

November 27, 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

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 November 27, 2022

- Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

December 4, 2022	Christmas Flowers
December 8, 2022	Immaculate Conception
December 11, 2022	Retirement Fund for Religious

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.

ST. AGNES LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Agnes Ladies Guild will hold their annual Christmas Party meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Lorrie Nayock's home.

Members and prospective members are invited. This is a pot luck dinner and a gift swap. Bring your favorite dish to share and a wrapped gift under \$10 value. Please call Lorrie Nayock for directions and details at (207) 487-2726.

Weekly Collections

November 6, 2022	St Agnes	OL Snows
Regular Offertory	\$1,413.00	\$2,167.00



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, Peter Holsapple, Ben Holsapple, Jordan Holsapple, Donald Brown, Peter Caruso, Sandra Crocker

SPANISH MASS

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

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

CLEANER NEEDED FOR ST. AGNES

We are in need of someone to clean at St. Agnes.

The job entails cleaning the church, parish hall and rectory when needed and involves light janitorial duties, such as vacuuming, taking out trash, cleaning bathrooms, dusting. The job takes on average 5-6 hours weekly.

If you are interested in the cleaning position, please contact the parish office at (207) 924-7104.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy First Sunday of Advent!!! Today we begin our new Liturgical Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of good food and good times with family and friends.



We enter into Year A for our readings as we begin our Advent Season of expectation & anticipation. Even when I wasn't Catholic, I loved this month of December. While I was going through the RCIA program I realized why Christmas was always so important to me – it really wasn't the presents! This season leading up to our celebration of the Incarnation is a reminder, for me, of my childhood.

December was a special month in our household. My father owned his own business, so December meant the biggest revenues of the year and it meant staying open til 9 PM 6 nights a week and opening on Sunday!! Unheard of at the time! Of course, as I got older, I was there working too. After school or after dinner I would be helping folk pick out gifts and wrapping them up! This all culminated with the wonderful day of Christmas Eve when the store would be come a day long Christmas party. I would look forward to this time all during the year because there was so much going on – people seemed to be happier, warmer, more willing to let small slights slide. I remembered all this as I lived through my first Advent as an aspiring Catholic and began to see that my excitement over the season, and my anticipation of the events of Christmas Eve & Christmas had its roots in the true meaning of the season. Even though I was not a professed Christian in my youth, I understood what Christmas was about. If challenged I might even have been able to pull off Linus' speech from a Charlie Brown Christmas. With all that knowledge, however, belief still wasn't there. I see now though, that my excitement, by enthusiasm for the season was a way of the Lord speaking to me. I didn't get the message at the time, but he was patient with me as he is with all of us. May we allow ourselves time to be awed at what we are preparing for this Season. There will be plenty of craziness, shopping, visiting, decorating – along with those activities may we find time to be still, to be silent and rest in the Lord.

Fr. Rob

A Teaching Moment: Advent hymn O Come O Come Emmanuel



Emmanuel – “*God is with us*” – Doesn't that just amaze you that God Himself stays with us?

Advent is a time of welcoming, anticipation, and waiting. Our prayers rise up, “*O come, please come and be with us, Lord. O come, Emmanuel.*” This name, which Matthew refers to in his Gospel (Matthew 1:23), was first given to Jesus by the prophet Isaiah 700 years before His birth (Isaiah 7:14).

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is a favorite hymn to sing during Advent. Its history originates in the medieval Roman Catholic Church. This mournful melody was originally a Plainsong or Chant, which is the earliest form of singing in the church. It is believed that the traditional music stems from a 15th Century French procession-
al for Franciscan nuns, but it may also have 8th Century Gregorian origins.

An unknown author wrote seven antiphons—short lines to be sung before and after psalms. Those seven antiphons all begin with the “O,” and thus became known as “The O Antiphons .” Just think, to the people of the Dark Ages—few of whom read or had access to the Bible—this song was one of the few examples of the full story of how the New and Old Testament views of the Messiah came together in the birth and life of Jesus.

And we still sing the words, connecting us throughout the centuries to our fellow believers. The next time and any time we sing it at mass or elsewhere, may we remember this connection and remember too, Christ of the past, present, and future is with us – always.

God Bless, Deacon David Denbow

RCIA & FAITH FORMATION

If you, or anyone you know might be interested in returning to—or inquiring about our Catholic faith, please inform them that classes of instruction will begin the second week of September. Call the parish office and schedule a time with Deacon Dave as soon as possible.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday November 26—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Merlon Ouellette, by Jeannette Chandler

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

†Nancy Oakes, by the Family

Sunday November 27—1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Thomas Roach, by his Son

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Barbara Quirk, by the Family

10:30 AM St Anne

Abigail Allen, by her Parents & Family

Monday November 28

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Margaret Thibault, by the Spooner Family

Tuesday November 29

9:00 AM St Anne

†Cecilia Freda Wortman, by Graydon Gilbert

Wednesday November 30—St. Andrew the Apostle

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday December 1

10:00 AM St Agnes

†Thomas Roach, by his Son

Friday December 2

8:30 AM St Francis & St Paul

†John & Margaret Allen, by Tom & Terrie Allen

Saturday December 3—Vigil Mass

4:00 PM St Agnes

†Randy Jordan, by David & Linda Stevens

4:00 PM St Francis & St Paul

Warren & Lil Strout, by Tom & Terrie Allen

Sunday December 4—2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM St Agnes

†Deceased Family Members, by the Family

8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas

†Kenneth & Glenna Bearce, by the Family

10:30 AM St Anne

Simon Allen, by his Parents & Family

PARISH MOVIE

We will be holding a parish movie viewing on Sunday, December 11, 2022, from 1:00—3:00 PM at the Center Theater in Dover-Foxcroft. Our Christmas movie will be the Muppet Christmas Carol. This is a cluster event. All are welcome!!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The craft fair committee will be holding their annual big raffle again this year. They will be sending our tickets to you parishioners for you to purchase if you choose to. This is another part of our fundraising for the year and these funds will be allocated to our fuel fund to help the needy in our communities.

Tickets will be \$2.00 per ticket of 6 tickets for \$10.00. Our prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: Large Pendleton Wool Blanket;
2nd Prize: Large Blue and Yellow Comforter;
3rd Prize: Blue and White Lap Quilt;
4th Prize: \$100.00;
5th Prize: Dozen Jars of Raspberry Jam; and
6th Prize: Golden Table Cloth

Please purchase tickets if you can to help the cause. Drawing will be held at the end of December.

PRAYER REQUEST

To help bring parishioners back to our Masses, the St. Agnes Ladies Guild would like to suggest that every parishioner in our cluster to say one prayer each day asking Jesus and Mother Mary to give all Catholics the grace to return to Sunday Mass and be part of the Miracle of the Eucharist that happens only at Mass.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR FOR ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

We will have a prelude of carols with a community/family choir at St. Thomas Aquinas, with practices after the 8:30 AM Masses upstairs in the choir loft starting Sunday, November 20, 2022. The duration of the practices will be approximately 45 minutes. There will be a total of 4 practices in all. All ages and abilities are welcome. Any questions, please contact Isleen Halvorsen at (207) 717-7076 or at isleenhalvorsen@gmail.com.

DOVER-FOXCROFT COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Dover-Foxcroft Community Meal will be Monday, November 28, 2022, passing out take out meals between 5:30-6:30 PM as long as the food lasts at the Congregational Church in Dover-Foxcroft. Anyone who wants to help please call Rheba Michaud 564-7494. Thank you.

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