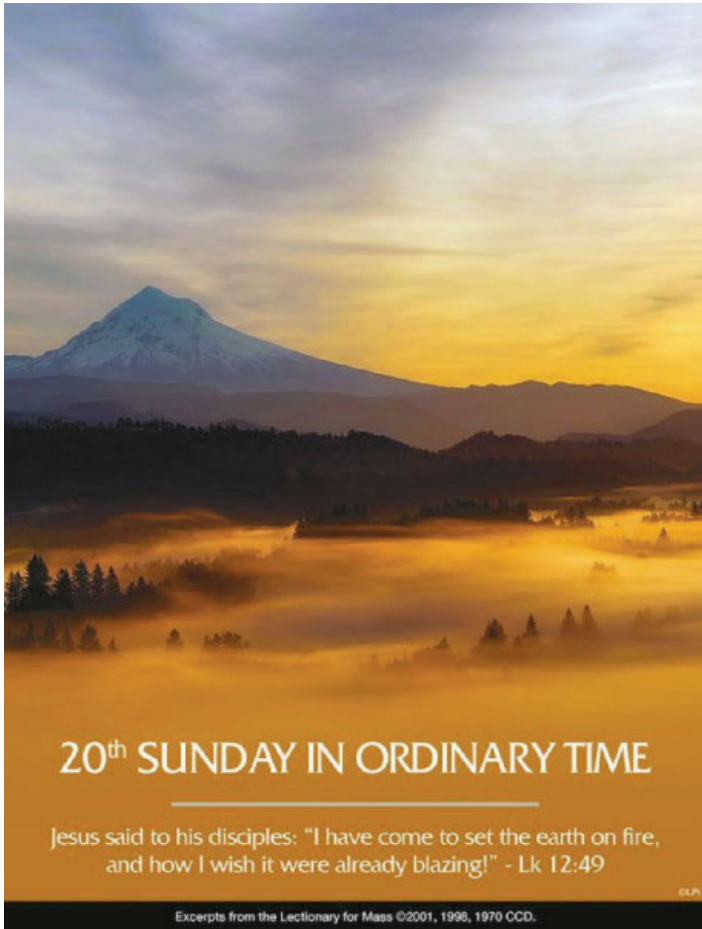


August 14, 2022

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS & ST. AGNES PARISHES

A Roman Catholic Faith Community in Central Maine



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Consists of the Catholic Churches of St Anne

64 Free St, Dexter , ME 04930

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St Thomas Aquinas

43 High St, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

St. Agnes

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Weekly Readings for August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

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

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are confronted with difficult readings today in our reading from Jeremiah & the Gospel. Jeremiah is thrown in a muddy well and gets stuck & Jesus tells us that he is not here to bring peace, but to 'set the earth on fire.!' But hidden there right in the middle is the Psalm response, (a cry for help) and the reading from Hebrews to bring us hope so that we can persevere in living our faith especially in times when doing that is difficult.



The reading from Hebrews begins by reminding us of all the Communion of Saints – “so great a cloud of witnesses.” I love that image. So many examples for us to follow; so many intercessors praying for us. The reading goes on to exhort us to persevere in our faith – to continue to go out into the world each day and imitate Christ. The author acknowledges that this won't be easy, but that with our eyes on Christ we can follow where he leads. Knowing that whatever we face in our lives – in our attempts to follow him by emulating him – He has faced those trials & tribulations (and much worse) and triumphed. Just as Christ was with Jeremiah as he was stuck in the mud at the bottom of a well, he is with us as we face the joys & sorrows of our lives. May we always be aware of His love and find ways to share that love with all people.

Peace & God Bless!
Fr. Rob



Summer Vacation Bible School

Registration open K- 8

August 22 - 26

9am - 12 pm

Dover-Foxcroft CLC building across the street
from St Thomas Aquinas Church

Watch for Registration forms at the back of the
church of St Anne and St Thomas

or Register online through the Parish website

<https://www.ourladyofthesnowsme.org>

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IGNATION SPIRITUAL EXERCISE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

A Maine retreat that aims to offer a “blueprint” for prayer to help people discern God's presence in their lives will be offered virtually via Zoom starting this October and running through June 2023.

“Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life” will be presented by the Ignatian Spirituality Partnership of Maine, which was established in 2018 to assist anybody interested in sharing and promoting the Ignatian spiritual vision. Members of the partnership include the Jesuit Community of Maine (Cheverus High School, Our Lady of Hope Parish), the Sisters of St. Joseph in Winslow, the Sisters of the Presentation in Biddeford (Marie Joseph Spiritual Center), the Sisters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and the Maine Ignatian Volunteer Corps, comprised of clergy and lay people of several Christian traditions who have been trained in Ignatian spirituality.

At the heart of the retreat is daily prayer. Participants need to make a commitment to praying daily with the retreat materials for about 30 minutes each day, attending a virtual Zoom meeting with the whole group on the first Wednesday evening of each month, and attending a monthly meeting with a spiritual director/guide either in person or via Zoom.

“This retreat is designed for people who have had some experience praying with Scripture, and who have had experience talking with someone about their prayer,” said Fr. Paul Sullivan, SJ, one of the retreat prayer guides and pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Portland. “The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola can be transformational.” In four stages, referred to as “weeks,” participants contemplate various aspects of their lives, as well as the life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus. Leading and encouraging women and men to make the journey of the Exercises is a key priority for Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) globally and its partners in mission today.

“God continues to invite each of us into a deepening relationship, to ongoing conversion. We believe that by embracing this invitation, we embrace our God who calls us to act in new, bold ways that reconcile our world, bringing about justice, peace, and compassion,” said Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, superior general of the Society of Jesus.

Space is limited. To register for the retreat or for more information, visit www.ignatianme.org. Once registered, organizers will arrange for an in-person or online meeting to talk more about the retreat and pair you with a spiritual director/guide.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday August 13—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

NO MASS INTENTION

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Michael Contant., by Jocelyne Desmond

6:00 PM St Agnes

†Kenneth R. Bearce, by Joe & Eileen Voisine

Sunday August 14th—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Adam Rush, by his Mother

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

*†Kenneth R. Bearce, by Fr. Patrick Hayes Council
3172 Knights of Columbus*

10:30 AM St Anne

*Maier & Driscoll Families, by Mr. & Mrs. John
Maier*

Monday August 15

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

Father Robert Lupo, by the Parish

Tuesday August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary

9:00 AM St Anne

†Joan E. Clukey, by the Parish

Wednesday August 17

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday August 18

10:00 St. Agnes

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Friday August 19

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday August 20—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Deceased Family Members, by the Family

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Joshua David Allen, by his Parents

6:00 PM St Thomas Aquinas

Special Intention, by a Parishioner

Sunday August 21—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St Agnes

†David S. Batchelder, by the Parish

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Mary Jean Pokrywka, by James & Lynn Lubas

10:30 AM St Anne

Tom Allen, by John & Sue Allen & Family

OUR LADY'S KITCHEN

The next Our Lady's Kitchen's next meal will be on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at noon. All our welcome.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES

**TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION FOR
2022/2023**

Grades 1st - Middle School
Starting September 11, 2022
Sundays 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Dover-Foxcroft CLC building
Please contact Melissa Wanat
melissa.wanat@portlanddiocese.org

**CHILDRENS' FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES 2022-2023**

We have a wonderful and fun program planned for all ages!!

Faith Formation is now taking registration for 2022-2023 for upcoming classes. Registration is available online through the Our Lady of the Snows parish website.

Classes will be held at the CLC building across the street from St. Thomas Church. Sundays 12:30 pm -1:30 pm.

Our program is for Kindergarten through Middle school .

If you are new to the parish, or your children would like to receive their sacraments, now is the time to sign up for this coming year.

Our first-year sacraments program for First Communion and Confirmation begins in second grade and is a two year program.

Yes- please have your children return for our 3 grade - 8th grade classes. We encourage strengthening the faith of your child through continual learning about the Catholic Faith and education about the Catholic Church.

High School program will be provided, if interest in this group is shown by parish families.

Volunteers are greatly needed and opportunities for service work for High-school students is available. Donations for books and materials are

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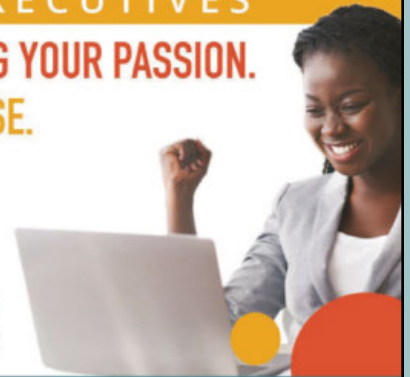
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