

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**

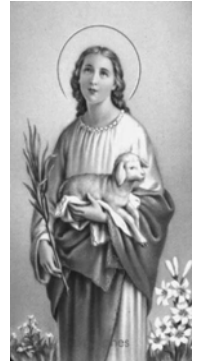
WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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 APRIL 2 & 3

Saturday

4:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
† Linda Hanson by Greta 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

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE APRIL 4-8

Monday

8:30 AM St Thomas Mass:
For the Intentions of Leo Langlais

Tuesday

8:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
† Fr. Richard V. Rokos by Our Lady of the Snows Parish

Thursday

5:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
† Raymond & Barbara Stauble by their children

Friday

8:30 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
For the Souls in Purgatory

WEEKEND SCHEDULE APRIL 9 & 10

Saturday

4:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
For the People of St Agnes Parish
4:00 PM St Thomas:
Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM St Agnes Mass:
† Raymond & Barbara Stauble by their children
9:00 AM St Thomas:
Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest
10:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
† Steve Viola by Graydon & Jane Gilbert
11:00 AM St Francis/St Paul:
Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest
4:00 PM St Anne's Mass:
† Robert Almeida by Paul & Margaret Tritto

Activities for this Week

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

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

Sunday 4/10

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 April 3, 2011

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

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Sanctuary Lamp: April 3rd
St. Anne's Burns For the Intentions of a Parishioner

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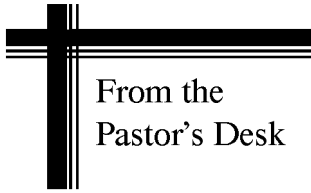
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From the
Pastor's Desk

This past week, Friday to be exact, the daily Mass readings included a passage from the Book of the Prophet Hosea. Of particular interest is the first part of Hosea 14:3 where we hear: "Take with you words, and return to the Lord." These words should give us a starting point for a better understanding of the "Parable of the Forgiving Father." We all know that this parable is more commonly known as the "Parable of the Prodigal Son" but without the forgiving Father the ending would be very different. In context, the people of Hosea's time would have heard the message very differently than we hear it today. For a people of the temple, those who worshiped and


sacrificed in the temple, understanding that the sacrifice was so important, they would have understood the words they had to bring should be very wisely selected. In Hosea you can read that the prophet gives the people words to say. Properly chosen words meant that they could expect that God would again accept their sacrifice and accept them. Jesus shows that the Prodigal Son also understands this as he devises his way back to his father. He says: "I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him," then he takes the words and returns to his father. This is no coincidence. There is much more to it than just the words. There is the reality of conversion that goes well beyond and deeper than the words. "Forgive me father for I have sinned. It has been..." What is the reality of conversion beyond these words for you?

With my prayers,


Father Ouellette



Stations of the Cross
followed by Soup & Bread
Every Friday throughout Lent.
5 PM @ Sts Francis & Paul
6 PM @ St Anne's, St Thomas
& St Agnes



Our Lady of the Snows Offertory Collection
March 20, 2011 \$4,192.57




This week's 2nd collection is for
Catholic Relief Services
Next week's 2nd collection is for Easter Flowers




Please join us at St Thomas
on April 15th at 7:30 PM
to behold the wonder of the
LIVING STATIONS OF
THE CROSS

 *Rest in Peace* Timmy Ryan

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, Vernetta 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 Lumbra, Donald Martin Jr, Jim Matthews, Miriam McArthur, James Morrison, Josephine Morrison, Fern Moulton, Barbara Munsell, Rose Nelson, Teresa Page, Ray Paine, Rae-ann Paradis, Catherine Quirion, Honorene Richardson, Angelo Rizzo, Louis Roettger, Elizabeth Ronco, Vince & Jo Ronco, Timothy Ryan, Dorothy Sirois, Dwight Sprague, Todd Supka, Dick Sylvia, Carol T., Larry Tenan, Matthew Troy, Tom Welsh



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 13th: St Francis/St Paul
Thursday April 14th: St Agnes
Friday April 15th: St Thomas Aquinas

PROJECT RACHEL
We believe Jesus asks us to walk compassionately with those who have suffered the pain and grief of abortion. They need to find forgiveness. There is help for their pain, and that they "can always come home" to our Church where "the light is always on". There is help available for them at our next retreat weekend in Southern Maine. April 29 -- May 1, 2011
For more information visit www.ccmaine.org/psm or call us at 1-800-781-8550, ext 2670 or 2671

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.

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.



The Food Collection Item for this week is Canned hams or potatoes.

All collections are distributed to those in need in our area.

PROGRAMMING OF OUR NEW CATHOLIC RADIO STATION

ALL CATHOLIC, ALL THE TIME: That's the plan for Dover Foxcroft-Dexter-Bangor's new Catholic radio station, The Presence 90.3 FM, scheduled to go on the air this year. It will be licensed to Corinth with a power of 2500 watts.

Many Catholics are saying, "It's about time. At last, we have our own voice." The Presence presents the Catholic faith full strength 24/7, not filtered through the editorial judgment of secular media. Most of the programming is talk and devotional, furnished by satellite from EWTN and other providers of high quality programming faithful to Catholic teaching. There'll be local announcements from our area.

The presence works closely with the Diocese, but it is an independent lay apostolate. It depends on listener contributions. Your support is vital. So are your prayers. You can listen now on our website: www.thepresence.fm.

Community teams are forming. Father Ouellette is an enthusiastic supporter. John Allen is coordinating efforts within the parish. 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 3, 10 & 17

- 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

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



PUBLIC BAKED BEAN SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION

Sponsored by the Dexter Knights of Columbus & Dexter Kiwanis

April 30th 4-6:30 PM @ the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults \$7, Children 3-12yrs \$3, Children under 3 Free. Contact any Knight for tickets, or purchase at the door.



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.



Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A
 (Give God Praise)
 April 3, 2011
 First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 (Anointed King)
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (Children of Light)
 Gospel: John 9:1-41 (He washed and Saw)



Adults
 Do I consider illness and suffering punishment for past sins?
 Children
 Do I criticize my friends or family and say nasty things behind their backs?

Pasta Supper April 2nd
 following the 4 PM Mass
 at St Thomas
 \$5 per person or
 \$20 per family
 Proceeds will benefit the Youth Group's pilgrimage to Spain in August

CHURCH SUPPER



The Winner of the March Gardening Basket is David Migneault



The final basket for the Youth fundraiser will be an Easter Basket. It will be filled with Easter goodies from several different places and is sure to be a family favorite. The drawing will be April 22 and tickets will be in the bulletin next week.

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.



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.



Vocations:
 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 April 3, 2011

“The Lord looks on the heart.” Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call

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

Want to know more about the Sisters (Women Religious) in our Diocese? Check out this link:
<http://www.portlanddiocese.net/info.php?info id=72>

Position Opening –
 Director of Parish Financial Services
 Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine

The preferred candidate will be a CPA and have not for profit audit and tax experience; excellent computer and communication skills. Candidates must also be an active, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. For a complete role description, visit our website: www.portlanddiocese.org Send cover letter and resume to: Elizabeth Allen, Diocesan Director of HR, Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, 510 Ocean Ave. P.O. Box 11559, Portland, Maine 04104 or email hr@portlanddiocese.org.



Tickets for Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Portland on Tuesday, April 19th at 5:45 pm. If you would like to go please contact Jane Young at 924-7104. We have a limited number of tickets.