

Portland Diocese of Maine ~ Catholic Appeal Week 18

As of Week 18, the Catholic Appeal has reached 96% of goal, with \$3,449,323 in gifts received.  
As of this week, St. Benedict's Parish has raised \$12,475 which brings us to 117% of our goal of \$10,656.36 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Weekly Offertory

September 28th  
Regular \$1707.83  
Mission Appeals \$ 862.00  
October 5<sup>th</sup> - Regular  
Catastrophe Assistance  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - Regular  
Heat & Electric  
October 19<sup>th</sup> - Regular  
Mission Sunday - Propagation of the Faith\*  
**Needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85**

Capital Campaign

- This is a multi-project campaign for the Church and the Parish Center.
- This campaign has a 3-year term ending in June 2027, and a campaign fundraising limit of \$200,000

Money raised so far: \$56,183.96  
Money dispersed: - 34,938.23 (for the main church roof)  
BALANCE: \$21,245.73

Current project: Side ramp and steps on the Church

Thank you for your Support!

\*Envelopes incorrectly schedule Heat & Electric for Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, but, it will be collected on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> instead to keep with the more time-sensitive Diocesan collection schedule. Please accept my apologies for the error.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Dear God's, wonderful people due to the worsening situation in Gaza, the Portland Diocese is pleading with us to support the Catholic Relief services (CRS) for its outreach to victims of the situation. The Diocese has already contributed \$18,000 to CRS from a special mission fund and are offering the parishioners a chance to help as well with donations.  
Please, can we count on your generosity?  
Donations can be made at Support.org/donate/holy land.  
Contact #1-877-Help-CRS.  
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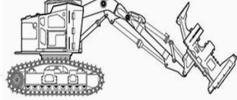
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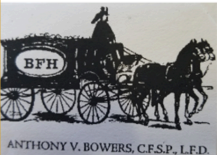
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PASTOR: REV. FR. SEFEMBIY JUSTIN

EMERGENCY NUMBER 765-4414 E-MAIL: SEFEMBIY.JUSTIN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG



St. Benedict's is a family-oriented  
community of faith, called through our  
baptism to give witness to trust, love,  
understanding, and patience.  
We are a family that is nourished by the  
sacraments, and led by the Spirit.  
Welcome to our Family!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM  
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION

④8:00AM FRIDAYS OR  
BY APPOINTMENT

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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
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"To Work is to Pray"

PASTOR'S CORNER - TABLE OF THE WORD

Theme: Faith Moves Mountains

The core message of today from the three readings is the necessity of Faith in our daily lives and journey towards Heaven. In the First Reading from Habakkuk, we hear the prophet's cry for help amid suffering and injustice. "How long must I cry for help, laments Habakkuk?" His lament resonates with our own struggles when faced with despair and uncertainty. Yet the Lord responds, promising that the righteous shall live by faith.. This requires an active trust in God's timing and purposes. The psalmist reminds us that our faith calls us to approach God with joyful spirits trusting that He will lead us through our trials because he is our good and loving shepherd.

In the Second Reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, Paul encourages his spiritual Son, Timothy, to rekindle the gift of God that is within him, urging him to bear his share of hardships for the sake of the Gospel. This echoes a call to steadfastness in faith and to embrace our daily Christian callings and challenges in life with courage and love.

In the Gospel of Luke, the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus tells them that even if their faith were the size of a mustard seed, they could move mountains. In other words, they could accomplish great things. This reminds us that it is not the quantity of our faith that matters but the quality and its rootedness in Christ. Jesus establishes further that our faith must be coupled with action, not only being receivers of God's grace but channels of it to others.

Let us examine our faith commitment to Jesus our Lord and master and see areas in our lives where we need to rekindle our faith. Could it be the area of health challenges, financial difficulties, efforts with no better results, insecurity, frustrations, thoughts of despair, deaths, disappointments etc? How can we strengthen our trust in God's faithful promises amidst our individual challenges? Faith is tangible and is manifested in our attitude and actions. The one prayer that should always be on our lips and in our hearts is "Lord, increase my faith... help my unbelief.

