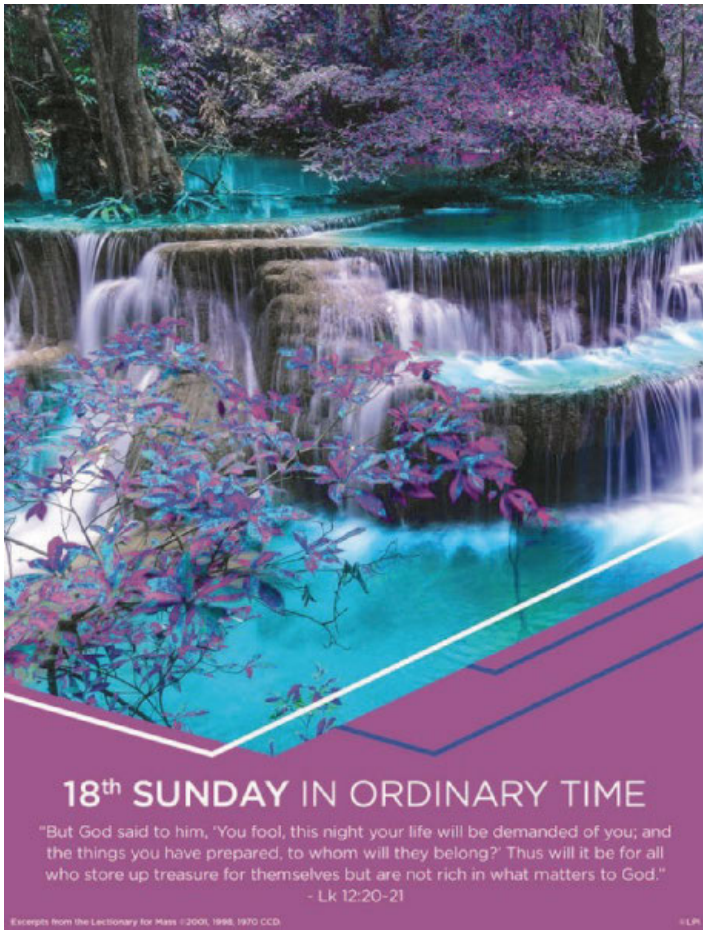


July 31, 2022

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.'" - Lk 12:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectorian for Mass (2001, 1988, 1970 CCD)

Weekly Readings for July 31, 2022

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Liturgical Publications

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
- Office Hours.....Monday - Thursday 9AM – 2PM
- Mailing Address...PO Box 193, Dexter, ME 04930-0193
- Physical Address.....60 Free Street, Dexter, ME
- Office Phone ..... 924-7104
- Rectory - Dover-Foxcroft ..... 564-2612
- Email ..... OLOftheSnows@portlanddiocese.org
- Or ..... Stagnespittsfield@portlanddiocese.org
- Website ..... www.ourladyofthesnowsme.org

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.

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

August 7, 2022 Peter's Pence Collection

August 15, 2022 Assumption

## HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Consider spending some extra time with Jesus: 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. At St. Thomas Aquinas on Wednesdays at 9:00 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORNER Give the gift of time!

Our SEARCH program connects isolated seniors with community volunteers for companionship, errands and other friendly support. What's the best thing about it?

**"I love that I feel like a part of someone's family and share their experiences. It's more than just running errands. I've been through times when I needed help from others, and I vowed I would help others and give back."**—Raymond Martinea, SEARCH Volunteer

Learn more about SEARCH at [www.ccmaine.org/search-seniors](http://www.ccmaine.org/search-seniors)

## Weekly Collections

| July 10, 2022     | St Agnes   | OL Snows   |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Regular Offertory | \$1,595.00 | \$2,135.75 |



Father James Martel, Justin H. Miller, Waluk Family, Linda O'Connor, Brian Murphy, 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, Bobbi Holsapple, William Gelzini, Barbara Jay, Jeanette Chandler, Marie Roettger

## 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.

## SPANISH MASS

First and Third Friday at 12:00 PM, at St. Agnes parish through September, Father Michael Sevigny celebrates Mass in Spanish and English.

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

## PASTOR'S CORNER

St. Paul tells us to “put to death...” among other things, “the greed that is idolatry.” It got me to thinking about how idolatry and greed are related. I am not just talking about making money or financial gain into an idol. We can make anything into an idol – something that becomes so important that we sublimate other beliefs to it. Sure, we believe that we should treat everyone as we want to be treated – but I believe in gun ownership and anyone who doesn't is beneath contempt. That attitude about anything – not just guns – is not only an example of idolatry but of greed as well – putting our own interests or desires first! In effect putting ourselves first as we give primacy to our own viewpoints while disregarding or disparaging viewpoints different from our own.

