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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.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 am Fridays 9:00 am

ADORATION & CONFESSION 408:00am Fridays or

BY APPOINTMENT **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

2nd Sunday of the Month AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

COMMUNION FOR THE <u>HOMEBOUND</u> Call Deacon Dan (207) 731-8111

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After Mass on Sundays OR BY APPOINTMENT 746-7960

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear people of God, today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday." The readings present Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lovingly lavs down his life for his sheep, calling his followers to listen attentively to his voice and follow him in faithfulness. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas are driven by their call to be shepherds, and they boldly proclaim the good news of Christ, guiding others towards the love of Christ. This is not however without challenges and opposition. They faced jealousy, rejection, and hostility but they never gave up knowing that their efforts are part of a larger Divine Plan. This is a vivid reminder to us that though we may encounter resistance on our faith journey, we are called upon to persevere in spreading God's love to all. Today's Psalm calls us to celebrate our identity as God's people, a flock under His care. When we recognize that we are part of his flock, we find true joy and purpose in our lives which calls us to be grateful even in difficult times. The second reading presents a glimpse of the heavenly glory and banquet as a reward for those who lay down their lives for others, those who go through persecution for standing for what is right and persevering in sufferings. This passage offers us hope

In the Gospel, Jesus declares that his sheep hears his voice and he knows them and they follow him. In this way he guarantees his presence and continues guidance over us. There are times in our faith journey and daily life when it seems Jesus is a million miles away. We must recognize that this only seems but he is very near. We simply need to pay attention to his voice and familiarize ourselves with his various modes of presence with us. Then shall we perceive his presence with us in every circumstance of our lives. We can't get him in the confusing and destructive voices of social media, televisions, radios, cell phones, TikTok's, Instagram, WhatsApp, faithless peers and secular concerns. It is high time to tune off from these destructive voices and (continued on page 2)

and assurance that our struggles are not in vain.



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Seek for him where he may be heard and found namely: at mass, at prayer, in his words, in silence moments, good literature, good moral programs and amongst people of faith and good peers. Ours is a calling to pay attention and listen to the voice of Christ the good shepherd, to learn from him how to take care and lead those entrusted into our care and to pray for, support, inspire and encourage vocations. One of the outstanding ways is by supporting Catholic appeals which among other things, is used to sponsor formation of good Shepherds, that is, Seminarians, formation of priests, their well fare, ongoing formation and to facilitate missionary activity from Africa to our Diocese as we are enjoying the fruit of one of them now, our Pastor, Fr. Justin, a Fidei donum priest (gift of faith) from Cameroon in central Africa. Kindly donate cheerfully next weekend as we do in pew appeals for this purpose and many other wonderful works of proclaiming God's love His people and ministerial outreach to our parishes and the less privileged of our Diocese.

> Happy Mother's Day to all women in our parish community.

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MARY

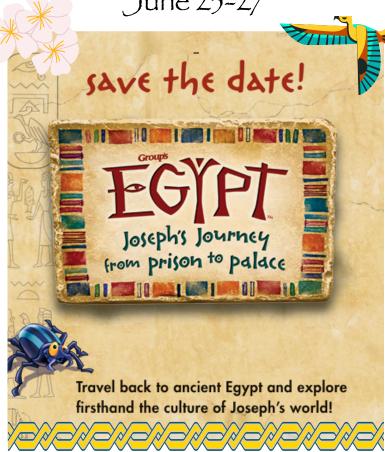
For centuries, the month of May has been dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. In his encyclical Mense Maio, Pope Paul VI wrote, "This is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the 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 News

Vacation Bible School June 23-27



Youth Choir

is looking for members!

The choir sings at the last Mass of each month, and rehearses weekly, according to members' schedules. We believe God loves all voices, and we do not judge. We encourage highschoolers and young adults to join us.

message us on St. Benedict's Parish Facebook page



In Memory of:

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



Wesley "Jim" Cunningham $(10/26/31 \sim 01/11/08)$ Richard M Cunningham $(03/14/62 \sim 11/06/21)$