May God Bless, protect and Keep you for His Glory.

Amen

OCTOBER 4TH 2025 - THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR C



TABLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Did you know?.....

The meaning of the Priest’s Greeting?

After the Sign of the Cross, the priest extends a greeting such as, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” This greeting indicates right away that what we are about to do is going to be very different from the normal daily routine. Also, it recalls that we are part of something greater - the universal celebration of the Liturgy – God with all his people. If you think about the words, they are actually a prayer said by the priest asking that the grace, peace, love, etc., of God be with each person - now that’s a way to start a gathering of God’s people!

The faithful then respond with their own part of the prayer, “And with your spirit.”

The people are addressing the “Spirit” of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in the sacred action.

The greeting at the start of Mass is a prayer that the Lord will be present with the people and a prayer back from the people acknowledging the spiritual gift God has given to the priest to help lead us in prayer.

F. Luke Spannagel - National Eucharistic Revival - Eucharistic Preacher



**The Jubilee Prayer 2025**

Father in Heaven, may the Faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

*Amen.*

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2025 - LUKE 17:5-10**

*5 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'*  
*6 The Lord replied, 'If you had faith like a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.*  
*7 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal at once"?'  
8 Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper ready; fasten your belt and wait on me while I eat and drink. You yourself can eat and drink afterwards"?'  
9 Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told?  
10 So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are useless servants: we have done no more than our duty."'*

- For the Church, that in faith, many may respond to God’s call to serve as priests and religious, trusting in His guidance and grace.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may grow in faith and courage, seeking to do God’s will in their lives.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*
- For our parish community, that we may pray for and encourage those who feel called to a life of service, nurturing their journey of discernment.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**TWENTY- Seventh SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
**October 5th , 2025 – LUKE 16:19-31**

For the Church, that we may be grateful for the ministry of deacons, inspiring others to consider a vocation to the diaconate. Let us pray to the Lord. For those discerning their vocation, that they may recognize their unique call to serve God and his people , For our parish, that we may support those called to the diaconate and priesthood, providing prayer and encouragement for their journey. Let us pray to the Lord.

- We extend our condolences to any parishioner or visitor who is presently bereaved. Know of our fraternal and sisterly moral and spiritual support for the peaceful repose of your loved one and for the required strength of those mourning their deceased ones to bear their loss. May our strong faith in the resurrection of all believers console and strengthen you.
- Congratulations to all our parishioners and visitors celebrating their birth, marriage, vocation or any anniversary this week. We share in your anniversary joy and our prayers accompany you.
- We wish anyone travelling this week by air, land or sea travelling mercies and God's protective guidance to and from our destination. Be still and know that God is in control.

*In Memory of :*

**Joseph J. McAvoy**  
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)

**Wesley “Jim” Cunningham**  
(10/26/31 ~ 01/11/08)

**Richard M Cunningham**  
(03/14/62 ~ 11/06/21)

*Lovingly Remembered*

**Anders Staats Nielsen**  
07/07/2019

**Basil & Margaret McAvoy**  
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969; 9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)

**Linda McAvoy Bouchard**  
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)

**Mary McAvoy Lowe**  
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)

**Anna McAvoy**  
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)

**Fred Lewis**  
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)

**Ethel Lewis**  
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)

**W. H. Lewis**  
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)

**Helen Lewis**  
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)

**Susan L Brooks**  
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)

*Lovingly Remembered*

**James C. (Buster) Guiggey**  
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Lloyd E. Bryant** (1928 ~ 1987)

**Esther Grass Bryant** (1931 ~ 1988)

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Joseph P. Rush, Jr.**  
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)

**Jane M. Rush**  
(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)

**Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson**  
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)

**Francis H. Qualey**  
(5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)

**Margaret R. Qualey**  
(11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)

**Peter Qualey**  
(12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)

*In Loving Memor of:*

**Benedict Edward Cowan**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 -May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)

**Adam Rush**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1989 - January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*In Loving Memory*

