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\$ 105.66

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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

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Weekly Reflection

ΜΑΓΓΙΑ ΚΕΛΙΓΟΝΤΟΥ

Today's first Reading narrates the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the first Martyr of the infant Church. One may be tempted to conclude that Stephen's life is being turned upside down or that his world is ending. But as a man of faith, Stephen has it differently. In the face of his persecution, he is convinced that even though he dies, he is dying to live. He washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and the Omega and looks forward to his Heavenly reward in line with the Lord's promise in John's vision in today's second reading, that He comes to reward each person according to his or her deeds. As he dies, he has the privilege to gaze up to Heaven and see the Glory that awaits God's faithful ones. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth in line with today's responsorial psalm.

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for you and me. He prays equally for every one who will also believe in him down through the centuries to remain united to him and to each other as He and the Father are one. Also by implication not to be dispersed or separated from communion with Him by trials, persecutions, hardships and hard times, illnesses and even death. The secret of being resilient and persevering as Stephen did is a constant gaze heavenwards.

There is strength and hope in looking up. It is only by looking up that we can wash ourselves with the sweat and blood from sufferings to merit the right to entering the Holy City to inherit the tree of life and crown of eternal Glory promised by the Lamb in today's second reading. In Him, may all become One.

What are the present areas of compromises in our lives and in the world that are a threat to unity in our families, parish community, society and the world at large? Where am I called like Stephen to fight and stand against this compromise in bearing witness to Christ?

May Stephen the First Martyr of the Infant Church intercede for Us.

JUNE 1ST, 2025 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR C



THE CATHOLIC APPEAL - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND

Dear God’s Wonderful People:

The last couple of weekends I have spoken about the annual Catholic Appeal. To those who have already generously given to this year’s appeal, I say thank you! If you haven’t made a commitment yet, I hope you have taken time to consider how you can support this year’s effort which delivers ministries to those seeking to expand their faith and education as well as provides essential ministries throughout our diocese.

Our way forward with the Catholic Appeal is that those who pledged to donate monthly or quarterly keep on doing so – while those who have not donated, do so using the envelopes in the pews and either drop in the offertory basket or mail it in to the Chancery. Remember to fill in your required information on the envelope before you drop it in the basket or before you send it by mail. Every weekend we shall be updated in the announcements and bulletins as to where we stand with regard to the goal. Thanks for the kindness of those who have started to donate.

May God bless you abundantly.

You could use your phone to scan the QR code located on the bulletin boards in the church or pledge cards or on the back page of this bulletin, or go to Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org where you’ll be able to make an ongoing recurring gift or a one-time gift. The website again is:

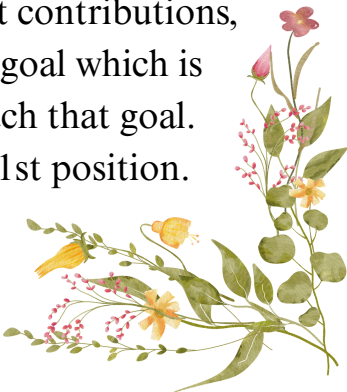
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Thank you for your support!

Catholic Appeal Update


A Big Congratulations on the success of the Catholic Appeal last weekend. As of last week, St. Benedict’s collected \$5,915.00 with 19 Gift contributions, with an average gift of \$311.00. This amount is 60% of our goal which is \$9,867.00 and we now have a balance of \$3952.00 left to reach that goal. In comparison to other parishes in the Diocese, are in the 21st position.

Again, thank you for your contributions






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)
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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,
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the person seeking a home visit.
In case of an emergency, call
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In Loving Memory
Chris Marston
(1978 ~ 8/24/2018)
Aaron Marston
(04/ 4/1975~ 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)





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Rowena Qualey
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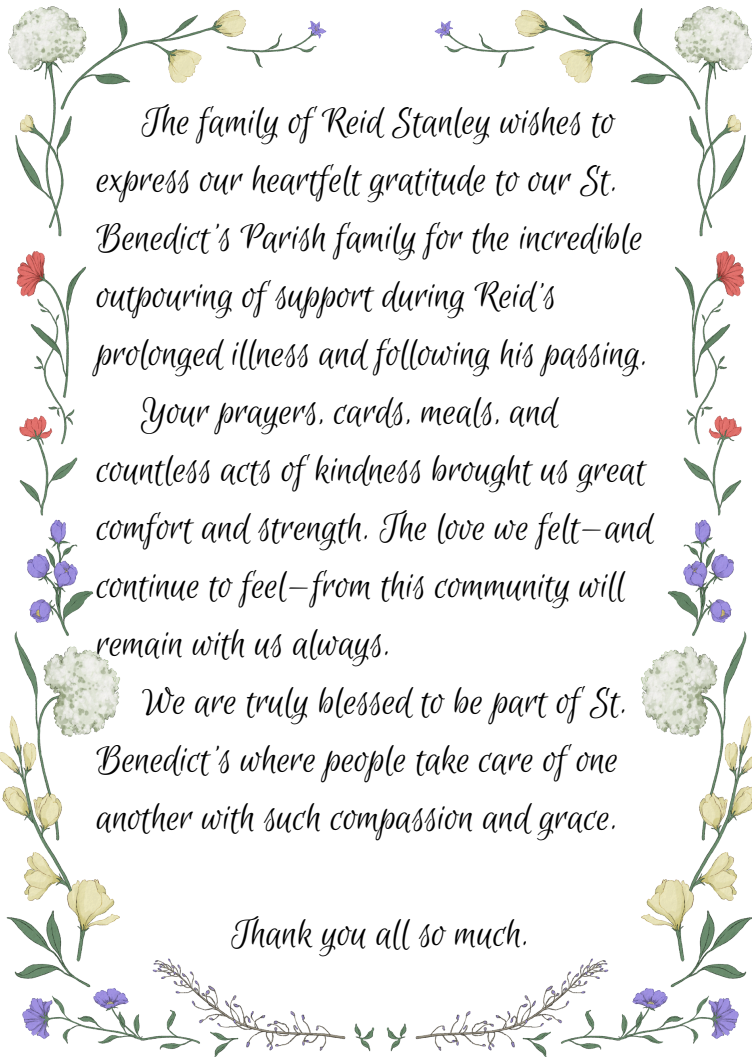