Basil & Margaret McAvoy

Linda McAvoy Bouchard

 $(2/22/1945 \sim 1/6/1982)$

 $(10/15/1957 \sim 2/9/2005)$

 $(6/28/1964 \sim 7/30/2011)$

Mary McAvoy Lowe

Anna McAvoy

Lovingly Remembered Anders Staats Nielsen 07/07/2019

Fred Lewis

 $(11/25/1897 \sim 7/05/1995)$

Ethel Lewis

 $(5/12/1897 \sim 10/07/1981)$

W. H. Lewis

 $(4/19/1923 \sim 03/28/2001)$

Helen Lewis

 $(7/23/1926 \sim 10/19/2005)$

Susan L Brooks

 $(8/01/1954 \sim 1/20/2009)$

Lovingly Remembered

James C. (Buster) Guiggey

 $(4/8/1927 \sim 12/4/2010)$

In Loving Memory Of

Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)

Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)

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)

 $(5/22/1914 \sim 2/28/2000)$

Margaret R. Qualey

Peter Qualey

In Loving Memory $(8/5/1921 \sim 7/31/1969; 9/29/1923 \sim 12/30/2014)$

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

Fr. Justin will be available to the

homebound

after Mass on Fridays.

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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

 $(04/04/1975 \sim 10/19/2022)$

In Loving Memory Of: Frank Duffy (7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96) Bobby Duffy $(3/21/72 \sim 10/08/93)$

Arthur Qualey $(3/5/1916 \sim 10/24/2008)$ Rita Qualey

 $(1/13/1924 \sim 9/4/2011)$

Lovingly Remembered Joan Filanowski $(5/26/1935 \sim 6/14/2000)$

John J. Cummings $(8/23/1907 \sim 4/18/1993)$

Lucile E. Cummings $(8/19/1908 \sim 3/15/2003)$ Cecelia R. Cummings

 $(11/18/1933 \sim 2/18/2013)$

Earl L. Cummings $(7/04/1929 \sim 3/10/2018)$

Lovingly Remembered Leo Joseph Crowe $(9/5/1935 \sim 1/8/2019)$

In Loving Memory Of Leo Crowe $(3/19/1893 \sim 12/17/1975)$ Molly Crowe $(2/13/1900 \sim 11/18/1967)$

Mary Crowe McDonough $(2/27/1937 \sim 9/28/2002)$

Ministry to the Sick and Home Bound

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

In Memory of:

Charlene Taylor $(01/07/1943 \sim 02/20/2020$



In Loving Memory Of

Richard Rush

(01/02/1931-1/24/2024 Celine Rush $(07/08/1936 \sim 11/04/2021)$

Christopher Rush

 $(4/17/55 \sim 1/8/22)$



In Loving Memory Of: Robert Allen (10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21) Andrew Allen $(06/14/65 \sim 12/05/20)$

Albert J. Qualey

 $(08/20/1923 \sim 06/11/2012)$

Rowena Qualey $(9/22/1927 \sim 8/01/2017)$

In Loving Memory

Martin Qualey $(2/16/1984 \sim 7/24/2017)$

Edward Rush

 $(5/25/1920 \sim 10/17/2013)$

Mary Rush

 $(12/04/1921 \sim 6/05/2005)$

John W. Allen $(1912 \sim 1/02/2004)$

Margaret L. Allen $(4/03/1924 \sim 11/19/2005)$

Otis M. Hunt

 $(6/15/1936 \sim 5/30/1999)$

Mary Ellen Hunt $(1/30/36 \sim 4/17/17)$

"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

 $(6/6/1936 \sim 4/6/1941)$

Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.

 $(3/23/1891 \sim 7/18/1969)$

Sons of St. Benedict's Parish

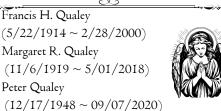


St. Benedict's own Youth Choir

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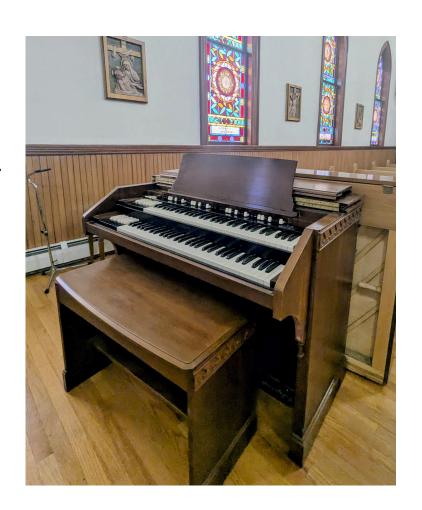




EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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TODAY, AND WILL BE HELD
NEXT ON JUNE 8TH

St. Benedict's is giving away this organ. Though it is lovely, it is not presently in working order.

If you are musical, handy, and interested, please call the office, or stop in! It is being offered free of charge, but must pick up.





