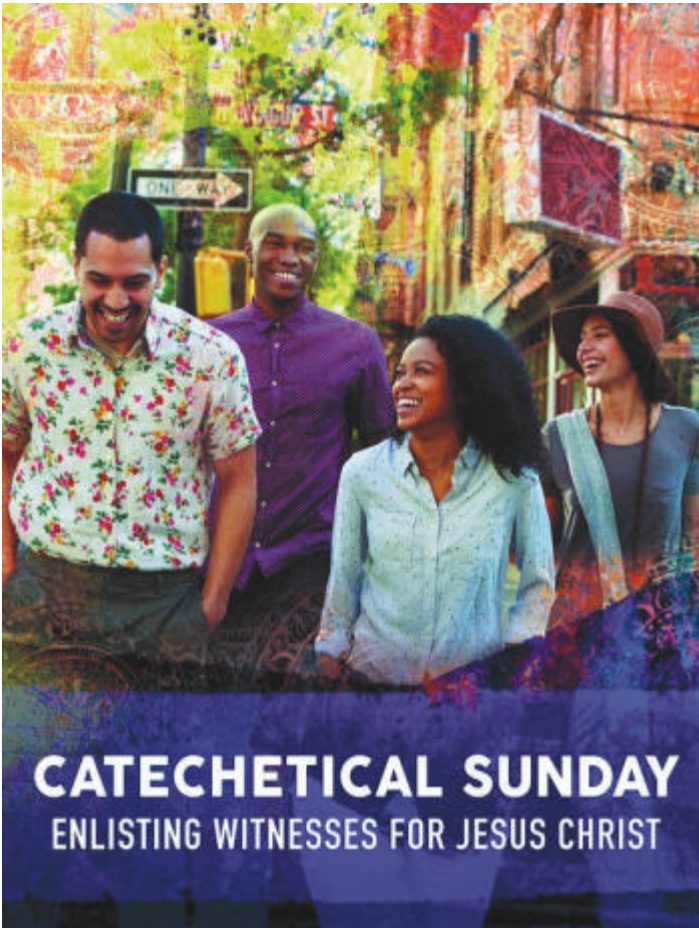


September 19, 2021

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 19, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezz 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/ Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezz 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

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.

### 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.

### RCIA AND FAITH FORMATION

Do you or someone you know have an interest in joining the Catholic Church? Class slots are now available by calling the parish office at (207) 924-7104 to set up a time to meet with Deacon David Denbow.

### Weekly Collections

September 5, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,101.75	\$2,922.00



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

*"At four I was an Arabian wizard; I could make myself invisible by drinking a glass of milk a certain way. At seven I was a soldier, at nine a prince.*

*This is the beginning of sadness, I say to myself, as I walk through the universe in my sneakers. it is time to say good-bye to imaginary friends, time to turn the first big number. It seems only yesterday I used to believe there was nothing under my skin but light. If you cut me, I would shine. But now when I fall upon the sidewalks of life, I skin my knees, I bleed."*

**Billy Collins – On Turning Ten**



Jesus is, again this week, trying to help the Apostles to understand His upcoming Passion, and thereby, understand that following him would cost them – everything! The wonderful poem above by one of my favorite poets is a statement about the inevitability of suffering, of sacrifice and a realization that those things will touch each of our lives – each of us will bleed.

It is interesting to note that in Mark's Gospel, after His Passion predictions, Jesus heals a blind man. The message is that he is trying to get his disciples to see who he really is – to remove their own blindness as to who Christ is and what it will take to follow him. So, though we will suffer, we will bleed, Christ is there with us in our suffering and trails to let us know that those difficulties are not the whole of life. We may fall on the sidewalks of life, as Billy Collins says, but with the Lord's help, may we always rise up, dust ourselves off and walk into the future with faith in God's enduring presence.

Fr. Robert Lupo

## A Teaching Moment: Holy Water



Other than the rosary or the votive candle, holy water is probably the most recognizable Christian object — probably because, well, it looks like regular old *water*. But don't let its appearance fool you. Holy water is actually one of the oldest and most spiritually significant items you can find in a church.

