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May 18th			Regular	\$1401.96
Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend				
May 25th			Regular	\$1272.82
May 29 th (Ascension Day)				
Regular			\$	105.66
June 1st				
Regular			\$	1336.40
June 8th				
Regular			Heat & Electric	
June 15th				
Regular			Seminarians & Ecclesiastical Students	

Raised: \$45,108.81

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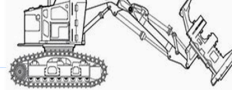
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The Jubilee Prayer 2025

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.

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SUNDAYS 8:00 AM
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

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④8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
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Weekly Reflection

Pastor's Corner - Feed My Sheep (Table of the Word)

Theme: *The Power of Holy Ghost God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good. And That is His Nature, Wow.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this glorious last Sunday of Easter, which is Pentecost Day, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birthday of the Church. The readings remind us of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit which equips and empowers us to fulfill our mission as witnesses of Christ to the world. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see a powerful moment when the Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles like a powerful wind and rest upon them like a dove. Consequently, they speak in various tongues symbolizing how the Gospel transcends cultural and linguistic barriers. It is a powerful reminder that the Spirit calls us to reach out to others, embracing our differences to build a community rooted in love and understanding. The Psalm invites us to see the Spirit at work in the beauty of creation. We are reminded that the Spirit not only animates our lives but also breathes new life into our world through us. In the second reading from his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of various gifts of the Holy Spirit which are given for the common good. Each of us is uniquely gifted and are called to discover and use these gifts to serve one another for the glory of God. The Unity we experience through the Spirit does not erase our individuality neither does it mean uniformity, but it allows us to enrich our communities, complementing each other and working together harmoniously as the body of Christ. In today's Gospel, the Risen Christ breathes the Holy Spirit upon His disciples after his resurrection, commissioning them to continue his mission of forgiveness and reconciliation. By the Spirit, we are empowered to carry Christ's message of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace in our families, church communities, society, and the world. We pray for the courage to share our gifts and for the strength to bridge divides and renew the face of the earth with our lives, knowing that with the Spirit, all things are possible.

Happy birthday of the Church to you all, God's Wonderful People.

JUNE 8TH, 2025 - PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ 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.

There is an update below as to where we stand with regard to the goal. Once we have reached our Target/Goal for the Appeal, then we will be able to concentrate on our internal affairs.

Thank you for your continued generosity toward the Catholic Appeal. May God bless you abundantly. You could use your phone to scan the QR code located on the back of this bulletin, on the pews, or pledge cards or go to Appeal.PortlandDiocse.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!

THE CATHOLIC APPEAL THE PORTLAND DIOCESE OF MAINE

As of week two, we are at \$1,453,904 and have already reached 40% of our goal.

A fantastic start and a real testament to all your hard work and dedication.

Thank you for everything you do to support the Appeal.

REVISED Catholic Appeal Figures for St. Benedict's from June 1st - Week 1

Figures in the June 1st Bulletin were incorrect, and should have read as follows:

As of last week, St. Benedict’s collected **\$940.00** with **5** Gift contributions, with an average gift of **\$188.00**. This amount is **9%** of our goal which is **\$10,656.36** and we now have a balance of **\$9716.36** left to reach that goal.

Please accept my sincere apology for the error. ~Lisa

UPDATED Catholic Appeal Figures for St. Benedict's from June 8th - Week 2

As of week two, St. Benedict’s collected **\$2190.00** with **13** Gift Contributions with an average gift of **\$168**. This amount is **21%** of our goal which is **\$10,656.36** and we now have a balance of **\$8466.36** left to reach that goal.

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.

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address, phone number and condition of
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In case of an emergency, call
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In Loving Memory

Chris Marston

(3/13/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)

Aaron Marston

(04/14/1975 ~ 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

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Edward Rush

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Mary Rush

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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)

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Thank you

Eucharistic Adoration will be held today, June 8th, from after Mass until 3:00PM



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 8th	Scarlet	Lynn	David	Rob, 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:

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

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

SILVER & GOLD MASS

Catholics marking wedding anniversaries are invited to participate in the annual *Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass* on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 4 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 429 Main Street, Old Town. Bishop James Ruggieri will offer a blessing to all married couples and those celebrating milestone anniversaries of 10 years, 25 years, 40 years, and 50 or more years of sacramental marriage will receive special recognition.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://portlanddiocese.org/silver-gold-anniversary-mass>



