

Our Lady of the Snows



**St Anne,
64 Free St, Dexter
Sts Francis & Paul,
128 Riverside St, Milo
St Thomas Aquinas
43 High St, Dover-Foxcroft**

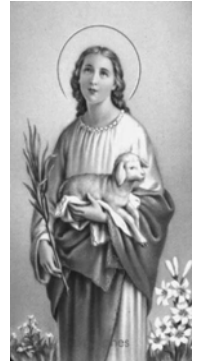
WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening

4:00 PM @ St Agnes
4:00 PM @ St Thomas

Sunday Morning

8:30 AM @ St Agnes
9:00 AM @ St Thomas
10:30 AM @ St Anne's
11:00 AM @ St Francis/St Paul
4:00 PM @ St Anne's



**& our sister parish
St Agnes,
238 Detroit St,
Pittsfield**

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses & other Celebrations

Monday
8:30 AM @ St Thomas
Tuesday
8:30 AM @ St Anne's
Thursday
5:00 PM @ St Agnes
Friday
8:30 AM @ St Francis/St Paul

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Cluster Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Mass Intentions

WEEKEND SCHEDULE MARCH 26 & 27

Saturday

4:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
 † Mary E. "Missy" Dwinell by The Connery Family

4:00 PM St Thomas Mass:
 For the Intentions of Meredith Young by Terry & Jane Young

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM St Agnes Mass:
 † Leonard Bresnahan, sisters Alice & Laura, & mother Louise by Louise Bresnahan

9:00 AM St Thomas Mass:
 † Pamela Goodwin by Jane Young

10:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
 † John Almeida by Paul & Margaret Tritto

11:00 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
 † In Thanksgiving

4:00 PM St Anne's Mass:
 † Nicholas W. Fernandes by the Potvin Family

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE MARCH 28 - APRIL 1

Monday

8:30 AM St Thomas Mass:
 † For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday

8:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
 † Raymond Fortin by Dot Fortin

Thursday

5:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
 † Katherine "Kate" Weber by her Family

Friday

8:30 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
 † For the People of Our Lady of the Snows

WEEKEND SCHEDULE APRIL 2 & 3

Saturday

4:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
 † Linda Hanson by Great Cianchette & Fay Hart

4:00 PM St Thomas Mass:
 † Florence & Henri Caron by Louise Bresnahan

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM St Agnes Mass:
 † Raymond & Barbara Stauble by their children

9:00 AM St Thomas Mass:
 † Angelina & Joseph Gingras by Louise Bresnahan

10:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
 † Raymond "Bill" Goulette by the Family

11:00 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
 † John & Margaret Allen by Tom & Terrie Allen

4:00 PM St Anne's Mass:
 † Raymond Fortin by Dot Fortin

Activities for this Week

Sunday 3/27

SA Religious Ed K-5 9 AM @ PC
 STA Religious Ed K-5 10 AM @ CLC
 Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA
 Youth Mass 4 PM @ SA
 Youth Group *Pizza with our Priest*
 following Youth Mass @ SA

Monday

RCIA 6:30 PM @ STA
 RCIA 7 PM @ SA

Tuesday

Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA
 SA Choir 6:30 PM @ SA

Wednesday

Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA
 Communion Svc 8:30 AM @ SA
 Matthew 25 3 PM @ MVYDC

Thursday

Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA
 Communion Service 8:30 AM @ SA

Friday

Stations, Soup & Bread 5 PM @ SFX
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 Living Stations rehearsal 6:30 PM @ STA

Saturday

Pasta Dinner 5 PM @ STA

Sunday 4/3

SA Religious Ed K-5 9 AM @ PC
 STA Religious Ed K-5 10 AM @ CLC
 Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA
 God Squad 5:30 PM @ STA

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2011

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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Sanctuary Lamp: March 27th
 St. Anne's Burns In Memory of Nicholas W. Fernandes
 by The Potvin Family

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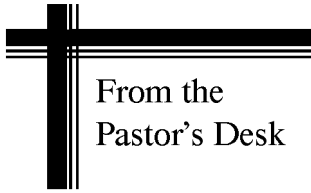
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**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Last week I mentioned many of the people in the parishes who make "Coming Home" in our parishes a little easier. This week I realized that there is yet more to say on this matter. I would relate this to "The Light is On For You" taking place in all parishes of our diocese. I made a connection. You know me – there are always connections! This week I realized that there are many more people who help in our process of "Coming Home" by making sure that the lights stay on. This became clear when I noticed Loretta Kreider working with the electrician to make sure that the

Tajci concert would have enough power for the performance. Making sure that our bills are paid is another way Loretta helps to keep the lights on. She's not alone. You help her by your contributions to our parishes. In the story of the Prodigal Son we find something similar. There are those, who for example, made sure that the calf for the celebration was ready. This may not be exactly like making sure that the circuit breakers don't go off during a church event but the point can still be made. In a similar way the benefit of the diocesan program, "The Light is On For You", is not simply seeing that a physical light is on. It also means that there is a spiritual light available for all. Everything you do as parishioners can contribute profoundly to this spiritual light. Your financial support of the parishes certainly will have an impact. Even more so will be your support for spiritual "lights". For example, a parent going to confession sincerely and contritely will promote such spiritual benefit in their children. It can also be a benefit for all who are "Coming Home" to God, to the Church and to each other. The "light" might simply be your faith.

