

Weekly Offertory

June 15th
Regular \$ 939.00
Seminarians & Ecclesiastical Students \$ 183.00
June 22nd
Regular \$1110.00
Catholic Communications Campaign \$ 181.00
June 29th
Regular
July 6th
Regular
Capital Campaign
July 13th
Regular

Capital Campaign
Raised: \$47,858.81
Dispersed: -\$11,805.73
(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)
Balance: \$36,053.08
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.

Weekly Reflection
Dear God's, Wonderful People.
The readings of today, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul invite us to reflect on our God as a God of surprises. Through our profound faith in Him, cooperation with his grace and humble submission to his will as Peter and Paul did despite their weaknesses, He surprises us with His transformative power and presence in our lives. In the first Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we encounter the dramatic moment of Peter's escape from Prison. This serves as a powerful reminder that even in our darkest hours, God is with us, offering deliverance and hope. We are called upon to trust in His Divine plan at all times and in every situation. The Psalm of today complements this faith reality that when we seek the lord, we will not be disappointed. Praising the Lord at all times as the Psalmist invites us is the key to God's heart and blessings. When we set our gaze upon Him, Our fears diminish and we find refuge in his loving care.
In the Second Reading, Paul speaks with confidence about life and ministry. He fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith and now awaits the crown of eternal glory. In every sincerity can we make this similar boast about our faithfulness to our Christian faith. Like Paul, our journey of faith will not always be easy. It requires dedication and perseverance. Both Peter and Paul whose solemnity we celebrate today, faced trials and tribulations, yet they remained steadfast, trusting in the promise of the Lord. This encourages us to reflect on our own commitment to the faith and our readiness to face challenges so as not to miss our crown of eternal glory. In the words of Sts. Peter and Paul respectively, may we learn to love Christ and to consider Him our gain in life, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you."(Jn.21:17, "To me, to live is Christ and to Die is gain"(Ph 1:24).
In today's Gospel, Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus responds by stating that Peter is the rock upon which He will build His Church. This foundational truth underscores the significance of Peter's leadership and the Church's Mission. We are called to build upon that rock, to stand firm on our faith and to spread the message of the Gospel with courage and love. Peter and Paul represent our strengths and our weaknesses. If we surrender all to God in humility and cooperate with his grace, He can transform us to the surprise of many who have written us off as failures and unfit. Peter and Paul equally represent the Church's two complementary dimensions. Peter is the traditional force that seeks the Centre. Paul is the central force that reaches to embrace different cultures and inform them with Gospel values. The Church needs both. Without the centering of Peter, the Church would have been a loose collection of fragmented sects. Without the expansive force of Paul, the Church would have remained in Jerusalem. While remaining faithful to the deposit of the faith or the traditions of the Church, we are called upon to gather new insights and new understanding of discipleship in our present times. Such adaptations keep our ancient faith as a living faith

Annual St Benedict's Celebration

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Save the date! We invite you to join us again this year

.... TO CELEBRATE AND ENJOY THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT HERE AT ST BENEDICT'S. WE HAVE CELEBRATED THIS EVENT FOR MANY YEARS WITH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, SOME MORE EVENTFUL THAN OTHERS. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY, TO TAKE THE TIME, TO THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS, TO HONOR OUR ROOTS AND HISTORY, AS WELL AS REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND LEFT US. IT IS A CHANCE TO BUILD UNITY, AND HAVE FUN. IT IS ALSO A TIME TO DEVELOP A GREATER SENSE, OF OUR CALL AS CATHOLICS TO SHARE OUR JOY, AND THE LIFE OF CHRIST GROWING WITHIN US WITH OTHERS. BUILD ON THAT TRADITION, BY TALKING AND VISITING WITH OTHERS WHILE ENJOYING AND SHARING GREAT FOOD. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US, AND INVITE ANOTHER PERSON OR FAMILY, TO JOIN US TO MAKE THIS DAY SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

THIS CELEBRATION IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR EVERYONE. THINK ABOUT ANY SPECIAL INTENTIONS YOU HAVE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PRAYED FOR DURING MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AFTER MASS

USE THIS FORM FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

The Catholic Appeal The Portland Diocese of Maine

As of Week 5, the Appeal has raised **\$2.3 Million**, bringing us to **61%** of our overall goal. Way to go! A special congratulations to St. Agnes and All Saints for reaching goal this week! Thank you for everything you do to support the Appeal.

Catholic Appeal Figures for St. Benedict's from June 29th - Week 5

As of Week 5, St. Benedict's collected **\$7895.00** with **27** Gift Contributions with an average gift of **\$292.00**. This amount is 74% of our goal which is \$10,656.36 and we now have a balance of \$2761.36 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.