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(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)
Mary Ellen Hunt
(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)



*“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





The family of Reid Stanley wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to our St. Benedict's Parish family for the incredible outpouring of support during Reid's prolonged illness and following his passing.

Your prayers, cards, meals, and countless acts of kindness brought us great comfort and strength. The love we felt—and continue to feel—from this community will remain with us always.

We are truly blessed to be part of St. Benedict's where people take care of one another with such compassion and grace.

Thank you all so much.

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Thank you

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



The Parish Council
will meet
Monday, June 2nd
@ 6:00pm
at the Parish Hall.

Mark your calendars!
THE NEXT BANDSTAND HOT
DOG/BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD ON
JULY 26TH

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
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	John & Jill Duffy

June - Pat
July - Mike
August - Cindy

Sacristans:

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!



Auspice Maria

*Reflections of
Most Reverend James Ruggieri,
Bishop of Portland*

New Podcast

MAINE CATHOLIC PODCAST

We have released a new episode of Bishop Ruggieri's Auspice Maria podcast. In this episode, Bishop Ruggieri discusses the Kerygma, the core proclamation that Jesus is Lord. He explains why it's so important to us as Christians and teaches us practical ways to live and proclaim the gospel in our daily lives.

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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 31st: St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: (D) **Abby Fiske** by *Grampy & Grammy*
 Sunday, June 1st : St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: (D) **Loren Ritchie** by *Robert & Chris Cunningham*
 St. Peter's at 10:00AM: (a *Living Intention*) **Aidan Henderson** (Happy Birthday) by *Peper, Memere and Auntie*
 St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM: (D) **Barbara Waters** (1st Anniversary) by *her daughter, Kathleen Longwaters*
 Monday, June 2nd: St. Peter's at 8:30AM: **All Souls in Purgatory**
 Tuesday, June 3rd: St. Peter's at 4:30PM: (D) **Mary Teresa Daly** by *the Dan Ahern Estate*
 Wednesday, June 4th: *Father Justin's Day Off*
 Thursday, June 5th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM: NO MASS
 Friday, June 6th: St. Benedict's 9:00AM: (D) **Reid Stanley** by *Robert & Chris Cunningham*
 St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: **First Friday Chaplet and Adoration - NO MASS**
 Saturday, June 7th: : St. Martin of Tours 4:00PM: **Lisa Sherlock** (7th Anniversary) by *Julie & Bruce and for our Seniors*
 Sunday, June 8th: St. Benedict's 8:00AM: (D) **Richard McAvoy** by *Anna & Billy Robinson*
 St. Peter's 10:00AM: (D) **Connie Adams** by *Barry, Patty and Barry Bryant*
 St. Martin of Tours 3:00PM: NO MASS

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1ST
 SUNDAY JUNE 1ST - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MONDAY JUNE 2ND - SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS
 TUESDAY JUNE 3RD, - ST. SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
 THURSDAY JUNE 5TH, - SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR
 FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH, - SAINT NORBERT, BISHOP



Readings for the Week

Sunday - Acts 1:1-II/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
 Monday - Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday - Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday - Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday - Acts 22-30, 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday - Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25



Prayer List

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



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“Let us trust in Him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear, let us bear with the help of Christ. For He is all-powerful, and He tells us:
 “My yoke is easy, and my burden light.”
 ~St. Boniface

“There is, in the Sacred Heart, the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return.”
 ~Pope Leo XIII

Why is June the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. This year, the solemnity falls on June 16. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. However, other reasons exist as to why June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart. Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month. Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: “My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means.” These visions continued for 18 months. On June 16, 1675, Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. He also gave Sister Margaret Mary 12 promises made to all who venerate and promote the devotion of the Sacred Heart. He said: “I ask of you that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honor my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its divine love upon those who shall thus honor it, and cause it to be honored.” Sister Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920. The Vatican was hesitant to declare a feast to the Sacred Heart, but as the devotion spread throughout France, the Vatican granted the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France in 1765. In 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Ever since, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his immense love for us all. On the current calendar, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highest-ranking feast in the liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation.

These are the promises the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

- 1 – I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2 – I will give peace in their families.
- 3 – I will console them in all their troubles.
- 4 – I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
- 5 – I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
- 6 – Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7 – Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- 8 – Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- 9 – I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
- 10 – I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
- 11 – Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my heart.
- 12 – In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.



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