



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

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**

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

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses & other Celebrations

Monday
8:30 AM @ St Thomas
Tuesday & Wednesday
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 FEBRUARY 4 & 5

Saturday

4:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
† Lorraine Martins by St Agnes Parish
4:00 PM St Thomas Mass:
† Geraldine Magee by Nelson & Maureen Sylvain

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM St Agnes Mass:
† Pauline Mendell by Don & Sue Mendell
9:00 AM St Thomas Mass:
† George Magee by Nelson & Maureen Sylvain
10:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
† Norma Jean White by her daughter Michell and sister Marilyn Bilodeau & Families
11:00 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
† Adam Brown by his grandparents, Donald & Carole Brown

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 6-10

Monday

8:30 AM St Thomas Mass:
† Elizabeth Snyder by Dianne Jacobson

Tuesday

8:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
† Everett, Mearle, Sue & Ronnie Sands by Ruth Dow

Wednesday

8:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
† Deceased Members of The Carroll Family

Thursday

5:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
† Charles Packard by St Agnes Parish

Friday

8:30 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
† Deceased Members of our Parishes

WEEKEND SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 11 & 12

Saturday

4:00 PM St Agnes Mass:
For the People of St Agnes Parish
4:00 PM St Thomas Mass:
† Dick Libby by Kaye Libby

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM St Agnes Mass:
† Ben Irish by Ron & Elaine Brasslett
9:00 AM St Thomas Mass:
† Glenna Bearce by Dave & Rheba Michaud
10:30 AM St Anne's Mass:
† Rita Larson by her Prayer Group Friends
11:00 AM St Francis/St Paul Mass:
For the Intentions of Mike Russell by the Allen Family

Activities for this Week

Sunday 02/05 Faith Formation: following 8:30 Mass
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ St Anne's, Dexter
EDGE 9:30-11:30 AM
LifeTeen 6 PM
Monday Disciples In Mission 9:00 AM @ Clark Residence (938-4856)
Communion Service 2 PM
Tuesday Communion Service 2 PM
Evangelization & Catechesis Think Tank 6:45 PM @ SA
Wednesday Communion Service 2 PM
Sunday 02/12 Faith Formation: following 8:30 Mass
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ St Anne's, Dexter
EDGE 9:30-11:30 AM
LifeTeen 6 PM

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

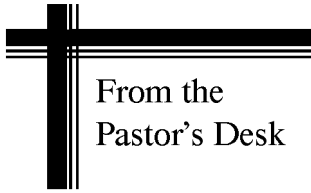
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Sanctuary Lamp February 5, 2012
St Agnes
Burns In Memory of Vincent & Rose Misita by
George & Phyllis Dami

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From the
Pastor's Desk

"When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons." (Mark 1:32) Biblical scholars and common sense tell us that the reason folks brought those to be healed to Jesus only after sunset was because of the Sabbath regulations. There is, however, within me to think of summer, and that there may have been the possibility that the day was too warm for physical exertion. Waiting for the cool of the evening would also have made sense. It may be that winter seems too long already that wishing for summer influences this kind of thinking. We see something similar in the next scene of this weekend's gospel. "Rising very

early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." (Mark 1:35) We can imagine again that part of Jesus's going away early in the morning to pray may have been to do so while it was cool. Yes, this may simply be a daydream for summer but it still makes sense symbolically. Jesus seems to run away from the heat of fame, at least for a while, at least until he goes on to the next town. For me, mornings are always a better time to pray. It seems that when the day starts up in full with all of its requirements that prayer takes second place. In order for the "order" of our days to be better we definitely need to pray. Jesus took time in the morning to pray before he went off to heal more people. Elsewhere in the accounts of Jesus we see that he prays in the evening after he has taught and healed those in need. Like Simon searching for Jesus, so our demands will find us. Our strength, not unlike Jesus's, must come from prayer. Morning, evening and times in between we must find time for prayer. Prayer can become, not a daydream for better days, but rather, a time of strengthening in Father's presence.

With my prayers,

Fr. Ouellette

Pastoral Council News

Evangelization and catechesis: To develop for every age group in the Cluster a religious education program of high quality that transmits the teachings and customs of the Church. To teach everyone to read the Bible with understanding and fidelity. To have good programs of catechesis for individuals and their families who are about to celebrate the sacraments. To ensure that the Cluster Religious Education program offers an environment that calls forth the desire for God, through prayer and appropriate theological reflections, and the desire to learn, through excellence and variety of teachers and programs. To develop and maintain an active RCIA program. To provide oversight for all the cluster religious education programs and to ensure that they comply with current Diocesan guidelines and regulations.

Catechesis is not only for our children and our youth but also for adults. Evangelization and Catechesis should be a life long process for every Catholic. If you would like to contribute your ideas or know someone that would be an asset to this Think Tank contact Jane Young, Kim Wick or Louise Dulac.



The Rosary is prayed weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at St Anne's Church in Dexter at 8:05 AM. All Are Welcome!

Check
THIS OUT!

YOU ARE INVITED! *

TO CLUSTER 7's EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS THINK TANK
BRING YOUR IDEAS!
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th AT 6:45PM
ST. ANNE'S CENTER 60 FREE STREET, DEXTER

*coming with your ideas does not obligate you to join the commission

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Evangelization and Catechesis Commission



Justin Miller, Linda Stevens, Connie Craven, Penney Jones, Cynthia Paradis, Rae-Ann Paradis, Barbara Elwell

Please Pray For our soldiers that are in Afghanistan: CPL Jonathan J. Engelhardt, CW3 Michael Gibson and Specialist Marcus White

If there is anyone in our parish who has loved ones or friends in Iraq or Afghanistan, please contact Pat Ouellette (487-2835 or 416-8828) and we will add their names to our prayer list.

