

Portland Diocese of Maine ~ Catholic Appeal Week 17
As of Week 17, the Catholic Appeal has reached 94% of goal, with \$3,386,475 in gifts received.
As of this week, St. Benedict's Parish has raised \$12,475 which brings us to 117% of our goal of \$10,656,36 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Weekly Offertory		Capital Campaign
September 14th	Regular \$1187.10	Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000
	Capital Campaign \$ 549.15	Raised: \$56,183.96
September 21st	Regular	Dispersed: -\$34,938.23
	Catholic University and Special Education Needs	(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)
September 28th	Regular	Balance: \$21,245.73
	Visit from Tertiary Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi & Increased Offertory Renewal Weekend	
Amount needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85		

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Dear God's, wonderful people due to the worsening situation in Gaza, the Portland Diocese is pleading with us to support the Catholic Relief services (CRS) for its outreach to victims of the situation. The Diocese has already contributed \$18,000 to CRS from a special mission fund and are offering the parishioners a chance to help as well with donations.

Please, can we count on your generosity?

Donations can be made at Support.org/donate/holyland.

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PASTOR: REV. FR. SEFEMBIY JUSTIN

EMERGENCY NUMBER 765-4414 E-MAIL: SEFEMBIY.JUSTIN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG



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!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION
@8:00AM FRIDAYS OR BY APPOINTMENT

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

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FRI. 9:30-11:30
AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS
OR BY APPOINTMENT 746-7960

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PASTOR'S CORNER - TABLE OF THE WORD

Theme: *Be A Just Steward*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the theme of Stewardship in our Christian living especially in the proper use of our resources. In the First Reading from the prophet Amos, we encounter a powerful condemnation of those who exploit the poor and manipulate the markets for their gain. Amos calls out the hypocrisy of those who prioritize profit over people, illustrating that God sees and remembers these injustices. He reminds us that the Lord is attentive to the plight of the needy and His judgement is certain. In today's Psalm, we sing praises to the Lord who lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap. This offers us hope and reminds us that our God is deeply concerned with Justice, Compassion, and the dignity of every person. We are called upon to reflect that divine concern in our own lives in dealing with others.

In the Second reading from the First Letter to Timothy, Paul urges us to pray for everyone including those in authority, which means invoking God's justice and mercy not only for ourselves but for the world around us. This connects our personal and communal lives in Christ, reminding us that true stewardship involves sharing our blessings, our time, and our prayers in service to others.

In today's Gospel passage from St. Luke, we hear the parable of the dishonest steward. At first glance, this story can be perplexing. How can the steward's cunning, even if it is for his own benefit, be praised? Notice that Jesus praised his smartness or shrewdness but not his unethical business dealings or stealing from his master. Jesus uses this parable to reveal deeper truths about faithfulness and the shrewdness expected of us as stewards of God's gifts. It teaches us that our earthly possessions are not just for our own benefit but are a means to serve others and build up the kingdom of God. As we reflect on today's readings, let us examine our own lives with regards to what God has blessed us with and how we use it in relating with others. Are we attentive to the needs of those around us, particularly those who are marginalized? Are we using our resources, be they time, talent, money, material things and positions wisely and justly? Each of us has been entrusted with gifts and responsibilities. The challenge is to use them not solely for our gain but to build a more just and compassionate world, beginning from your homes, neighborhoods and immediate environments. May God Bless, Protect and Keep you as you commit yourself to sharing His blessings with others.

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

TABLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Did you know?.....

Why is Father Kissing that Table?

Have you noticed that, during the entrance hymn or antiphon, the celebrant approaches the altar and kisses it?

Why does he do that?

As Charles Belmonte explains in his book, Understanding the Mass: “AS a sign of veneration, the priest and deacon (if there is one present) kiss the altar... The altar symbolizes the heart of the Church. It is the Lord’s table and the center of the Eucharistic action. It has always been considered a symbol of Christ.

The altars in our churches are where the Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated and we encounter Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We call the Mass a sacrifice because we are given an opportunity to share in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Jesus Christ - body, blood, soul, and divinity - becomes present during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Jesus Christ, God Himself, is present there with us! No wonder we give the altar special honor as the place where we encounter Christ dwelling among us!

