



**St Agnes,
238 Detroit St,
Pittsfield**

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

St Agnes Parish



**& our sister parish,
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**

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

Faith Formation: following 8:30 Mass
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ St Anne, Dexter

Youth Mass 4 PM @ St Anne
Youth Group Pizza with our Priest following Youth Mass @ St Anne

Monday

Disciples In Mission 9:00 AM @ Clark Residence (938-4856)

Tuesday

Communion Service 2 PM

Wednesday

Communion Service 2 PM

Bible Study 6:30 PM @ parish hall

Communion Service 2 PM

Friday

Communion Service 2 PM

Stations, Soup & Bread 6 PM @ SAG

Saturday

Pasta Dinner 5 PM @ St Agnes

Sunday 4/03

Faith Formation: following 8:30 Mass
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ St Anne, Dexter

Youth Ministry 4-6 PM

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



Sanctuary Lamp at St Agnes
 Burns In Memory of Mary E. Dwinell
 by George & Phyllis Dami



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

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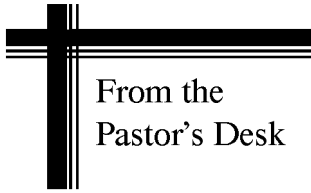
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**From the
Pastor's Desk**

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 Tacji 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

St. Agnes 2010 /2011 Expense Budget: \$137,934.01					
Weekly Income Req'd		Weekend 3/20/11	Weekend over/under	YTD Total as of 3/20/11	YTD income over/under budget goal
From Offertory	2,315.38	2,729.00	413.62	84,156.35	-3,828.09
Parish 2nd Collection	121.15	0.00	-121.15	5,001.35	397.65
From Other	216.04	59.00	-157.04	6,418.14	-1,791.38
Total Weekly Income	2,652.57	2,788.00	135.43	95,575.84	-5,221.82

**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.

Apology

In a "Times Gone By" bulletin article from last fall, a historical writing regarding the tenure of Father Lawrence Sabatino as pastor of St. Agnes Parish (1978-1990) was featured. As many of you know, Father Sabatino had a number of allegations against him of sexual abuse of minors. His name was released publicly a number of years ago and while a full investigation was not completed because of his death, the evidence gathered indicated he would likely be removed from ministry if he were alive today. The diocese has a policy of not honoring clergy or other Church personnel who have a credible allegation of sexual abuse of minors. We apologize to anyone, especially victims of sexual abuse, who was offended or distressed by the historical article. Anyone who has ever been abused by clergy or other church representative is encouraged to make a report to the diocese and the police. Counseling is made available to victim/survivors.

Do you have Palms from last year?

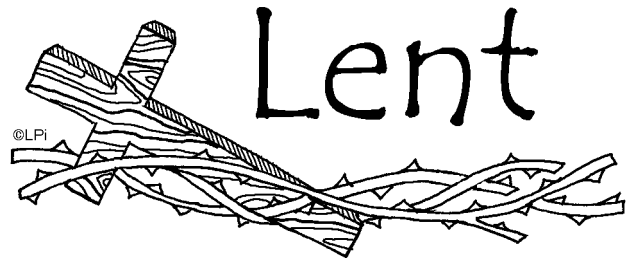
You can return them at all worship sites and they will be disposed of properly.

Look for the receptacle at your church.



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 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

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

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.



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



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 ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org

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



Faith Formation

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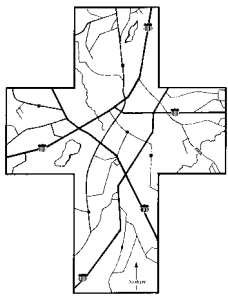
Reflection of the Week

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?



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on the First Wednesday of each month from 6-7 PM at St Agnes Church.

“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.”



Youth Group NEWS

Youth Mass at St Anne, March 27th at 4 PM
Everyone is welcome to join us

The Youth Group will enjoy pizza with Fr Ouellette following Mass.



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

Life Teen and Edge summer camp experiences are changing the face of Catholic youth ministry programs all over the country! A week-long summer camp can bring about levels of depth and transformation that a weekend retreat just can't do.

At Camp New England in Medway, MA your teens will be transformed by Christ!

Your teens will experience incredible daily encounters with Christ through the Sacraments. Days and nights are filled with exhilarating activities, inspiring worship, challenging and engaging talks, interactive games, and life-changing prayer experiences.

The teen testimonies could fill volumes. The vocations being embraced will leave you speechless. The lives transformed will move you to tears. The parishes being transformed are renewing the Church!

Two weeks of summer camp to choose from:

July 17 - July 22 (Edge)

August 1 - August 6 (Life Teen)

Contact Kim Wick for details

Pasta Supper April 2nd
following the 4 PM Mass
Bread, drink & dessert included
\$5 per person or \$20 per family
(wheat pasta will be available)



As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.org for additional resources to use at home.

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

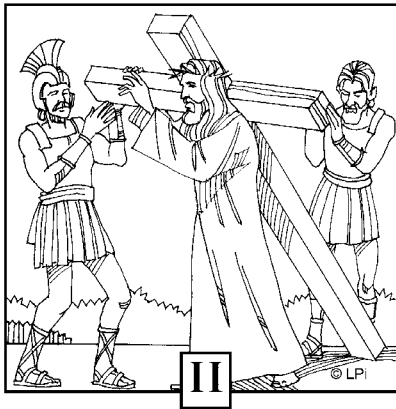
6:00 PM @ St. Agnes,
St. Anne's & St. Thomas

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
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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

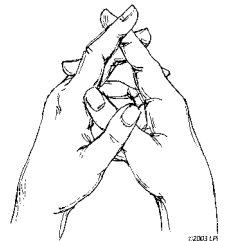


Act of Contrition

*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.

