

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKEND SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 28 & 29

Saturday:

4:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Anna Vigue by Rena & Royden Hodgins

4:00 PM @ STA: Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Fernando Veilleux by Lee & Rachel Hersey

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM @ SAG Mass: † Jordan Brochu by Suzanne McCarthy

9:00 AM @ STA: Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

11:00 AM @ SFX Mass: For All Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASSES NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4

Monday: St Andrew

8:30 AM Mass @ STA: † Fr. Jim Robichaud by Duane & Kathleen Huff

Tuesday:

8:30 AM @ SA Mass: † Joanne Hibbard by Florence Allard

Wednesday: No Mass

8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service

Thursday: St Francis Xavier

8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service

4:00 PM @ STA Adoration

5:00 PM @ STA Communion Service

5:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Pauline & Louis McCluskey by Jean D. Ashley

Friday: St John of Damascus

8:30 AM @ SFX Mass: † Arlene Watters by Irene & Earl Lucero

WEEKEND SCHEDULE DECEMBER 5 & 6

Saturday:

4:00 PM @ SAG Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

4:00 PM @ STA Mass: † May LaBree by the LaBree Family

6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Peter G. Nelson by Doug & Joan Clukey

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM @ SAG Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

9:00 AM @ STA Mass: For All Parishioners

11:00 AM @ SFX Mass: † Betty Valin by Burke & Barbara Soileau

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

Worship & Spirituality

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th

Vigil 12/7/09

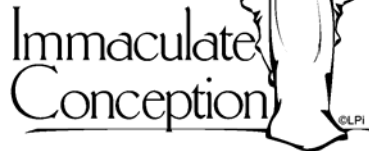
4 PM @ St Agnes

6:30 PM @ St Thomas

Holy Day 12/8/09

8:30 AM @ St Anne

10:30 AM @ Sts Francis & Paul



Sanctuary Lamp:

St. Anne's November 29th Burns In Memory of Aurele Laflamme by the Family

Please pray for our sick

Chris Ames, Richard Bergevin, Caden Buzzard, Nick Caivano, Roland Clukey, Martha Danforth, Vernetta Dechaine, Brenda Edgerly, Jim Favolora, Mary Flynn, Raymond Fortin, Tiffany Fowles, Douglas Gilbert, Gail Goulette, John Greaney, John Greenier, Eva Hejducek, Kelly Hutchinson, Jarod Johnson, Robert Kelly, Nancy Kerwin, Barbara Laferriere, Zeph Landry, Hilda Lankist, Kay Libby, Donald Martin Jr, Jim Matthews, Josephine Morrison, Jonathan Mullis, Barbara Munsell, Gloria Nadeau, Rae-ann Paradis, Suzanne Pearson, Jane Reid, Elizabeth Ronco, Timmy Ryan, Benjamin Speed, Keith Strout, Todd Supka, Dick Sylvia, Milton Troy, Ed Wilbur

REST IN PEACE: Ann Kucera

Readings for the week of: November 30

Monday: [Rom 10:9-18](#); [Mt 4:18-22](#)

Tuesday: [Is 11:1-10](#); [Lk 10:21-24](#)

Wednesday: [Is 25:6-10a](#); [Mt 15:29-37](#)

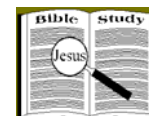
Thursday: [Is 26:1-6](#); [Mt 7:21, 24-27](#)

Friday: [Is 29:17-24](#); [Mt 9:27-31](#)

Saturday: [Is 30:19-21, 23-26](#); [Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8](#)

Sunday: [Bar 5:1-9](#); [Lk 3:1-6](#)

In preparation for Mass, open your Bible or logon to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.nccbuscc.org and click on Daily Readings.



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Vocations:

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"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?

Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471
robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or
 Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471
ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

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A Priest's Prayer

Loving Father, I praise you, I love you, I adore you. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind to the truth of your Son, Jesus, Priest and Victim. Through the same Spirit guide my heart to his Sacred Heart, to renew in me a priestly passion that I, too, might lay down my life upon the altar. May your Spirit wash away my impurities and free me from all my transgressions in the Cup of Salvation, Let only your will be done in me. May the Blessed Mother of your dearly beloved Son, wrap her mantle around me and protect me from all evil. May she guide me to do whatever He tells me. May she teach me to have the heart of St. Joseph, her spouse, to protect and care for my bride. And may her pierced heart inspire me to embrace as my own your children who suffer at the foot of the cross.

I humbly cry to her: please be my consoling mother, and help me to be a better son. Lord, make me a holy priest, inflamed with the fire of your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. I humbly bless and thank you, my Father, through the Spirit, in Christ Jesus, your Son and my brother. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of priests, pray for us.
 Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Eucharistic



Adoration

On December 4, 2009 we will hold First Friday Adoration at St Thomas Aquinas from 9-12. Sign up at the back of St. Thomas Church or by calling Jane Young at 564-0867.

There will also be Adoration during Advent Family Day from 1:30-3:00 PM at St Thomas. All are welcome.

Activities for this Week

- Sunday 11/29** Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA
- Monday** Matthew 25 3 PM @ MVYDC
RCIA 6:30 PM @ STA
- Tuesday** Bible Study 2 PM @ CLC
- Wednesday** Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA
Matthew 25 1 PM @ MVYDC
SA Choir 7 PM @ SA
- Thursday** Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA
- Saturday** Advent Family Fun Day 1-3:30 PM @ STA
Adoration 1:30-3 PM @ STA
- Sunday 12/6** Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA
Jr & Sr Youth 4-6 PM @ STA

Finance and Administration Weekly Collection Report

Offertory for November 22, 2009 will be posted in next week's bulletin. Numbers were not available at the time of printing due to the early deadline.

