

Weekly Offertory

April 27th

Regular

Catholic Home

Missions Appeal

May 4th

Regular

May 11th

Regular

Heat & Electric

May 18th

Regular

Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

\$926.00

\$122.00

\$1400.05

\$1049.00

\$ 189.00

Capital Campaign

Raised: \$44,883.81

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!

PASTOR: REV. FR. SEFEMBIY JUSTIN

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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

8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

EUCCHARISTIC 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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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the transformative power of love. At the heart of these readings is Jesus Commandment, "Love One Another As I Have Loved You."

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas commit themselves to visiting and encouraging the communities they had established during their first missionary trips reminding them from their own experience how perseverance in trials lead to growth in commitment to the lord and his mission. This is an act of practical love.

In today's Second reading from the book of Revelations, we are offered a vision of hope, a new Heavens, and a new Earth where God dwells among us, wiping away every tear. JOHN tries to help us understand the incredible joy that will be ours in heaven. This is a beautiful reminder that in our love for each other especially during difficult times we participate in the Divine promise of renewal.

In the Gospel, Jesus commands us to love One Another As he has loved us. Of great significance for us here is his redefinition of the extent and model of how our love for neighbor should be, "as he has loved us." This Commandment is new because it is Christocentric love. Love that is self-sacrificial, unconditional , initiating, forgiving and practical. It is new in depth, not just content. This Commandment is the very hallmark by which his disciples are recognized. Mother Teresa of Calcuta would say " For love to be real, It must cost. It must hurt. It must also empty us of self." Let's spread love. There are 7 keys to the kind of practical love that Jesus calls us to: 1) God first. 2) Love One Another. 3) Never hate. 4) Give generously. 5) live simply. 6) Forgive without delay and 7) Be kind always. Growth occurs when we prioritize the wellbeing of others over our own self-interest. Donating to Catholic Appeals is an opportunity for practical love.

A grace filled Sunday to you all.

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The Catholic Appeal

In-Pew Weekend is here!

In-Pew Weekend is here! I hope you have taken time to consider how you and your family can support this year’s Catholic Appeal, which helps provide for those in need of comfort and care, educate the next generation, and strengthen our Catholic communities in many important ways.

- Our goal as a parish this year is <\$Parish Target> and I hope you will join me in helping to meet and exceed this year’s goal! The collective spirit we bring to this effort today will be a major step to our success with this year’s appeal.
- I want you to know the real difference of what the Catholic Appeal is doing and the impact it’s making in the lives of others. Your gifts to the appeal support:

- o Catholic education for more than 1,700 students attending one of our elementary or high schools.
- o The ongoing training and care for the spiritual and physical well-being of priests within the diocese.
- o The vulnerable and sick by providing emergency resources, food pantries, Hospital Chaplains.
- o Our parishioners so that resources are available for spiritual growth and that all members in our community can fully participate in the life and mission of the Church.
- o The offices of our diocese that seek to evangelize, unify and inspire Catholics throughout Maine.
- o And so much more!

- This is why I support the appeal and why I hope you will as well.
- At this time, I ask each of you to prayerfully make your commitment to the 2025 Catholic Appeal.
- In the pews or on the pledge cards you will see the QR code that gives you access to the 2025 appeal website. All you need to do is open your camera on your phone, hover it over the QR code, and then you should see a notification on your phone. Tap on that and you will see the 2025 Catholic Appeal website.

- If you are having issues with the QR Code, or are joining us virtually, you can access the same page by typing into your internet browser:

Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org

- Or if you prefer to make your gift by check, you may do so by completing a pledge card.




We invite you to join us in this year’s Catholic Appeal as we unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Diocese of Portland as a missionary Church carrying out the important work that Jesus calls us to live.


Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org

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)





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)



“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





JULY 26

Mark your calendars!