**Chris Marston**  
(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)

**Aaron Marston**  
(04/04/1975~ 10/19/2022)

*In Loving Memory Of:*

**Frank Duffy**  
(7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)

**Bobby Duffy**  
(3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)

**Arthur Qualey**  
(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)

**Rita Qualey**  
(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)

*Lovingly Remembered*

**Joan Filanowski**  
(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)

**John J. Cummings**  
(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)

**Lucile E. Cummings**  
(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)

**Cecelia R. Cummings**  
(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)

**Earl L. Cummings**  
(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)

*Lovingly Remembered*

**Leo Joseph Crowe**  
(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Leo Crowe**  
(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)

**Molly Crowe**  
(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)

**Mary Crowe McDonough**  
(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)

*In Memory of:*

**Robert Taylor**  
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)

**Charlene Taylor**  
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Richard Rush**  
(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)

**Celine Rush**  
(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)

**Christopher Rush**  
(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)

*In Loving Memory Of:*

**Robert Allen** (10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)

**Andrew Allen** (06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)

**Albert J. Qualey**  
(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)

**Rowena Qualey**  
(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)

*In Loving Memory*

**Martin Qualey**  
(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)

**Edward Rush**  
(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)

**Mary Rush**  
(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)

**John W. Allen**  
(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)

**Margaret L. Allen**  
(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)

**Otis M. Hunt**  
(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)

**Mary Ellen Hunt**  
(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)

“Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have led me to the Holy Altar.”  
A Remembrance of the Ordination to the

Priesthood of

**Rev. James Clifford Brown**  
(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)

**Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.**  
(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)

Sons of St. Benedict’s Parish





*Fall has arrived and our Annual*  
**St. Benedict's Bazaar and Turkey Supper**  
*is quickly approaching!!*

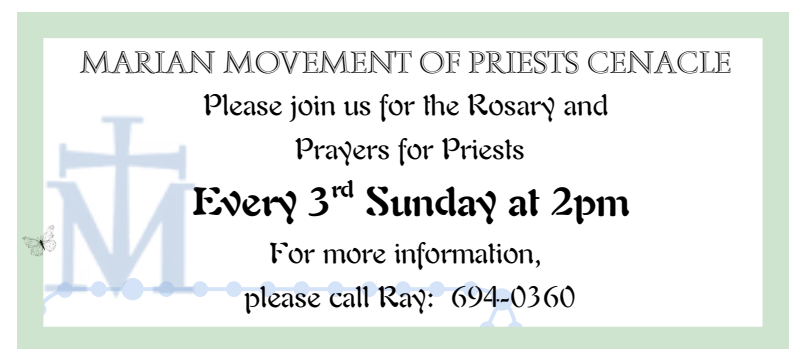
We will be busy organizing this event and we need your help with squash donations, craft items, and baked goods, as well as donations of food and money and volunteers!

Please mark the date,  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2,**  
 on your calendars and plan to support this parish fundraiser in some way!

**Contact Anna R. Robinson for more info. 267-0586**



*To send cards and letters.....*  
 Dannette Moody  
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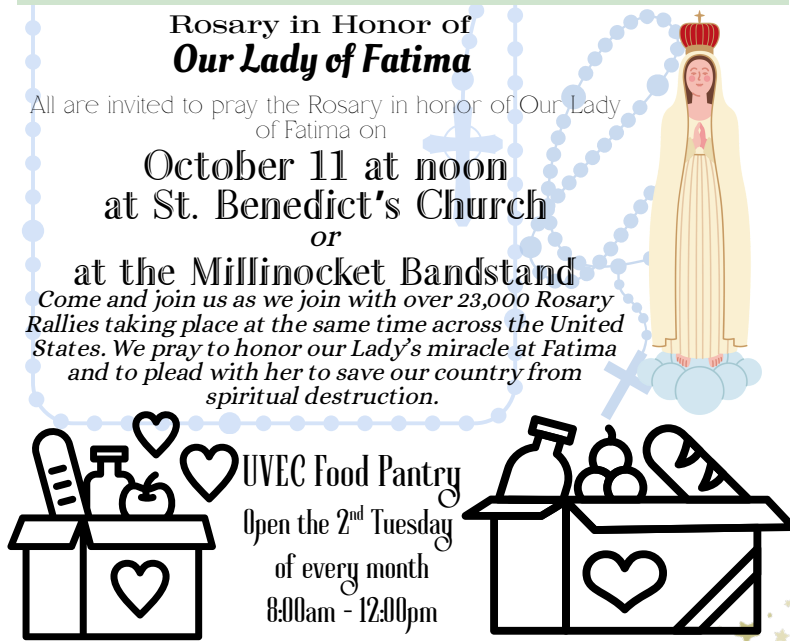


