

Weekly Offertory

July 13th

Regular

Heat & Electric

July 20th

Regular

July 27th

Regular

Peter's Pence

August 3rd

Regular

Capital Campaign

August 10th

Regular

Heat & Electric

August 17th

Regular

August 24th

Regular

Catholic Appeal 2nd Commitment weekend

\$1093.00

\$ 708.00

\$ 993.00

\$1094.50

\$ 351.50

\$1380.00

\$ 533.50

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000

Raised: \$55,564.81

Dispersed: -\$34,938.23

(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)

Balance: \$20,646.58

Please mark your donation

"Capital Campaign"

Thank you for your support!

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.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION

④8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

EUCCHARISTIC 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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TUES. 8:30-11:30 THURS. 8:30-11:30
FRI. 9:30-11:30
AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS
OR BY APPOINTMENT 746-7960
STBENEDICTSMAINE.ORG

Weekly Reflection

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

Theme: Christian Stewardship

Today's Readings invite us to reflect on the call to vigilant stewardship in our Christian lives. They encourage us to stay faithful, prepare for what is to come and rely on God's promises. In the First Reading from the Book of wisdom, we see a powerful image of Hope. The Israelites held on to their faith during the time of their liberation , believing that God would save them. This believe in their deliverance was rooted in God's promise. This teaches us that faith is not just a passive belief, but it is an active trust in God's goodness and timing especially in our moments of trials. In this connection, today's Psalmist invites us to rejoice and proclaim our trust in the Lord's providence.

In the Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, faith is defined as the "assurance of things hoped for, the the conviction of things not seen." The example of Abraham and the Patriarchs stand before us as models of unwavering trust. They ventured into the unknown, believing that God would fulfill His promises, even when the fulfillment lay far beyond their earthly lives.

In the Gospel text of today from St. Luke, Jesus emphasizes that our faith should translate into readiness. He speaks of servants waiting for their master not idling away nor passively but being vigilant and responsible with what has been entrusted to us. As stewards, we are called not only to nurture our own faith but also to share God's love and resources with others. The master who returns finds those servants ready and faithful and he will reward them. This reminds us of our call to live as examples of God's love and grace in a world marked by uncertainty and fear. Every act of kindness, every moment of service, every opportunity to grow in faith matters. As Christians we do not have the time to loiter about doing nothing. We have a mission and a goal. A mission within a limited time to let God's Kingdom reign on earth through our good deeds and a goal to reach heaven at the end. So, let's set to work before it is too late.

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15, 2025

"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'" (Luke 1:30)

Just as Mary said "yes" to God's plan, we are invited to reflect on how we, too, might respond to His call in our lives. Are you being invited to consider a vocation that mirrors her example? Open your heart to God's call and explore the ways you can serve His Church. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

- We extend our condolences to any parishioner or visitor who is presently bereaved. Know of our fraternal and sisterly moral and spiritual support for the peaceful repose of your loved one and for the required strength of those mourning their deceased ones to bear their loss. May our strong faith in the resurrection of all believers console and strengthen you.
- Congratulations to all our parishioners and visitors celebrating their birth, marriage, vocation or any anniversary this week. We share in your anniversary joy and our prayers accompany you.
- We wish anyone travelling this week by air, land or sea travelling mercies and God's protective guidance to and from our destination. Be still and know that God is in control.



Portland Diocese of Maine ~ Catholic Appeal Week 11

This appeal supports nearly 19 ministries, throughout the diocese of Portland, which covers the whole state of Maine including: hospital chaplaincy, clergy relief, faith formation, school campus ministries, prison ministries, catholic charities and the tribunal. This does not only benefit the wider church in Maine, but also benefits our own parish and parishioners. It is a concern for all.


To those who have already generously donated to this year's appeal and to those who are continually redeeming their monthly or quarterly pledges, accept a big Thank you from the parish community. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, kindly do so using the envelopes on the pews or at the doors. Fill in your required information on the envelope and either drop it in the alms basket during offertory time or you can mail it in to Chancery. You could equally use your phone to scan the QR code on the bulletin boards, church walls, doors or go to appeal.portlanddiocese.org for easy giving. You will be able to make an ongoing, recurring gift or a one-time gift. Just a little bit of effort and we shall get to our parish goal and even exceed for the good of our beloved Diocese of Portland Maine.

May God Bless You Abundantly ~Fr. Sefembiy Justin, Pastor


As of this week, St. Benedict's Parish has raised \$12,375 which brings us to 116% of our goal of \$10,656.36 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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 cell, 207-765-4414


In Loving Memory

Chris Marston
(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





Eucharistic Adoration
will be held
TODAY
August 10th,
from After Mass until
3:00pm

WEC Food Pantry
LOCATED AT THE SHERMAN MAINE TOWN OFFICE, ON
SCHOOL STREET IN SHERMAN,
THE FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN ON
THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
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THANK YOU FOR
CLEANING OUR CHURCH!
TO JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE
VISIT THE SIGN-UP SHEET BY THE
ENTRANCE.
(WE ARE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST)

Would you like to join any of our ministries?
Please contact the office.
We look forward to hearing from you!

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!

