

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 \$926.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$122.00

May 4th
Regular

May 11th
Regular
Heat & Electric

Capital Campaign

Raised: \$41,057.33

Dispersed: \$0

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

Please mark your donation “Capital Campaign”

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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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear brothers and sisters. The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter year C, invite us to reflect on the theme of Resurrection and the call to witness. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we witness the Apostles boldly proclaiming the message of Christ even in the face of the persecution. Their courage teaches us that to bear witness often requires us to confront challenges head-on. In difficult situations, we must bear in mind that our faith has a communal dimension for it inspires and uplift others. The Psalmist tells us that there is also that joy that comes from God's deliverance and being saved in difficult moments. We celebrate this ever-saving presence of God in our lives at Easter time and are reminded of how He transforms our sorrows into joy by the power of His resurrection.
The second reading from the book of Revelations presents a powerful imagery of rejoicing at the victory of the lamb that was slain. The message here is that no matter the difficulties we face in our lives of witnessing, we should look beyond the challenges and recognize the divine victory over sin and death.
In the Gospel text, we encounter the Risen lord who continues to appear to His disciples to strengthen their faith, lest they entirely abandon his teachings. They who abandoned everything to follow him, now found themselves in the danger of abandoning Him to follow everything. However, while resuming their old occupation of fishing, they faced the challenge of catching nothing. Then our Lord appeared to them and told them to cast their nets into the deep. On obeying his instructions, they had a greater catch of fish. And it took the beloved disciple John to point out, " He is the Lord." This teaches us that with him by us, our worries are calmed down, our desperations are met and our security guaranteed. With the Risen lord with us, fear not. This is a strong message to our three neophytes who were fully initiated into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil and our 2 children completing their sacraments of Christian initiation with the reception of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this weekend from the hands of Bishop Ruggieri.
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With these Sacraments of Christ and His Power with them, they, as well as all of us now called an Easter people, are called upon to proclaim and demonstrate our love for Christ by being courageous witnesses to the Gospel values wherever we find ourselves. Let us transform our denials of yesterday to present declarations of love expressed in humble service and courageous witnessing to him as Peter did. Jesus is asking you today: "Do you really love Me"? Then consider joining the priesthood or religious life to continue with the work of feeding His lamb and his sheep as he told Peter to do. "Do you love Me?," Then serve him in any ministry in His church. "Do you really love Me?," Then be his witnesses in word and indeed. Congratulations to the Confirmands of our cluster, their catechists, families and godparents or sponsors.



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

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

Please join us as for a
Breakfast
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)

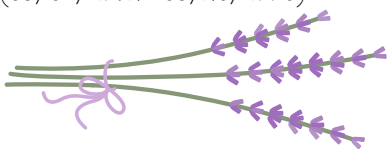


Lovingly Remembered
James C. (Buster) Guiggey
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)
In Loving Memory Of
Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)
Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)

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

THANK YOU

...to all who helped make our Bandstand food sale for the Capital Campaign such a success.

Hardworking volunteers and generous customers netted

\$1051.83

for the Capital Campaign

Parish Council Meeting




St. Benedict's Parish Council will meet at the Parish Hall on Monday, May 5th @6:00pm

Date	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters	Greeters
May 4th	Scarlet	Anna Q	David	Pat & John	The Arbo Family
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

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.



Oregon Catholic Press Parish Grant Program:

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



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.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."
 -St. Thereses of Liseaux



Remembering Pope Francis

(1936-2025)



A webpage on the diocesan website has been created to honor the legacy of

Pope Francis

We ask all to pray for the repose of his soul.

Additionally, the site provides information on how a new pope is chosen. The conclave will begin on May 7, 2025.