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

(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

(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





Blood Drive

St. Peter's

Friday, July 11th
12:00pm - 4:30pm

call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Mark your calendars!

THE NEXT BANDSTAND HOT
DOG/BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD
ON JULY 26TH

TO VOLUNTEER BEHIND THE
COUNTER, TO BAKE, OR PREPARE,
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE



Thank you

...for cleaning our church!

To join our wonderful volunteers, please visit the sign
up sheet in the back of the church.

St. Benedict's own Youth Choir is looking for
members. The choir sings at the last Mass of
every month, and rehearses weekly according to
singers' schedules. We believe God loves all voices,
and we do not judge. Join us!



Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
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
July 13th	Brenda	Rob	Anna Q	Andrew, Betty & Rob	John & Jill Duffy
July 20th	Scarlet	Brenda	David	Pat, Harold & John	John & Jill Duffy
July 27th	Dustin	Pat	Rob	Cindy, Deb & Rose	John & Jill Duffy

June - Pat
August - Cindy
July - Mike

Sacristans:

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

Annual St Benedict's Celebration

Sunday, July 13th, 2025

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

10 AM — 11:00 Mass (notice the change in time)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 2 PM

(Plan to make a visit, if only for a few moments before you leave, to ask the Lord to bless you and your family)

11:00 — 11:30 Saint Benedict's Cemetery visit:

Families to place wild flowers at a family stone,
Say a prayer,

Create an etching of a family stone, Ring the bell,
Leave etching for display by the bell with a volunteer.

(For those who have no family here, go out and say a prayer for the
Souls in Purgatory, or spend time in Adoration)

11:30 — BBQ/ Picnic

Hotdogs, baked beans, salads, and desserts

12:30 — Games

Active outdoor games for children or adults

Bible bingo and Saint Benedict bingo with prizes.

Blast with the Bishop!

A Family Day of Fun & Faith with Bishop Ruggieri

In his homily on June 1, Pope Leo XIV said
"...families become privileged places in which to encounter
Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always."

Your family is that privileged place of encounter—
encountering the Lord in shared play, work, & prayer.

Join Bishop Ruggieri on **August 30, 2025** to:

- Learn from Bishop & parents about what works to foster faith in our children and a vibrant Catholic family life in the home.
- Pray with other families
- Engage in fun, family activities

Faith grows strongest
when we live it together.
I look forward to sharing
this day with you and
your family.

Schedule—9:45am—5:45pm:

9:45am Registration
10:00am Guided Adoration
10:30am Snack & fun break
10:45am Bishop Ruggieri - Message for Families
11:30am Break
11:45am Small groups sessions for kids and parents
12:15pm Lunch and more fun!
1:15pm Living Rosary
2:00pm Family discussion and activity
3:00pm Parent Panel Discussion & Kids Activities
4:15pm Vigil Mass with Bishop Ruggieri
5:45pm Supper on-site or to-go



Registration Fee: \$25/family—includes lunch, snacks, & supper either on site or to go

Location: St. Mary's
Catholic Church,
Houlton, ME



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Faith Formation News

We had a wonderful, hot week at VBS year 31, and I would like to thank all of the families that supported the program as well as the faithful volunteers!! We had 45-50 children participate, 17 teen volunteers, and 14 adult volunteers! VBS is about evangelization and sharing our faith with the community and beyond and we couldn't have been more blessed by each and every person that shared their gifts and abilities, as we learned from the story of Joseph. Thank you all for your part in making this a blessed week! Check out our pictures of the week on St. Benedict's Facebook page and website!



AUSPICE MARIA

Most Reverend James Ruggieri
Bishop of Portland

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF THE
AUSPICE MARIA PODCAST IS NOW LIVE!
IN THIS EPISODE, BISHOP RUGGIERI
DISCUSSES THE POWER OF PERSONAL
ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS. USING EXAMPLES
FROM THE GOSPEL AND OUR DAILY LIVES,
HE EXPLAINS HOW JESUS REACHES OUT TO
US PERSONALLY.

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

MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 28th: St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: (D) **Dan Ahern** by *Sheila & Gerry*

Sunday, June 29th : St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: (D) **Veronica Elwell** by *Mike & Betty*
St. Peter's at 10:00AM: (D) **Eva Chasse** by *Hong Chasse*
St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: (D) **Martine & Enoil Pelletier** by *Marie Templeton*

Monday, June 30th: St. Peter's at 8:30AM: (D) **Barbara Potvin** by *George, Judy & Michelle*

Tuesday, July 1st: St. Peter's at 4:30PM: (D) **Lillian Caruso** (11th Anniversary) by *Donna & Family*