"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

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
August 10th	Earl	Tom	David	Pat, Rob & John	Deb D. & Rose
August 17th	Chris	Brenda	Rob	Rose, Cindy & Andrew	Deb D. & Rose
August 24th	Brenda	Chris	Anna Q	Ken, John & Rob	Deb D & Rose
August 31st	Dustin	Rob	David	Harold, Pat & Rose	Deb D & Rose
Sept	Scarlet	Dustin	Rob	Cindy, Deb & Betty	Mona & Lana

August - Mike
September - Chris
October: Pat

Sacristans:
October: Pat

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

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

Faith Formation News

TRANSFORMED IN LOVE

Catholic Marriage Preparation Program

When: September 20 and 27, 2025
Where: St. Joseph Church
531 N. Main Street, Brewer, ME 04412
Cost: \$100 per couple (includes workbooks and meals)

Register on-line TODAY!
Deadline: Sept 5, 2025

Contact: Jennifer Hikel
Phone: (207) 217-1449
Email: hikelfamily@gmail.com
Website: www.stpaulbangor.me/marriage-prep-program

Among the topics covered in *Transformed in Love*:

- Knowing Your True Self
- Strengthening Communication Skills for Marriage
- Managing Expectations
- Financial Planning and Strategies
- Keeping Christ at the Center of our Marriage

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

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—including lunch, snacks, & supper either on site or to go

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

Sponsored by: Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

REGISTER ONLINE: portlanddiocese.net/faithfamilyfunday

2025 BLUE MASS

Honoring law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for faithful commitment and self-sacrifice.
Celebrated by Bishop James Ruggieri

Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
307 Congress Street, Portland

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary of the Visitation Church
110 Military Street, Houlton

More Info: <https://portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass>

AUSPICE MARIA
Most Reverend James Ruggieri
Bishop of Portland

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF THE AUSPICE MARIA PODCAST IS NOW LIVE!

EPISODE 11: "OUR LIVES ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT"
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE A VOCATIONAL LIFE? HOW DO OUR UNIQUE VOCATIONS BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD? IN THIS EPISODE, BISHOP JAMES RUGGIERI REFLECTS ON THE POWER OF SAYING "YES" TO GOD'S INVITATION, DRAWING WISDOM FROM SCRIPTURE, CHURCH TEACHING, AND THE EXAMPLE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER.

WHETHER MARRIED, SINGLE, ORDAINED, OR CONSECRATED, YOUR LIFE HAS A MISSION. JESUS WANTS YOU TO LIVE IT WITH PURPOSE, JOY, AND LOVE.

ALL EPISODES OF OUR PODCASTS ARE AVAILABLE ON SPOTIFY, APPLE PODCASTS, AND YOUTUBE. ALL CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, TOO AT:
[HTTPS://PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG/PODCASTS](https://portlanddiocese.org/podcasts)

MASSES & INTENTIONS AUGUST 9TH - AUGUST 17TH

Saturday, August 9 th	St. Martin's at 4:00PM - Eugene Brown (1st Anniversary) by Bruce & Julie Rioux
Sunday, August 10 th	St. Benedict's at 8:30AM - (D) Reid Stanley by Patricia, Mark, Sophia, Jacob, Cathy, and Scott St. Peter's at 10:00AM – Fletcher Cottle (18th Anniversary) by Stephanie & Steve Fraser St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM – Brian Landry (2nd Anniversary) by Mom & Dad
Monday, August 11 th	St. Peter's at 8:30AM – Theresa Hebert (1 st Anniversary) by Roger & Family
Tuesday, August 12 th	St. Peter's at 4:30PM- Karen Ellis (10 th Anniversary) by Dad & Family
Wednesday, August 13 th	Father Justin's Day Off
Thursday, August 14 th	St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM – Bertrand & Therese Morneault by Diane & Tony
Friday, August 15 th	St. Benedict's at 9:00AM - (D) Sandra Albert by Randy & Bev Cullins
Saturday, August 16 th	St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM – for the Vacky & Miller Families by The Family
Sunday, August 17 th	St. Benedict's at 8:30AM - (D) Stanley, Glenda & Ray Gadbois by Bev & Randy, Anna & Joe St. Peter's at 10:00AM – for the Deceased Members of the Chasse Family by Rita St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM – Claudette Tardy by Mark & Karen Emerson

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saint Days

	Readings for the week of August 10 to August 17 th
Sunday 8/10:	Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
Monday 8/11:	St. Clare Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday 8/12:	St. Jane Frances De Chantal Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday 8/13:	St. Pontian and Hippolytus Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday 8/14:	St. Maximilian Kolbe Jos 3:7-10, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21 - 19:1
Friday 8/15:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil 1Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28/Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday 8/16:	St. Stephen of Hungary Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15



Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy
 Riley Wheaton
 Ryan Robinson
 Beckham Willett
 Janie Cummings
 Irene Heath
 Families Afflicted by Addiction
 Our Men & Women in the Service



Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.
 Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.
 From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).
 When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.

The Assumption is the feast that celebrates Mary's being taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. Among the various celebrations in the Catholic Church, one that can be confusing to some is the Assumption of Mary, celebrated on August 15.

What does the Assumption of Mary mean?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Assumption refers to an event that occurred at the end of the Virgin Mary's life. *"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."*

- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. (CCC 966)
- This is a belief in the Catholic Church that has its origin in the first few centuries of Christianity, finding its source in early stories of the Virgin Mary's "death."
- St. John Damascene, an 8th century Christian author, wrote about how fitting it was for the Virgin Mary to be assumed into Heaven.

It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in the act of giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God.

Pius XII details in his apostolic constitution, Munificentissimus Deus how this belief has been handed down over the ages and finds evidence even in scripture.

Moreover, the scholastic Doctors have recognized the Assumption of the Virgin Mother of God as something signified, not only in various figures of the Old Testament, but also in that woman clothed with the sun whom John the Apostle contemplated on the Island of Patmos. Similarly they have given special attention to these words of the New Testament: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women," since they saw, in the mystery of the Assumption, the fulfillment of that most perfect grace granted to the Blessed Virgin and the special blessing that countered the curse of Eve.

The Assumption is an ancient celebration, one that honors the Virgin Mary and her role in salvation history and the eternal destination prepared for her by her Son, Jesus.

