

May 1, 2022

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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Deacon.....David Denbow

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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

Please check flocknote for Mass cancellations due to inclement weather. If you are not signed up with flocknote, please check school cancellations, in any towns where our parishes are located, if it is cancelled, then the weekday Mass for that parish is also cancelled.

Weekly Readings for May 1, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-6

Liturgical Publications

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 26, 2022	Ascension
June 5, 2022	Seminarians & Ecclesiastical Students

SPANISH MASS

Every Friday at 12:00 PM, at St. Agnes parish, Father Michael Seigny celebrates Mass in Spanish and English.

Everyone is welcome to come and share the Holy Eucharist with our Hispanic Community.

HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Consider spending some extra time with Jesus this lent: Eucharistic Adoration is a quiet time spent with the Blessed Sacrament, which is visible on the altar. This time can be used for prayer, contemplation, thanksgiving or just sitting with our Lord.

There is Eucharistic Adoration at St Thomas Aquinas every Wednesday at 11 am.

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.

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.

Weekly Collections

April 10, 2022	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,323.00	\$2,210.00



Father James Martel, Justin H. Miller, Waluk Family, Linda O'Connor, Dorothy Dubois, Brian Murphy, David Kimball, Donna Booth, Louise Dulac, Martin Keaveney, Catherine MacLaren, Robert Wintle, Rosalie Goulette, Judith Slattery, Michael Watters, Ben Rollins, Cynthia Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Joseph Riitano, Jr., Edward Schmidt, Kenneth Bearce, Carole Brown, Bobbi Holsapple, Thomas Ronco

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.

We are Back!"

Our Lady's Kitchen is pleased to announce they are reopening on Sunday, May 15th for dinner. Please join us for Sunday Dinner at the Parish Center at 12 Noon. All are welcome, dinner is free and donations are gratefully accepted. For the time being, there will be a dinner on the first Sunday of each month and on the third Sunday of each month beginning with May 15th.. We need volunteers to donate desserts. If you would like to share in this way or have other questions, please call Coordinators Curt and Kathie Lombard, 924-2120.

PASTOR'S CORNER

On this 3rd Sunday of Easter we are given the account sometimes called 'The Last Breakfast.' Once more we see Peter seated at a charcoal fire as he was when he denied Christ 3 times during the events of the Passion. Now, however, he is with his friend. He has just witnessed a miraculous catch of fish occurring at the behest of Jesus. This is now the third time that he has seen the Risen Christ, and it is time that his mind is set at ease concerning his failure. So Jesus asks him three times, 'Do you love me?' and Peter answers three times, 'Lord you know that I love you.' Jesus tells him, in no uncertain terms, what his purpose is now – 'Feed my lambs, Tend my sheep, Feed my sheep.'

As members of Christ's body we share in that mission. Each of us can share in the Psalmists refrain of thanksgiving, 'I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.' We have all experienced Christ's mercy, as Peter does in today's Gospel reading. We also have a mission, a calling from Christ. We are called to extol Him and sing His praises, as the Psalmist tells us. We are also called to preach his word, as did the disciples in the first reading. They were persecuted for speaking out, but instead of being discouraged we are told that they rejoiced at suffering dishonor for Christ. May we share in that spirit this Easter Season, and beyond. Rather than take offense at folks who may not share our faith or may practice their faith a bit differently, may we reach out in love to all our brothers and sisters. May we truly tend the sheep of our Father's flock with the same love and mercy with which Christ treats us. May we show our love for Christ by loving for those he loves.

Peace & God Bless!
Fr. Rob

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

St. Agnes would like to thank all of those who set up and worked to make our Divine Mercy Service a success, and we would like to thank all those that attended. Jesus told St. Faustina that those who prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM on Divine Mercy Sunday and their Parish would receive great blessings.

Thank you for all your work.



