

Weekly Offertory

June 22nd
Regular \$1110.00
Catholic Communications Campaign \$ 181.00
June 29th
Regular \$ 762.60
July 6th
Regular \$ 1226.00
Capital Campaign \$ 1475.00
July 13th
Regular
Heat & Electric
July 20th
Regular
July 27th
Regular
Peter's Pence

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000
Raised: \$49,333.81
Dispersed: -\$34,938.23
(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)
Balance: \$14,395.58
Please mark your donation
"Capital Campaign"
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Amount needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

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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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Weekly Reflection

МВГКІА КВІІІСНІОУ

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

Theme: *Be an image of the invisible God in your neighborhood or wherever you find yourself*

Dear God's wonderful people, today's readings invite us to reflect deeply on the power of God's guidance in our lives and our shared responsibility of being compassionate to our neighbors. It is a call to love our neighbors practically, sincerely and selflessly. In the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses speaks to the people about the need to pay heed to God's commandments and allow these to give them a sense of direction in life. He tells them that these are not very distant nor unobtainable but very near to them, echoing the idea that the path to life and blessing is very accessible to all of us. The challenge however lies in our response, choosing to embrace the life God offers. The Psalmist expresses a longing for salvation and deliverance, reminding us that in our struggles, we must reach out to God. We are called upon to recognize our dependency on Him and seek His help in our times of need. God is close to us and ready to guide us in all our storms.

The second reading presents Christ as the image of the invisible God through whom all things were created and are directed. This passage emphasizes the profound connection we share with Christ. He is central to our lives and to creation itself. Our understanding of love and compassion must flow from our relationship with him, Who demonstrated ultimate love through his sacrifice. When we allow God to guide us through Christ's Spirit, then we too become images of the invisible God to all around us. This is demonstrated in the parable of the Good Samaritan in today's Gospel text.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is evident that if we desire eternal life, we must look to the law of God and above all to Jesus for guidance and direction. We must love God supremely above all else that is or will be. Our love for God must be concrete. It must be evident in the love we have for ourselves and our neighbors. Jesus challenges us to expand our definition of neighbor and to act with mercy and compassion especially towards those who are suffering. Love is expressed through action as seen in the reaction of the Samaritan and not in legalistic adherence as shown in the attitude of the priest and Levite in this parable.. In this story, we see the heart of God. He does not just want us to know and keep the commandments, but to live them by being moved to impact and transform other's situations through acts of kindness and mercy. So, how do we respond to the needs around us? With indifference and excuses or with involvement? God's Word indeed is close to us, guiding our choices towards eternal life and calling us to a deeper faith and a more active love. This is what it takes to inherit eternal life.

WE WISH THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. BENEDICT, A VERY WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF THEIR PARISH FEAST DAY. God is Good, All the Times, And all the Times, God is Good.
And that Remains His Nature, WOW.

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

④8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

CALL DEACON DAN (207) 731-8111

FAITH FORMATION

ANNA ROBINSON (207) 267-0586

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FRI. 9:30-11:30
AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS
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JULY 13TH, 2025 - 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR C



Annual St Benedict's Celebration

Sunday, July 13, 2025

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 JOIN US, AND LET'S MAKE THIS DAY SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

The Catholic Appeal The Portland Diocese of Maine

As of week 7, we've now reached **\$2,750,417**, bringing us to **76%** of our overall goal!
This week, we're celebrating four parishes that have reached their goal.

Congratulations to:

Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Saint Peter the Fisherman
Good Shepherd
Saint John Paul II

Every announcement, personal outreach, and kind word from the pulpit helps inspire generosity and strengthen our parish communities. Thank you for the energy and care you continue to bring to this effort.

Catholic Appeal Figures for St. Benedict's - Week 7

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.



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.
Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org

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

(5/13/1978 ~ 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

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"



WILL YOU LEND YOURS TO
COUNT THE OFFERING?
TO JOIN THE ROTATION OF OFFERTORY
COUNTERS PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE, OR STOP IN AFTER MASS!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP



THANK YOU FOR
CLEANING OUR CHURCH!

TO JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE VISIT THE SIGN-
UP SHEET BY THE ENTRANCE.

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



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

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

THE NEW ROOF IS DONE!



THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

Total Cost of the new
Roof = \$34,938.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Would you like to join any of our ministries?

Please contact the office.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
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
August 3rd	Lana	Anna Q	Anna Q	Andrew, Harold & Deb	Deb D. & Rose
August 10th	Earl	Tom	David	Pat, Rob & John	Deb D. & Rose

July - Mike
August - Cindy
September - Chris

Sacristans:



Annual St Benedict's Celebration

Sunday, July 13th, 2025



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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REGISTER ONLINE: portlanddiocese.net/faithfamilyfunday

Faith Formation News

Lend us your voices!