With my prayers,

Father Ouellette

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

April 11-15
A brief penitential service will begin at 5:30 PM
confessions will be heard from 6-7 PM

Monday April 11th: St Thomas Aquinas
Tuesday April 12th: St Anne
Wednesday April 12th: St Francis/St Paul
Thursday April 13th: St Agnes
Friday April 15th: St Thomas Aquinas

Do you have Palms from last year?
You can return them at all worship sites
and they will be disposed of properly.
Look for the receptacle at your church.



**Prayer
Requests**



Fred F. Allen, Chris Ames, Joe Ames, Miranda Bachelder, Richard Bergevin, Nick Caivano, Roland Clukey, Anita Colomy, Jack Costello, Leona Crawford, Jeanie Cyr, Martha Danforth, Patrick DeCesare, Vernette Dechaine, Eugene DeLorenzo, Brenda Edgerly, Ruth Goldstine, Bill Goodman, James Gordon, Gail Goulette, Michael Grossi, Eva Hejducek, Marguerite Laflamme, Ed Jacobson, Dave Jennings, Jeanne Jennings, William Jennings, Tracy Kasprzak, Lynne Kelly, Nancy Kerwin, Gayle Kiernan, Michelle LaBree, Barbara Laferriere, Hilda Lankist, Janet & Reuben Lumbr, Donald Martin Jr, Jim Matthews, Miriam McArthur, James Morrison, Josephine Morrison, Barbara Munsell, Rose Nelson, Teresa Page, Ray Paine, Rae-ann Paradis, Catherine Quirion, Honorene Richardson, Angelo Rizzo, Louis Roettger, Elizabeth Ronco, Vince & Jo Ronco, Timmy Ryan, Timothy Ryan, Dorothy Sirois, Dwight Sprague, Todd Supka, Dick Sylvia, Carol T., Larry Tenan, Matthew Troy, Tom Welsh



Our Lady of the Snows Offertory Collection
March 13, 2011 \$4,467.68



My sincere thanks goes out to everyone who participated in the Tajci concert on Thursday. So many people gave of their talents to make this wonderful event available to us and I couldn't have done it without them. I thank God for all of you!

Cathy

Pastoral Council

The Cluster 7 Pastoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as members. There are 5 positions open for those of you who would like to serve. Please consider giving of your time for this worthy cause. Become a part of the decision making process for our Cluster in this exciting time of change.

If interested, please contact the following Council members; Tom Gates 487-3550, Pat Ouellette 487-2835, Kathie Lombard 938-3307



Vocations:
Third Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2118

"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, call

Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471
robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or
Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471
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Our Lady's Kitchen

Hunger is defined as an uneasy or painful sensation caused by a lack of food.

Loneliness is a feeling of being isolated or being alone. This is who we serve.

Compassion is showing sorrow for another's sufferings and fellowship is a group of people with the same interests. This is who we are.

Our Lady's Kitchen; open every Sunday to everybody.

Dinner served from 12-1 PM.



Our Lady's Kitchen is seeking volunteers. If you are able to give 1 Sunday a month, or even three times a year, it will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers do not need to stay for the entire meal. If you are willing, we will work with your schedule. Please call the office for information.



A Silver Spoon Award goes out to Bud's Shop & Save. They have faithfully contributed to our meals from OLK's inception. We are truly grateful to them.

Justice & Charity*

The Justice & Charity Commission needs your help to provide Easter Baskets to several parish families who are in great need this Easter. The commission is seeking donations of canned hams, potatoes and rolls or bread. Non perishables can be left in the back of the church. We are also accepting cash donations which can be made in memory of a family member. For more information, please contact the Cluster Office, 924-7104. (*formerly known as Social Justice & Peace)



NEW CATHOLIC RADIO STATION TO GO ON THE AIR HERE

Maine's own Presence Radio Network is working with Our Lady of The Snows parish to launch a new Catholic radio station this year. It will broadcast from Corinth at 90.3 FM with a power of 2500 watts.

It will feature announcements from Father Kent, as well as Knights of Columbus council 2625, and items about activities at St. Anne, St. Francis Xavier and Paul the Apostle, and St. Thomas Aquinas. Most of the programming is from satellite suppliers including EWTN. There are local messages in the breaks.

