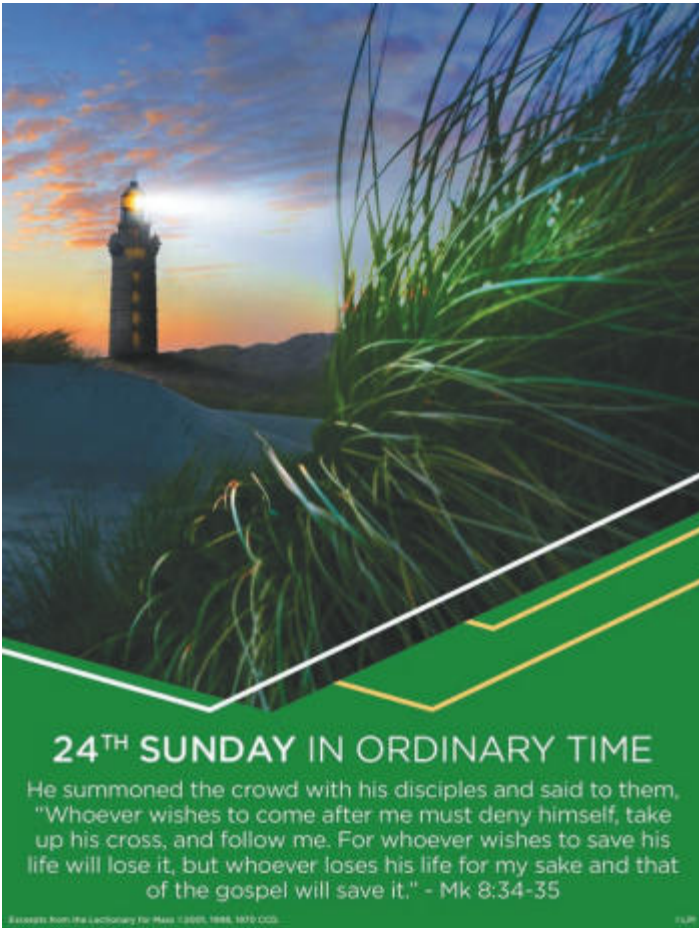


September 12, 2021

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

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**

October 3, 2021      Fuel Collection  
October 24, 2021      World Mission Sunday

**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 29, 2021</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>OL Snows</b>
Regular Offertory	\$2,083.00	\$2,572.00



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](mailto:Ken.SaintAgnes@roadrunner.com), who is coordinating this effort. Thank you for your generosity.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



St. James certainly doesn't pull any punches today in our second reading. He tells us that faith without works is dead. This is very problematic Book of the Bible for some of our Protestant brothers and sister, as some would argue that James is at least intimating that we can save ourselves through our works. That is certainly not the case – We can't do that, and St. James is not saying that at all.

St. James is letting all followers of Christ know that Our Lord was dead serious in his description of the Last Judgement. "Whatever you did for the least... you did for me." Our faith needs to be more than a strong devotional and prayer life – more than Mass attendance – more than a statement. Our faith calls us to action. Our Lord calls us to action. He calls us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, certainly. He also calls us to treat each other with empathy, compassion, and respect, as we would want to be treated. I know that I fall short of even those seemingly simple tasks, seemingly daily! But we get up, dust ourselves off, and try again.

Our works, like Our Lord's works, will come in the midst of some experience of the Cross as Jesus lets us know today. Whatever our experience of the Cross is, we are still called as we carry our crosses, to continue to live out our faith in the simplest of ways. Be courteous, be polite, put others first rather than ourselves. Perhaps we are called to do something we may not like, so that we can take care of others and show our love of God and love of neighbor in concrete ways. May our faith not be dead, as St. James warns, but may it be evident from our works.

Fr. Robert Lupo

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### 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: What are the Elements of a Catholic Funeral



The Catholic vigil, also known as a wake, generally follows the death but takes place before the funeral mass and the burial. It may be held at a Catholic church, a funeral home, the family home or an alternate location. During this time, those in attendance offer prayers and condolences to the family and may observe the scripture through readings and reflections. Eulogies, singing and poetry readings may also be offered during the vigil.

