

Weekly Offertory

June 29th

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\$ 762.60

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Capital Campaign

\$ 1475.00

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July 20th

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July 27th

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Peter's Pence

August 3rd

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Capital Campaign

August 10th

Regular

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Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000

Raised: \$54,333.81

Dispersed: -\$34,938.23

(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)

Balance: \$19,395.58

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"Capital Campaign"

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Amount needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

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.

Weekly Reflection

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

Theme: Do not let Your Blessings pass you by Missing out Opportunities to Serve and to show Hospitality

Dear Wonderful people of God, the readings for the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time year C, invite us into a deeper understanding of Hospitality and the call to prioritize what truly matters in our Christian lives. In today's first reading, we witness Abraham's encounter with three visitors. With remarkable generosity, he offers them food and shelter, exemplifying true hospitality. It is revealed in this encounter that in serving others, we encounter God and invite a divine presence and blessings into our homes. Today's Psalm tells us what it takes to dwell in the presence of the Lord and be blessed. It emphasizes integrity, righteousness and a heart that values others.. The underlining message here is that our relationships and how we treat others reflect our relationship with God.

The Second reading speaks of the mystery of Christ's sacrifice for our sake so that we may be brought to maturity in faith. Like Abraham and Jesus, Paul willingly offers his life and efforts as an act of service, reminding us that our lives are interconnected in the body of Christ. In today's Gospel, we encounter Martha and Mary in the presence of Jesus. Martha busies herself with many tasks, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to his words. Given Martha's complaint as if Mary were wasting and she was doing the necessary, Jesus gently admonishes Martha, highlighting that while serving is valuable, being present to the lord and attentive to his voice is paramount. In our busy lives, it is easy to become consumed by our tasks and lose sight of what truly nourishes our souls. We can be busy with the harvest, with work and with material concerns and we forget the lord of the harvest, the giver of the gifts and the lord of Work.

As Christians, we are called upon to balance our acts of service with attentive listening to God's directives through His words. Sometimes we allow ourselves to be drawn into the unnecessary comparison of whether it is better to be active or contemplative. As far as our life and faith is concerned, however, whether we are active or contemplative is not really the issue. What is key is whether we are living our chosen way of life well and not ignoring the other when circumstances call for. While contemplative life has the ability to provide deep spiritual engagement with God, the active life, if properly channelled can equally enrich our sense of the Divine. When praying, pray as that was all you had to do and when working, work as though that was all you had to do.

Hence St. Benedict's Dictum, **Ora et Labora**. Work and Pray.

Balance work with prayer and prayer with work.

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JULY 20TH, 2025 - 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR C

The Catholic Appeal: The Portland Diocese of Maine

Week 8

We've now reached \$2,837,355, bringing us to 79% of our overall goal!

Congratulations to:
St. Benedict's Parish
for reaching their goal!

Thank you to all of the St. Benedict families who have given to the Catholic Appeal. We hit our parish goal! By reaching—and hopefully now exceeding—our goal, we are supporting the shared ministries across the diocese that our parish could not offer alone.

Your gifts directly fund ministries like hospital chaplaincy, Catholic schools, college campus outreach, multicultural ministry, and pastoral services, and many more. These ministries respond to the needs of our local community and give Catholics opportunities to grow in faith throughout their lives.

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Appeal and funding efforts that nurture spiritual life, embrace God's call to serve, and accompany missionary disciples.

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)



In Loving Memory

Chris Marston

(8/13/1978 ~ 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)



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 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.

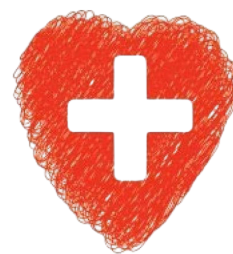
Mark your calendars!