Date	Lector	Extra- ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters	Greeters
May 11th	Dustin	Tom	Zeke	Rose & Betty	The Arbo Family
May 18th	Earl	Rob	Silas	Rob & Harold	The Arbo Family
May 25th	Sue	Brenda	Rob	Deb & Andrew	The Arbo Family
June 1st	Brenda	Pat	Anna Q	John& Cindy	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 8th	Scarlet	Lynn	David	Pat & Harold	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 15th	Dustin	Chris	Silas	Andrew & Rose	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 22nd	Lana	Dustin	Rob	Cindy & Betty	Earl & Sue Cummings

On behalf of the faithful of the Diocese of Portland, I share with you the great joy of our Church at the election of Pope Leo XIV as our new Holy Father. As the successor of St. Peter, he now carries the sacred responsibility of shepherding the Church and leading us in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel and building up the Body of Christ. I invite all of us to pray for our new pope as he begins this important ministry, that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen him in his service to the Church and the world.

-Bishop James T. Ruggieri



PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU!

DEAREST BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THIS IS THE FIRST GREETING OF THE RISEN CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR GOD'S FLOCK.

1, TOO, WOULD LIKE THIS GREETING OF PEACE TO ENTER YOUR HEARTS, TO REACH YOUR FAMILIES, AND ALL PEOPLE, WHEREVER THEY ARE, ALL OF THE PEOPLE, ALL OVER THE EARTH.

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

THIS IS THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST, AN UNARMED PEACE AND A DISARMING PEACE, HUMBLE AND PERSEVERING. IT COMES FROM GOD, GOD WHO LOVES US ALL UNCONDITIONALLY. WE STILL HAVE IN OUR EARS THAT WEAK, BUT ALWAYS COURAGEOUS VOICE OF POPE FRANCIS AS HE BLESSED ROME!

THE POPE WHO BLESSED ROME, GAVE HIS BLESSING TO THE WORLD, TO THE ENTIRE WORLD, THAT EASTER MORNING. ALLOW ME TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT SAME BLESSING: GOD LOVES US, GOD LOVES YOU ALL, AND EVIL WILL NOT PREVAIL!

WE ARE ALL IN THE HANDS OF GOD.

THEREFORE, WITHOUT FEAR, UNITED HAND IN HAND WITH GOD AND AMONG OURSELVES, WE MOVE FORWARD. WE ARE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

CHRIST PRECEDES US. THE WORLD NEEDS HIS LIGHT. HUMANITY NEEDS HIM AS THE BRIDGE TO ALLOWS IT TO BE REACHED BY GOD AND BY HIS LOVE.

HELP US, TOO, AND HELP EACH OTHER TO BUILD BRIDGES, WITH DIALOGUE, WITH MEETINGS, UNITING US ALL TO BE ONE PEOPLE, ALWAYS IN PEACE. THANK YOU, POPE FRANCIS! I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL MY BROTHER CARDINALS WHO HAVE CHOSEN ME TO BE PETER'S SUCCESSOR, AND TO WALK TOGETHER WITH YOU, AS A UNITED CHURCH ALWAYS SEEKING PEACE, JUSTICE, ALWAYS SEEKING TO WORK AS MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE FAITHFUL TO JESUS CHRIST, WITHOUT FEAR, TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL, TO BE MISSIONARIES.

1 AM A SON OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, AN AUGUSTINIAN, WHO SAID: "WITH YOU I AM A CHRISTIAN AND FOR YOU I AM A BISHOP". IN THIS SENSE, WE CAN ALL WALK TOGETHER TOWARDS THAT HOMELAND THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR US. TO THE CHURCH OF ROME, A SPECIAL GREETING! WE MUST SEEK TOGETHER HOW TO BE A MISSIONARY CHURCH, A

ALL WHO NEED OUR CHARITY, OUR PRESENCE, DIALOGUE AND LOVE.

AND IF YOU ALLOW ME A WORD, A GREETING TO ALL AND ESPECIALLY TO MY BELOVED DIOCESE OF CHICLAYO, IN PERU, WHERE A FAITHFUL PEOPLE ACCOMPANIED THEIR BISHOP, SHARED THEIR FAITH AND GAVE SO, SO MUCH TO CONTINUE BEING A CHURCH THAT IS FAITHFUL TO JESUS CHRIST.