The Presence Radio Network works closely with the Diocese, but is an independent lay apostolate. It depends on listener contributions.

You can listen to The Presence right now, even before it is on the air here. Tune in by listening on our website:

www.thepresence.fm.

John Allen is the Our Lady of the Snows coordinator. Contact him at 285-7392 or at srd_jallen@yahoo.com.



Our Lady of the Snows & St Agnes Lenten Confession/Penance:

St Thomas

- ½ hour before and after 4:00 PM Saturday Mass – April 2 & 16

- ½ hour before 9:00 AM Sunday Mass – April 3 & 17

- 6:00-7:00 PM April 11 & April 15 (starting with a brief penitential service)

St Anne

- ½ hour before and after 4:00 PM Sunday Mass – April 2, 9 & 16

- ½ hour before and after 10:30AM Sunday Mass – April 10

- 6:00-7:00 PM April 12 (starting with a brief penitential service)

Sts Francis/Paul

- ½ hour after 11:00 AM Sunday Mass – April 3 & 17

- 6:00-7:00 PM April 13 (starting with a brief penitential service)

St Agnes

- ½ hour before and after 4:00 PM Saturday Mass – April 9

- ½ hour before 8:30 AM Sunday Mass – April 10

- 5:30-7:00 PM April 14 (starting with a brief penitential service)

Weekday Masses

- ½ hour after all weekday Masses – During Lent

A BIG THANK YOU ...

to all those who helped with this year's Bingo.

We wouldn't have been so successful without all the donated food, and prizes along with the help with setting up the hall and cleaning up afterward. We especially want to thank the American Legion for helping us put this event on each year. We raised over \$500 for the youth that are heading to Spain for World Youth Day this summer.

Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.



Faith Formation

Reflection of the Week

Lent; A time to reflect and prepare for the glorious rising of our Lord. While we make the necessary plans for spring cleaning, planting and maybe even a wedding or graduation. Let us not lose sight of what this time of year really gives us, a moment to reflect on His word. It just might make the days a little brighter and warmer.



Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

(Give Us to Drink)

March 27, 2011

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7 (We are Thirsty)

Second Reading: Roman 5: 1-2, 5-8 (We Boast in Hope)

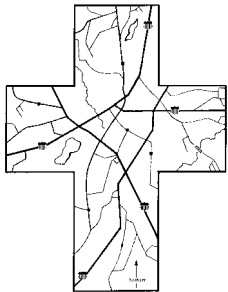
Gospel: John 4:5-42 (Life giving Water)

Adults:

Can I identify a moment in my life that could be validly called a conversion? What did I turn from and turn to?

Children:

Have I ever stopped doing something that I knew was not what God wanted me to do?



Do you have old keys from 3 doors and 5 cars ago lying around in drawers, dressers and purses? Why not do some spring cleaning and help our youth make their pilgrimage to Spain? The youth group is collecting old keys for recycling in specially marked coffee cans in the back of each church.

There's no easier way to drop a few pounds!



“Books! Books! Books!”

St. Agnes parish has classroom books which must be disposed of. We are first offering them to any parishioners of our Cluster. There are math and science books and miscellaneous instructional books.

To arrange an appointment to inspect the books please contact Kim Wick at 356-7053 or Pat Ouellette at 487-2835 or 416-8828. All books must go.

Donations would be accepted but not required.”



Pasta Supper April 2nd

following the 4 PM Mass at St Thomas

\$5 per person or \$20 per family

CHURCH SUPPER

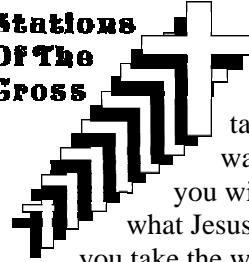
Won't You Join Us?



TEENS

Convention is April 28—May 1
Any high school students are welcome to attend. Contact the office or a Youth Ministry Leader if you are interested.

Stations Of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross is one of our Catholic devotions. They take us on the last journey Jesus walked for us. The stations can fill you with sorrow, regret and guilt at what Jesus had to suffer for you; however if you take the walk every week, you very slowly become aware of the absolute love Jesus has for you and that is why He suffered. If you don't come to stations because you have a physical impediment, please do not let that stop you. You will not be judged by anyone because you cannot kneel or stand. Come and hear the words, listen to His suffering and know that it was for you. Soup and bread is offered at all sites following the Stations. It is a wonderful way to end your week, eating with members from your church family. We all are abstaining from meat so why not take advantage of some delicious soups and fellowship? If you cannot make the journey every week, come when you can. There will be room in the Church and we will set a place for you at the table.