**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE**

Please join us for the Rosary and Prayers for Priests

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2pm**

For more information, please call Ray: 694-0360



**Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima**

All are invited to pray the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on

**October 11 at noon at St. Benedict's Church**  
**or**  
**at the Millinocket Bandstand**

*Come and join us as we join with over 23,000 Rosary Rallies taking place at the same time across the United States. We pray to honor our Lady's miracle at Fatima and to plead with her to save our country from spiritual destruction.*

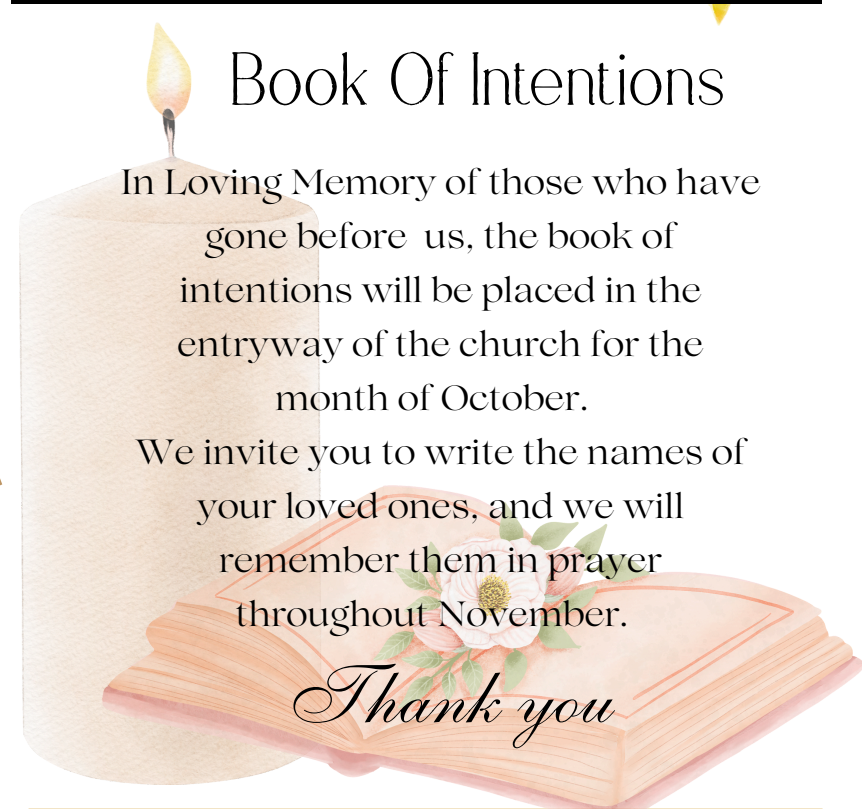
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**Book Of Intentions**

In Loving Memory of those who have gone before us, the book of intentions will be placed in the entryway of the church for the month of October.

We invite you to write the names of your loved ones, and we will remember them in prayer throughout November.

*Thank you*

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
Oct. 5th	Scarlet	Chris	Anna Q	Pat, Ken & John	Mike & Betty
Octo. 12th	Dustin	Rob	Silas	Andrew, Rob, & Harold	Mike & Betty
Oct. 19th	Brenda	Dustin	Zeke	Deb, Ken & Rose	Mike & Betty
Oct 26th	Earl	Lynn	Rob	Harold, John, & Andrew	Mike & Betty
Nov 2nd	Chris	Pat	Anna Q	Deb, bettyose	Tom & Di

*We are looking for money counters to join the rotation.*

*Join this or any of our ministries, please contact the office or stop in after Mass!*

**Sacristans:**  
 October: Pat  
 December: Cindy  
 November - Mike

\*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!