By this kiss, the priest also signifies the union of the Spouse (Christ) with his Bride (the Church)... What the priest is beginning to accomplish here is nothing other than to forge the union of the Church with her Master, of the soul with its Redeemer” (Understanding the Mass p. 49)

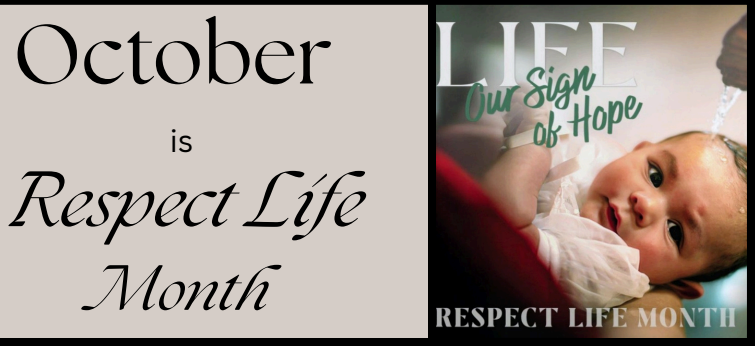
As you may realize, kissing the altar is more than a simple gesture!

Fr. Luke Spannagel - National Eucharistic Board

The Diocese of Portland has Approved, Granted Permission, and assigned the **Tertiary Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi** from Cameroon in Africa, to our cluster for this year's **Mission appeals**. One of them shall be visiting all our Cluster Churches on the weekend of **September 27/28 2025** to talk about their missionary activities and their various Charitable outreaches to the sick especially to Cardiac Patients, to orphans, the less educated, the disabled and the suffering in Africa. And then to do appeals for Assistance. Let us prepare ourselves to be kind, generous and charitable to support the effort of these sisters to put a smile on someone's face in Africa.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
- LUKE 16:1-13 OR 16:10-13

- For the Church, that many may recognize their call to serve God and others through the priesthood or religious life, using their gifts for His glory. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given them, responding to His call with generosity. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may encourage a spirit of stewardship and service, fostering an environment where vocations can thrive. Let us pray to the Lord.





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.

- 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.

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 Memor of:



Benedict Edward Cowan
May 2nd, 2025 -May 2nd, 2025)



Adam Rush

August 13th, 1989 - January 29th, 2016

In Loving Memory



Chris Marston

(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)



Aaron Marston

(04/04/1975~ 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



Thank you



ST. BENEDICT'S FINANCE
COUNCIL WILL MEET
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD
AT 3:30PM



Thank you for cleaning our Church!
To join our wonderful volunteers,
visit the sign-up sheet in the
entryway, or contact the office.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE

Please join us for the Rosary and
Prayers for Priests
Every 3rd Sunday at 2pm
For more information,
please call Ray: 694-0360

Blessing of the Animals - Houlton

Saturday, October 4 at 1:00 PM

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish will hold a Blessing of the
Animals prayer service, sponsored by the Heart of St.
Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity, on Saturday,
October 4, at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Mary of the
Visitation Church in Houlton.

*All animals big and small are welcome, but for security
reasons, pets must be leashed or otherwise secured.*

UVEC Food Pantry
Open the 2nd Tuesday
of every month
8:00am - 12:00pm

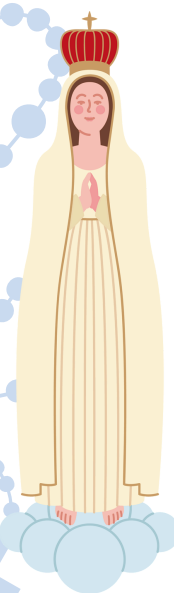


Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

All are invited to pray the Rosary in honor
of Our Lady of Fatima on

October 11 at noon
at St. Benedict's Church
or

at the Millinocket Bandstand
*Come and join us as we join with over 23,000
Rosary Rallies taking place at the same time
across the United States. We pray to honor our
Lady's miracle at Fatima and to plead with her
to save our country from spiritual destruction.*



Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
Sept 21st	Earl	Anna Q	David	Deb, Betty, John	Mona & Lana
Sept 28th	Chris	Brenda	Rob	Rose, Rob & Cindy	Mona & Lana
Oct. 5th	Scarlet	Chris	Anna Q	Pat, Ken & John	Mike & Betty
Octo. 12th	Dustin	Rob	Silas	Andrew, Rob, & Harold	Mike & Betty

We are looking for money counters to join the rotation.