The funeral or memorial mass is traditionally held at the church. The casket or urn is often sprinkled with holy water when carried into the church, and symbols of the Christian faith such as an open Bible or crucifix may be placed on the casket. The first few rows of pews at the funeral mass are likely to be reserved for close family.

Non-Catholics in attendance are invited to participate in, or sit and witness, the service but should bear in mind that only Catholics will receive the communion. Most services will be formal but customized to the wishes of the family in regard to choice of music and readings. Families may wish to further personalize the service through a variety of options which can be discussed with the Pastor conducting the service.

After the ceremony, a gathering may take place at a cemetery or mausoleum for the rite of passage, or burial, during which the casket or urn is committed to the final resting place. Catholicism maintains the position that cremated remains must be committed to a consecrated site. Urns and other cremation containers are not permitted to be stored in a home, nor can ashes be scattered.

Arrangements may be put in motion by consulting the funeral home and/or the local parish office for planning purposes.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow

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### THANK YOU FOR THE PRAYERS

Martin Keaveney would like to say thank you to the prayer group for all of your prayers that helped him to get through all the surgeries that he has had to make him well again.



## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

### **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*

### **Monday September 13—St. John Chrysostom**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Joshua David Allen, by his Parents*

### **Tuesday September 14—Our Lady of the Snows**

9:00 AM St Anne

*Special Intentions, by Mary Ann Elliot*

### **Wednesday September 15**

*NO WEEKDAY MASS*

### **Thursday September 16—St. Cornelius Rope**

10:00 AM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Friday September 17—St. Robert Bellamine**

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Saturday September 18—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Sunday September 19—25th 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*

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## **CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021**

Our Lady of the Snows has reached 78% 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.

## **DEXTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

There will be a meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, to start the year off right. I hope all can attend.

The meeting will take place at the St. Anne's parish hall at 7:00 PM.

Thank you, Martin Keaveney, Grand Knight

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## **ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

Our St. Agnes Book Study Group's Fall Class is beginning on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 6:30 PM with Don Mendell as Leader, and the second opportunity will be on Friday, October 8, 2021, at 3:00PM with Connie Craven. This will be a 4 to 6-week study program.

What will we study, you ask??? I BELIEVE: **LIVING THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS** by the USCCB and J. Sullivlan, Ph.D

In this study participants will watch a video and discuss what it covers.

1. Did you even know there was a new U.S. Catechism for Adults?
2. Did you know it was specifically written for us?
3. It is a distinct expression of Catholic unity based on a common language of faith and Catholic identity.
4. Could you explain to a Protestant or Evangelical why you are Catholic? Why you are **STILL** Catholic?

How well do you understand your own Catholic Religion as an adult?

We can finally meet in the Church Hall at St. Agnes, Detroit St. Pittsfield. This will be a terrific opportunity to get to talk about and to know your faith much more deeply and get to spend time with like-minded individuals.

There are sign up sheets at both entrances to St. Agnes Church. The entire Our Lady of the Snows Cluster is invited to take part. If you are from Dexter, Dover or Milo, please call Connie at 278-5430 to sign up right away. Leave a message if no one answers. I will need your name and Tel. number and which day, Mon or Fri. We need to order books, so please sign up as soon as possible. Masks are recommended!



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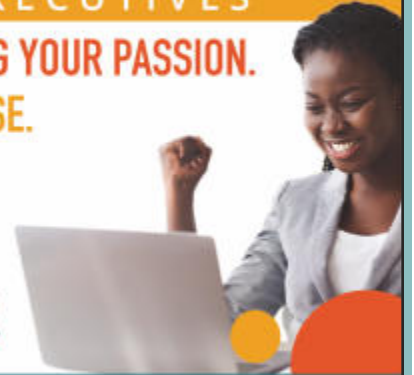
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