**Faith Formation News**

It doesn't seem possible that summer 2025 has come to an end! What a beautiful summer we have had, full of many blessings! I have not seen most of you since VBS and am looking forward to re-connecting for Faith Formation this fall.

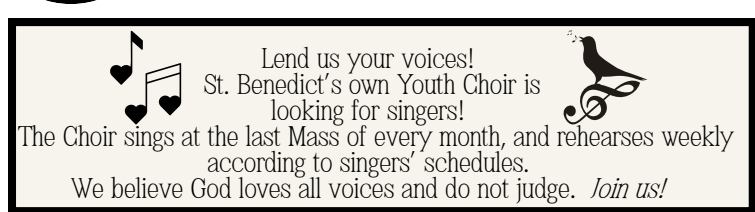
**Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, October 12, 2026 at 9:30AM at the Parish Center.**  
*(Winter Mass time of 10:30 begins Sunday, October 5).*  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> - Class  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> - Class  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class  
 November 9<sup>th</sup> - NO Class (*Anna will be away*)

Middle/High School Youth Ministry will be led by Brittany Arbo. We will continue to meet on the first Sunday of every month, beginning:  
**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:30pm at the Parish Center**

exploring and celebrating our Catholic faith as a community group, inviting all youth in the surrounding communities to join us!



*This year I will be teaching Sacramental Prep classes. At this time, we have two students in the program. Please contact me if there are any children interested in Sacramental prep*



Lend us your voices! St. Benedict's own Youth Choir is looking for singers! The Choir sings at the last Mass of every month, and rehearses weekly according to singers' schedules. We believe God loves all voices and do not judge. *Join us!*



**Franciscan at Home**  
*Forming those who form others*

**Program Kick-off Workshop**  
**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm**  
**St. Joseph's Church Hall**  
**531 North Main Street, Brewer**

*All are invited: Catechists, Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, & Parishioners*



Dr. Stella Jeffrey, from the Franciscan Catechetical Institute will be here to introduce the program, help people register, get started, and experience their 1<sup>st</sup> workshop.

**To register, use this QR code, or visit:**  
<https://bit.ly/46gDomc>



*If possible please bring a laptop or tablet*

**Franciscan Catechetical Institute Trainings**



The Diocese of Portland has just subscribed to a new outreach by the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville. We are now able to offer online formation for every person in ministry – clergy, catechists, teachers, youth ministers, adult group leaders, volunteers, even (and especially) parents. It is free to all, with unlimited access. This program provides the most in-depth and faithful array of formative workshops ever created. With over 200 workshops available, we are now able to thoroughly train and spiritually nurture you in passing on the faith.

To register, visit  
<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-portland-maine>  
 More information will be available soon on specific trainings.



**Auspice Maria**  
 Episode 19  
*The Hookup Culture vs. Authentic Love*

*This week's episode of the Auspice Maria podcast is now live!*

How SHOULD CATHOLICS RESPOND TO THE HOOKUP CULTURE? IN THIS EPISODE, RUGGIERI EXPLAINS HOW WITH AN APPROACH ROOTED IN FAITH AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. BISHOP RUGGIERI EXPLORES HOW HOOKUPS AND "SITUATIONSHIPS" CAN REDUCE PEOPLE TO OBJECTS AND ERODE DIGNITY, WHILE CHASTITY OPENS THE PATH TO GENUINE LOVE AND COMMUNION.

"How IS GOD CALLING YOU, IN YOUR DAILY LIFE, TO LIVE LOVE AS A GIFT, FREELY, FAITHFULLY, AND AUTHENTICALLY, IN A WORLD THAT SO OFTEN SETTLES FOR LESS?"

