

Weekly Offertory		Capital Campaign	
June 15th			
Regular	\$ 939.00	Raised: \$47,858.81	
Seminarians & Ecclesiastical Students	\$ 183.00	Dispersed: -\$11,805.73	
June 22nd		(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)	
Regular	\$1110.00		
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 181.00		
June 29th		Balance: \$36,053.08	
Regular	\$ 762.60	Please mark your donation	
July 6th		"Capital Campaign"	
Regular		Thank you for your support!	
July 13th			
Regular			



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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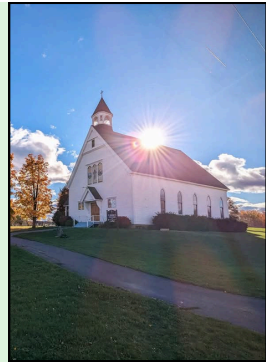


ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH

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

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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

ADORATION & CONFESSION

④8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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FRI. 9:30-11:30
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Dear wonderful people of God,

Weekly Reflection

The readings for the 14th Sunday of ordinary time, year C, invite us to be joyful in carrying out the mission entrusted to us by Christ. In the first reading from the Book of Isaiah, we hear the beautiful imagery of God nurturing His people. The image of a mother nurturing her child reflects the deep love and tender compassion God has for us. " Rejoice with Jerusalem" we are told. This highlights the reality that Joy is not just a personal experience but a communal one. God's love and compassion brings comfort and abundance, and we are called to share in that joy as his children. Our worship and our lives should be a response to God's goodness. Hence the Psalmist invites all the earth to cry out to God with joy. Gratitude should permeate our existence, and joy should radiate from us, positively impacting those around us.

The Second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, emphasizes that our true identity is rooted not in worldly distinctions but in our relationship with Christ. We are who we are, thanks to Christ's love for us demonstrated on the wood of the cross. As we are transformed through Christ, we are called to bear witness to His love reminding us that our mission is not about ourselves but about bringing others to that same joy and peace.

In today's Gospel text from Luke, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples equipping them for the mission. He instructs them to proclaim peace and to heal the sick. Their joy upon returning is a testament to the effectiveness of their mission. They equally experienced the power of God working in and through them. Jesus reminds them and us that our authority and joy come from our relationship with Him. Let these readings prompt in us a reflection on how we are embracing our mission of joy and peace in our families and communities. Are we bringing joy and comfort to those around us or are we increasing their pain and sorrow. Are we joyful followers, filled with gratitude for what God has done in our lives, or we are experts in complaining and grumbling? Are we willing to share in the struggles of others, demonstrating that our faith is alive and active or we are indifferent to other's situations and live like islands cut off from community concerns? Our joy can only be complete in a communal living and in sharing with others. Alone we go fast but together we go far.

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIMES. AND ALL THE TIMES, GOD IS GOOD. AND THAT IS HIS NATURE, WOW.

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 6, the Appeal has raised **\$2,465,640**, bringing us to **68%** of our overall goal. Way to go! While no parishes officially reached their goal this week, several are getting very close! With continued effort and encouragement, we are confident that more parishes will reach their goals in the weeks ahead.

Catholic Appeal Figures for St. Benedict's from June 29th - Week 6

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,

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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

(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

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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



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THE NEW ROOF IS DONE!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"
WILL YOU LEND YOURS COUNT THE OFFERING?
TO JOIN THE ROTATION OF OFFERTORY COUNTERS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE, OR STOP IN AFTER MASS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
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
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:

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

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

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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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5th: St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: (D) **Sarah Marquis** by the Family
 Sunday, July 6th : St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: (D) **Ann Gallivan** by Scott & Catherine Seigny
 St. Peter's at 10:00AM: (D) **Theresa Hebert** by Shirley Moffatt
 St. Martin of Tours at 3:00PM: (D) **Al & Rena Hughes** (in honor of their Anniversary and birthdays) by the Children and Grandchildren
 Monday, July 7th: St. Peter's at 8:30AM: **For the Souls in Purgatory**
 Tuesday, July 8th: St. Peter's at 4:30PM: (D) **Amanda Daigle** by Aunt Sally
 Wednesday, July 9th: *Father Justin's Day Off*
 Thursday, July 10th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM: (D) **Mary Labun** (4th Anniversary) by David & Family
 Friday, July 11th: St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: (D) **Reid Stanley** by Mike & Betty Coughlin
 Saturday, July 12th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM: **David, Paul & Terry Guy**
 Sunday, July 13th: St. Benedict's at 8:00AM: **Kenny McNally** by Robert & Christine Cunningham
 St. Peter's at 10:00AM: **The Deceased Members of the Paquet Family** by Marilyn & Family
 St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM: **The Vatcky & Miller families** by The Family