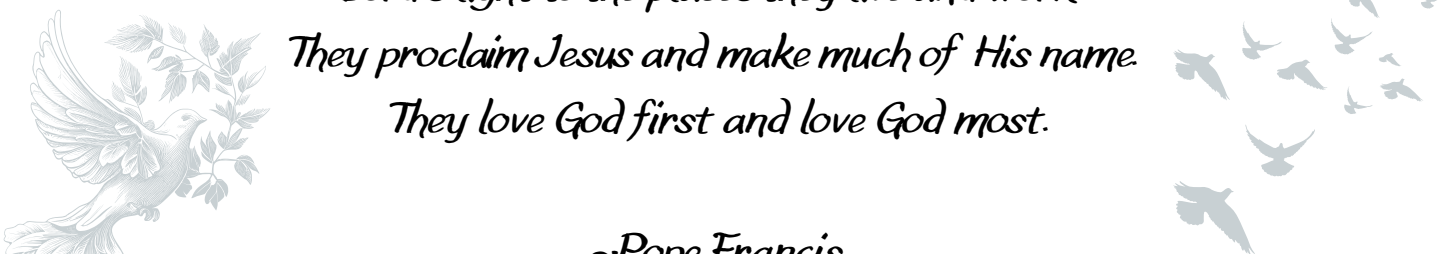
To learn more, visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/pope-francis-1936-2025>

When disciples of Christ are transparent in heart and sensitive in life, they bring the Lord's light to the places they live and work.

They proclaim Jesus and make much of His name.

They love God first and love God most.

~Pope Francis



MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 3rd: 4:00 pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Leonard Casey (Nephew of Linda Oliver) by Linda

Sunday, May 4th : 10:30 am St. Benedict’s: (D) Phil Knowles by Anna & Billy Robinson
8:30 am St. Peter’s: (D) Sara Ouellette by Jim & Fran Ouellette
12:30 pm St. Martin of Tours: Confirmation and First Communion Mass with Bishop Ruggieri

Monday, May 5th: 8:30 am St. Peter’s: Parishioners & Visitors

Tuesday, May 6th: 4:30pm St. Peter’s: (D) Veronique Ouellette (17th Anniversary) by George, Judy & Michelle

Wednesday, May 7th: Father Justin’s Day Off

Thursday, May 8th: 4:30pm St. Martin of Tours: (D) Gary Stevens by Council #680

Friday, May 9th: 9:00am St. Benedict’s: (D) Anthony Rush by the Family

Saturday, May 10th : 4:00pm 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



Readings for the Week



Sunday - Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday - Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday - Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday - Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday - Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44 51

Friday - Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday - Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

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

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

Nine Day Novena to Our Lady of Fatima Novena Prayer

O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, you deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three shepherd children the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary. Inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, so that by meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather its fruits, obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, and the favor which I ask of you in this Novena (state your request here). I ask it for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of all souls, especially those most in need of thy mercy. Amen.
Our Father (3) Hail Mary (3) Glory Be to the Father (3)



Litany to Our Lady of Fatima:
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for our dear country.
Our Lady of Fatima, sanctify our clergy.
Our Lady of Fatima, make our Catholics more fervent.
Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us.
Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick who confide in thee.
Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in thee.
Our Lady of Fatima, help those who invoke your aid.
Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us from all dangers.
Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all that we lovingly ask thee. Our Lady of Fatima, help those who are dear to us.
Our Lady of Fatima, bring back to the right road our erring brothers.
Our Lady of Fatima, give us back our ancient fervor.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us pardon of our manifold sins and offences.
Our Lady of Fatima, bring all men to the feet of thy Divine Child. Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the world.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Let us Pray: O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy Dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday: Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother’s Day

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

ON SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CELEBRATES THE 62ND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, A DAY SET ASIDE TO “ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST” (Lk 10:2). THE THEME FOR 2025 IS “PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE GIFT OF LIFE.”

WHILE UPHOLDING ALL VOCATIONS, ON THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH MOST ESPECIALLY PRAY THAT YOUNG MEN OR WOMEN HEAR AND RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO THE LORD’S CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE, RELIGIOUS LIFE, SOCIETIES OF APOSTOLIC LIFE OR SECULAR INSTITUTES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTPS://PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG/WORLD-DAY-PRAYER-VOCATIONS](https://portlanddiocese.org/world-day-prayer-vocations)