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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, June 7th: St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: **Lisa Sherlock** (7th Anniversary)
by Julie & Bruce and for our Seniors

Sunday, June 8th : St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: *(D)* **Richard McAvoy** *by Anna & Billy Robinson*
 St. Peter's at 10:00AM: *(D)* **Connie Adams** *by Barry, Patty and Barry Bryant*
 St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: *No Mass*

Monday, June 9th: St. Peter's at 8:30AM: *No Mass Today – Fr. Justin out of Town*

Tuesday, June 10th: St. Peter's at 4:30PM: **In honor of the 30th Ordination Anniversary of Msgr. Andrew Dubois**
By George, Judy, Michelle & Family

Wednesday, June 11th: *Father Justin's Day Off*

Thursday, June 12th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM: **Audrey Darling** (12th Anniversary) *by the Family*

Friday, June 13th: St. Benedict's 9:00AM: *(D)* **Reid Stanley** *by Jimmy & Debbie Qualey*

Saturday, June 14th: St. Martin of Tours 4:00PM: *(D)* **Gary Stevens** *by Anne & Mel Martin*

Sunday, June 15th : St. Benedict's 8:00AM: *(D)* **Richard McAvoy** *by Sandra McAvoy*
 St. Peter's 10:00AM: *(D)* **Juliette Duprey** *by her son, Guy*
 St. Martin of Tours 3:00PM: *(D)* **Minerva Proctor** (8th Anniversary) *by her niece, Sharon Darling*

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1ST

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH - PENTECOST SUNDAY

MONDAY JUNE 9TH - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH, - ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, - SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Readings for the Week



Sunday - Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1a6,24ac,296c-30, 31, 34/

1 Cor 12:36-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday - Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday - 2nd Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday - Acts 11:216-26:13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6

Thursday - 2nd Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9a6, 10-14/mt 5:20-26

Friday - 2nd Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday - 2nd Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37

Sunday - Prv 8:22-31/ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

“Without Grace,
 there is no hope,
 but with it, there is
 no shortage.”
 ~St. Barnabas



Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy

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Ryan Robinson

Beckham Willett

Janie Cummings

Irene Heath

† Families Afflicted by Addiction

† Our Men and Women In the service



“The spirit of humility is sweeter
 than honey, and those who nourish
 themselves with this honey
 produce sweet fruit.”
 ~St. Anthony of Padua



Devotions to the Sacred Heart are powerful ways in which we can intercede for ourselves and others.

First Friday Devotion: What’s so special about First Fridays? Our parents grew up going to church every First Friday of the month and taking part in Sacred Heart devotions, but in recent decades the pious practice has fallen out of practice, and is dismissed by some as an “old-fashioned” anachronism. A main reason for the decline in interest in this devotion is probably rooted in simple ignorance: people don’t know what First Fridays are all about; families and parishes may not have adequately passed down their importance to the next generation. Here are five things to know:

- How did the First Friday Devotion begin?** While saints have referenced the Heart of Jesus in their writings for centuries, the devotion spread quickly after St. Margaret Mary Alacoque’s visions of Jesus, wherein he asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to “receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months.”
- Why nine consecutive months?** The number nine is traditionally associated with a novena and finds its origin in the nine days that the apostles spent in prayer before Pentecost. A novena provides an extended amount of time for preparation and interior renewal.
- What am I supposed to do on First Fridays?** Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ’s Sacred Heart. If you are not in a state of grace, you will also need to go to confession.
- What are the “promises” connected to this devotion?** Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, “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.” This means that if a person faithfully receives communion for nine consecutive months on First Fridays, Jesus will grant that person extra graces at the time of their death, making it possible to repent of their sins and receive the last rites (if needed).
- Are the First Fridays a “ticket” to heaven?** It is not as simple as going to Mass for nine months and then clocking out, never going to Mass again and leading a sinful life! The entire purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person fulfills these obligations with sincere faith, it is natural for he or she to be closer to God and better prepared for death. The moment that this devotion is observed in a superstitious manner, neglecting the need to live a virtuous life, all bets are off and Jesus’ promise is null and void.

Jesus wants us to rest on his heart, like St. John, and the First Friday devotion is an opportunity for us to encounter him more than just on Sundays and to deepen our love of him. Coming to know, love and trust that we may take rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and place our anxieties within, is what the First Fridays are all about.



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