

Portland Diocese of Maine ~ Catholic Appeal Week 18

As of Week 18, the Catholic Appeal has reached 96% of goal, with \$3,449,323 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 21st  
Regular  
Catholic University  
and Special Education Needs  
September 28th  
Regular

Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000  
Raised: \$56,183.96  
Dispersed: -\$34,938.23  
(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)  
Balance: \$21,245.73

Mission Appeals

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Regular  
Catastrophe Assistance

Amount needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

Thank you for your support!  
Next CC project will be replacing the south set of stairs with an ADA Compliant ramp. Removal of current ramp with a set of stairs.

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/holy land.  
Contact #1-877-Help-CRS.  
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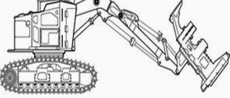


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St. Benedict's is a family-oriented  
community of faith, called through our  
baptism to give witness to trust, love,  
understanding, and patience.  
We are a family that is nourished by the  
sacraments, and led by the Spirit.  
Welcome to our Family!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM  
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION

8:00AM FRIDAYS OR  
BY APPOINTMENT

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

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"To Work is to Pray"

PASTOR'S CORNER - TABLE OF THE WORD

Theme: Do Not Look Away From The Lazarus Around you

Today's readings remind us that true discipleship is revealed in compassion, justice and how we treat others, especially the poor and those in need. In the First Reading from the Prophet Amos, we are warned against complacency and the dangers of a life lived in luxury while ignoring the plight of the less fortunate. The wealthy in Israel were rebuked for their indifference. Spiritual blindness can follow those who isolate themselves in comfort. Today's Psalm reminds us of the good God serve. He upholds the oppress and provides for the hungry. He cares deeply for the marginalized. He expects us to do the same.

Paul urges Timothy in the second reading to pursue righteousness, godliness and good deeds. It is a reminder that we should actively engage in practices that reflects God's compassion and justice. We are called upon to run the race with perseverance, not for worldly wealth but for the lasting treasures of faith.

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus demonstrate selfishness and indifference to the needy and situations of others. Where the rich man ended up reminds us that our choices in this life, carry eternal significance. As we meditate on this powerful message. Let each one of us ask himself or herself, Am I attentive to the needs of those around us? Do I recognize Christ in the hungry and the suffering or have I become indifferent in my comfort? In a world driven by greed and materialism, we must strive to cultivate a heart of compassion and sharing with the needy.

SEPTEMBER 28TH 2025 - THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ YEAR C



TABLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Did you know?.....

Why do we make the sign of the cross at Mass?

Actually, there are two moments in the Mass that we use the sign of the cross. At the beginning and at the end with final blessings.

Generally, the sign of the cross is the most common Catholic gesture beginning with Baptism. The priest says: “The Church of God receives you with the great joy. In her name, I sign you with the sign of the cross of Christ our Savior and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.”

We learn it as little children. We begin and end every prayer with it. We use it in all of the sacraments. We use it as a gesture of blessings. It accompanies us throughout our lives. Finally, we sign our dead with the sign of the cross.

The sign of the cross has the following meanings: we remember the sacrifice and suffering of Christ crucified on the cross for love of us. We remind ourselves that every day we have to carry our own crosses behind Jesus in the sacrifices we make for God and for one another and in the inconveniences, we go through for love of God and neighbor. It reminds us of the challenges to live out our baptismal promises. We profess that what we are about to do, we do in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and in this case, when we use it at the start and end of mass. Finally, we use it to recall that Jesus triumphed over death on the cross and we too shall triumph over death on the last day. The sign of the cross is so common that we might take it for granted and hardly reflect over what we are doing. Learn to do it correctly and solemnly.

~Fr. Fefembiy Justin

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 - LUKE 16:19-31**  
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

- For the Church, that we may honor and support our priests, encouraging more young men to answer the call to the priesthood and serve God’s people.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may be inspired by the example of faithful priests and recognize God’s call to serve.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*
- For our parish priests, that they may be strengthened and inspired in their ministry, and that our community may support them through prayer and encouragement.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Welcome*

to the

Tertiary Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi from Cameroon in Africa, to our cluster for this year's Mission appeals.

Let us prepare ourselves to be kind, generous and charitable to support the effort of these sisters in 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.

October

is

*Respect Life Month*

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*Our Sign of Hope*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 -May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)






**Adam Rush**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1989 - January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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







*Fall has arrived and our Annual*  
**St. Benedict's Bazaar and Turkey Supper**  
*is quickly approaching!!*

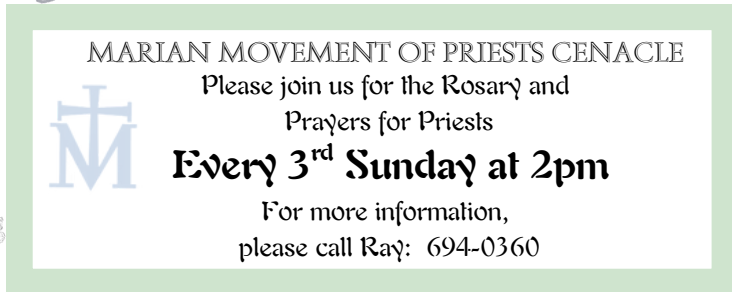
We will be busy organizing this event and we need your help with squash donations, craft items, and baked goods, as well as donations of food and money and volunteers!