Stations of the Cross with Soup & Bread

Every Friday throughout Lent.

5 PM @ Sts Francis & Paul

6 PM @ St Anne's, St Thomas & St Agnes



Please join us at St Thomas on
April 15th to behold the wonder
of the

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Operation Rice Bowl

As Jesus' disciples today, we have a responsibility to care for poor and vulnerable people everywhere. Through Operation Rice Bowl, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need through simple—and significant—actions. Please join us on a spiritual journey with CRS' Operation Rice Bowl this Lent, and put your faith into action to help our brothers and sisters in need. Together, you and CRS can make a difference.

Lenten Activities & Events

Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday	8:30 AM St Thomas Aquinas
Tuesday	8:30 AM St Anne
Thursday	5:00 PM St Agnes
Friday	8:30 AM Sts Francis & Paul

Stations of the Cross Every Friday

5:00 PM @ St. Francis/St. Paul

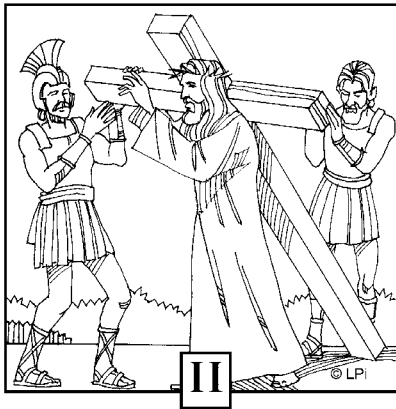
6:00 PM @ St. Agnes,
St. Anne's & St. Thomas

Followed by soup & bread at all worship sites



Living Stations of the Cross

Presented by Parish Youth
April 15th at St Thomas Aquinas



For more information about services
and activities, please consult the Bulletin or website
ourladyofthesnowsme.org

Lent & Easter Seasons:

Ash Wednesday & Lent: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011, and goes until the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011.

Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 22, 2011, are days of fast and abstinence (from meat) in the universal Church. Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence (from meat) in the Church in the United States. The law of abstinence binds Catholics aged 14 and older. Catholics aged 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59) are bound by the law of fasting (canon 1252).

Chrism Mass: With the clergy serving the Diocese of Portland, Bishop Malone will preside and preach at the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 @ 5:45 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland.

Easter Vigil: The Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 23, 2011 may begin at 8:00 PM. Sunset will occur between 7:23 and 7:33 PM in various locations throughout the state/diocese.

Easter Duty: In the dioceses of the United States, the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the First Sunday of Lent (March 12/13) to Most Holy Trinity Sunday (June 18/19). For a just cause, the Easter duty may be fulfilled at some other time of the year (canon 920).

Our Lady of the Snows & St Agnes parishes

A time to consider the
giving up of what we are,
for what we may become.



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March 9 - April 24
2011

Confession/Penance



April 11-15

A brief penitential service will begin
at 5:30 PM
confessions will be heard from 6-7 PM

Monday April 11th: St Thomas Aquinas
Tuesday April 12th: St Anne
Wednesday April 12th: St Francis/St Paul
Thursday April 13th: St Agnes
Friday April 15th: St Thomas Aquinas



Would you ever consider not going to the dentist? You may not look forward to it, but twice a year we go for a cleaning to avoid any other problems. The rest of the time we brush regularly, floss and do other things to practice good dental hygiene. We know what can happen if we don't, cavities, gum disease and the dreaded root canal just to name a few. After a cleaning your teeth are clean and shiny and you become the best tooth brusher around, until something comes up or you are in a hurry. It is the same way with the sacrament of Reconciliation. We live our lives the very best way we can as catholic Christians. But just like the brushing and flossing take care of some of the plaque that builds up, the occasional sin starts to build up in our soul. Going to confession gives us

the gift of Grace. It cleanses our souls and makes it clean and shiny. It is a time for us to see that we still are doing a good job we just drift away from God every once in a while. Just like we need a dentist to see the built up plaque that we have been trying to avoid, we need a priest to hear our confession. The feeling of forgiveness and grace is well worth the nervousness and apprehension you may feel before hand.

Confession

Make the sign of the cross:
"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Amen

You say
Bless me father for I have sinned.
It has been (weeks, months, years) since my last confession.
My sins are.....

Father will talk to you.
Father will give you a penance

You say an Act of Contrition* (see choices below)

Then he will give you absolution. He will say,
"I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
While you make the sign of the cross and say Amen

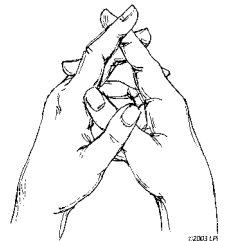


Act of Contrition

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, To sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name. my God, have mercy.
Amen

Act of Contrition

*O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.



Act of Contrition

*Jesus, son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