Wednesday, July 2nd: *Father Justin's Day Off*

Thursday, July 3rd: Sweet Seniors at 2:00 PM: **For the Souls in Purgatory**
Vigil Mass for Independence Day
St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM: (D) **Marsha Northway** by *Karen & Mark Emerson*

Friday, July 4th: St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: *No Mass due to the July 4th Holiday*

Saturday, July 5th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM: (D) **Sarah Marquis** by *the Family*

Sunday, July 6th: St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: (D) **Ann Gallivan** by *Scott & Catherine Sevigny*
St. Peter's at 10:00AM: (D) **Theresa Hebert** by *Shirley Moffatt*
St. Martin of Tours at **12:30PM:** (D) **Al & Rena Hughes** (in honor of their Anniversary and birthdays)
by the Children and Grandchildren

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29TH

SUNDAY JUNE 29TH - SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
MONDAY JUNE 30TH - THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH
TUESDAY JULY 1ST - SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA, CANADA DAY
THURSDAY JULY 3RD - SAINT THOMAS APOSTLE
FRIDAY JULY 4TH - INDEPENDENCE DAY (READINGS FROM EITHER THE MASS "FROM THE COUNTRY OR THE CITY"
OR "FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE")
SATURDAY JULY 5TH - SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA, SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Readings for the Week

Sunday - Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2TM 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Monday - Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday - Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday - Gn 21:5, 8-20a/mnt 8:28-34

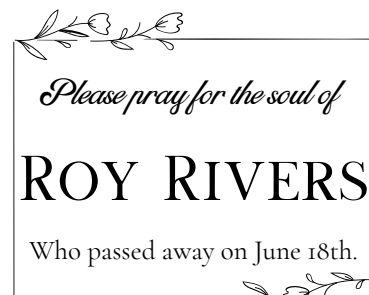
Thursday - Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Friday -Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13

(For Independence Day, readings from the Masses

"From the Country or the City" or "For Peace & Justice")

Saturday - Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17



Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy

Riley Wheaton

Ryan Robinson

Beckham Willett

Janie Cummings

Irene Heath

† Families Afflicted by Addiction

† Our Men and Women In the service



Why July's devotion to the Precious Blood might speak to you

In the Catholic Church, the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. It is a wonderful time to be reminded of that gift, recalling all the while that devotion to the Precious Blood marks not only one fleeting summer month but our entire year, offering true and abiding sustenance. The privilege of receiving the Blood of Christ is even more profound when we remember that Christ is the fulfillment of the Scriptures, and the fulfillment of many ancient covenants associated with blood. The first sacrifice pleasing to God was Abel's slain lamb. This angered Cain, who spilled Abel's blood. To the ancient Hebrews, blood was associated with the soul. God says to Cain: "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground." (Gen 4:10) And so, the soul of Cain cries out to God for peace.

Abraham established the covenant of circumcision. The blood of the lamb on the doorposts at Passover spared the Israelites' children from death. Moses sprinkled the blood of animal sacrifices on the people to bless them as part of rituals commanded by God. In His own time, Jesus would have been very familiar with the sight of sinners coming to the temple with the offering of a lamb, confessing their sin while they placed their hands on the animal's head, and then slitting its throat as a substitute, to die for them. "I am the Lamb of God," would have had such a visceral meaning when spoken to a people familiar with that common occurrence. The Shepherd of us all becomes the Lamb of sacrifice. The blood of Jesus delivers the peace for which Abel's blood cried. We are the blood-purchased children of God. At Gethsemane and Golgotha, the blood of Christ fell to the ground and answered Abel's cry with a searing beauty beyond imagining.

An ancient medieval tradition spoke of "the Pelican-in-Her-Piety," as a symbol of Christ, and it is an image prevalent in many a church and cathedral, from stained glass windows to floor mosaics. Legend held that when a mother pelican's young were languishing or dying, she would impale her own breast to feed them from her blood, which would revivify them even at the expense of her life. It is a stunning symbol of Christ. If you encounter someone who is shocked by such images of consuming or being blessed by blood, tell them, to paraphrase C.S. Lewis, "God is good, but He is not tame." The new life Jesus gave came "with water and blood." (1 John 5:6).

St. Longinus, yes, saint, is the soldier who pierced the side of Christ with a lance. He declared that truly Jesus was the son of God, because the blood of Christ spilled on Longinus and healed his eyes. Tradition tells us that Longinus converted, left the army and spread the Gospel until his own martyrdom.

In honor of the Precious Blood, let us receive the Eucharist with ever more gratitude for the Lamb of God. May we find compelling ways, like the storied Pelican, to nourish others, giving without limit. And may we pray to St. Longinus, whose vision was blessed by Calvary's blood, to spread the Gospel in whatever ways, be they small or great, that we can.

What a faith, what a savior have we, that even a man who wounded the side of God may become a saint. Thus, what is our excuse not to try?