THE NEXT BANDSTAND
HOT DOG AND FOOD SALE FOR ST.
BENEDICT'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WILL BE
HELD ON JULY 26TH.
CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE
OR MESSAGE US ON FACTBOOK

VBS Volunteers Wanted!
For an hour, or a week or more; to prepare
or during VBS itself.
We welcome your help. Call the office or
Anna Robinson 267-0586



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



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

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>



TOTUS TUUS IS A CATHOLIC YOUTH PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FROM 1ST THROUGH 12TH GRADE DEDICATED TO TEACHING THE GOSPEL AND DEEPENING LOVE FOR THE CHURCH THROUGH CATECHESIS, PRAYER, CHRISTIAN WITNESS, AND THE SACRAMENTS. THE PROGRAM'S STRONG EMPHASIS ON DEVOTION AND LOVE FOR CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST AND FOR MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, LEADS PARTICIPANTS TO AN EXHILARATING ENCOUNTER WITH THE TIMELESS TREASURES OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH. SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS & SEMINARIANS, TOTUS TUUS SESSIONS ARE LED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS AND SEMINARIANS.

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For more information, please visit:
ocp.org/parish-grants.

Faith Formation News

Vacation Bible School June 23-27



YOUTH CHOIR

St. Benedict's own 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 high-schoolers and young adults to join us.

Please call Cathy: (207) 267-0230 or
message us on St. Benedict's Parish Facebook page



MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 17th: 4:00 pm 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) **Gary Stevens** *by Brenda Angotti*

Monday, May 19th: 8:30 am St. Peter's: *No Mass – Father Justin away for Priests' Institute*
 Tuesday, May 20th: 4:30pm St. Peter's: *No Mass – Father Justin away for Priests' Institute*
 Wednesday, May 21st:
 Thursday, May 22nd: 4:30pm St. Martin of Tours: *No Mass – Father Justin away for Priests' Institute*

Friday, May 23rd: 9:00am St. Benedict's: (D) **Richard McAvoy** *by Therese, Cathy & Andrew Qualey*

Saturday, May 24th : 4:00pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Carole & (D)Donald Brown by Linda, Gerry & Sheila Baker

Sunday, May 25th : 8:00 am St. Benedict's:
 10:00am St. Peter's: **For the Vatcky & Miller Families** *by The Family*
 12:30 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Mark B. Gantnier (40th Anniversary)
by his sister Sharon Darling & Family

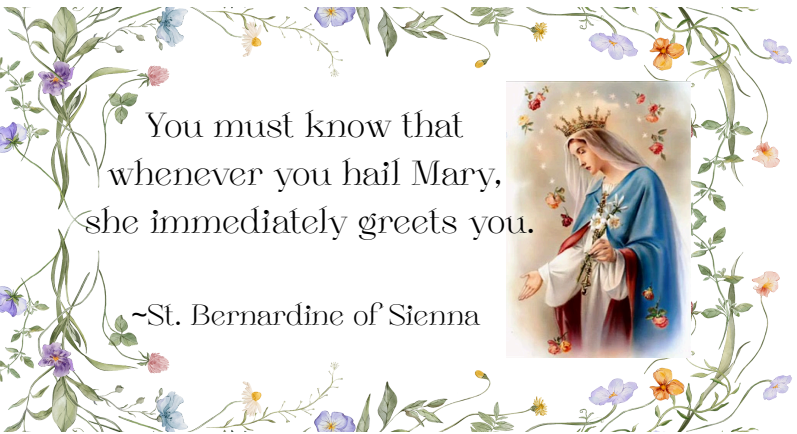
Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
 Tuesday: Saint Bernadine of Sienna, Priest
 Wednesday: Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Companions and Martyrs
 Thursday: Saint Rita of Cascia
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



Readings for the Week

Sunday - Acts 14:21-27/ Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 Monday - Acts 14:5-18/ Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday - Acts 14:16-28/ Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 8/Jn 15:9-17
 Thursday - Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11
 Friday - Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday - Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15: 18-21
 Sunday - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29



You must know that
 whenever you hail Mary,
 she immediately greets you.



~St. Bernardine of Sienna

Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy
 Riley Wheaton
 Ann Cunningham
 Ryan Robinson
 Beckham Willett
 Janie Cummings
 Irene Heath



† Families Afflicted by Addiction
 † Our Men and Women In the service

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025



"May He give you the desires of your heart and make all of your plans succeed."
 ~Psalms 20:4