There are actually several different types of holy water in Roman Catholicism — some, for instance, contain only consecrated salt, while others contain anointing oil, wine, and even ashes. Each blend, so to speak, has a slightly different use. Water with salt is used in regular blessings, water with oil is used in baptisms, and water with ashes and wine is used to consecrate churches. Holy water is a sacramental which is a sign and symbol of God's love, mercy, and protection.

All of these applications reflect what holy water really represents: purification. Ceremonial cleansing in Christianity dates back to the days of Moses, and though the exact ceremonies have changed since then, the role holy water plays in worship has stayed the same. Priests sprinkle it over their congregations before beginning mass and hand out small bottles of it for them to take home, all in the hopes that the faithful remain spiritually pure.

By that same token, holy water is also used to ward off evil. Popular culture has long portrayed holy water as a weapon against vampires and the Devil — and those depictions, though obviously heightened, aren't too far off from their real-world equivalents. The Rite of Exorcism, essentially a Catholic banishing ritual, usually calls for the priest to use holy water. Depending on the demon, that's just the thing that drives it away.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow

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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, on September 19, 2021. Registration forms will be available.

There will be a short class following the registration.



## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

### **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

*†Christopher Mallett, by Ana Mallett*

10:30 AM St Anne

*†Anna Cole, by Kevin Krista*

### **Monday September 20**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Theresa LaBree Daughton, by the Family*

### **Tuesday September 21—St. Matthew**

9:00 AM St Anne

*Special Intention, by Mary Ann Elliot*

### **Wednesday September 22**

*NO WEEKDAY MASS*

### **Thursday September 23—St. Pius**

10:00 AM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Friday September 24**

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

*†Sister Phyllis Sanders, by the Parish*

### **Saturday September 25—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*For the Parishioners, by Pro Populoi*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*†Judith R. O'Connor, by the Parish*

### **Sunday September 26—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Theresa LaBree Daughton, by the Family*

10:30 AM St Anne

*†Andrew & Pearl Polovich, by the Kissoloveges*

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## **CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021**

Our Lady of the Snows has reached 84% of the monetary goal and St. Agnes has reached 59% 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.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

NEW BOOK STUDY COURSE AT ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH begins on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 6:30 PM with Don Mendell and a repeat class will be held on Friday, afternoon on October 8, 2021, at 3:00 PM. with Connie Craven. The book study will be held at St. Agnes Parish Hall, Detroit Street, Pittsfield.

This Course, “I BELIEVE” will give you an overview of the essential Sacred Teaching of the Catholic Church. We will delve into the “4 Pillars” of the Catechism which are the “4 Cornerstones” to our life.

This course will help us understand the Biblical Relationship of each teaching. We will watch a video and discuss what we are learning. You will meet and be able to discuss the Catholic Faith and explore the Catechism with like-minded people. Class will last about 1 1/2 hours. You must register. Please do so quickly, so we can order enough books. Call Connie at 278-5430, if no answer, leave a message, or there are sign up sheets at both entrances to St. Agnes.

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**Diocesan Wide Adult Faith Formation  
Echoes of Faith**

We invite Catholics across the state of Maine to participate in Echoes of Faith® program. Echoes of Faith® is made up of 11 modules which help participants to discover the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith while giving the skills to articulate their faith to others. The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation allows participants to choose between two tracks; the community track or the self-paced track. Those in the community track complete the modules follow the order of modules set by the OLFF staff, complete one module in a 2-month timeframe (finishing all modules in a 24-month time period) and attend the opening and closing gatherings at the beginning and end of each module. Echoes of Faith® can be used to obtain basic catechist certification. If one is seeking to earn basic catechist certification, they must be enrolled in the community track. Those enrolled in the self-paced track are free to chart their own course. The modules are available to them for 12-18 months (24 months if needed). For more information go to: <https://portlanddiocese.org/olff/echoing-faith>. Participants must register through their parish.



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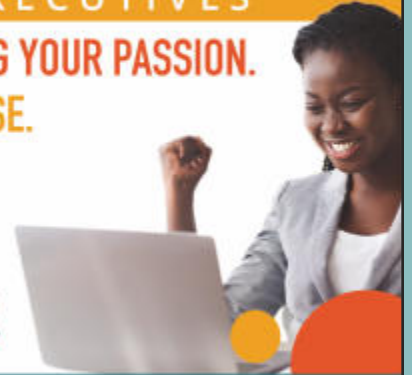
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