

Weekly Offertory

May 4th

Regular

\$1400.05

May 11th

Regular

\$1049.00

Heat & Electric

\$ 189.00

May 18th

Regular

\$1401.96

Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

May 25th

Regular

May 29th (Ascension Day)

Regular

June 1st

Regular

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!

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.

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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

EMERGENCY NUMBER 531-0280 E-MAIL: SEFEMBIY.JUSTIN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

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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,

The readings of today enlighten us about the essence of community and the precious gift of peace that Jesus offers us. In the first Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read about the early Church navigating a conflict about tradition and inclusion. A conflict over the issue of circumcision before being admitted into Christianity and possible salvation. The Apostles and the Elders, guided by the Holy Spirit, come together, listen to one another, and choose unity over division. This shows us that true community is not the absence of conflict but the presence of Love, Humility, and desire for Unity in Christ. May the lord be gracious to us and bless us in this strive for true community living, as the psalmist prays. This prayer for the flourishing of all peoples and for God to shade His light upon us underscores our shared mission to be bearers of God's light in a world that often feels divided by conflicts.

In the second reading from the book of Revelations, we see a vision of the New Jerusalem, a place of Unity and Divine Presence. The description of God dwelling among His people compels us to reflect on our communities. Are we fostering environments where everyone feels welcomed, belonging and embraced and living a shared hope? Or we are by our words and actions building repulsive fences to let others in. What are the likes of circumcision that we are placing on the way of inclusion in our families and Christian communities today?

The reality of conflicts and divisions in our communities and even in the Church, indicates why our Lord promised the coming of the Holy Spirit in today's Gospel passage, namely, to direct the Apostles and the Church and bestow on them the wisdom to judge and settle certain matters. This accounts for why amid the many doctrinal, spiritual, moral, and structural conflicts the Church has battled with and is still battling with, the Church has always remained focused and had recourse to the Holy Spirit, the Scripture, and the Tradition. These have given her direction over the years. This teaches us, that when we encounter problems in our homes, our communities, and the domestic churches, instead of giving up or going the divisive way of our egos, we should seek God's ways out of it in the Scripture and call upon the Holy Spirit for direction and discernment. This does not only go a long way to help us navigate when the going gets tough but also a demonstration of our love for God as Jesus tells us that if we love Him, then we keep his words and Him and His Father will make a home in us. And If God is our side who else can be against us.

ST. BENEDICT’S PARISH COUNCIL

Monday, May 5, 2025

Notes taken by Brittany Arbo

Present: Fr. Justin, Brenda Watson, Danny Watson, Rob Meinders, Pat Qualey, Anna R. Robinson, Anna Q. Robinson, Cindy Qualey, Lisa Ammerman, Brittany Arbo

Capital Campaign Items to discuss:
Update on bids/quotes on the roof and chimney.

We are moving forward with sheathing and replacing of the main roof and steeple of the church with the funds we have raised thus far through the Capital Campaign. We will move forward with the sheathing and re-shingling of the sacristy and sanctuary once we have raised additional funds.

The bid to replace part of the roof is \$34,698.76. We have raised \$41,057.33.

Prioritized List of Repairs/Replacement from our earlier meetings:

- At this juncture, we will disperse Capital Campaign funds to replace the church roof followed by repairing the church chimney.
- At upcoming meetings we will review the other items on the prioritized repairs/replacement list that was generated by Fr. Dominic, Gert and others from our parish in June 2024. We will evaluate what is both important and urgent.
- Deacon Dan updated Parish Council members on the fire escape. He and a local engineer looked at the fire escape to determine if it needs to be replaced or repaired. Their assessment concluded that the fire escape needs to be repaired. The recommendation is to reattach the fire escape to the building with lag screws/bolts. At this time, the fire escape is not effectively connected to the parish hall building. The Finance Council will explore quotes to repair the fire escape.
- We have until 2027 to raise funds allocated to the Capital Campaign. There was a question about when the funds from the Capital Campaign needed to be spent. Fr. Justin offered to research the timeline/deadline to disperse the funds.

Other Items Discussed:

- Upcoming Summer Mass Schedule Time:
Father Justin updated the parish council on the switch in the Mass times. He is working toward a more consistent schedule for the three worship sites in the future. He is exploring permanent options to Mass times. He will update us when he has worked out the details.

- Church Organ
Deacon Dan updated the Parish Council on the condition of the church organ. The organ is over thirty years old, hasn’t been used in the church for many years, and is in disrepair. The piano still works and can be utilized for Mass and other events held in the church. Deacon Dan has talked with the Worship and Spirituality Committee about removing the organ from the church. W&S recommended taking this discussion to the Parish Council. Lisa added to the conversation that she had reached out to the music shop in Houlton some time ago to inquire about someone to repair the organ. The person that is experienced in repairing organs of that age has passed away. The Parish Council agreed to let parish members know the condition of the organ, and it has been decided to have it removed from the church. We will let parishioners know via the bulletin that if they would like the organ, they may have it. It will be removed from the church the week of May 25.

