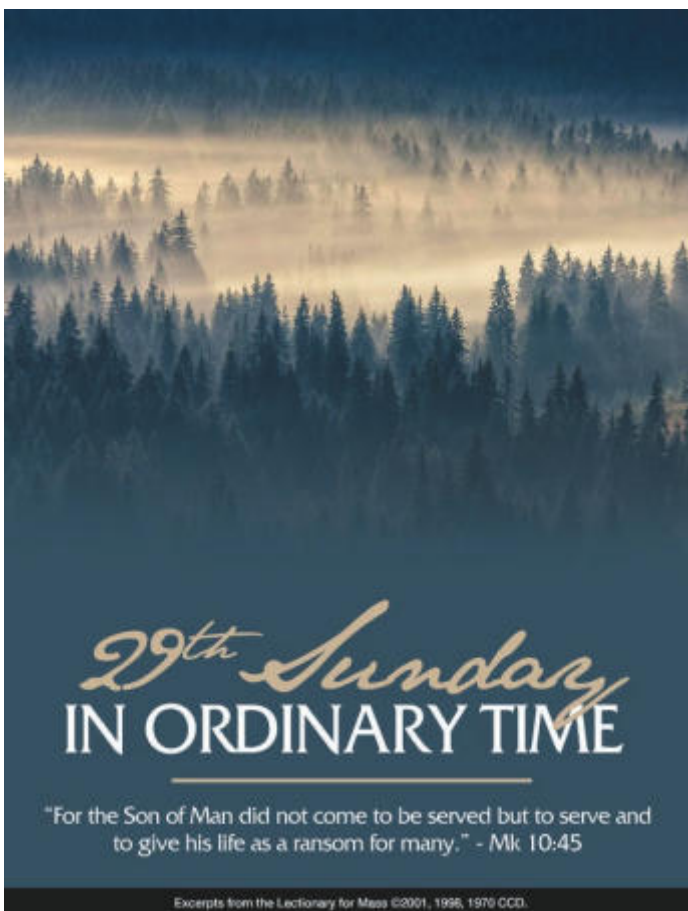


October 17, 2021

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 October 17, 2021

- Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

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 24, 2021	World Mission Sunday
November 1, 2021	All Saints
November 2, 2021	All Souls

### 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 from 10:00-11:00 AM.

### 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.

### PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish website is up and running. Go and check out our new site and read our weekly bulletin, among other items. If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please let us know here at the office at (207) 924-7104.

### Weekly Collections

September 26, 2021	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,352.40	\$2,628.00



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

### “Respect Life Month”

#### Message from Bishop Deeley

The month of October brings with it our annual observance of Respect Life Month as we celebrate the value of each human life and commit to helping others grow in appreciation of the treasure that is God's gift of life. We continue our advocacy in the hope that we will find a way for all in our society to embrace an ethic which values all human life from conception to natural death.

Pope Francis reminds us that one of the evils we confront in our world today is that of abortion. He describes it this way: “the termination of human life in the maternal womb, in the name of safeguarding other rights.” And what are those rights? They always belong to someone else, not the unborn child. The taking of life is senseless and immoral.

We know that the idolatry of individualism represented in the evil of abortion and the taking of human life is resolved in relationship, in knowing that we are created out of love to live in love. We live in a world which has been created out of the love of God. You and I are the height of that creation because we are created in the image and likeness of God. We are distinct persons called to love as we build relationships with each other and share the world in which we live. As we advocate for life, let us see ourselves as doing the work of God so that, as we go about advocating, we can also model to the world the love and mercy that God shows to each of us, even to those with whom we disagree.

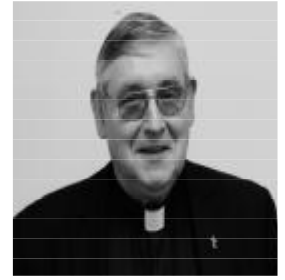
I think it appropriate in this Year of St. Joseph, declared by the Holy Father, to remind ourselves to always imitate the courage and care St. Joseph showed while faithfully protecting Jesus and Mary. May we also always be inspired to similarly defend the precious gift of life.