**Our Lady of the Snows
Cash Calendar Winners**

- November 23 Betty Towle
- November 24 Dyana Gray
- November 25 Evan Beaudry
- November 26 Barbara Grimes
- November 27 Marilyn Bilodeau
- November 28 Marie Gilbert
- November 29 Althea Goulette
- November 30 Constance Pinkham



Knights of Columbus

On Behalf of the Father Patrick Hayes Council 3172 Knights of Columbus in Dover Foxcroft, we would like to thank all who participated in our recent "Wood for Warmth" raffle. The money raised will be used in our charitable works. **Congratulations to our winners;** John & Susan White won the cut, split & delivered cord of wood. Clarence Boucher won the Cabela's blanket.

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Faith Formation



There are no Faith Formation Classes this weekend 11/28 & 11/29.

Next weekend, Classes are being replaced by Advent Family Fun Day so that all families may attend this event on Saturday December 5th in Dover Foxcroft.

Question of the Week?

This is a reflective question that pertains to this week's readings. Take the time during the week to answer these questions with your family. A great place to start would be in the car on the way home from Mass, while the information is fresh in everyone's mind. Encourage discussion; you may be amazed by your family members.



First Sunday of Advent – Year C

(Be Prepared)

November 29, 2009

Reading 1: [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#) (The Lord our Justice)

Reading II: [1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2](#) (Strengthened Hearts)

Gospel: [Luke 21:25-28, 34-36](#) (The Son of Man)

Adults

What one habit do I possess which disrupts the harmony of my family? How can I change it?

Children

Can I remember one way I have hurt a friend? Am I willing to say that I am sorry?



Let us all pray for peace. Please keep our service women and men in your prayers.

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Advent Family Fun Day

Where: St Thomas, Dover Foxcroft

When: December 5th 1-3:30 PM

Who: Children and their families.

What: Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of activities, crafts, Adoration, and light refreshments for all ages.



This special event will take the place of Our Lady of the Snows Faith Formation classes. There will be no classes on Saturday or Sunday, 12/5 & 12/6, in order for all families to attend the celebration. For more information please see Cathy Beaudry.

Giving Tree

Our Lady of the Snows will be hosting a Giving Tree this year at each worship site. If you or someone you know needs help providing Christmas gifts for the family this year, please fill out a form and return it to the parish office. Forms are available at each entrance.

Forms are still being accepted.



God Squad

St. James is now visible in the Church with a collection box for your loose change. This Patron Saint of Pilgrimages is our inspiration in accumulating the funds to send us on our pilgrimage to Spain in 2011 for World Youth Day! **Thanks for your help and prayers.**



The God Squad is still taking your unwanted, recyclable bottles and cans! Please bring them in to the Church or see a God Squad member and arrange for pick up. Every nickel counts!

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Social Justice & Peace

Our Lady's Kitchen Korner



...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... (Matt 25:35)

A hot meal will be offered between 12 and 1 PM at St. Anne's Parish Hall 60 Free Street in Dexter every Sunday. A great way to get out of the house and share a meal with others. All are welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Thank you to everyone who so generously donates time, food and treasure to Our Lady's Kitchen.
We are grateful to you all.

Team 4 Thanksgiving Meal

First & foremost, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for showing us the way. Surely the Holy Spirit was present because faith overflowed.

Secondly, the Blessed Mother's intercession was fulfilled through our prayers to her.

Thirdly, Team 4 was with spirit throughout the day.

The Spirit was alive in all those who donated food for the past several weeks. To those who donated turkey, produce or financial gifts, to those who supported with prayers and love and those who donated their time, we thank you.

It was a marvelous turkey meal with all of the trimmings, but it was secondary to the spirit and love shown that day.

In Jesus name and for His sake, we ask you, Dear Father, to send the Holy Spirit upon us to give us a due appreciation of all your mercies so that our hearts may truly be thankful.

Do You Know Someone in Need?

There are many of us that are in need of assistance and are too proud to ask for help.

As a parish community, we are asking for names of individuals and/or families that would benefit from a **Christmas Food Basket**. We are also looking for people and families in need that live in our communities that we could provide **Christmas gifts** for. We will add them to our giving tree coming in November. All names are kept confidential. Please contact the Parish Office at 924-7104 to provide names of individuals or families.

FOOD COLLECTION BOXES

At St. Anne's and St. Thomas

The item for next week is:

Cranberry sauce or stuffing mix



Food Collection at Sts Francis & Paul is taken to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Thank you for your donations.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to everyone who made the Christmas Fair a huge success. To those who donated crafts, food, silent auction goodies, Christmas ornaments, Christmas trees and wreaths, plants, items for Grandma's attic, time and treasure; thank you for your generosity. The Fair could not have happened without you. We made in excess of \$2000.00 the day of the Fair not counting the Raffle proceeds which will not be counted until the Raffle is drawn December 5th. The Christmas Fair was a wonderful example of Worship Sites working together for the good of OLOTS. Look for the final amount donated to the Fuel Fund as well as the two raffle winners in the Bulletin, December 14th/15th.

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Book of Remembrance

In front of churches now through November 30. Please inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones.



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