Action Items before our Next Meeting:

- Finance Council will explore quotes to repair fire escape
- Someone from Finance Council will update parishioners with an announcement in the bulletin regarding next steps with the Capital Campaign/Roof Repair
- Fr. Justin will research the timeline on spending the money we raised through the Capital Campaign (We have until 2027 to raise funds. What is the timeline/deadline to disperse the funds?)

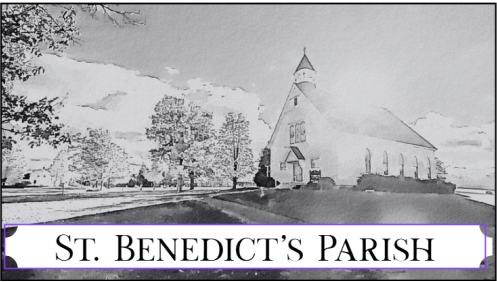
Next Meeting Date:

- The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 2 from 6-7:30pm.**

Items to be discussed at our next meeting:

- Updates from each of the commissions
- Discuss overlap of people on commissions/councils
- Revisit priority list of Repairs/Replacements for Capital Campaign
- Update on Capital Campaign & Roof Project
- Update on Action Items from May 5 meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Arbo



ST. BENEDICT’S PARISH

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





CONGRATULATIONS

LILY WILLIGAR
Winner of the concert ticket raffle.
Thank you to all!

Anne would love to hear from you

Anne Cunningham
 Madigan Estates
 93 Military St.
 Houlton ME 04730

PRIORITY



Flags will be placed on Veterans' graves today after Mass.

Your help is greatly appreciated.



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. It will be removed from the sanctuary on May 25th.



Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
May 25th	Sue	Brenda	Rob	Deb, Rob Andrew	The Arbo Family
June 1st	Brenda	Pat	Anna Q	John, Rose Cindy	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 8th	Scarlet	Lynn	David	Pat Andrew Harold	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 15th	Dustin	Chris	Rob	Andrew John, Deb	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 22nd	Lana	Dustin	Anna Q	Cindy, Betty, Rose	Earl & Sue Cummings
June 29th	Chris	Anna Q	David	Rob, Harold, John	Earl & Sue Cummings
July 6th	Earl	Tom	Rob	Deb, Betty, Rose	Earl & Sue Cummings
*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!					

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>



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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



EGYPT
 Joseph's Journey from prison to palace

June 23rd-27th
 9:00-11:30

Travel back to ancient Egypt and explore firsthand the culture of Joseph's world!

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



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



MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 24th: St. Martin of Tours 4:00PM : (D)**Louis Gantnier, Sr.** (6th Anniversary)
by Daughter Sharon & Family

Sunday, May 25th : St. Benedict's 8:00AM: (D) **Eb McAvoy** *by Robert & Christine Cunningham*
 St. Peter's 10:00AM: For the **Vatcky & Miller Families** *by The Family*
 St. Martin of Tours12:30PM: (D) **Mark B. Gantnier** (40th Anniversary)
by his sister Sharon Darling & Family

Monday, May 26th: **Memorial Day Mass** – 9:00 AM at the Millinocket Cemetery –
For all deceased members of Christ the Divine Mercy Parish – *in case of rain, the mass will be held in the church*

Tuesday, May27th: St. Peter's 4:30PM: (D) **Lillian Caruso** *by Donna & Family*
 Wednesday, May 28th: **Ascension Vigil** – *Holy Day of Obligation*
 St. Martin of Tours – 7:00PM: (D) **Keith Plourde** *by Mom, Steve and Brenda*
 Thursday, May29th: **Feast of the Ascension** – *Holy Day of Obligation*
 St. Benedict's 9:00AM: for **Parishioners & Visitors**
 St. Peter's 4:00PM: **The Deceased Members of the Roy Family** *by Rita*

Friday, May 30th: St. Benedict's 9:00AM: (D) **Richard McAvoy** *by Robert & Christine Cunningham*
 St. Benedict's 10:00 AM: **Committal Service for Richard McAvoy**

Saturday, May 31st : 4:00pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) **Abby Fiske** *by Grampy & Grammie*

Sunday, June 1st: St. Benedict's 8:00AM:
 St. Peter's 10:00AM: (a Living Intention) **Aidan Henderson** (Happy Birthday)
by Pepere, Memere and Auntie
 St. Martin of Tours 3:00PM: (D) **Barbara Waters** (1st Anniversary)
by her daughter, Kathleen Longwaters

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25TH

SUNDAY - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY MAY 27TH - ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY - BISHOP

THURSDAY MAY 29TH - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

Prayer List

Sonya Hansen
 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

*"There is nothing the devil fears so much
 or so much tries to hinder, is prayer."*

~St. Philip Neri

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