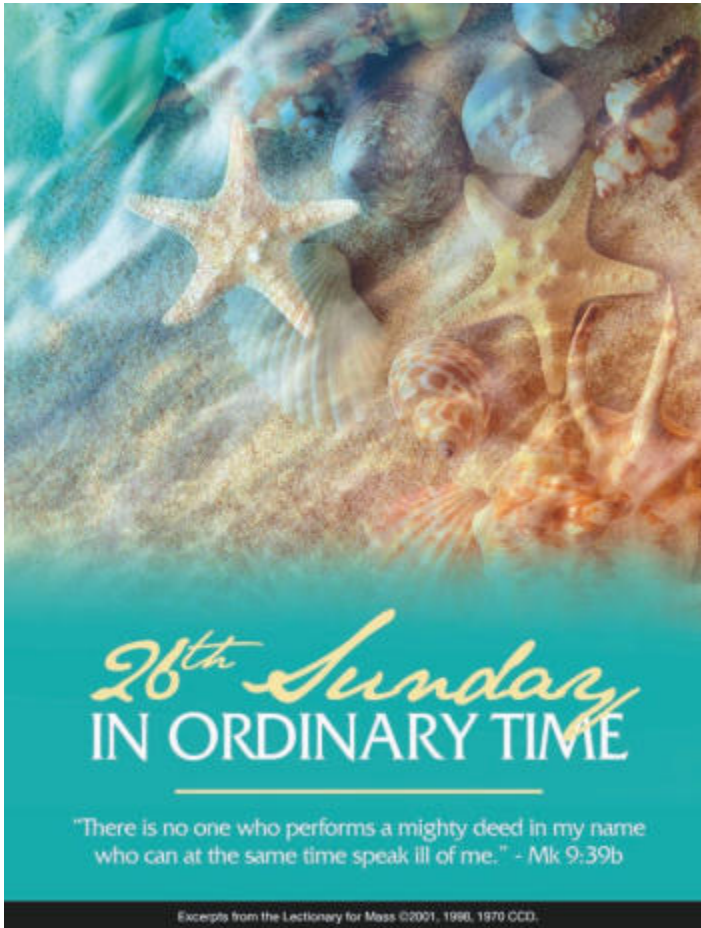


September 26, 2021

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

**Pastor.....Rev. Robert Lupo**  
**Deacon.....David Denbow**  
**Faith Formation St. Thomas.....Melissa Wanat**  
**Faith Formation St. Agnes..... Ken Dechaine**  
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**Weekly Readings for September 26, 2021**

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

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 12, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,624.00	\$3,534.00



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

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world. Please add your own intentions . . . Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.

This wonderful prayer comes from the community of Fr. Richard Rohr – The Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico.

When we pray that we may show ‘greater care for one another’ we should be clear in our own minds what we are asking. Are we asking to truly care more for each other regardless of differences of belief or point of view, regardless of otherness? Or, are we praying that we will care more for each other as soon as those folks shape up? We need to be honest about how our points of view – our way of looking at and interacting with the world affects not only how we treat others, but how much can we empathize with them – are we able to put ourselves in their shoes? I think it would surprise very much to see how differently some people see the world than we do and that make it difficult for us to understand each other without empathy – “feeling with.”

This all comes to mind after reading the reflection that accompanied the prayer from Fr. Rohr above – I will include the link so that you might go and read the reflection – it is well worth it!

May the Lord help us to be more empathetic, so that we may show more of that love of the other, as the other – that God so want us to practice.

<https://cac.org/who-we-are-is-who-we-will-be-2021-09-17/>

Fr. Robert Lupo



## A Teaching Moment: Why Catholics Pray to Mary

Why Pray to Mary? Because Jesus has given us his Blessed Mother as *our* great spiritual mother (Rev.12:17), a heavenly advocate who intercedes for us.



Some Christians will ask, “Why pray to Mary when we can go directly to Jesus?” And yet they have no problem asking others here on earth to pray for them, instead of simply and solely praying to Jesus on their own. Indeed, St. Paul says that God grants blessings “in answer to many prayers” (2 Cor. 1:11). And if the prayer of a righteous man *on earth* avails much with God (Jas. 5:16–18), how much more would prayers from one who has finished the race and now reigns with Christ *in heaven*?

Scripture elsewhere speaks of the “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven” and “the spirits of just men *made perfect*” (Heb. 12:23, emphasis added). Given their heavenly perfection in Jesus, which would include perfection in charity and thus concern for their brothers and sisters in Christ on earth (see 1 Cor. 2:12-26), we should not be surprised that Scripture presents these holy men and women of heaven bringing our prayers to Jesus the Lamb (Rev. 5:8), and that from the early Church onward Christians have asked the intercession of the saints who have gone before them to heaven.

In this light, we see that the saints—as faithful disciples of Jesus—are his collaborators, not his competitors in interceding for us. Consequently, because Mary is the Mother of God and the disciple par excellence (see Luke 1:28, 38), we should not be surprised that she is our preeminent intercessor among the angels and saints.

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 25—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*For the Parishioners, by Pro Populo*

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

*Thomas Ronco, by Mr. & Mrs. John Maher*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Theresa LaBree Daughton, by the Family*

10:30 AM St Anne

*†Andrew & Pearl Polovich, by the Kissloveges*

### **Monday September 27—St. Vincent de Paul**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Tuesday September 28—St Lawrence Ruiz**

9:00 AM St Anne

*†Russel B. Titus, by the Parish*

### **Wednesday September 29**

**NO WEEKDAY MASS**

### **Thursday September 30—St. Jerome**

10:00 AM St Agnes

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Friday October 1—St. Therese**

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Saturday October 2—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*Andrea Cote, by Gloria Cote*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Sunday October 3—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

*†Gary L. Dow, II, by his Parents*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

**NO MASS INTENTION**

10:30 AM St Anne

*†Elizabeth Krista, by her Husband*

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## **CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021**

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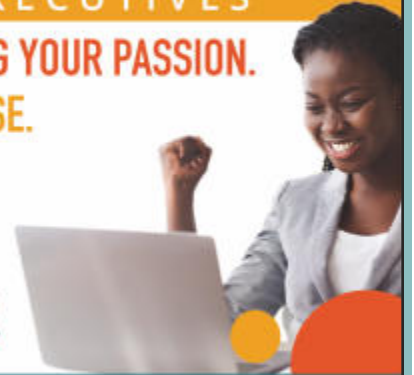
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