Join this or any of our ministries, please contact the office or stop in after Mass!

September - Chris

November - Mike

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

It doesn't seem possible that summer 2025 has come to an end!
What a beautiful summer we have had, full of many blessings!
I have not seen most of you since VBS and am looking forward to
re-connecting for Faith Formation this fall.

Faith Formation classes will begin

on Sunday, October 12, 2026

at 9:30AM

at the Parish Center.

(Winter Mass time of 10:30 will begin on Sunday, October 5).

October 19th - Class

October 26th - Class

November 2nd - Class

November 9th - NO Class (*Anna will be away*)

Middle/High School Youth Ministry will be led by Brittany Arbo.

We will continue to meet on the first Sunday of every month,

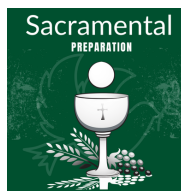
beginning:

Sunday, October 12th

6:00pm - 7:30pm

at the Parish Center

exploring and celebrating our Catholic faith as a community group,
inviting all youth in the surrounding communities to join us!



*This year I will be teaching Sacramental Prep
classes. At this time, we have two students in the
program. Please contact me if there are any
children interested in Sacramental prep*

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

*"Always be ready to give an explanation
... for a reason for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15).*

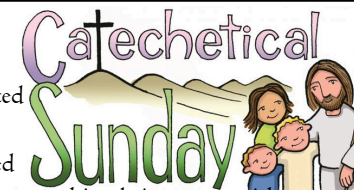
Catechetical Sunday, which is celebrated
on the third Sunday in September,
(September 21, 2025) was established
to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists bring to a parish
community. It also provides us an opportunity to reflect on the role that
each person plays, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a
witness to the Gospel.

The theme for 2025 is "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason
for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). The theme encourages us to be prepared to
share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same
manner, St. Peter encouraged the believers of his time. As Scripture reminds
us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

How should we celebrate the day?

On Catechetical Sunday, parishes are encouraged to recognize the
importance of catechesis and faith formation in building up the Church and
in the life of the parish. Many parishes will call forward all those who work
in faith formation, including religious education teachers, youth ministry
coordinators, Bible study group leaders, OCIA coordinators, and others, to
receive a blessing.

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus
Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love
to all nations. In your goodness, bless our brothers and sisters who have
offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your
gifts that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from
you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

*"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve
God and money." (Luke 16:13)*

A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-
hearted service to God.

If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your
priest or reach out to the

Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091

or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

Franciscan Catechetical

Institute Trainings

The Diocese of Portland has
just subscribed to a new
outreach by the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of
Steubenville. We are now able to offer online formation for every
person in ministry – clergy, catechists, teachers, youth ministers, adult
group leaders, volunteers, even (and especially) parents. It is free to all,
with unlimited access. This program provides the most in-depth and
faithful array of formative workshops ever created. With over 200
workshops available, we are now able to thoroughly train and spiritually
nurture you in passing on the faith.

To register, visit

<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-portland-maine>

More information will be available soon on specific trainings.



AUSPICE MARIA

*Most Reverend James Ruggieri
Bishop of Portland*

This week's episode of the Auspice Maria podcast is now live!

THE LORD SENDS US FORTH WHETHER WE'RE READY OR
NOT. IN THIS EPISODE, BISHOP RUGGIERI OPENS THE
GREAT COMMISSION AND SHOWS US ITS HEART: FAITH,
ACCOMPANIMENT AND MISSION DESPITE HESITATION.
HE REMINDS US THAT THE SPIRIT LEADS, REDIRECTS,
AND SENDS.