CHURCH THAT BUILDS BRIDGES, DIALOGUE, ALWAYS OPEN TO RECEIVE LIKE THIS SQUARE WITH ITS OPEN ARMS, ALL,

TO ALL OF YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ROME, OF ITALY, OF THE WHOLE WORLD, WE WANT TO BE A CHURCH OF THE SYNOD, A CHURCH THAT WALKS, A CHURCH THAT ALWAYS SEEKS PEACE, THAT ALWAYS SEEKS CHARITY, THAT ALWAYS SEEKS TO BE CLOSE, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO SUFFER.

TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE SUPPLICATION TO OUR LADY OF POMPEII. OUR MOTHER MARY ALWAYS WANTS TO WALK WITH US, TO BE CLOSE, TO HELP US WITH HER INTERCESSION AND HER LOVE. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO PRAY TOGETHER WITH YOU. LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR THIS NEW MISSION, FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH, FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND LET US ALSO ASK MARY, OUR MOTHER, FOR THIS SPECIAL GRACE. HAIL MARY...

A SINGLE SUNBEAM IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE AWAY MANY SHADOWS -ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

~POPE LEO XIV

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 10th: 4:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) David Trainor by Thomas & Elizabeth Griffin

Sunday, May 11th: 8:00 am St. Benedict's: Deceased Members of the Powers & Qualey Families

by the John & Ruth Powers Estate

10:00am St. Peter's: Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers Living and Deceased

12:30 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) James Daley by Theresa Fairley

Monday, May 12th: 8:30 am St. Peter's: Parishioners & Visitors

Tuesday, May 13th: 4:30pm St. Peter's: (D) Carol Ann Smith by Marilyn & Family

<u>Wednesday, May 14th</u>: Father Justin's Day Off

<u>Thursday, May 15th</u>: 4:30pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Marcia Gantnier (65th Anniversary)

by her Sister Sharon Darling & Family

Friday, May 16th: 9:00am St. Benedict's: (D) David Harding by Anna & Billy Robinson

Saturday, May 17th: 4:00pm St. Martin of Tours: (D)Louis Gantnier, Sr. (6th Anniversary)

by Daughter Sharon & Family

Sunday, May 18th: 8:00 am St. Benedict's: (D) **Eb McAvoy** by Robert & Christine Cunningham 10:00am St. Peter's: (D) **Bert VanDine** by George, Judy and Michelle 12:30 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) **(D) Gary Stevens** by Brenda Angotti



Readings for the Week



Sunday - Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 146-17/ Jn 10:27-30

Monday - Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3: 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday - Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:16-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22 30

Wednesday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday - Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20

Friday - Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday - Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday - Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 1 3:31-33a, 34-35



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"Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." ~St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney



Maine Catholic Women's Conference

The Diocese of Portland in collaboration with the Maine Catholic Women's Conference Planning Committee will host the 12th Maine Catholic Women's Conference on May 17, 2025, at the St. John's Community Center, 43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick. The conference is a joy-filled opportunity for Catholic women ages 16 and older to come together to celebrate their Catholic faith. This year's theme is "When Women Pray," focusing on the power and importance of prayer.

The featured speaker for the 2025 Maine Catholic
Women's Conference will be Amber Ezeani, known for her
Theology of Heart and Home podcast, which combines
theology with practical wisdom.
To learn more and to register, visit
https://portlanddiocese.org/mcwc



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Mother-Daughter Retreat - Frenchville

A mother-daughter retreat with the theme of discipleship will be held at the Christian Life Center, 444 US Rt 1 in Frenchville on May 16 & 17. Arrival is at 6 p.m. Friday, and the retreat concludes at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The cost is \$75 per mother-daughter pair.

Contact clcfrenchville@portlanddiocese.org for more information.

Neophyte Mass

Bishop James Ruggieri will celebrate the annual Neophyte Mass on Sunday, May 31, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. Those newly initiated or received into the Catholic Church on Easter who attend this liturgy will receive a special blessing, a small gift, as well as enjoy a light reception after the Mass.

A neophyte is a newly initiated person who is going through the final period of Christian Initiation, the post-baptismal catechesis called "mystagogy." The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults notes that during the period of mystagogy in order to begin pastoral contact with the new members of his Church, the bishop meets again with those whose names were called at the Rite of Election. To celebrate this, the neophytes and newly received, along with their families and friends, are invited to attend a Mass with the bishop to rejoice in their initiation.

To RSVP or to access other resources, visit https://portlanddiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/neophyte-mass

Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day Monday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Thursday: St. Isidore Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of a mother.

-St. Thereses of Liseaux