**NO MASS INTENTION**

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Sunday September 5-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

*†Marian Ellingson, by Jessie Gunther*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*Maher & Driscoll Families, by Mr. & Mrs. John Maher*

10:30 AM St Anne

*Special Intention, by Mary Ann Elliot*

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## **CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021**

Our Lady of the Snows has reached 76% 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.

## **ST. AGNES LADIES GUILD MEETING**

On September 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM, there will be a meeting of the St. Agnes Ladies Guild, at 238 Detroit Street, Pittsfield at the St. Agnes Parish Hall. This is the first meeting since Covid 19 began and we ask all members to attend. Also, we are looking for new members. Membership is open to all Catholic women as well as to the non-Catholic women of Catholic men. Please come and check us out. A great way to have some input about Parish activities, help take care of Guild business and socialize with some terrific women. Dues are only \$5.00 per year. Come meet friends and other women of the Parish.

**Our Guild purpose: This organization shall have as its purpose, the spiritual as well as the social welfare of its members, as well as the spiritual and social welfare of the members of the parish of St. Agnes.** For more info: President, Lorrie Nayock, 487-2726; Publicity, Connie Craven, 278-5430.

There will also be Holy Hour at the Church from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM for Guild members and the public.

Masks are strongly recommended.

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## **REST & RENEWAL RETREAT**

**SEPTEMBER 10—12, 2021**

Do you need a rest from the busy and noisy world we live in? A break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life? Does your soul feel weary and need renewal? The Diocese of Portland and the Diocese of Manchester are collaborating to put on a young adult retreat (ages 21-35) on September 10-12, 2021, focused on rest and renewal

The retreat at beautiful Camp Marist in Effingham, New Hampshire, will include social and free time, time for prayer, talks, small group sharing, and more.

The cost of the retreat is \$125 per person. For more information or to register, contact Hannah Gonneville at [hannah.gonneville@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:hannah.gonneville@portlanddiocese.org) or (207) 773-6471, ext. 7885.

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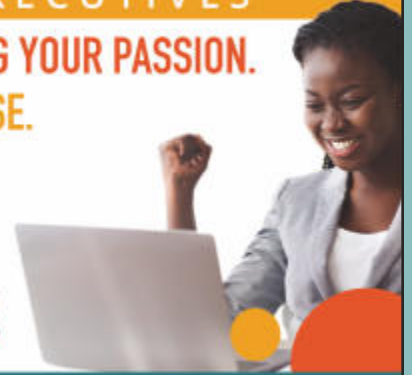
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