"THE POINT IS THAT MISSIONARY OUTREACH IS OUR
FIRST TASK. AND IT ADVANCES BY WITNESS THAT
INVITES RATHER THAN COERCES. SO WE SPEAK THE
NAME OF JESUS. WE OFFER REASONS FOR OUR HOPE.
AND WE LIVE THE GOSPEL IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT
RINGS TRUE." - BISHOP RUGGIERI

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MASSES & INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 7TH - SEPTEMBER 14TH

Saturday Sept 20th St. Martins at 4:00PM - Yvette Brown 4th Anniversary by Bruce and Julie
 Sunday Sept 21st St. Benedict's 8:30AM- Aaron and Chris Marston by Lana & Billy Robinson
 St. Peter's 10:00AM- Michael Provenzano by Huong Chasse
 St. Martin's 12:30PM - Katheleen Eyles Gray (2nd Anniversary) by Niece Sharon Darling & Family

Monday ,September 22nd St. Peter's at 8:30AM – For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 23rd St. Peter's at 4:30PM Lorraine Morin by Priscilla Collinsworth

Wednesday, September 24th Father Justin's Day Off

Thursday, September 25th St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM Abigail Fisk Love, Grammy & Grampy

Friday, September 26th St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: Benedict Edward Cowan by Elijah, Brittany, Silas & Isaiah

Saturday Sept 27th St. Martins at 4:00PM - William Daniel (1st, Anniversary) by Bruce and Julie

Sunday Sept 28th, St. Benedict's 8:30AM- Roy Rivers by Anna & Billy Robinson
 St. Peter's 10:00AM- Lorraine Deschenes (25th Anniversary) by the children
 St. Martin's 12:30PM - Ed Cote by Ivory, Paul & Doris Achorn

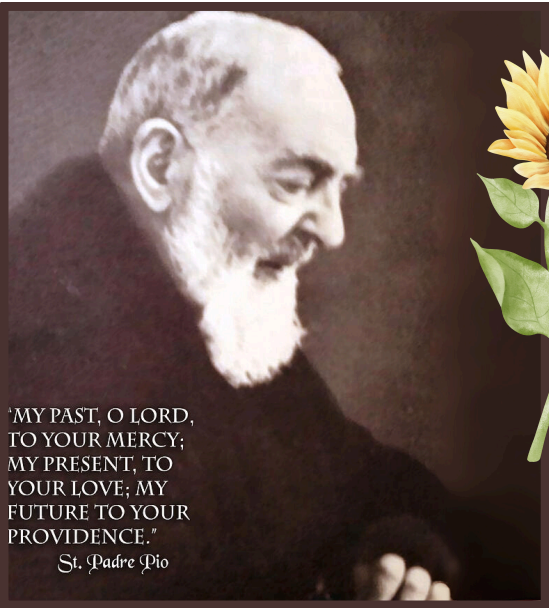


We shall switch over Mass Times between St. Peter's Church and St. Benedict's Parish Church on the first weekend of October(October 4/5 2025). St. Peters will do Sunday 8:30 am while St. Benedict will do 10:30 am.

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saints' Days Will Keep You United with Christ Through His Words

Readings for the week of Sunday, September 21st - Sunday, September 28th

Sunday 9/21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7/1 Tim 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
 Monday 9/22: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday 9/23: St. Pius of Pietreſcina Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday 9/24: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday 9/25: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday 9/26: Sts. Cosmos & Damian Hg 2:1-9/(k9:18-22
 Saturday 9/27: St. Vincent de Paul Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday 9/28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tim 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



'MY PAST, O LORD,
 TO YOUR MERCY;
 MY PRESENT, TO
 YOUR LOVE; MY
 FUTURE TO YOUR
 PROVIDENCE.'
 St. Padre Pio



Prayer List

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

WE MUST LOVE
 OUR NEIGHBOUR
 AS BEING MADE IN
 THE IMAGE OF GOD
 AND AS AN OBJECT
 OF HIS LOVE.
 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HARVEST TEA



The year has just flown by and now it's that time of the year to host the 62nd Harvest Tea and Sale to be held on October 9th in the parish hall at St. Martin's worship site. So. save the date.

The doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon being served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The popular luncheon meal includes turkey salad, cranberry salad, rolls, pickles, chips, beverage and dessert for a price of \$10.00. The luncheon plus the sales tables, raffles and door prizes have been important parts of the event for many years, generally attracting over 225 people. The sales tables are laden with attractive gifts ranging from knit goods to all manners of food and gifts. None of this would be possible without the great generosity of parishioners who provide items for the sales tables. Their generosity has made each sales table a huge success.

To guarantee another successful year we are asking for donations of baked goods and food items such as bread, cookies, cakes, pies, etc. And for all you ladies and gents who may can, homemade jams, jellies, pickles, etc. are great items buyers look for. Fudge is a great seller and is needed each year. Also, we could use items for the knit table and kitchen table and new or items in excellent condition for the gift table. Jewelry is a great seller. So, if you have items not being worn or just being stored in your jewelry box, we will greatly take them off your hands. Items may be dropped off at the entrance of the church and please mark "Harvest Tea" on the donations.

Raffle tickets for this year's tea:

1st prize - \$300.00 cash donated by Preble Oil
 2nd prize - \$300.00 Amazon gift card donated by Knights of Columbus
 3rd prize - \$200.00 Ellis Market gift card anonymous donation
 4th prize - \$100.00 Scootic In gift card donated by Scootic In

A separate quilt raffle will also be available. Quilt was created and donated by Cindy Hodge in honor of her mom, Maxine Morrow and her aunt, Bea Charette. These two ladies' talents and time added greatly to the success of this tea in past years. This is a big money maker for the parish and proceeds go to the support of the church.

For more information you can contact Diane Reece at 723-9265 or Dot Howard at 723-484 4 who are co-chairing this event.

FRANCISCAN AT HOME
 Forming those who form others

Program Kick-off Workshop

Tuesday, October 28th 6:30-8:30pm
 St. Joseph's Church Hall
 531 North Main Street, Brewer

All are invited: Catechists, Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, & Parishioners



Dr. Stella Jeffrey, from the Franciscan Catechetical Institute will be here to introduce the program, help people register, get started, and experience their 1st workshop.

To register, use this QR code, or visit:
<https://bit.ly/46gDomc>



If possible please bring a laptop or tablet

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2025 BLUE MASSES

Honoring law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for faithful commitment and self-sacrifice. All faith traditions are welcomed!

Celebrated by The Most Reverend James Ruggieri, Bishop of Portland

Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception St. Mary of the Visitation Church
 307 Congress Street, Portland 110 Military Street, Houlton

More info: www.portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass

Saints Cosmas and Damian,
 Patron Saints of Surgeons



- The twin brothers were doctors in the early Church and did not require payment for their services.
- Sts. Cosmas and Damian were holy physicians who sought to heal both body and soul in the early Church.
- The twins studied science in Syria, where they also studied medicine. They practiced their profession in Aegeae, where they earned a great reputation for healing the sick, not only thanks to their knowledge but also to miracles attained through their prayers.
- The people of the East call Cosmas and Damian “unmercenary physicians,” a term for those who heal for love, not for profit, because they worked for free.
- They are among the many patron saints of doctors, but also of surgeons in particular.

Here is a traditional prayer asking for their intercession.

O glorious martyrs of Christ,
 Saints Cosmas and Damian,
 you gave your lives for the love of God,
 benefiting your fellow man, and crowning your martyrdom
 with an open and loyal profession of your faith.
 You taught us to love God above all things,
 and to love our fellow man as ourselves,
 professing always, and without fear,
 the religion of Jesus.

Augmenting amongst the faithful populace many miracles,
 you are glorious indeed.
 Through your intercession,
 which brings about deliverance of these miracles,
 we pray to you for your aid in all things.
 May your patronage never be far from us
 in the illness of our body and soul.
 Oh great protectors,
 Saints Cosmas and Damian,
 assist us with your love and free us from all evils.
 Amen.

From Aletia