A Teaching Moment: The Easter Season of 50 Days



For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow



Knights of Columbus Council #3172 Ukraine Solidarity Fund

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT has set up a Ukraine Solidarity Fund for assistance for the people of Ukraine. As of April 12, 2022, they have collected, Order wide), 11.1 Million dollars. That amount increases on a daily basis. The good point is that 100% of the donations go directly to Ukraine. The Supreme Council donated \$1,000,000. Our Council #3172 in Dover-Foxcroft collected and donated \$2,500.00 for this fund. This shows greatly the first tenant of our Order, CHARITY. Thank you to all who donated to this noble cause.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday April 30—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Walter & Pauline Rezendes, by the Family

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Sunday May 1—3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Barbara Quirk, by the Family

10:30 AM St Anne

†Cheryl Tremblay, by Norman Tremblay, Jamie & Randy Dellaire

Monday May 2—St. Athanasius

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

NO MASS INTENTION

Tuesday May 3—Ss. Philip & James

9:00 AM St Anne

†Marion DeRoche, by her Son

Wednesday May 4

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday May 5—National Day of Prayer

10:00 AM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

Friday May 6—May Friendship Day

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday May 7—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Robert A. Denbow, by the Parish

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*†Shirley Brown, Beulah Baker, & Lucy Brown,
By Donald & Carol Brown*

Sunday May 8—Mother's Day

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Theresa LaBree Daughton, by the Family

10:30 AM St Anne

†Mary Ann Elliot, by her Daughter

THE BIBLE TIMELINE SALVATION HISTORY BIBLY STUDY

There will be a bible study on the Bible Timeline Salvation History starting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at St. Anne's Parish Center at 6:00 PM and every Wednesday thereafter until completion.

To pre-register or for more information, please contact Woodrow Livingston at (207) 924-3809 and leave a message.

There is no cost for the books as the Dexter Knights of Columbus have made a donation to the bible study but books are limited so pre-register early.

Summer Fund Raiser

A committee has been formed to have a parish fund raiser, since we have not had our annual Christmas Craft Fair in November for two years. We thought a yard sale some weekend during the summer. So when you are spring cleaning and you want to give away good items you no longer need or want, think of Our Lady of the Snows. We are not taking items right now, but Father Rob did say we could keep some things in St. Anne's basement. Later there will be more places to leave things. We also thought we could try a Christmas Craft Fair during July or August. Food for thought. We need more volunteers for our committee. More hands make light work. We will start planning in the middle of May 2022. Call Rheba Michaud if you are interested in helping at 564-7494.

Men's 18+ Discernment Retreat Set for Agassiz Village Campgrounds in Poland, Maine on May 13-15, 2022

Are you a Catholic man, age 18 or over, who is discerning a possible call to the diocesan priesthood or religious life? If so, the special Men's 18+ Discernment Retreat set for the beautiful Agassiz Village Campgrounds in Poland is for you.

The retreat, which is set for May 13-15, 2022, will gather discerners from across Maine for a weekend of prayer, community, and fun while enjoying the beauty of our Lord's creation. Any man striving to live out his faith and follow God's will in his life is encouraged to attend. The weekend retreat will include communal and individual prayer, spiritual talks from priests, outdoor activities, and much more.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending, contact Jennifer Bernier in the Diocese of Portland's Office of Ministerial Services at jennifer.bernier@portlanddiocese.org. The registration deadline is Monday, May 9. Participants are asked to bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, and towel for the weekend, as well as appropriate attire and shoes for being outdoors.

For more information about discerning a vocation, visit this special section on the Diocese of Portland's website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations/christ-calling-you. The section features a variety of helpful resources including information about the life of a priest in Maine, the path to the priesthood, the history of the presbyterate in Maine, vocation stories, answers to frequently asked questions, and ways to get in touch with the Office of Vocations and Seminarians.

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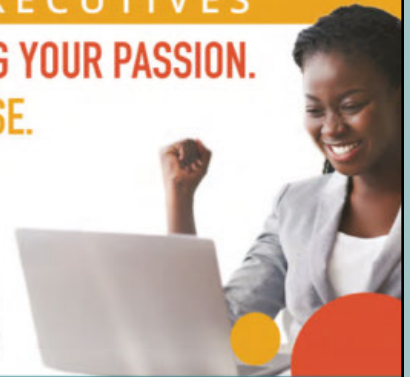
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