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!



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 REFLECTS ON THE DEEPLY BIBLICAL AND PROFOUNDLY HUMAN CALL TO ACCOMPANY OTHERS IN FAITH. DRAWING FROM THE LIVES OF MOSES, ST. PUL AND MOST FULLY JESUS, HE EXPLORES HOW WALKING WITH, LISTENING TO, TEACHING AND BREAKING BREAD WITH OTHERS IS CENTRAL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP. ALL EPISODES OF OUR PODCASTS ARE AVAILABLE ON SPOTIFY, APPLE PODCASTS, AND YOUTUBE. ALL CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, TOO AT:

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MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 12th: St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: (D) **David, Paul & Terry Guy**

Sunday, July 13th : St. Benedict's at 10:00AM: (D) **Kenny McNally** by *Robert & Christine Cunningham*
St. Peter's at 8:00AM: **The Deceased Members of the Paquet Family** by *Marilyn & Family*
St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM: **The Vatchy & Miller families** by *The Family*

Monday, July 14th: St. Peter's at 8:30AM: (D) **Donnie Morin** by *Esther & Frank Willette*

Tuesday, July 15th: St. Peter's at 4:30PM: (D) **Dawn Rossignol** by *George, Judy, Michelle & Family*

Wednesday, July 16th: *Father Justin's Day Off*

Thursday, July 17th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM: (D) **Zemmie Saucier** by *Leo & Family*

Friday, July 18th: St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: (D) **Reid Stanley** by *John & Joyce Cummings*

Saturday, July 19th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM: (D) **The Marquis Family** by *Bob & Family*

Sunday, July 20th: St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: **Michael Rush**, A Living Intention *Happy Birthday from Mum*
St. Peter's at 10:00AM: (D) **Donnie Chasse** by *Rita & Family*
St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM: (D) **David Pelkey** by *his wife, Evelyn*

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13TH

SUNDAY: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

TUESDAY: ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY: OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

FRIDAY: SAINT CAMILLUS DE LEILLIS

SUNDAY: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

Sunday -Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday - Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:16-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday - Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday - Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:16-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday - Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26 27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday -Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday - Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13 15/Mt 12:14-21



10:25-37



Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy

Riley Wheaton

Ryan Robinson

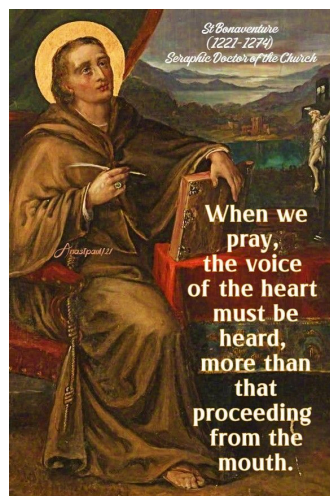
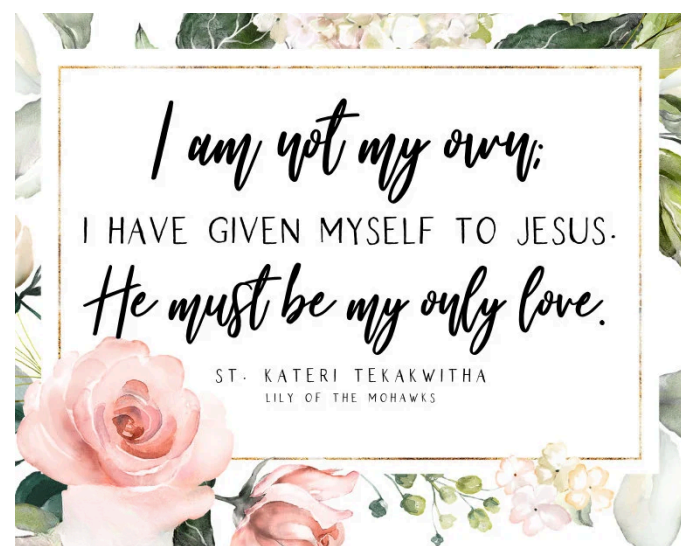
Beckham Willett

Janie Cummings

Irene Heath

† Families Afflicted by Addiction

† Our Men and Women In the service



Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well. Our Lady said that if we prayed the prayers, 'We'll deliver so many souls, so many souls.'

Prayer of St. Gertrude

ETERNAL FATHER,
I offer Thee the Most Precious
Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in
union with the Masses said
throughout the world today, for
all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere, for
sinners in the universal church,
those in my own home and
within my family.

Amen