Our Lady's Kitchen

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



We are in need of volunteers on Team 3. All are welcome and encouraged. Team 3 serves the meal on the third Sunday of the month.

If you would like to volunteer but can't commit once a month, don't let that keep you away. If we have several people who can "share" the position that will work just as well.



Our Lady's Kitchen; open every Sunday to everybody.
Dinner served from 12-1 PM.

→ Did You Know? →

DID YOU KNOW? – Feb 5, 2012

How does the format of a Catholic funeral provide time to pause, grieve, and reflect on the life of the deceased and give promise of our eternal destiny? It accomplishes these things by focusing on a three-part approach: vigil (wake), service, and committal.

Working with the pastoral staff or bereavement team, mourners are shown that there is a purpose for each phase and that there are options to suit various situations. The initial contacts of parish staff and/or clergy help create a better understanding of the intent of funeral rites and help to make the process less burdensome. At a vigil service, gathered stories of a loved one's life help personalize the service and begin the healing process, conveying the Church's consolation and prayer. The service and committal focus on uniting the hope of eternal destiny for the deceased, loved ones, and the supporting faith community to the Resurrection of Jesus. The Church prefers a funeral Mass as opposed to a service without a Mass – though that is always an option - and it maintains the right of all Catholics who were practicing or non-practicing to a funeral Mass. One question settles this preference for a Mass for me. Do you really know and appreciate how much God loves you? The Mass says it all. It is both the supreme sacrifice God has done for us and his glorious resurrection to new life. The Mass is our assurance of God's unconditional love and offers us the greatest consolation of our own resurrection as we present our loved one to the Jesus who comes to live in us at Mass. It doesn't get any better than that.

Peace,
Deacon Dave

UPCOMING PROGRAMS on The Presence Radio Week of Feb 5, 2012



The Holy Rosary with Bishop Malone, Daily at 10am – Bishop Richard Malone leads the Holy Rosary with day-specific mysteries and meditations each day on The Presence.

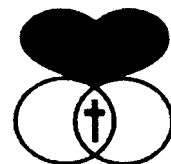
Catholic Connection – Daily at 9 am – Teresa Tomeo discusses social issues, media awareness, youth, families, and Church leaders. Teresa reports on news throughout the Catholic community and explores ways in which we can make a difference.

Kresta in the Afternoon, Daily at 5 pm – Al Kresta draws upon his unique faith background to create what is perhaps the most fascinating - and most spiritually constructive - talk show on radio today. Al talks abortion, war, peace, dissent, old age, New Age, heavy metal, light eating, politics, church affairs, current events, family and marriage, movies and media, theology and apologetics, sports, crime and business. It's talk radio where God matters.

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What's your marriage worth?



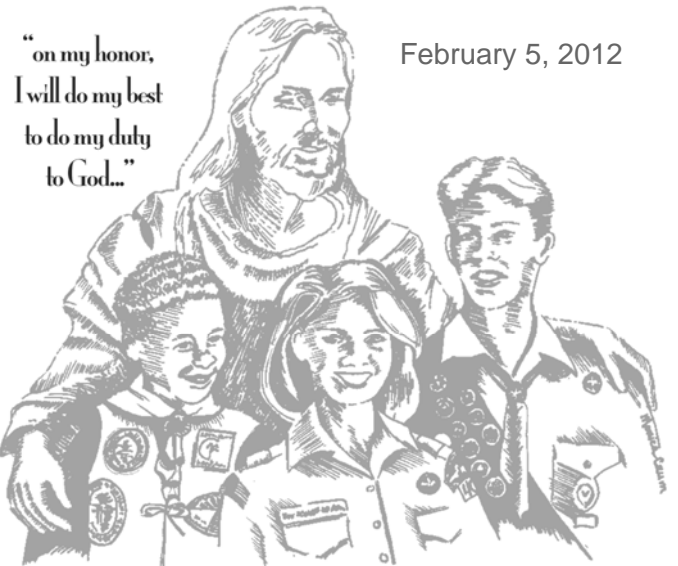
A romantic dinner for two? A dream vacation? Or, how about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend; a weekend of discovery and enrichment? Wonderful marriages just don't happen, they require attention and nurturing. Apply now for the Marriage Encounter weekend to be held on **March 16-18 in Lewiston**. The application fee is \$50 and a free-will donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to apply contact Bill & Coco at 207-668-4885 or go to www.wmmemaine.org.

See Kim & Randy Wick for a FREE Registration certificate

Faith Formation

Reflection of the Week

Christ established the church to bring men closer to him. As Disciples of Christ it is our mission to go out and proclaim to our world the word of God. God has blessed each of us with special gifts and talents to go forth and share with one another to the Glory of God. Take a moment to reflect on the awesome gift or talent God has blessed you with and begin a new week with renewed promise for our faith community.



Scout Sunday

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B
(I am here, Lord)
February 5, 2012

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 (Night of Anguish)
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 (Announce!)
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39 (Send Me)



Adults:
How can I prepare myself to be more purposeful about sharing the Good News?

Children:
How do I share my faith and trust in Jesus with my friends or classmates?

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VOCATIONS
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012
World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

“Everyone is searching for You.” If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt at 207-773-6471 Robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette at 207-773-6471 RitaMae.Bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. — Mk 1:32-34