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

Fr. Robert Lupo



### A Teaching Moment: *Why are Catholics baptized as infants?*



This is a commonly asked question about Catholic baptisms in particular. The origin of infant baptisms goes back to the days of the Old Testament when God established his covenant with Abraham. Back in those days, male infants would enter covenant with God by being circumcised at just eight days old through their parents faith. St. Paul explains in the New Testament that circumcision is no longer needed since the coming of Christ and the institution of baptism. However, the practice of inviting infants into the Church through the faith of their parents still stands.

Just the same, St. Augustine recognizes infant baptism as a “tradition received from the apostles.” This can be seen in Acts 2:38-39 when Peter addresses the crowd, saying:

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

When Peter would baptize people in the New Testament, he would often baptize them as well as their entire household, which would include babies of the family. God never denied children being involved in his covenant relationship.

Baptism is never administered without faith, for it is the faith of the parents and of the Church who guide the infant in baptism. Even more so, given what we know of baptism being an essential part of gaining salvation, parents choose to baptize their son or daughter for the sake of their soul, not to impose any religious beliefs upon them.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow



## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

### **Saturday October 16—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Sunday October 17—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*Robert Allen, by Sue Allen*

10:30 AM St Anne

*Children & Grandchildren of Garry & Lisa Allen,  
by their Parents and Grandparents*

### **Monday October 18—St. Luke**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*Robert & Wanita Allen, by Tom & Terrie Allen*

### **Tuesday October 19—St. John Brebeuf**

9:00 AM St Anne

*†Homer Fromm, by his Neighbor*

### **Wednesday October 20—St. Paul of the Cross**

*NO WEEKDAY MASS*

### **Thursday October 21**

10:00 AM St Agnes

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Friday October 22—St. John Paul II**

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Saturday October 23—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*†Amanda Allen, by the Parish*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*NO MASS INTENTION*

### **Sunday October 24—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

*Annette Cote, by Gloria Cote*

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*John Allen, by his Wife*

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.

## **Catholic Men's Conference in Brunswick on November 13**

The 2021 Maine Catholic Men's Conference will feature a nationally renowned speaker and best-selling author as well as Mass with Bishop Robert Deeley on Saturday, November 13, at the St. John's Community Center, located on 43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick. Catholic men are invited to attend the conference which will dive deeply into the concept of living and leading with "courageous humility." The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and also includes local presenters, lunch, the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, and eucharistic adoration. The keynote speaker and presenter will be Fr. Larry Richards. Fr. Larry's book *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be!* is a #1 best seller for Ignatius Press. He is the host of *The Reason for Our Hope* and *Open Line* on EWTN and *Changed Forever with Father Larry Richards* on Relevant Radio. The purpose of the Maine Catholic Men's Conference is to bring together men from across the state for fellowship and renewal of faith. For more information or to register, contact Kenneth Greenleaf at

[kenneth.greenleaf@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:kenneth.greenleaf@portlanddiocese.org).



## **ENDOWMENTS FOR OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS AND ST. AGNES PARISHES**

Endowments for Our Lady of the Snows and St. Agnes Parishes include the Our Lady of the Snows Parish Endowment and the St. Agnes Parish (Pittsfield, ME) Endowment. Anyone can make a gift, in any amount, to these endowments, and anyone can start a new endowment. Neither donations to nor grants from endowments are subject to assessment and donations can be of cash, stock, insurance, property, or a bequest. Your gift will make a difference and assist the needs of the parish in perpetuity. The Foundation makes distributions annually to the parish as directed, and the funds are used as designated by the endowment. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Foundation of Maine, noting the appropriate endowment.

For more information about how you can leave a legacy through a gift to any of these endowments, contact Elizabeth Badger, Executive Director, at the Catholic Foundation of Maine, 207-321-7820 or

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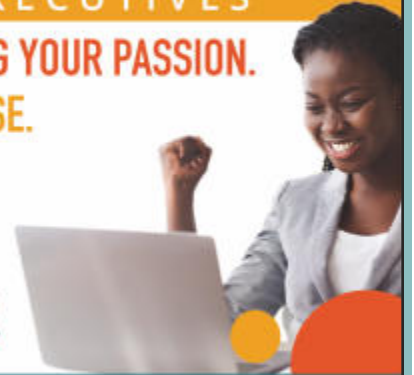
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