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6TH

SUNDAY: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 WEDNESDAY: ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
 FRIDAY: ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT
 SUNDAY: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

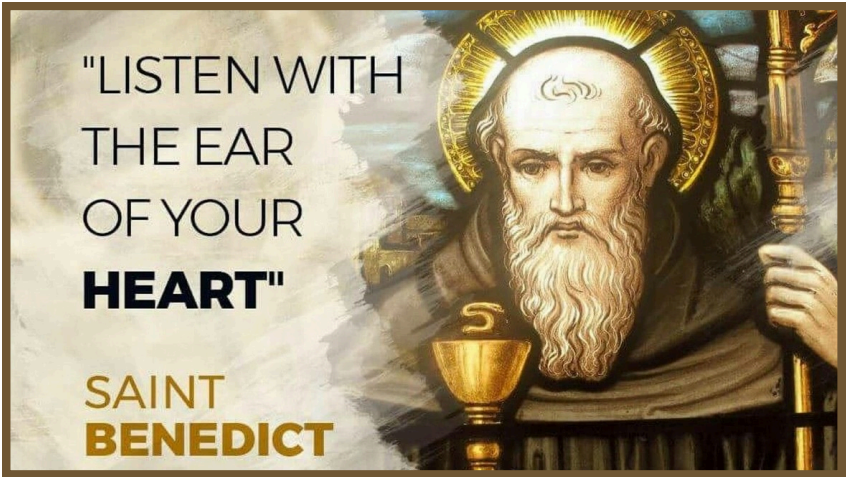
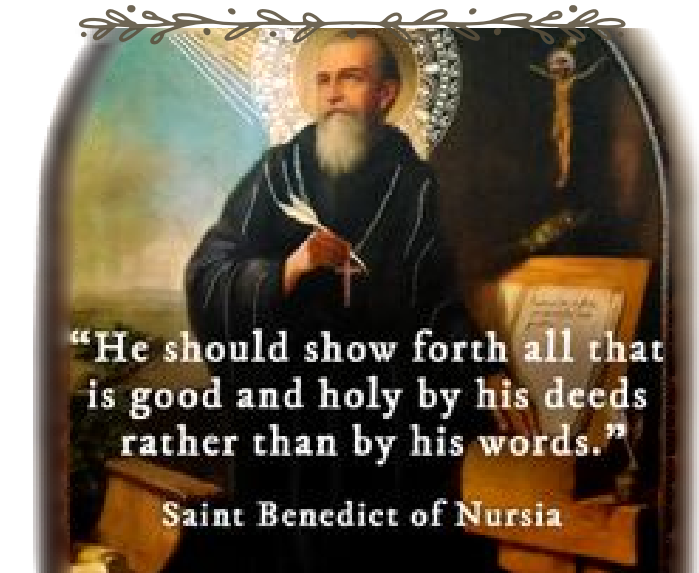
Readings for the Week

Sunday - Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (D)/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
 Monday - Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday - Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday - Gn 41:55-57: 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10 11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday - Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29: 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday -Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday - Gn 49:29-32: 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6 7/Mt 10:24-33

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



Novena to the Precious Blood:
 Say once a day for 9 days

By the Voice of Thy Blood, O Jesus! I would press Thee, solicit Thee, importune Thee, though Thou seemest to reject my supplications. I will not leave Thy bleeding feet until Thou hearest me. Too many graces, too many mercies have come from Thy Blood, for me not to hope, even to the end in its efficacy.
 Then, O Jesus! by the Precious Blood seven times shed for the welfare of men, by each drop of that Sacred Price of our redemption, by the tears of Thy Immaculate Mother, I conjure Thee, I supplicate Thee, hear my earnest prayer.

(Mention your intentions here)

O Thou, who during all the days of Thy mortal life, consoled so many sufferings, healed so many infirmities, raised so often a sinking courage; Thou wilt not fail to have pity on a soul who cries to Thee from the depths of her anguish! Oh, no, it is impossible! Another sigh from my heart, and from the wound in Thine own, there will flow to me, upon a wave of Thy merciful Blood, the grace so ardently desired. O Jesus, Jesus! hasten the moment when Thou wilt change my tears into joy, my sighs into thanksgivings.
 Holy Mary, Source of the Divine Blood! I conjure Thee not to lose this occasion of glorifying the Blood which made Thee Immaculate.

Amen.