A FULL TRANSCRIPTION, NOW WITH A FULL LIST OF SOURCES, CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT:  
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**harvest**

Read the September-October 2025 edition of Harvest on its new website!  
<https://harvestmagazinemaine.org/>



**Masses & Intentions September 28th - October 5th**

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> St. Martins at 4:00PM - Harold Quackenbush love Tina & Family

Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> St. Benedict's 10:30AM- Bobby Duffy by the Family  
St. Peter's 8:30AM- Diane Matthews Love Mom & Dad . Robert & Theresa Hebert  
St. Martin's 12:30PM - Deceased members of Fairley & Daily Families By Theresa Fairley

Monday ,October 6<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's at 8:30AM – Parishioners & Visitors

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's at 4:30PM - Parishioners & Visitors

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Father Justin's Day Off

Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM - To the Children & Families love Marianne and Harold St. Peters

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: Robert Allen by Anthony & Jackie Allen

Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> St. Martins at 4:00PM - The Vacky & Miller families Love from Family

Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> St. Benedict's 10:30 AM- Joanne MacGillivray A Living Intention by a Friend  
St. Peter's 8:30 AM- 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Norman Chasse Sr. Love Family  
St. Martin's 12:30PM - Bill Rush 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary love Donna & Family

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saints' Days Will Keep You United with Christ Through His Words

*Readings for the week of Sunday, October 5th – Sunday, October 12th*

Sunday 10/5: *27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4/2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday 10/6: *St. Bruno, Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin* Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday 10/7: *Our Lady of the Rosary* Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday 10/8: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday 10/9: *St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs St. Jofin Leonardi, Priest* Mat 3:13-20/Lk 11:5-13

Friday 10/10: Jc 1:13-15, 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday 10/11: *St. Jofin XXIII, Pope* Jc 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 10/12: *28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tim 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

*Prayer List*

Danette Moody  
Cathy Cyr Duffy  
Riley Wheaton  
Ryan Robinson  
Beckham Willett  
Janie Cummings  
Irene Heath

Families Afflicted by Addiction  
Our Men & Women in the Service

OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

October is Respect Life Month

**Life: Our Sign of Hope**

Read the full version at [respectlife.org/life-our-sign-of-hope](https://respectlife.org/life-our-sign-of-hope).

In baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him. Our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined.

As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope.

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# St. Martin of Tours Harvest Tea

## The 62nd Harvest Tea and Sale to be held on: Thursday, October 9th

**in the Parish Hall at St. Martin's worship site.**

**The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon being served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The popular luncheon meal includes turkey salad, cranberry salad, rolls, pickles, chips, beverage and dessert for a price of \$10.00. The luncheon plus the sales tables, raffles and door prizes have been important parts of the event for many years, generally attracting over 225 people. The sales tables are laden with attractive gifts ranging from knit goods to all manners of food and gifts. None of this would be possible without the great generosity of parishioners who provide items for the sales tables. Their generosity has made each sales table a huge success.

To guarantee another successful year we are asking for donations of baked goods and food items such as bread, cookies, cakes, pies, etc. And for all you ladies and gents who may can, homemade jams, jellies, pickles, etc. are great items buyers look for. Fudge is a great seller and is needed each year. Also, we could use items for the knit table and kitchen table and new or items in excellent condition for the gift table. Jewelry is a great seller. So, if you have items not being worn or just being stored in your jewelry box, we will greatly take them off your hands. Items may be dropped off at the entrance of the church and please mark "Harvest Tea" on the donations.

**Raffle tickets for this year's tea:**

**1st prize - \$300.00 cash donated by Preble Oil**

**2nd prize - \$300.00 Amazon gift card donated by Knights of Columbus**

**3rd prize - \$200.00 Ellis Market gift card anonymous donation**

**4th prize - \$100.00 Scootic In gift card donated by Scootic In**

A separate quilt raffle will also be available. Quilt was created and donated by Cindy Hodge in honor of her mom, Maxine Morrow and her aunt, Bea Charette. These two ladies' talents and time added greatly to the success of this tea in past years. This is a big money maker for the parish and proceeds go to the support of the church. For more information you can contact Diane Reece at 723-9265 or Dot Howard at 723-4844 who are co-chairing this event.