

In Memoriam

In Memory of :
Joseph J. McAvoy
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)



In Loving Memory of:
Reid Stanley
(5/22/1952 - 1/20/2025)

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 of:

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



Philip Knowles
July 24th, 1965 - November 19th, 2024



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)
Michael Qualey
(6-21-52 - 12-16-2001)



In Loving Memory

Martin Qualey
(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)



Wesley "Jim" Cunningham



10/26/1931 - 01/11/2008



Richard M. Cunningham
03/14/1962 -



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)



Anthony "TJ" D. Ryan, Jr.
3/25/1978 - 10/8/2025



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 loved 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

St. Benedict's Parish

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Emergency Number 765-4114
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!

Pastor's Message

Theme: BE SALT AND LIGHT TO THOSE AROUND YOU

Dear People of God,

Today's Readings invite us to reflect on our profound call to be salt to the earth and light to the world. In today's First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord emphasizes the importance of genuine compassion and social justice. In addition to ritual worship, God requires that we welcome the stranger and share our bread with the hungry. Such are essential expressions of our faith. When we serve others especially those in need, we reflect God's light and love to the world. The Psalm echoes blessings to those who are compassionate and just. They impact the community with their compassion, generosity, justice and love.

In the Second Reading, Paul assures the Corinthians that He did not come to them with lofty words but with the simple and powerful message of Christ crucified. He shows us that our faith is not built on human wisdom but on the transformative power of God. We can be vessels for that power, illuminating the path for others to follow and be transformed by His light.

In today's Gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus calls us to be salt to the earth and light of the world. Salt enhances flavour and preserves what is good while light illumines darkness and reveals truth. We are not meant to live our faith in secret nor to hide it but to let it shine brightly, influencing the world for good. As we reflect on these readings' let us ask ourselves this question, "In our interactions with others at home, in public places, in our communities and where ever we find ourselves, are we impacting those we meet positively with our options, words, trend of thoughts and actions?

*May God bless us, protect us and keep us in our daily endeavors to be salt to the earth and light of the world,
Amen*

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM
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"To Work is to Pray"

February 8th, 2025 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

DID YOU KNOW.....

What is the background for the Eucharistic Prayers?

We begin with what Jesus himself said and did. "In St. Paul and St. Luke, Jesus 'gave thanks' (1 Cor. 11:24; Lk 22:17). In Matthew and Mark, he 'said [a] blessing' (Mt. 26:26; Mk 14:22). The two expressions are equivalent. They designate a blessing prayer of thanksgiving that was customary among the Jews." (1),

"The Eucharistic prayer has roots in the Jewish table prayers recited at every meal. The father of the family would take bread and speak a blessing: 'Blessed are you, Lord, our God, king of the universe, who has brought forth bread from heaven.' The bread was broken and given to the people to eat... Near the meal conclusion, he prayed over a cup of wine. This blessing had three parts: 1) praise of God for his creation; 2) thanksgiving for his redemptive work in the past and 3) supplication for the future, that God's saving works would continue and climax in the sending of the Messiah" (2).

It makes sense that Jesus prayed in the pattern of the Jewish people of his day. What was different, and what changes these prayers for us, is when Jesus said, "This is My Body. This is My Blood." "Jesus went beyond the blessing prayers of his contemporaries. He showed the promises fulfilled in himself... At the Last Supper Jesus left his disciples a memorial of his covenant. He left them certain actions to be perpetuated: breaking and distribution of bread, presentation of the cup, together with the words of institution" (1).

Submitted by Rose Ann Schultz, Cluster Eucharistic Revival Committee Sources: Adapted from "Step-by-Step Walk through the Mass" - Part 47 by Fr Luke Spannagel-National Eucharistic Revival-Eucharistic Preacher <http://www.eucharisticrevival.org>
1) Fr. Guy Oury, The Mass, p. 92-94 2) Ed Sri, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 93

Masses & Intentions February 8th - February 15th		
St. Benedict's		
Sun Feb 8	10:30AM	Bobby Duffy by The Family
Fri Feb 13	9:00AM	Eddy & Mary Rush by Robert & Christine Cunningham
Sun Feb 15	10:30AM	Joyce Cummings by Brittany & Elijah Arbo
St. Peter's		
Sun Feb 8	8:30AM	Marsha Norway 8 th Anniversary by Bruce & Julie
Mon Feb 9	8:30AM	For All Souls in Purgatory
Tue Feb 10	4:30PM	For All Souls in Purgatory
Sun Feb 15	8:30AM	Michael Collingsworth by: Ester & Frank
St. Martin of Tours		
Sun Feb 8	12:30PM	Patrick Sullivan by the Hugues Family
Thu Feb 12	4:00PM	For All Souls in Purgatory
Sat Feb 14	4:00PM	William Hughes 3 rd Anniversary by Brothers, Sisters & Family
Sun Feb 15	12:30PM	For All Souls in Purgatory

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saints' Days

Readings for the week of Sunday, February 1st - Sunday, February 8th

Sunday Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:I-5/ Mt 5:13-16

Monday I Kgs 8:I-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53 56

Tuesday St. Scholastica I Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:I-13

Wednesday Our Lady of Lourdes I Kgs 10:I-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mk 7:14-23

Thursday I Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/ Mk 7:24-30

Friday I Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12 13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday St. Valentine, Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius I Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 19 20, 21-22/Mk 8:I-10

Parish Happenings

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays at 9:30AM at the Parish Center.
February 15th - NO Class (February break)
February 22nd - Class - 1st Sunday of Lent

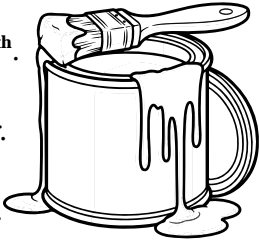
If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, learning more about the Catholic faith, or just refreshing your Catholic faith please contact Anna Robinson (267-0586) for more information. We will be starting a new OCIA group very soon!



Eucharistic Adoration

Will be held today
After Mass until 3pm

The painting of the sanctuary is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 9th. Mass on February 15th will be held in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 8, 2026 – World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week
"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)
On World Marriage Day, we honor couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

Prayer List

"Prayer is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet."

- St. John Vianney,

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



Capital Campaign Video Update

The Capital Campaign Committee, with the support of the Finance and Parish Councils, recently partnered with professional cinematographer, Taylor Walker, to create a video in support of our Capital Campaign. Our hope is that this video will help us reach a wider audience and ease the burden on those who have already given so generously

Capital Campaign

This is a multi-project campaign for the Church and the Parish Center.

This campaign has a 3-year term ending in June 2027, and a campaign fundraising limit of \$200,000

Money raised so far:

\$74,691.96

Money dispersed: - 34,938.23 (roof)

- 6,379.52 (ramp)

BALANCE: \$33,399.21

Weekly Offertory

January 25th - Regular \$ 890.00
Latin American Missions \$ 106.26
February 1st - Regular \$1170.00
Capital Campaign \$ 341.00
February 8th = Regular
Heat & Electric
February 15th - Regular
Winter Operations

Needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

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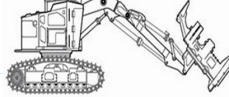
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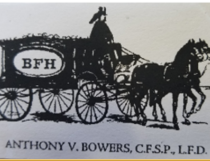
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Your bulletin submissions are welcome and appreciated! Please send them by Thursday morning at 10am Thank you