

Weekly Offertory

April 13th:
Regular \$858.00
Capital Campaign \$261.00

April 20th
Regular \$1447.01
Clergy Health & Pension \$ 299.00
Rice Bowl \$ 98.55

April 27th
Regular
Catholic Home Missions Appeal

May 4th
Regular

May 11th
Regular
Heat & Electric

Capital Campaign

Raised: \$39,905.50


Dispersed: \$0

Funds needed for New Roof and Chimney Repair = \$60,000

Please mark your donation "Capital Campaign"

Thank you for your support!

JUBILEE 2025




PILGRIMS OF HOPE

ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH

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!

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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.

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 10:30AM
FRIDAYS 9:00AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION
@8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

COMMUNION FOR THE
HOMEBOUND
CALL DEACON DAN (207) 731-8111

FAITH FORMATION
ANNA ROBINSON (207) 267-0586

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OFFICE HOURS
TUES. 8:30-11:30 THURS. 8:30-11:30
FRI. 9:30-11:30
AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS
OR BY APPOINTMENT 746-7960

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PASTOR'S CORNER

is Divine Mercy Sunday. God's Mercy is the antidote to sin and fear. God's nature is Mercy. Mercy cripples every fear and breeds peace; hence Jesus's first word to His confined disciples is, "Peace be with you." They are battling within themselves, so Jesus breathes peace into them. He is the prince of peace. He teaches us that Only in true forgiveness and Merciful love modeled in his spirit of love and mercy is peace and freedom guaranteed.

Thomas seeks to see the scars of the wounds incurred by Jesus in order to believe. Jesus comes to show him and all of us that He is the "super scar" and not the "super star" of our salvation. The letter to the Hebrews says that by His scars, we are healed. It is the scars of Jesus that give us life. In the scars of Jesus, we see his love for us. We see his mercy for us. We are given a second chance to choose life and not death. We are sinners. In justice we deserve punishment but in mercy, we are saved. We are shown this love from God not because we merit it but because God chooses to love us even before the foundations of the world. He chose to love us in Christ even when we were still sinners. He did so by his suffering, death and resurrection. With this great love we are told by today's second reading that he won us over from death and hades. His unending love continues in the gift of the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of forgiveness and peace which he instituted in today's Gospel text.

Today as a parish named after Christ the Divine Mercy, and as a cluster united with one another by Christ's indiscriminate Merciful love, the psalmist invites us to give praise to the lord for he is good, and his mercy endures forever. Since all of us are beneficiaries of this great divine gift of mercy, we are called upon to be merciful towards each other as our heavenly father is merciful. Forgive. Do not judge. Do not condemn.

Happy Christ the Divine Mercy Parish Feast Day and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to all members of Cluster 5.

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CHRIST THE DIVINE MERCY
PARISH FEAST DAY

~ Cluster-Wide Celebration
Divine Mercy Sunday,

April 27th at St. Martin's Church Worship Site

2:30 PM, Mass

1:30 PM, Potluck Lunch:

*Bring your favorite dish to share
as we join in fellowship after Mass.*

3:00 PM, Divine Mercy Hour

4:00 PM, Popcorn

and a short video on The Divine Mercy
will conclude our day.

We look forward to sharing this day with you!



CELEBRATING THE
MONTH OF MARY

For centuries, the month of May has been dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. In his encyclical Mense Maio, Pope Paul VI wrote, "This is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts come down to us from our Mother's throne" (April 29, 1964).

During May, it is common for parishes to honor the Blessed Mother with May Crowning ceremonies, traditionally held toward the beginning of the month. Parishioners, most often children, adorn statues of Mary with crowns of flowers, which are also placed around her feet.

To learn more and to view parish events, visit
<https://portlanddiocese.org/celebrating-month-mary>



Faith Formation

April 27th, Class
May 4th LAST CLASS
June 23-27 -Vacation Bible School

Please join us as for a

Luncheon

Sunday, May 4th after Mass
as we welcome and celebrate



...the newest members of
St. Benedict's Catholic Church!

Welcome girls! You are now Neophytes (In the context of the OCIA, those who have been "newly planted" in the faith through the Sacrament of Baptism)!

Through the sacraments of initiation received at the Easter Vigil, you are permanently changed and now receive the responsibilities of discipleship and call to active participation in parish life.

We now begin the period of "Mystagogy"; a time for neophytes and the rest of the faithful to welcome each other and to discern where God is leading us together!

Please join us in celebrating
Breana and Lizzie!

Sunday, May 4 at 11:30

All are welcome!



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)



Ministry to the Sick and Home Bound

Fr. Justin will be available to the
homebound
after Mass on Fridays.

Please call the parish office with name,
address, phone number and condition of
the person seeking a home visit.

In case of an emergency, call
Fr Justin on his emergency cell,
207-531-0280

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)

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)

*"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