As Christians we are called to repudiate this way of thinking and acting. We are called to the selfless service embodied by Christ himself. Rather than holding tight to our belongings, our preferences, our biases we are called let go. Remember Christ's instructions to the 72 from our Gospel several weeks ago about – ‘Take nothing with you.’ Christ is our strength, our example, our guiding light, always showing us the better part – usually the more difficult part, but the better part. May we do our best to recognize those things in our lives that are in danger of becoming idols for us and ask Our Lord for his help to put Him and, those he asks us to serve, first.

I want to congratulate everyone involved with our Summer Festival – you will see elsewhere in the bulletin the figure that was raised for fuel for the Churches next winter. One thing that I especially appreciated about this event was that people from all over the cluster, from both Parishes participated and supported this effort. It was a true blessing to see all those folks working together for our communities!

Peace & God Bless!  
Fr. Rob



## A Teaching Moment on Sts Joachim and Anne

On July 26, the Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ. The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details.



Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne, and their daughter. The Protoevangelium of James, which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.”

And Joachim brought the child to the priests,” the account continues, “and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations’ ... And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.’”

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow



## EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

### **Saturday July 30—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

*†Joan Suhr, by the Parish*

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*†Joshua David Allen, by his Parents*

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Kenneth R. Bearce, by Joe & Eileen Voisine*

### **Sunday July 31—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

**NO MASS INTENTION**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Barbara Quirk, by the Parish*

10:30 AM St Anne

*†Roland Clukey, by Mr. & Mrs. John Maher*

### **Monday August 1—St. Alphonsus Ligouri**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Kenneth R. Bearce, by Sharon Gray*

### **Tuesday August 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli**

9:00 AM St Anne

*†Louise Irish, by the Parish*

### **Wednesday August 3**

**NO WEEKDAY MASS**

### **Thursday August 4—St. John Vianney**

10:00 AM St Agnes

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Friday August 5**

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

**NO MASS INTENTION**

### **Saturday August 6—Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM St Agnes

**NO MASS INTENTION**

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

*†Elbina Emery, by the Parish*

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Daniel J. Blocker, by the Parish*

### **Sunday August 7—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM St Agnes

**NO MASS INTENTION**

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Kenneth R. Bearce, by Duane & Kathleen Huff*

10:30 AM St Anne

*Patricia Livingston & Family, by Mr. & Mrs. John Maher*

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## OUR LADY'S KITCHEN

Our Lady's Kitchen's next meal will be on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at noon. All our welcome.

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*WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES*

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**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!  
ST. AGNES FATIMA ROSARY  
PRAYER GROUP**

Retired persons, widows and widowers of St. Agnes. What do you do each Wednesday morning? Anything that can't wait? Our Fatima Rosary Prayer Group meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM to about 10:30 AM to say the Rosary and a few Fatima prayers that our Lady of Fatima asked the children and all of us to say. We would love to have you join us. Perhaps praying and being together will help you stay young and help your memory and it definitely brings you JOY! We are part of a world wide Fatima Prayer Cell.

The WAF-World Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Cells are small groups of people (from 2 or more) who gather together regularly (weekly or monthly) in response to Our Lady of Fatima's requests for prayer, penance and sacrifice in reparation for sin in order to bring about the conversion of sinners necessary to save souls from hell, bring peace to the world, and protect and strengthen the Church. There are many thousands of WAF Prayer Cell members throughout the world who are united, not only in purpose, but also in the charity they bestow upon one another as they add to their own intentions those of their brother and sister members throughout the world each time they gather to pray, either in front of the Blessed Sacrament or in a home.

We have books you can use to follow the prayers and if you have not said the Rosary for awhile, you can say it quietly until you feel ready to join in. If you have lost your Rosary, we have some you can borrow. Please park in front of the Church Hall and come in the side door. (the front door remains locked). We meet in church shortly before 9:30 AM. Please call Connie Craven at 278-5430 for more information.

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**SUMMER FESTIVAL**

The Our Lady of the Snows summer festival raised a grand total of \$4,745.75. Thank you to Rheba Michaud and all of the ladies who helped organize and put this summer festival together. Also thank you to all of those who donated items to the festival and those volunteers who helped set up, take down and who volunteered to work the festival. Congratulations on a job well done.



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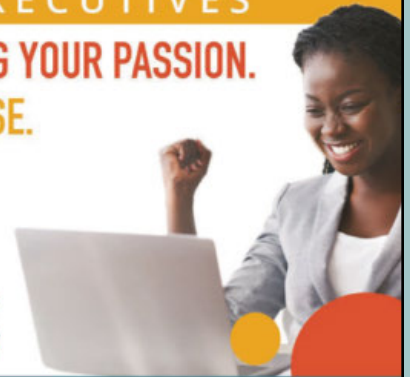
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