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



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Blood Drive

St. Peter's
Friday August 1st
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online at redcrossblood.org or
call 1-800-REDCROSS

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 20th	Scarlet	Brenda	David	Pat, Harold & John	John & Jill Duffy
July 27th	Dustin	Pat	Rob	Ken, Rose & Deb	John & Jill Duffy
August 3rd	Lana	Anna Q	Anna Q	Andrew Harold & Ken	Deb D. & Rose
August 10th	Earl	Tom	David	Pat, Rob & John	Deb D. & Rose
August 17th	Chris	Brenda	Rob	Rose, Cindy & Andrew	Deb D. & Rose
August 23rd	Brenda	Chris	Anna Q	Ken, John & Rob	Deb D & Rose

Sacristans:

July - Cindy

September - Chris

August - Mike

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

Faith Formation News

News from the Annual St Benedict's Celebration

ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY, AND WE AGAIN WERE BLESSED BY THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT BENEDICT TO SHOWER GRACES ON THIS PARISH AND ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED ON SUNDAY, JULY 13TH. IT WAS A SIMPLE DAY STARTING WITH THE MASS, FOLLOWED BY EUGCHARISTIC ADORATION, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO VISIT AND PRAY IN THE CEMETERY, FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY, OR FOR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL TIME FOR THOSE OF US WHO GREW UP HERE AND CALL THIS PLACE HOME. IT IS A TIME TO REMEMBER, TO HONOR, AND TO LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE OF OUR HERITAGE. IT SHOULD ALSO REMIND US OF THE VISION OF BISHOP BENEDICT FENWICK, TO BUILD A COMMUNITY HERE AT SAINT BENEDICT'S. IT SHOULD REMIND US OF THE STRUGGLES THE EARLY SETTLERS FACED, THAT BUILD STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND FAITH, AND EFFORT TO WORK HARD, INTO THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR HOMES. MANY OF US REAP THE REWARDS OF THAT TODAY. IT IS NOW UP TO EACH OF US, TO TAKE THE CHARGE, TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, TO WORK HARD, AND GO FORTH TO BRING CHRIST TO THE WORLD.

THERE WAS LOTS OF GOOD FOOD AS ALWAYS, WITH FUN AND GAMES WITH A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. WE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ROB MEINDERS FOR HIS EFFORTS IN THE PAINTING OF THE HIGH CEILINGS AND WALLS OF THE MEETING ROOM AND THE HALLWAY OF THE PARISH CENTER. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE TO THANK FOR IT ALL TO RUN SMOOTHLY. THANK YOU LORD FOR GUIDING US, INSPIRING US, AND FOR BRINGING PEOPLE TO HELP WITH ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY NEEDED TO BE DONE. A SPECIAL, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS DAY A SPECIAL DAY, FROM BEGINNING TO END. EVERYONE, FROM THE PLANNING, EFFORTS AT MASS, TO THE SET UP AND CLEAN UP, THE COOKING, THE COORDINATING AND MANAGING ALL THE ACTIVITIES, EUGCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORERS, DOWN TO THE CLEANUP, AND THE FINAL CLOSING OF BENEDICTION.

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY! WHAT BETTER WAY TO
GIVE THANKS, HONOR AND GLORY TO OUR GOD?
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.



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!

WE ALL STRUGGLE TO FILL OUR LIVES WITH
MEANING. SOME SEARCH FOR SATISFACTION FROM
SUCCESS, COMFORT, OR INDEPENDENCE, THOUGH THESE
THINGS OFTEN FAIL TO FILL OUR "EXISTENTIAL
VACUUM."

BISHOP JAMES RUGGIERI INVITES LISTENERS TO
CONSIDER A DEEPER QUESTION: WHY DO WE FEEL SO
EMPTY? WHAT ARE WE REALLY LIVING FOR?
THIS EPISODE EXPLORES HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
—THROUGH ITS SACRAMENTS, COMMUNITY, AND
TRADITION—OFFERS NOT JUST BELIEFS, BUT A
TRANSFORMATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

WHETHER YOU'RE DEVOUT, DOUBTFUL, OR
SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN, THIS IS A THOUGHTFUL
REFLECTION ON MEANING, MERCY, AND THE KIND OF
LOVE THAT DOESN'T LEAVE US WHERE WE ARE.