Please mark the date,  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2,**  
 on your calendars and plan to support this parish fundraiser in some way!

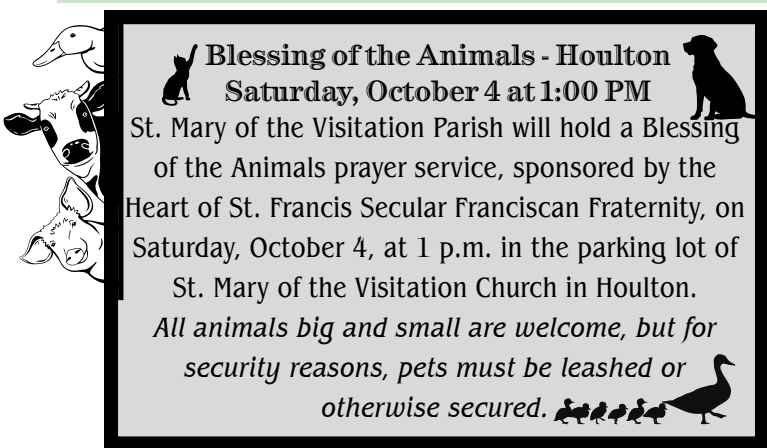
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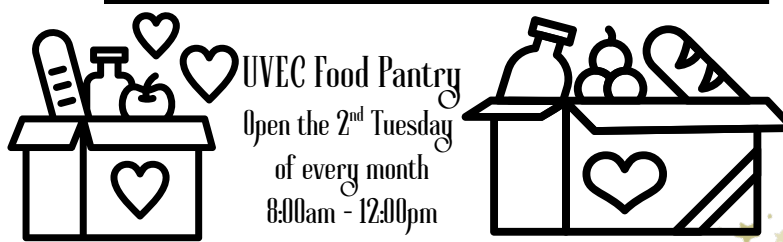
*To send cards and letters.....*  
 Dannette Moody  
 22 Bramhall St.  
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 Portland, ME 04102



**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE**  
 Please join us for the Rosary and Prayers for Priests  
**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month  
 8:00am - 12:00pm

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

FROM BISHOP JAMES T. RUGGIERI  
 AFTER HIS VISIT TO ST. BENEDICT'S

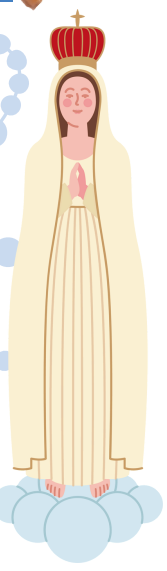


Dear Parishioners + friends,  
 I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with you. Thank you!

Dear Members of St. Benedict's Parish,  
 Thank you for your expression of kindness and generosity.  
 We have unique ways that we are invited to serve the Lord. May we all serve with great love. May God bless you and keep you. Let us remember each other in prayer.

Sincerely,  
 Most Reverend James T. Ruggieri  
 Bishop of Portland, Maine

**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 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
Oct. 19th	Brenda	Dustin	Zeke	Deb, Ken & Rose	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!



**Sacristans:**  
 September - Chris      November - Mike      October: Pat

\*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.

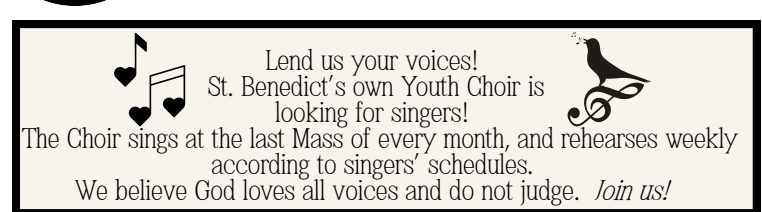
*Faith Formation classes will begin*  
**on Sunday, October 12, 2026**  
**at 9:30AM**  
**at the Parish Center.**  
*(Winter Mass time of 10:30 begins Sunday, October 5).*  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> - Class  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> - Class  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class  
 November 9<sup>th</sup> - 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 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**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!*

**FRANCISCAN AT HOME**  
*Forming those who form others*

**Program Kick-off Workshop**  
**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> workshop.

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



*If possible please bring a laptop or tablet*




**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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Read the September-October 2025 edition of Harvest on its new website!  
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Masses & Intentions September 28th - October 5th

Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> St. Martins at 4:00PM - William Daniel (1<sup>st</sup>, Anniversary) in Loving Memory by his Wife Carol & Family

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

Monday ,September 29<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's at 8:30AM – Parishioners & Visitors

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's at 4:30PM - Parishioners & Visitors

Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> Father Justin's Day Off

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM - To their Children & Families by Harold & MaryAnn St. Peter's

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Benedict's at 9:00AM: Joyce Black Health and Blessings by Anthony & Jackie Allen

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> St. Martins at 4:00PM - Harold Quackenbush Love, Tina & Family

Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> \* St. Benedict's 8:30AM- Bobby Duffy by the Family  
St. Peter's 10:00AM- Diane Matthews by Mom and Dad, Robert and Theresa Hebert  
St. Martin's 12:30PM - Deceased members of Fairley and Daley Families by Teresa Fairley  
**\*Please note the change in Mass Times as the Winter Mass Schedule Begins**



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

Readings for the week of Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th

Sunday 9/28: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tim 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday 9/29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday 9/30: St. Jerome Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

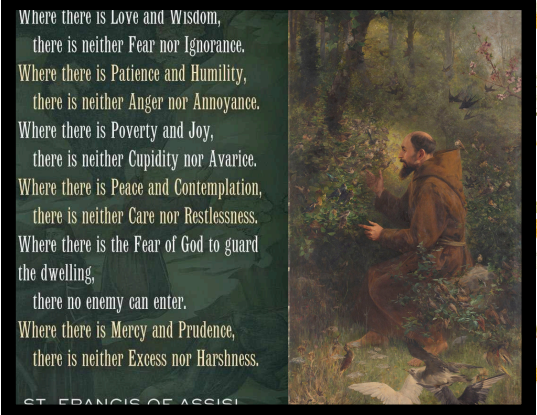
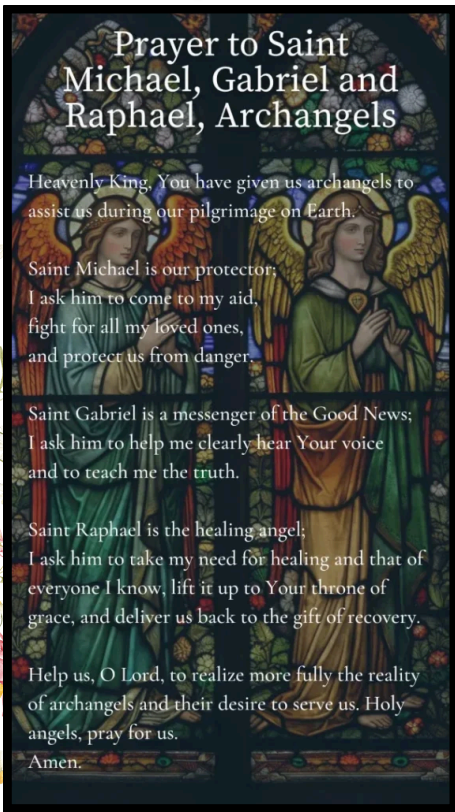
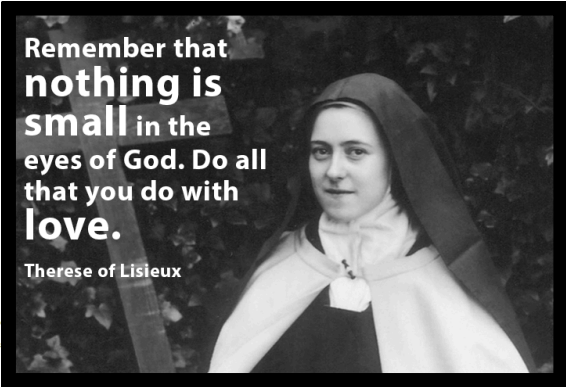
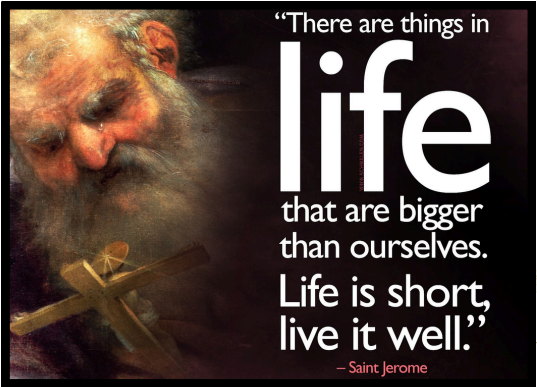
Wednesday 10/1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus Neh 8:1-4, 5-6, 7b-12/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday 10/2: The Holy Guardian Angels Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday 10/3: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday 10/4: St. Francis of Assisi Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday 10/5: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4/2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



St. Benedict Parish  
Standard Report To Parishioners - Parish Income  
As of June 30, 2025  
Year To Date 06/30/2025

	Actual
Income	
Offeritory, Donations & Events	81,520
Interest and Dividends	4,947
Other	9,750
Income	96,217
Other Changes	
Investment Gains (Losses)	2,135
Building Campaign Proceeds	47,453
Other Changes	49,588

	EXPENSES
FACILITIES	54,172
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	37,401
WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY	17,224
FAITH FORMATION	5,234
OTHER PROGRAMS	342

	Actual
ASSETS	
CASH	38,295
DSL SAVINGS	59,786
INVESTMENTS	35,253
OTHER ASSETS	
BENEFICIAL TRUSTS - CFM	23,442
PREPAID EXPENSES	820
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	24,262
TOTAL ASSETS	157,596
LIABILITIES	
PAYABLES	2,955
OTHER LIABILITIES	3,405
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,360
NET ASSETS	151,237