

September 5, 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 September 5, 2021

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6
-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11
[9]/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/
Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5,
7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a
and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

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

August 22, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,108.00	\$2,097.00



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.

IN NEED OF A REFRIGERATOR

St. Agnes is in need of a new refrigerator for the parish hall. The refrigerator is used during parish hall functions such as fundraising dinners, funerals, by the Ladies Guild, faith formation and the Knights of Columbus.

If you would like to donate towards the new refrigerator, please contact Knights of Columbus member, Ken Dechaine at Ken.SaintAgnes@roadrunner.com, who is coordinating this effort. Thank you for your generosity.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy Labor Day Weekend!!! It seems impossible that the summer has slipped through our fingers once again. Of course, we have had plenty to occupy our time and thoughts this summer. I'm writing this column a week before you will read it, and I just returned from seeing a concert. For the first time in over a year and half I stood among thousands of people enjoying live music, which is a passion of mine. In the midst of the crowd, all of you came to mind. There I was in a crowd of thousands of strangers – each of us enjoying something special to us, yet also being aware of all those around us. Each of the folks that entered the venue showed a vaccination card or a negative COVID test no more than 48 hours old. We all did that, not only so we could do something that WE wanted to do, and had definitely been missing, but also so that others wanting to enjoy the same experience would be safer as well.

As I enjoyed being part of this temporary community of music lovers, I couldn't help but think of our communities of people of faith. I remembered a comment one of the priests in seminary made in response to a something one of us said about what a happy household the seminary was even though it was filled with over 60 very different men. Fr. Miceli said, "Well, we live in a house full of men in love." Does that surprise you? He was talking, of course, of being in love with Our Lord. We were a happy house because our differences did not define us, our shared faith defined us. I truly wish that for our parishes of Our Lady of the Snows and St. Agnes. May we live out our faith in such a way that our families, our parishes, and our communities are better for it. As the blind man was in today's Gospel, may we 'be opened' so that we may see and hear clearly what Christ urges us to do – love God and love our neighbor.

Fr. Robert Lupo

ST. AGNES FAITH FORMATION

St. Agnes faith formation registration will take place on Catechetical Sunday after the 8:00 AM Mass. Registration forms will be available.

There will be a short class following the registration.



A Teaching Moment: Why the Church Teaches That Jesus is God

Isaiah prophesied, "A child is born to us, a son is given us... They name him... God-Hero" (Is 9-5). Christians have long seen in these words a prophecy of Jesus' birth and an affirmation of his divine identity. Though it took several centuries for the Church to develop her understanding of the relation between Jesus' human and divine natures, nevertheless, from the beginning she has declared of Christ, as the apostle Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God!"

The reality that God himself became a man for our salvation... what is called the Incarnation (literally, "becoming flesh") – is at the heart of Christian faith. Denial of this truth has been the hallmark of many heretical sects.

Jesus himself declared, "The Father [that is, God] and I are one" (Jn 10:30). When he did, some of those who heard him picked up stones to kill him for blasphemy, because they understood (correctly) the implication of what he was saying: He was claiming to be God (see Jn 10:30-33; also Jn 5:17-18).

In fact, virtually every attribute of the Father in heaven – the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who revealed himself in the Old Testament – was claimed by Jesus for himself. He spoke authoritatively as God (rather than merely for God). He accepted worship. He forgave sins. He said he was equal to his Father. And he claimed that he had existed eternally.

New Testament authors verified his claim: "For in him," St Paul wrote, "dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily" (Col 2:9); "in the beginning," the Gospel according to John announced, "was the Word, /... the Word was God. /... All things came to be through him, ' and without him nothing came to be. /... And the Word became flesh" (Jn 1:1,3,14).

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow





EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

Monday September 6—Labor Day

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday September 7

9:00 AM St Anne

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday September 8

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday September 9—St. Peter Claver

10:00 AM St Agnes

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Friday September 10

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Saturday September 11—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday September 12—24th 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 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.

THE DOUG AND DAVE SHOW

The Doug and Dave Show will present “Mass Confusion,” an amazing mix of humor, song, and the teachings of the Catholic Church on Sunday, September 19, at 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Church and hall on 75 Northern Avenue in Augusta. The event will begin with a social from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the hall of St. Augustine which will be followed by the show in the church. After the show, Mass will be held in the church at 4:45 p.m.

In “Mass Confusion,” Doug Brummel and Dave Wilson will bring the Mass alive through sketches, characterizations, and original music inspired by the Holy Spirit. The experience has left participants around the U.S. with a greater appreciation of the treasures of the Catholic faith.

“Our prayer is that the next time people come to an actual Mass, they will appreciate its ancient history and realize they are part of something that has been ripening on the vine for 2000 years,” said show co-host Doug Brummel. “We hope they participate more, sing more, pray more, and even become better stewards of all that God has blessed them with.”

For more information about the event in Augusta, contact St. Michael Parish at (207) 623-8823.

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 Gonnevillle at hannah.gonneville@portlanddiocese.org or (207) 773-6471, ext. 7885.

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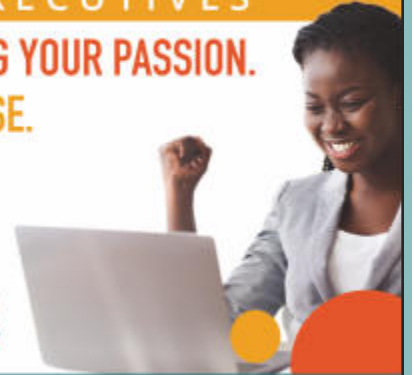
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