A FULL TRANSCRIPT CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE
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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 19th: St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: *(D) The Marquis Family by Bob & Family*

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

Monday, July 21st: St. Peter's at 8:30AM: **For the Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday, July 22nd: St. Peter's at 4:30PM: *(D) Barbara Potvin by Jean & Sally*

Wednesday, July 23rd: *Father Justin's Day Off*

Thursday, July 24th: Katahdin Nursing Care at 2:00PM: **For Souls in Purgatory**
St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM: **For the Souls in Purgatory**

Friday, July 25th: St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: *(D) Reid Stanley by Anna & Billy Robinson*

Saturday, July 26th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM: *(D) Bertha Raymond* (1st Anniversary)
by Debbie, Terry, Marianne, Bryan, John & Natalie

Sunday, July 27th: St. Benedict's at 8:30AM: *(D) Basil & Margaret McAvoy by Mike & Betty*
St. Peter's at 10:30AM: *(D) Donald Morin* (In honor of his birthday) *by Jeff & Lucia Jones*
St. Martin of Tours at **12:30PM: (D) Jimmy Bouchard** (30th Anniversary)
by Cathy, Troy, Tracy & Jamie

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20TH

SUNDAY: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY: ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

TUESDAY: ST. MARY MAGDALENE

WEDNESDAY: ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

THURSDAY: ST. CHARBEL MAKHLUF

FRIDAY: SAINT JAMES

SATURDAY: ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE

SUNDAY: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week



Sunday -Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24 28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday - Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:16c-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday - Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday - Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday - Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday -2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:16c-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28

Saturday - Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:16-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy

Riley Wheaton

Ryan Robinson

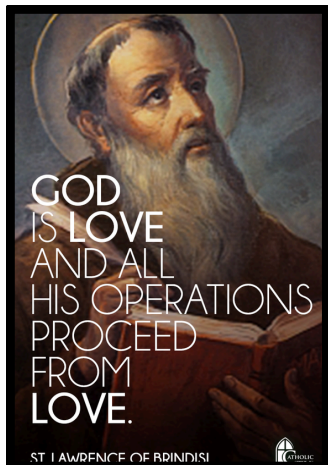
Beckham Willett

Janie Cummings

Irene Heath

† Families Afflicted by Addiction

† Our Men and Women In the service



Preserve the warmth
of the family because
the warmth of the
whole world cannot
make up for it."

~St. Charbel Makhluf



"The world would have
peace if only men of
politics would
follow the Gospels."

~St. Bridget of Sweden



~ Mary of Magdala features prominently in each of the gospels and she is most especially celebrated for her fidelity to Jesus during his Passion.

~ The Gospel of John highlights her importance when it describes her as going to Jesus' tomb alone and discovering that the body of the Lord is missing. In tears, she says to the angels at the tomb, "They have taken my Lord away sand I do not know where have put him" (20:1-18).

Moments later, Jesus appeared to her, making her the first witness of the Resurrection.

~ Various legends grew up around Mary Magdalene, including the unfounded assumption that she was a reformed prostitute. Today she is honored as a patron saint of contemplative nuns.

~ In 2016 Pope Francis elevated the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of "Feast," making her liturgical celebration equal to that of the other Apostles.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

"THE FIRST TO ARRIVE WAS MARY MAGDALENE. SHE WAS ONE OF THE DISCIPLES WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED JESUS FROM GALILEE, PUTTING HERSELF AT THE SERVICE OF THE BURGEONING CHURCH. HER WALK TO THE SEPULCHER MIRRORS THE FIDELITY OF MANY WOMEN WHO SPEND YEARS IN THE SMALL ALLEYWAYS OF CEMETERIES REMEMBERING SOMEONE WHO IS NO LONGER THERE. THE MOST AUTHENTIC BONDS ARE NOT BROKEN EVEN IN DEATH; THERE ARE THOSE WHO CONTINUE LOVING EVEN IF THEIR LOVED ONE IS GONE FOREVER." POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER

O GOD, WHOSE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
ENTRUSTED MARY MAGDALENE BEFORE ALL OTHERS
WITH ANNOUNCING THE GREAT JOY OF THE RESURRECTION.
GRANT, WE PRAY,
THAT THROUGH HER INTERCESSION AND EXAMPLE
WE MAY PROCLAIM THE LIVING CHRIST
AND COME TO SEE HIM REIGNING IN YOUR GLORY.
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.



from Aleteia